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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attends, addresses 10th Mekong-Japan Summit Meeting, Japan-Mekong Economic Forum

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi addressed the 10th Mekong-Japan Summit Meeting and Japan-Mekong Economic Forum yesterday in Tokyo, Japan.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and party first attended a working breakfast with leaders of Mekong countries at the Hotel New Otani, hosted by the Japan-Mekong Parliamentary Friendship Association.

The working breakfast was attended by Cambodia Prime Minister Mr. Samdech Hun Sen, Lao Prime Minister Mr. Thongloun Sisoulith, Thailand Prime Minister Mr. Prayut Chan-o-cha, Viet Nam Prime Minister Mr. Nguyen Xuan Phuc, representatives from Mekong countries and officials from Japan-Mekong Parliamentary Friendship Association.

At the working breakfast, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivered a message of greetings. Similarly, leaders and representatives from Japan and Mekong countries also delivered greeting messages and discussed regional development and cooperation matters between the regional countries.

Next, the State Counsellor together with Cambodia Prime Minister, Lao Prime Minister, Thailand Prime Minister and Viet Nam Prime Minister attended a soccer event and then arrived at the state guest house in Tokyo, where the opening ceremony of the 10th Mekong-Japan Summit Meeting was being held and where they were welcomed by the Prime Minister of Japan with a Guard of Honor.

At the soccer event, the State Counsellor, Prime Minister of Japan, Cambodia Prime Minister, Lao Prime Minister, Thailand Prime Minister and Viet Nam Prime Minister met cordially with chairmen, deputy chairmen, general secretaries and U-17 team leaders of Mekong region football federations and were presented footballs as commemorative gifts.

Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe arrives back after attending UNGA 73rd Session, official visit to Republic of Cuba

Chairman of the Myanmar Delegation and Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe arrived back in Yangon yesterday morning after attending the General Debate of the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly held in New York, and paying an official visit to the Republic of Cuba as the Special Envoy of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

During the high level week of the 73rd Session from 25 September to 1 October, Chairman of the Delegation Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe delivered a statement at the General Debate on 28 September. Prior to the high level week, Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe paid a visit to Washington D.C. on 26 September and called on the United States Senate Majority Leader Senator Hon. Mitch McConnell.

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While attending the UN General Assembly in New York, Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe had held separate meetings with U.S. Secretary of State Hon. Mike Pompeo, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan H.E. Mr. Taro Kono, U.S. Senator Hon. Jeff Merkley, White House National Security Council Senior Director for Asian Affairs Mr. Matt Pottinger, President of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) Mr. Peter Maurer and Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General on Myanmar Ms. Christine Burgener.

Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe attended the Myanmar-China-Bangladesh informal trilateral meeting held at the UN headquarters on 24 September on the sideline of the General Assembly. Also present at the meeting were State Counsellor and Minister for Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China H.E. Mr. Wan Yi, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh H.E. Mr. Abul Hassan Mahmood Ali, Secretary-General of the United Nations Mr. Antonio Guterres and Special Envoy Ms. Christine Burgener. During the meeting, a three point agreement was reached: Myanmar and Bangladesh will properly solve the Rakhae issue through friendly consultations; Myanmar is ready to receive the first batch of verified displaced persons who wish to return back voluntarily from Bangladesh while Bangladesh side will prepare for the repatriation; and Myanmar and Bangladesh will hold a joint working group meeting as soon as possible so as to work out a roadmap and timetable for the repatriation and achieve the first repatriation as early as possible.

Moreover, Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe attended a reception hosted by the President of the United States on 1 October, and arrived back in Yangon on 3 October.

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United Nations General Assembly. Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe paid an official visit to Cuba as the Special Envoy of the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar from 2 to 4 October 2018.

During the visit to Cuba, Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe called on Vice President of Council of State and Ministers of Cuba H.E. Ms. Ines Maria Chapman Waugh. The Union Minister met with Minister for Foreign Affairs H.E. Mr. Bruno Rodriguez Parilla at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 1000 hrs on 3 October. They discussed on ways and means to further strengthening cooperation at bilateral level and at the international fora including the United Nations.

The Union Minister also met with Deputy Minister for Public Health H.E. Mrs. Marcia Cohas Ruiz at the Ministry of Public Health at 1500 hrs on 4 October. During the meeting, they discussed matters relating to possibility of trilateral cooperation in health sector between Myanmar, Cuba and a third country, identifying priority area, projects and research works, to the achievement of Rakhine Peace and Development.

During the visit to Cuba, Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin also arrived back in Yangon on 3 October, after attending the General Debate of the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly.

During the the UN Assembly high level week, Union Minister U Kyaw Tin and Norwegian Minister of International Development H.E. Mr Nikolai Astrup co-hosted an event on “Digitalization People’s Lives: 2030 Agenda in Action which and on the fight against tuberculosis with the theme of “United to end tuberculosis: an urgent global response to Global epidemic”. He also attended Security Council Briefing on DPRK. The Union Minister participated in the 5th ASEAN and the Pacific Alliance Ministerial Meeting, Informal ASEAN-US Ministerial Meeting, informal ASEAN Ministerial Meeting, and ASEAN Ministers’ meeting with the UN Secretary-General and the President of the General Assembly.

Union Minister U Kyaw Tin held separate meetings with UN Special Representative on Sexual Violence in Conflict Ms. Pramila Patten, Special Representative of the Secretary-General for Children and Armed Conflict Ms. Virginia Gamba, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Mr. Filippo Grandi, Under Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Dr. Jemilah Mahmood, and Managing Director of the Asia Society Policy Institute (ASPI) Ms. Debra Eisenman.

Union Minister U Kyaw Tin attended a reception in honour of the Centenary of the late President Nelson Mandela on 24 September as well as a luncheon to commemorate the 73rd Anniversary of the Independence Day of Vietnam and its Candidature for Security Council for 2020-2021 terms on 26 September.


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Trial basis cattle export to be modified upon outcome

By Nyein Nyein

PROCEDURES will be modified depending upon outcome of the situation after the government permitted cattle export for one year; said U Han Tun, Yangon Region Minister for Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry and Energy.

The minister was responding to a question raised by U Yan Shin of Mayangon Township constituency 2 on the 19th-day meeting of the seventh regular session of Second Yangon Region Hluttaw, held on 9 October. U Yan Shin asked about the numbers of cattle, pigs, goats and chickens raised in Yangon Region for meat production, the yearly numbers produced, support provided to increase production, numbers of cattle and goats exported yearly, whether livestock breeding and related works are conducted in Hlinethaya livestock breeding zone, and production of animal feed, tanneries, breeding of animals for meat and milk and producing natural fertilizers from animal droppings. Three Chinese companies also had storage pens in three locations in the zone to store live animals before export. A total of 600 heads, 230 buffaloes and 350 oxen, were exported to China through Muse under the border trade system, added the minister.

On the matter of zone development, U Han Tun said the government is providing information and training about livestock breeding, both in theory as well as in actual practice. Support is also provided in artificial insemination of cattle.

Moreover, Hlinethaya livestock breeding zone is also conducting livestock-related businesses, such as storage and production of animal feed, tanneries, breeding of animals for meat and milk and producing natural fertilizers from animal droppings. Three Chinese companies also had storage pens in three locations in the zone to store live animals before export. A total of 600 heads, 230 buffaloes and 350 oxen, were exported to China through Muse under the border trade system, added the minister.

Reduction in the numbers of cattle in the country due to export will be countered by the development of livestock-breeding programs. The government is also coordinating towards value adding the export of livestock products to increase income and is also providing through government departments trainings on preventing animal to human and human to animal illnesses/diseases, said the minister.

“I found out that there’ll be a review after the one-year trial period, and this needs to be done properly. Once a product has an export market, the price of that product in the local market normally rises. In relation to the hike in the price of the live animals exported, the meat price also rises. Other meat prices can also rise,” said U Yan Shin.

At the moment, 490 local cattle, 265 dairy cows, 160 buffalos, 150 goats and 1,123 pigs are raised in Hlinethaya livestock breeding zone. Countrywide, more than 174,000 buffalos, 700,000 cows, 130,000 goats, 1,400,000 pigs, 48,000,000 chickens and 4,100,000 ducks were raised, it is learnt. ■

International cargo port to be built with JICA assistance

With the assistance of Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), an international cargo port will be built in Mandalay in December, according to the Director of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems (DWIR).

JICA signed an agreement with the DWIR on 4 October to provide grant aid of up to 6.034 billion yen for the development of Mandalay Port project.

EIA/SIA (Environmental Impact Assessment/Social Impact Assessment) were already completed for the project. The project will be implemented by Japanese companies as the assistance was provided by JICA. Issuance of tender will also be done in Japan. The cargo port will be constructed within two years,” said director of Mandalay Region DWIR.

The objective of the project is to modernize Mandalay Port in Myanmar’s second largest city, Mandalay, which is the economic center of the northern region of Myanmar. The project aims to smooth transport of cargo within a short period. It will also improve the lives of people in the northern region. The project is part of the International Transport Strategy projects, drawn up in 2014 with the assistance of JICA.

Field inspection for the project was conducted between August 2013 and February 2014. The project will be undertaken under the JICA Guidelines. Set compensation for land appropriated for the project will be paid within two weeks, said DWIR Director General U Tun Lwin Oo.

The project is located near Shwehanbyo School, Mandalay Port. The cargo port is 180 meters in length and the approach ramp is 304 meters long. The project also includes 8,550 square meters of space for container yard, port supervision office, two cranes and a security building. — Khin Satt Wai ■
**Garment export earns US$2.2 billion in mini-budget period**

EXPORTS from garment factories that operate under the Cut-Make-Pack (CMP) system earned US$2.2 billion in the previous six-month mini-budget period (from April to September), which is an increase of $1 billion compared to similar period of last FY, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

The garment sector is one of the prioritised sectors that drives increasing exports. The CMP garment industry has emerged as a very promising one with preferential trade from western countries.

The export value of CMP garment was only $850 million in the 2015-2016 fiscal year, but it significantly increased to three times in the past two FYs. The 2016-2017 FY saw an estimated earning of some $2 billion from garment exports, and export income from CMP garment was estimated at $2.5 billion in the 2017-2018 FY.

Garment exports are primarily targeted to Japanese and European markets. Additionally, garments are exported to markets in South Korea, China and United States.

The majority of Myanmar’s garment factories operate under the CMP system, while those engaged in this industry are striving to transform CMP into the free on board (FoB) system, according to the Commerce Ministry.

Myanmar’s manufacturing sector is largely concentrated on CMP garments and textiles, which contributes to the country’s GDP to a certain extent.

There are more than 400 garment factories in Myanmar, with a labour force of more than 300,000 workers. Myanmar’s inexpensive labour attracts investments from foreign manufacturers to the country, which sometimes leads to a conflict over wages between workers and employers.

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**Mung bean price up by nearly Ks120,000 per ton within one month**

WITH regular demand in recent days, mung bean price on 8 October showed a significant increase of Ks118,000 per ton, compared to last month.

Mung bean RC fetched Ks680,000 per ton on 8 October, which is up from Ks450,000 per ton on 8 September. Over one hundred containers were traded on 8 October, whereas only five were witnessed on 8 September, according to pulses market.

India permitted an import quota of 150,000 tons of mung beans and green grams each and 200,000 tons of pigeon peas between June and August. The quota period has already ended, but India is still purchasing mung beans, hiking up the price.

Between 8 September and 5 October, around 170 containers of mung beans were traded. On 7 September, mung bean RC fetched US$320-340 per ton, while special quality (SQ) variety price was worth US$420-450 per ton.

Mung bean prices rose to US$370-390 per ton for RC and $500-520 for SQ on 8 October.

Since the first week of October, Yangon pulses market has recovered with a large number of traders.

Old stocks of mung beans produced last year can be converted with newly-produced beans by giving additional charg-es of Ks60,000 per ton. That can be made by 31 October, according to Bayintnaung Commodity Depot.

About 500,000 to 600,000 tons of mung beans are yearly produced. Old stocks are usually sold out in March. This year, India’s policy changes on pulses import left the old stock piled, as of late second quarter.

Starting from 8 October, those purchasing old stocks for resales instead of direct selling will be taken action against, according to rules and regulations of Bayintnaung commodity depot, said a recent notification of the depot. — Maung Sae Aung

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**Private company to be set up for striped catfish farming**

By May Thet Hnin

MYANMAR Fisheries Federation (MFF) will establish a private company for striped catfish farming.

The single fish species will be farmed in the 100-acre wide fish pond, legally developed in the 100-acre wide fish pond, legally developed between Pantanaw Township, Maubin District, Ayeyarwady Region, said Daw Toe Nanda Tin, vice chair of MFF.

“Those interested shareholders will be accepted starting from 30 October. A single share is worth Ks100 million and the privately-held company will accept shareholders for 50 stocks. A small number of investors can combine their investments if they cannot individually afford to invest Ks100 million. However, that one share will be held in a single name”, she said.

MFF is willing to set up a public company but the process is complex. Therefore, they have started the business with a private one. Private businessmen will bring in Ks10 billion and a request for government-backed loans of Ks10 billion will be submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

“We will implement this whether or not loan is contributed”, said Daw Toe Nanda Tin.

The reason why MFF decided to farm striped catfish is because of its potential markets, including China. Striped catfish farming has favorable strong points such as disease resistance, short breeding period and rapid growth. Research projects have been intensively developed and the plan will commence upon investors’ interest.

“Striped catfish farming harvests its produce every three or four months a year. If we put a capital of US$27 million a year, we will earn around $50 million. Therefore, we decided to start this business”, she explained.

Shared money can be deposited 50 per cent each within two months. MFF has already informed the businessmen in regions and states. Myanmar fish breeders primarily farm rohu and mrigal carp. Suspension of Myanmar’s fish importation by Saudi market, which accounts for 30 per cent of rohu export, led to price fall in domestic market. In order for volatile fish market to recover, striped catfish farming with the use of systematic fishing technique will be implemented, said U Win Kyaw, general secretary of MFF.

At present, high aquafeed price drove up the production cost. Local breeders are facing a slew of challenges owing to suspension of fish importation by Saudi Arabia.

Thus, MFF has urged the breeders not to extend their farming acres of rohu and mrigal carp beyond domestic and export market demand.
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Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.

2. With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offenses up to 6 October 2018 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

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<td>1</td>
<td>Information received of illegal drugs being sold along the streets of Ward 13 of South Okkalapa Tsp, Yangon Region.</td>
<td>On 14-9-2018, police staking out at the corner of Thumningalar Street and 27th St. in Ward 13 of South Okkalapa Tsp, arrested Yarzar Tun (a) Yarzar, 19, living on the 4th floor of a building in Kawiya Street 19, Ward 13, South Okkalapa Tsp, together with WY psychotropic tablets and marijuana. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (South Okkalapa) MaYa(Pa) 40/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of Daw Soe Moh Hnin (a) Rose selling illegal drugs from her home in room B/705 on the 6th floor of Building B in Muditha Housing 1, Mayangon Tsp, Yangon Region.</td>
<td>On 5-10-2018, police arrested Daw Soe Moh Hnin (a) Rose, 40, and her son Swan Yi Htet (a) Wailiam, 20, at their house in B/705 on the 6th floor of Building B in Muditha Housing 1, Upper Baho Road, Ward 2, Mayangon Tsp, together with WY psychotropic tablets, JEC and marijuana. A case has been opened against them with WY psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Yangon) MaYa(Pa) 15/2018 under Section 16-C/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of Daw Win Sein from Tanggar Village, Phaunggyin Tsp, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs.</td>
<td>On 6-10-2018, police arrested Daw Win Sein, 56, and Thein Han Soe, 30, both from Tanggar Village, Phaunggyin Tsp, together with opium. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa (Phaunggyin) MaYa(Pa) 85/2018 under Section 19-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of Kyaw Maung from Innwine Nabekon Village, Mante Village-tract, Phaunggyin Tsp, Mawlaik District, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs.</td>
<td>On 4-10-2018, police arrested Kyaw Maung, 32, in his home in Innwine Nabekon Village, Phaunggyin Tsp, together with heroin. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Phaunggyin) MaYa(Pa) 82/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of U San Ngwe from Taikkyan Village, YeU Tsp, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs on a large scale.</td>
<td>On 19-9-2018, police arrested San Ngwe (a) Chan Tan, 31, in his home in Taikkyan Village, YeU Tsp, together with 98/1 psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened against him with NaMaSa (Thintheinyan) MaYa(Pa) 2/2018 under Section 16-C/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of Kyaw San from Sutnan Village, Mawlaik Tsp, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs.</td>
<td>On 6-10-2018, police arrested Kyaw San, 47, in his home in Sutnan Village, Mawlaik Tsp, together with heroin. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Mawlaik) MaYa(Pa) 23/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of Hla Tun from Taung Village, Mawlaik Tsp, Mawlaik District, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs on a large scale.</td>
<td>On 3-9-2018, police arrested Hla Tun, 48, in his field hut in Taunggon Village, Mawlaik Tsp, along with Aung Tun Kyawing, 28, from Thohtotkvin Village, Mawlaik Tsp, together with heroin. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Mawlaik) MaYa(Pa) 20/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of Nay Lin Aung from Street 5, Aungsan Ward, YeU Tsp, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs on a large scale.</td>
<td>On 4-10-2018, police arrested Nay Lin Aung, 36, in his house in Street 5, Aungsan Ward, YeU Tsp, together with 88/1 psychotropic tablets and heroin. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (YeU) MaYa(Pa) 10/2018 under Section 16-C/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of Gita (a) U Aung San Oo, living in Room No. 2A/928, Muditha Housing 2, Ywama West Ward, Insein Tsp, together with WY psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Insein) MaYa(Pa) 116/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of Maung Htike, living in Aungsan Ward, YeU Tsp, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs.</td>
<td>On 19-9-2018, police arrested Tun Min Htike (a) Maung Htike, 35, living in 11th Street, Aungsan Ward, YeU Tsp, together with heroin. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (YeU) MaYa(Pa) 9/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of Myo Lwin Oo (a) La Pyae, who drives Taxi No.DD/3150 parked in front of the Shwe Baho Hospital with MaMaSa (Shwe Baho) MaYa(Pa) 30/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of Ko Htoo Naung, living in Shwe Wah Tun Street 7, Ward 12, Hlinitaya Tsp, Yangon Region, selling illegal drugs.</td>
<td>On 14-9-2018, police arrested Ko Htoo Naung (a) Ma Poe (a) Ma Poe Poe Lwin, 34, in her home in Tonepin Village, Minepet Village-tract, Mohnyin Tsp, together with heroin and pink colored psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened against him with NaMaSa (Lonetone) MaYa(Pa) 67/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of Myo Min Naing (a) Wa Gyi, living in the Insein Prison compound, Insein Tsp, Yangon Region, selling illegal drugs.</td>
<td>On 2-10-2018, police arrested Myo Min Naing (a) Wa Gy, 45, and his wife Ma Khin Yadanar Lin (a) Pa Pa, 38, both living in the staff dormitories in Insein Prison compound, Insein Tsp, together with WY psychotropic tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Insein) MaYa(Pa) 129/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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3. Out of the information sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, so far 316 cases have been opened as of 6-10-2018, and 417 men and 82 women have been arrested with seizures of 4,833.86 g of heroine, 17.01 g of ICE, 3,756.01 g of opium, 329 g of low-quality opium, 5,802 g of powder opium, 3,973.99 g of cannabis, 149,682 stimulant tablets, 3,737.04 g of marijuana, 0.1 liters of opium tincture, 217.4 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 1.63 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 16 firearms, 179 different bullets, and 1 grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the ministry will report on further exposed cases.
World Post Day 2018 celebrated in Nay Pyi Taw

A CEREMONY to commemorate World Post Day 2018 was held at Ministry of Transport and Communications Office No. (2) meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning and Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung delivered a speech.

At the ceremony, the Union Minister said Universal Postal Union (UPU) formed on 9 October 1874 has 192 countries as members and is the world’s longest international organisation. Myanmar became the member of UPU on 4 October 1949. The main aim of holding World Post Day is to highlight the importance and awareness of the role of postal services among service users and businesses and its participation in the socio-economic development all over the world.

Myanmar is also conducting postal sector development and Directorate of Telecommunications and Myanmar Post Office are working together towards repealing the Burma Postal Act (1898) and to enact a new Postal Law soon. Myanmar Post Office and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) are working together to educate the people on postal code and to create a better postal work by publishing a book on postal code in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay regions. At the same time, actor Morisaki Win was appointed as “Post Code Ambassador” to raise more interest, said the Union Minister.

Next Directorate of Telecommunications Deputy Director General U Myo Swe delivered a speech of thanks and deputy director Daw Ni Ni Han read the World Post Day 2018 message of Switzerland-based UPU Director General.

Afterwards, age 15 years and below international youth letter writing (local level) competition assessment group chairman U Ko Lay Win of Basic Education Department explained about the competition.

This was followed by Deputy Ministers for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo and U Tha Oo presenting first, second and third prizes to winners of the age 15 years and below international youth letter writing (local level) competition.

Myanmar Post Managing Director U Kham Aung then presented document of honors to officials from post offices that provided special services, in addition to routine postal works.

Union Minister, Deputy Ministers, Permanent Secretary and U Ko Lay Win were also presented with World Post Day commemorative gifts by Directorate of Telecommunications, Deputy Director General.

In the end, Union Minister, Deputy Ministers and prize winners posed for a group photo and viewed the World Post Day exhibitions.—MNA

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4. In addition to the investigations and arrests conducted on drug related complaints mentioned above, the Tatmadaw and Myanmar Police Force have also carried out separate investigations on drug complaints, search and arrests at border gates, and searches of vehicles acting upon given information.

During the previous week, multiple arrests were made in the border regions and joint-surveillance gates. In Kayin State, Hlaingbwe Tsp, on the Hlaingbwe-Paingkyon road, a man was arrested with 12,750 stimulant tablets. In Mandalay Region, Mogok Tsp, officials received a tip-off of illegal drugs being transported from Kutkai Town to Mogok Town and formed a blockade in front of Legyi police outpost. Five motorbikes refused official inspection and drove away, with officials giving chase and arresting one man with 1,210,000 stimulant tablets, 4,884 g of heroin and five motorcycles. On the Mogok-Momeik highway, a suspect left their motorcycle and ran away from an official inspection, leaving behind 130 g of heroin in the vehicle. In Patheingyi Tsp, at the 16 milepost-Kyuakchaw joint-inspection gate, a woman was arrested with 8,000 stimulant tablets and 240 g of heroin. In Chamyathazhi Tsp, Thanlyet Hmautwaung Tsp, on the Mandalay Kandawgyi track, officials acting on a tip-off arrested three men with 292,500 stimulant tablets and a Probox car. In Maahaungmye Tsp, Maha Nwesin Ward, a man was arrested with 335 vials of diazepam, 390 lorazepam tablets, 2,705 tramadol tablets, and 800 sedil tablets. In a KTV in Yemontwaung Tsp, 5 men and 1 woman were arrested 1.7 g of ketamine and 0.5 g of marijuana. In Shan State, Kengtung Tsp, a driverless motorcycle containing 8,400 g of raw opium was found abandoned on the road heading towards Mya Shweyi hot springs. In Kutkai Tsp, along the Kutkai-Kaungkha highway, a man was arrested with 121 g of heroin and 5,900 stimulant tablets. In Tachileik Tsp, at the Meyan join-inspection gate, a man was arrested with 650 g of ketamine. In Rakhine State, Maungtaw Tsp, along the 3 milepost-Kyekanpyin highway, a suspect escaped official inspection and left behind 282,750 stimulant tablets on their abandoned motorcycle. In Thandwe Tsp, Myopyin Village, along the Thandwe-Taungup highway, a man was arrested with 163.3 g of marijuana.

There have been 4 cases of arrests involving firearms. In Kayin State, Hlaingbwe Tsp, a man living in Myaungyin (Zawawmyaing Ward) was arrested with 38 stimulant tablets, 20 (.38x29) bullets, and 1 hand grenade. In Taninthayi Region, Dawei Tsp, Hteinhtih Ward, a man was arrested with 3,600 stimulant tablets, 1 homemade gun, 47 (.22) bullets, and 1 Hijet car. In Inle State, Tachileik Tsp, Ayezin Village, 2 men were arrested with 3,600 stimulant tablets, 45 (.45) bullets, and 1 Revo Toyota Hilux car. Along the Mepan-Kawmakein Village road, a man was arrested with 20 stimulant tablets, 1 gas-powered gun and 6 bullets.

There has been 1 arrest involving foreigners. In Rakhine State, Maungtaw Tsp, along the Myanmar side of the Naf River, 2 boats containing security forces caught and inspected a boat located near the north of U Saw Hla island where they arrested 1 man from Tayetoht Village-tract, Maungtaw Tsp, and 2 Bangladeshi citizens together with 28,500 stimulant tablets.

There have been 278 cases being opened between 30-9-2018 and 6-10-2018, and 361 men and 48 women have been arrested. Seizures of 5,746.62 g of heroin, 9.39 g of ICE, 11,169.73 g of opium, 33 g of powder opium, 90 g of low-quality opium, 4,200 g of speciosa, 1,901,033 stimulant tablets, 214.96 g of marijuana, 89 g of opium blocks, 335 vials of diazepam, 390 lorazepam tablets, 2,705 tramadol tablets, 651.7 g of ketamine, 800 sedil tablets, 2 different firearms, 118 different bullets, and one hand grenade.

5. To seize further drugs and to arrest drugs dealers, people are urged to inform the Ministry of Home Affairs, region and state governments and to inform huge cases of drug trafficking and other suspicious cases directly to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department of the Office of the President through following contact numbers:

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**Human trafficking: a modern-day slavery**

By Maung Khaing Mar (Upper Minbala)

**M**yanmar has been stepping up its fight against human trafficking as a national cause. Despite efforts, Myanmar was downgraded to Tier 2 from Tier 2 Watch List in the U.S. Department of State’s 2018 Trafficking in Persons Report. Whatever it may be, Myanmar has been making all-round efforts to combat human trafficking across the country.

Every year, thousands of men, women and children fall into the hands of traffickers, causing human trafficking is regarded as the third largest crime industry in the world after drug trafficking and illegal arms sales. It is estimated that there are 2.4 million people throughout the world who are lured into human trafficking from Myanmar annually. 2.5 million people, including women and children are victims of modern slavery every year and 14 per cent of global trafficking is estimated to be in the Southeast Asian region.

**Human Trafficking**

Article 3, paragraph (a) of the Convention to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, Persons as the recruitment, transportation, transfer, receipt, or embarking of a person by another, other forms of sexual exploitation, forced labour, forced services, slavery or indentured labour or its removal and sale of organs from the body.

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**Background**

For many trafficking, exploitation and exploitation has been in existence around the globe for ages. It has attracted the attention of the international community since the late 1980s, political affairs and economic issues have dramatically changed and communications has opened up the world, victims find themselves in a global village. The economies of some countries are growing very rapidly, and the gap between the haves and have-nots is widening in many parts of the world. The move for greener pastures, where they can find better employment opportunities, education, and healthcare for their future. Upon their arrival to other countries, those who do not have high qualifications, education, or opportunities for employment, seek to help seek help from people who are knowledgeable about their whereabouts thereby providing opportunities to exploit them. It later, they turn into human trafficking and exploitation around the world. There are two forms of human trafficking: people who escape the bonds of human trafficking, i.e., after experiencing many different forms of exploitation, they become servants of human trafficking and those who have been prevented from becoming trafficking victims in the nick of time. They are found to have been forced to work, sold, and to be forced to get payment, and to be forced to give up their children, and those who do not have education, work, or marry, are victims of slavery, rape, and so on.

**Myanmar and human trafficking**

As the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the country has developed awareness of the menace of human trafficking established on 17 July 2002. Moreover, the Federation of Myanmar Women’s Affairs has stepped up its mission in the fight against human trafficking, forced labour, and related matters, by means of preventing, legal action and rehabilitation for trafficked people. The Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law was promulgated on 12 September 2008, with the Central Body for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons coming into existence in 2008. An anti-human trafficking police unit was set up in 2013, and the country laid down its first five-year plan (2017-2021) for action to combat human trafficking as a national duty. Cooperation has been made with neighbours who have been conducted. Moreover, a five-year plan, dedicated to combat human trafficking in the country, is being implemented. According to the Anti-Human Trafficking Force, from January to July 2018, human trafficking cases recorded throughout the whole country occurred as follows: 29 per cent in Yangon Region, 21 per cent in Shan State, 16 per cent in Mandalay Region, 6 per cent in Kayah State, 3 per cent in Bago Region, 4 per cent in Nay Pyi Taw, 3 per cent in Bago State and 1 per cent in Kayah State, respectively.

**Aims and objectives of the World Day against Trafficking in Persons 2018**

The United Nations has set up aims and objectives of the World Day against Trafficking in Persons, and the objectives of this year are: 1. to combat the anti-human trafficking as a national cause, with the cooperation of all nations, 2. to disseminate knowledge on anti-human trafficking among the public, 3. to take care of the victims of human trafficking of sympathetic action, and in order to employ the forces, to care for the improvement of the situation of the victims and to prevent the recurrence of the situation. Therefore, it is of paramount importance for the heads of the delegation to pay attention to the suffering of the victims. For example, in a war-torn country, this problem is more serious than anywhere else.

**Human trafficking and modern slavery**

The main factors of human trafficking and modern slavery are poverty, non-education, lack of knowledge of human trafficking, scarcity of job opportunities, desire for a higher salary, unequal numbers of men and women in the population, domestic human trafficking and suffering from racial disasters and armed conflicts in the country. In Myanmar, human trafficking takes it turns on various forms, including forced marriage, exploitation of labour, forced sexual exploitation, forced to beg, forced laborers in the fishing sector, and so on.

**Myanmar Daily Weather Report**

**SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS RECORDED AT 1200 hrs BST:**

During the past 24 hours, rain and thunderstorms have been isolated in Kachin and Kayah states, scattered in Magway Region, fairly widespread in Mon, and Mon, Kayin, Kayah, and Kayah states, but isolated in Magway and Mandalay regions and isolated heavy falls in Kayin State. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Amaungprar (3.16), Nyaungshwe (2.75), Bago (2.71), Mandalay (2.38), Kayin (2.18), Kalav (2.12), Malad (2.07), Kyaukme (2.00), and Dwaye (1.88) inches each and Rangoon (1.60) inches.

**BAY INFLUENCE:** According to the observations at 17:30 hrs MST today, the Deep Depression over the Western Bay of Bengal has moved to West-Northwestwards and it is intensifying into a Cyclonic Storm. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Sea will be moderate to rough elsewhere in Myanmar. Wave height may reach (4-6) feet Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts.

**Cyclonic Storm**

According to the observations at 21:30 hrs MST today, the Cyclonic Storm “TITLOR” over the Westcentral Bay of Bengal has reached (380) miles South-East of Guwahati and about (290) miles Southeast of Kangalaparim (India). Wind is cloudy over the Andaman Sea and partly cloudy over the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF 16 OCTOBER 2018:** Rain and thunderstorms over the Rakhine, Kayin, Kayah and Kayah states, fairly widespread in Kayah and Mandalay states and widespread in the remaining regions and states will continue. Coastal areas of Lower Sagaing, and Mandalay and Kayah states, have been isolated heavy falls in Kayin State. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Amaungprar (4.00), Nyaungshwe (3.56), Bago (2.90), Mandalay (2.64), Kayin (2.46), Kalav (2.42), Malad (2.14), Kyaukme (2.07), Dwaye (1.88) inches each and Rangoon (1.60) inches.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Sea will be moderate to rough elsewhere in Myanmar. Wave height may reach (4-6) feet Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts and about (1-2) feet in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Timinlay Coasts.

**Deep Depression**

22:40 hrs MST Tuesday, 9 October 2018

Cyclonic Storms.

According to the observations at 21:30 hrs MST today, the Cyclonic Storm "TITLOR" over the Westcentral Bay of Bengal has reached (280) miles South-East of Guwahati and about (280) miles Southeast of Kangalaparim (India). It is not moving towards Myanmar coasts, the present stage of the Cyclonic Storm is coded as stage.

Position of Cyclonic Storms, Center pressure and wind speed

It is forecast to move Northwestwards and it may further intensify into a severe Cyclonic Storm “TITLOR” during next (18) hours.

Due to the Cyclonic Storm, rain or thunderstorms will be fairly widespread in Thayet, Nyaungshwe, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions, Kachin, Shan, and Shan and Kayah states with regionally heavy falls in Kayin State. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Amaungprar (5.00), Nyaungshwe (4.00), Bago (3.60), Mandalay (3.25), Kayin (3.00), Kalav (2.80), Malad (2.60), Kayaukme (2.50), and Dwaye (2.20) inches each and Rangoon (1.80) inches.

**Rivers and Lakes**

Win Ko Ko Aung

EDITORIAL: The recent cyclone that has hit continental Myanmar has the power to transform lives. But the country needs a systematic approach to disaster management to prevent future losses. People should be aware of their areas, vesels and ships off and along Myanmar coasts.
Myanmar delegation attends Asian Film Center Roundtable 2018

A MYANMAR delegation participated in the Asian Film Center Roundtable held in Busan, Republic of Korea, on 8 October.

Attending the roundtable were Chairman of the Busan City Development Committee and Mayor Mr. Oh Keo-don, Korea Film Council (KOFIC) Chairman Mr. Oh Seok-geun, Busan International Film Festival Chairman Mr. Lee Yong-kwan, officials from film-related organizations from Asian countries, and the three-member Myanmar delegation led by U Ye Naing, the Director-General of the Information and Public Relations Department, under the Ministry of Information. The Asian Film Center Roundtable 2018 was held with the intention to find ways to develop the film industry in Asian countries, and to establish an Asian Film Center so that cultural exchange between Asian countries is promoted. The roundtable openly discussed in detail why an Asian Film Center was required, projected expectations related to it in 2019, expected consequences, organizational formation, etc.

The Myanmar delegation discussed the supportive tasks for establishing an Asian Film Center, utilizing Myanmar’s unique and beautiful scenery as film locations, and potential collaborations and investments in all sectors from filming and production to premiering the film.

The Busan Film Festival is held from 4 to 13 October and simultaneously holds screening of international films and film forums. Myanmar Academy Award winner Daw Swe Zin Htaik led a delegation to attend the Rising Asia Session under the 2018 LINK of CINE – ASIA where they discussed development for Myanmar’s film industry. Additionally, the Asia Film Market and Asian Project Market are displaying film exhibits from different countries, with buyers and sellers from the different sectors of the film industry, observers, people looking for connections, and many others in attendance. The Republic of Korea holds the Busan International Film Festival annually to facilitate professional exchange of film expertise which will lead to further development of filming standards, expanding the film market, and supporting the development of the nation’s economy by linkage with the film industry, which in turn will boost the image of their country. —MNA

Nestlé Myanmar commemorates World Food Day 2018

NESTLÉ Myanmar had disseminated knowledge on nutrition to park goers from 6 to 7 October at the Maha Bandoola Park in Yangon.

The event is aimed at educating families in Myanmar on the importance of choosing high-quality and nutritious options.

“In line with our purpose of enhancing the quality of life and contributing to a healthier future, our goal is to nourish Myanmar by offering quality and nutritious products and make it accessible to all households in Myanmar, and ensuring that people of all age groups are strong and healthy,” says Hayri Devrim Cöbek, Managing Director of Nestlé Myanmar.

Nestlé is the world’s largest food and Beverage Company present in 189 countries around the world, and for more than 150 years, Nestlé has been offering a wide portfolio of 2,000 brands for people throughout their lives.

In Myanmar, nutrition is a very important agenda that deserves much more attention than what it has today. Research shows that many children and adults in Myanmar are still not receiving enough nutrition on a daily basis, which leads to malnutrition and other health risks. —GNLM

Myanmar, Bangladesh conduct coordinated patrol

A COORDINATED patrol between Myanmar and Bangladesh was conducted at the border mile posts 34 to 36 from 8:30am to 12:20pm on 8 October, according to the Information Department of the Myanmar Police Force.

The Myanmar patrol was led by Police Lieutenant Myat Zaw Oo from Taunggyo (Right) Area Police Station, Area 3, Maungtaw Township, and the Bangladesh patrol was led by officer Naib Subedar Md. Mijibur Rahman of No. 34 Boder Guards Bangladesh, Tumbru patrol station. —Myanmar Police Force

42 viss of dried elephant skin seized in Maungtaw

ABOUT 42 viss (over 73 kilogram) of dried elephant skin were seized in Kaiggyi, Maungtaw Township, on 8 October, according to information released by the Maungtaw Township Information and Public Relations Department. Local police discovered the dried elephant skin contained in three bags on the raft in a river near the village.

The police also detained Ye Min Naing who found on the raft for further interrogation. —GNLM

One returnee returns to Taung Pyo Letwe Reception Centre

MAHMUT Raqqi Ulla, 39 years, (father Nobu) holding registration card (ya) 106399 of household No. 207 from Taung Pyo Letwe Town, Yawtwinpyin Village Tract, Taung village was learnt to have returned back to Maungtaw Township, Taung Pyo Town, reception centre yesterday afternoon.

Assessment work on the returnee was conducted by a team led by Taung Pyo Letwe Reception Centre head, General Administration Department deputy director U Soe Tun and deputy director U Thant Zin issued a NVC card. Next, the returnee was checked for infectious diseases, provided with medicines and aid materials from Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and rest overnight at Taung Pyo Letwe Reception Centre. The next day, he’ll be properly transferred to Maungtaw Township Hla Phoe Khango Transit Centre it is learnt. —Township IPRD
Pre-coord meeting held to convene 7th Conference on Media Development in Myanmar

A PRE-COORDINATION meeting for the successful holding of the 7th Conference on Media Development in Myanmar was held at the Ministry of Information meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun said this is the first meeting held for the successful convening of 7th Conference on Media Development in Myanmar. The conference is planned to be held in Nay Pyi Taw during December and meeting attendees are urged to openly discuss for the successful holding of the conference.

Next, Information and Public Relations Department Deputy Director General Dr. Daw Thin Thin May discussed about the main topics to be deliberated at the 7th Conference on Media Development in Myanmar.

Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun coordinated on the discussions and suggestions made. With an aim to work together toward Myanmar media development, the 7th Conference on Media Development in Myanmar is planned to be held in December this year. The past six conferences were held from 19 to 20 March 2012, 20 to 21 May 2013, 18 to 19 September 2014, 10 to 11 December 2015, 7 to 8 November 2016 and 7 to 8 December 2017, it is learnt. — MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw IR Committee Chairman receives Turkish Ambassador to Myanmar

PYITHU Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman U Zaw Thein received Turkish Ambassador Mr. Haydar Kerem Divanlioglu in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Thida Tin discussed about the main topics to be deliberated at the 7th Conference on Media Development in Myanmar:

Afterwards, meeting attendees who were officials from UNESCO, IMS/Jojo, DK Akademie, JICA, BBC Media Action, Myanmar Police Reform Project (MyPol) and Myanmar Press Council discussed and suggested about the sub-topics under the main topics to be deliberated in the 7th Conference on Media Development in Myanmar.

Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun coordinated on the discussions and suggestions made.

At the meeting, commencement of legal assistance and support services, processes of opening justice centres in collaboration with IBJ and My Justice group, legal aid to poor people by those centres, process of rule of law and justice by the Union Attorney General office, establishment of coordinator group for the rule of law and justice and sub-coordinator group for state and region, establishment of Union Legal Aid Board, according to law, by the Union Supreme Court and legal work programmes by the collaboration of the Union Attorney General office and IBJ in the future were discussed.

Present at the meeting were Permanent Secretary Daw Nu Nu Yin and Director-General U Min Swe. — MNA

Union Attorney-General receives International Bridges to Justice founder

UNION Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo received International Bridges to Justice (IBJ) founder Ms. Karen Tse and party at Union Attorney General office guest hall at 2pm yesterday.

At the meeting, commencement of legal assistance and support services, processes of opening justice centres in collaboration with IBJ and My Justice group, legal aid to poor people by those centres, process of rule of law and justice by the Union Attorney General office, establishment of coordinator group for the rule of law and justice and sub-coordinator group for state and region, establishment of Union Legal Aid Board, according to law, by the Union Supreme Court and legal work programmes by the collaboration of the Union Attorney General office and IBJ in the future were discussed.

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Ninety completed board houses for returnees handed over to Rakhine State Government

Ministry of Construction handed over ninety completed assembled board houses to accommodate displaced people from Bangladesh to Rakhine State Government on 8 October.

The handing over came after the ministry inspected quality of houses and other infrastructures including tube wells, water tanks, toilets and gravel road constructed by Maungtaw District Road Department for the Hla Phoe Khaung Transit Centre in Maungtaw Township.

Rakhine State Minister for Electricity, Industry and Transport U Aung Kyaw Zan accepted the infrastructure on behalf of the Rakhine State Government. Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin and Rakhine State Minister U Aung Kyaw Zan inspected the quality of houses and infrastructures before handing over them.

Next the Deputy Minister and party inspected the buildings constructed under the management of CTF.

In the afternoon, the Deputy Minister and party arrived Kyechounga Taung housing complex and inspected the houses and roads constructed by two companies under the arrangement of CTF. During their trip, the sites for construction of 65 houses and a community centre were identified.

The Deputy Minister inspected the development and maintenance works conducted along the Maungtaw-Kyeinchaung-Bandoola road. In the evening, they arrived at Oh Hlane camp and inspected the roadworks and completion of houses and a community centre conducted by four companies under the management of CTF.

They also inspected and designated a site where 65 houses and a community centre would be built with the assistance by the government of Japan.

The Deputy Minister coordinated on the technical support required. — MNA
New Japan-Mekong strategy aims to boost quality infrastructure

TOKYO — Japan and five Southeast Asian nations along the Mekong River adopted on Tuesday a new three-year strategy centering on improving connectivity through promotion of “quality infrastructure” building for regional development.

The document endorsed by Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and the leaders of Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Viet Nam at the Mekong-Japan Summit Meeting also cited human resource development and environment protection as main pillars of cooperation.

On regional security, the leaders reaffirmed their commitment to addressing tensions over North Korea’s nuclear and missile programmes and the South China Sea, where China has been expanding its military clout, according to the document.

Under the “Tokyo Strategy 2018 for Mekong-Japan Cooperation,” the leaders of the Mekong countries welcomed Japan’s policy to realize a “free and open” Indo-Pacific, designed to promote the stability and prosperity of the region based on rule-based order and free trade.

Abe and Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, Laotian Prime Minister Thongloun Sisoulith, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Myanmar leader State Counselor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Thai Prime Minister Prayut Chan-o-cha and Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc hailed the progress in physical infrastructure development, enhancing land, maritime and air connectivity in the region.

The Mekong region is seen as a promising market and an important destination for infrastructure exports for Japanese companies as its combined population stood at 238 million and its aggregate gross domestic product totaled $781 billion in 2017, according to the International Monetary Fund. Tokyo also views the Mekong area as geopolitically important as it is located between India and China, two major powers in the region, and faces vital shipping lanes in the South China Sea, Japanese officials said.

The leaders also agreed on the need to modernize customs to facilitate cross-border security and customs clearance and pledged to support the participation of non-Mekong countries in the supply chain of the Mekong region.

They confirmed the significance of human resource development in light of the advancement of digital intelligence, digital related areas and international business.

They also called for accelerating progress toward achieving universal health coverage by 2030, or ensuring that every person can obtain the health care services they need without suffering financial hardship, and promoting collaboration in the field of education. With the aim of realizing a “Green Mekong,” the leaders cited measures against climate change and marine debris pollution, water resource management and disaster risk reduction as their priority areas, according to the document.

On North Korea, the leaders welcomed ongoing diplomatic efforts, including the first-ever US-North Korean summit in June, as a step toward the comprehensive resolution of the outstanding issues involving the country.

They also called for the realization of Pyongyang’s “complete, verifiable, and irreversible dismantlement of all weapons of mass destruction and ballistic missiles of all ranges” in accordance with UN resolutions.

As for the South China Sea, they “took note of some concerns” over the situation, including land reclamation and activities in the area, alluding to China’s muscle-flexing without singling out the country by name. The leaders expressed their readiness to maintain freedom of navigation in and overflight above the South China Sea. Among the participating countries, Vietnam has overlapping territorial claims with China in the waters. The Mekong-Japan Summit has been convened every year since 2009, with the aim of pursuing sustainable development and narrowing the development gap in the region. Japan hosts the gathering every three years. —Kyodo News

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**THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE (INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)**

**Dated:** 10th October 2018.

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2. The Open Tender forms including Description of Materials / Qty with details specifications and Tender Terms & Conditions can be available free download at the Ministry of Electricity and Energy Website Portal (www.moee.gov.mm) as from 8 October 2018. Tender forms will not be sold.

3. The interested Bidders should submit the Technical Specifications with Original Bid Bond and Commercial Quotation in each separate sealed envelopes on which to be addressed to the Managing Director, Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in Tender Box of the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than 14:00 pm on 5 November 2018.

4. Tender Closing Date & Time- 5-11-2018, 14:00 pm

   Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise
   Ph: +95 67 - 411206

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Dated: 10th October 2018.
Climate action urgent, says world’s only ‘water ambassador’

THE HAGUE, (Netherlands) — Countries must work urgently to solve water issues caused by climate change, a Dutch official billed as the world’s only “water ambassador” said on Monday, backing a dire warning from the UN.

Henk Ovink said nations should be planning now to anticipate future problems, from flooding or sea level rises at one end of the scale to drought and conflict over water resources at the other.

“We need a radical change,” said Ovink, the special representative on water affairs for the Netherlands, who says his post is the only one of its kind in the world.

“Climate action urgent, says world’s only ‘water ambassador’

BANGKOK — A Thai official has been charged by police after being caught with bear carcases and hunting weapons in a national park, police said Monday, the latest case of poaching allegedly committed by powerful Thais.

Senior district official Vacharachai Sameerak was part of a group of 12 found by National Park officials on Saturday night in Sai Yok Park, in Kanchanaburi province.

“After checking their cars, there were four bear carcases paws found, together with guns and ammunition,” said police chief Thanee Sanguanjeen, adding that the group did not have authorization to enter the park.

The hunting weapons found in their vehicles included a rifle with a silencer and a pistol.

The 12 were charged with violating forestry, wildlife and national park laws, which they all denied.

The Interior Ministry suspended Vacharachai from his position on Monday, as well as two other civil employees who were with him on the excursion, said the Kanchanaburi governor in a press briefing.

Thai official suspended after being caught with bear carcases, weapons

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Living by the bow and arrow in Bhutan

THIMPHU (Bhutan) — Every weekend Bhutanese Pema Dorji channels his inner Robin Hood and aims for the bull’s-eye, but not without generous sips of the local brew and a leg-kicking dance and song routine.

The likes of Dorji make up the vibrant archery scene in the small Himalayan kingdom of Bhutan where the traditional sport is a way of life for its 800,000 people. Competitions are held across the country on various auspicious days each month before culminating in national championships attended by hundreds of raucous fans.

“Alcohol and archery go hand in hand,” said Tashi Dorji, the research and development officer with the Bhutan Indigenous Games and Sports Association (BIGSA).

“We drink to gain confidence. We have a belief that if we drink we can hit the target better,” the 25-year-old said, barely hiding a sheepish grin. The game they play pits two teams of 11 players each who try to hit the maximum number of bull’s-eyes on a fixed target a full 140 metres (yards) away. A war cry rings out each time the target is hit. Players in traditional “gho” dresses dance and sing folk numbers — different ones for winning and losing.

The crucial drink breaks see archers gulp down locally brewed whiskey before locking horns again on the field where colourful flags flutter in the breeze.

Poison arrows

The beloved national sport is steeped in legends about how bows and arrows were used to hunt prey and destroy demons and evil spirits. Stories also abound about how the Bhutanese fought the rifle-armed soldiers of the British army in the 19th century using arrows dipped in poison.

Archery was popularised by the first king of Bhutan Gongsa Ugyen Wangchuk (1862-1926) and it continued to flourish under royal patronage through the years.

But it suffered a decline after the reclusive nation decided to pursue economic development and open its doors to modernisation, eventually allowing in television in 1999.

“TV made modern sports available, sports like football and volleyball which are cheaper to play. Suddenly there was competition for our traditional sports,” said Kinzang Dorji, president of the BIGSA. “Children had a wider choice unlike the generations before them,” he told AFP.

In addition, the advent of more advanced compound and recurve archery has meant Bhutanese archers used to traditional equipment made of bamboo reeds have struggled to find their feet in international competitions.

Bhutan has sent archers to every Olympics since 1984 but a medal has eluded the nation.

Rivalry and revelry

Some say the Bhutanese, who will vote in only the country’s third elections later this month, lack the fiercely competitive streak needed to do well in the sport. The likes of Ygen Dorji beg to differ though.

“The rivalry is quite intense. Opponents often plant women in the stands to distract the rivals,” said Ygen Dorji, a mental health counsellor and archery enthusiast.

“The ladies mimic you, try to pull you down and one has to concentrate hard as pride and honour are at stake.”

Fellow participant Karma Tshering said Bhutanese archers were not aspiring to global acclaim.

“Anybody can shoot with the sophisticated modern bows with the help of release aids and all,” said Tshering. “It’s the traditional archery which is more challenging, you have to focus on both your body and mind,” he said, adjusting the sashes on his waist which he won for scoring maximum points during a game at Thimpu’s national sports stadium. The Bhutan Archery Federation recently started a programme to train and encourage children to take up the sport.

In a shot in the arm for traditional archery, two Bhutanese athletes won gold medals at the historical World Archery championships held in August in Hungary.—AFP

Impossible to work with any person guilty of such grave misconduct: Hrithik Roshan on Vikas Bahl

MUMBAI — “Super 30” star Hrithik Roshan has broken his silence on allegations of sexual harassment against the film’s director Vikas Bahl, saying it is “impossible” for him to work with any person “guilty of such grave misconduct”.

In a guarded statement, Roshan said he has been away and has “sporadic information” about the case but has asked the producers of the film to take stock of the situation.

“It is impossible for me to work with any person if he/she is guilty of such grave misconduct. I am away and have access to only sporadic information. I have requested the producers of ‘Super 30’ to take stock of the apparent facts and take a harsh stand if need be.

“This is not to be brushed or brushed under the carpet. All proven offenders must be punished and all exploited people must be empowered and given strength to speak up,” Roshan said in the statement shared on Twitter.

Bahl, a part of Phantom Films alongside Anurag Kashyap, Vikramaditya Motwane and Madhu Mantena, has been accused of sexual harassment by a former employee of the company, which was dissolved ahead of a HuffPost article that detailed the victim’s account and how the production house failed to take action.

Both Kashyap and Motwane have since distanced themselves from Bahl in separate statements.

Kashyap said his legal aide told him there was nothing he could do to fire Bahl from the company.—PTI
Researchers identify erectile dysfunction gene

WASHINGTON (United States) — Researchers have identified a genetic variant that is partially responsible for erectile dysfunction, a development that could help improve treatment, according to a study published on Monday in a US journal.

Men who have a copy of this variant have a 26 per cent increased risk of facing erectile dysfunction compared to the average population, said the findings in the Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Those with two copies of the variant face a 59 per cent higher risk, according to geneticist Eric Jorgenson, the study’s lead author. The results were based on a database of 36,649 patients of Kaiser Permanente Northern California.

The average population risk is of one in five men, according to a 2007 study in the United States, but the ratio increases sharply with age.

A third of erectile dysfunction risk is linked to genetic factors. According to the new study, the genetic variant Jorgenson and his colleagues identified alone accounts for two percent of the risk.

Obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease all have genetic components and are also linked to erectile dysfunction.

“We know that there are other factors for ED including smoking, obesity, diabetes and cardiovascular disease, and men who address those factors can reduce their risk of ED,” Jorgenson told AFP.

“Because the region that we identified in the human genome appears to act independently of those risk factors, developing new treatments that target the variation in this genetic location has the potential to help those men who do not respond to current treatment.”

He noted that about 50 per cent of men do not respond to erectile dysfunction treatments currently available. The study’s results were validated by studying a second database in Britain. —AFP

Implantable, biodegradable device designed to heal nerve injury

WASHINGTON — American researchers developed an implantable, biodegradable wireless device that could speed nerve regeneration and improve the healing of a damaged nerve, the first example of a bioelectronic medicine.

The study published on Monday in the journal Nature Medicine reported the device, the size of a coin and a sheet of paper in thickness, which delivers regular pulses of electricity to damaged peripheral nerves in rats after a surgical repair process.

The wireless device could work for two weeks before being naturally absorbed into the body, accelerating the regrowth of nerves in their legs and enhancing the ultimate recovery of muscle strength and control, according to the study.

Car accidents and sports injuries can injure the peripheral nerves, leaving people with numbness, tingling and weakness and a recovery may take months.

“We know that electrical stimulation during surgery helps, but once the surgery is over, the window for intervening is closed,” said co-senior author Wilson Ray, associate professor of neurosurgery at Washington University.

“With this device, we’ve shown that electrical stimulation given on a scheduled basis can further enhance nerve recovery,” said Ray.

“These engineered systems provide active, therapeutic function in a programmable, dosed format and then naturally disappear into the body, without a trace,” said Northwestern University’s John Rogers, pioneer in bio-integrated technologies and co-senior author of the study.

They designed and developed a flexible device that wrapped around an injured nerve and delivered electrical pulses at selected time points for days before the device harmlessly degrades in the body. The device is powered and controlled wirelessly by a transmitter outside the body that acts much like a cellphone-charging mat, according to the study. —Xinhua

Cosmic cleanup: Russia to help Japan launch galactic garbage collecting mission in 2020

MOSCOW — Japan’s ELSA-d satellite intended to demonstrate the project of capturing and removing space junk from orbit is expected to be launched aboard a Russian Soyouz-2 rocket from the Baikonur spaceport in early 2020, the Glavkosmos Launch Services operator said on Monday.

“The Tokyo-based company Astroscale Japan has concluded a contract with Glavkosmos Launch Services to launch its ELSA-d satellite aboard a Soyouz-2 carrier rocket from the Baikonur Cosmodrome. Currently, the takeoff has been scheduled for early 2020,” the Russian operator said.

The ELSA-d, which stands for End of Life Services by Astroscale — demonstration, consists of two space vehicles — the Chaser (weighing 160 kg) and the Target (weighing 20 kg) launched in tandem. The Chaser is equipped with approaching technology and a magnetic grabbing mechanism, which allows it to get attached to the Target’s docking plate.

Astroscale is the first private company that offers space debris removal services to ensure long-term space flight safety for the benefit of future generations. The company was established in 2013 in Singapore. That being said, the company opened an R&D office in Japan in 2015, a branch in the United Kingdom in 2017 and a representative office in the United States.

Glavkosmos Launch Services, part of Russia’s Roscosmos, was established to offer commercial launch services and is the supplier of launch services authorized to conclude commercial contracts for launching spacecraft using Soyouz-2 carrier rockets from Russian spaceports. —Tass

Trouble for Hubble: gyroscope fails on space telescope

WASHINGTON — The Hubble space telescope, which has been in orbit since 1990, has temporarily suspended operations because of a gyroscope failure, the US space agency said on Monday.

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) said Hubble went into “safe mode” on Friday.

“Hubble entered safe mode after one of the three gyroscopes actively being used to point and steady the telescope failed,” NASA said in a statement.

“Safe mode puts the telescope into a stable configuration until ground control can correct the issue and return the mission to normal operation,” it said.

“Hubble’s instruments still are fully operational and are expected to produce excellent science for years to come,” NASA added. Hubble is equipped with six gyroscopes to orient the telescope.

Hubble is currently down to two working gyro and needs at least three for optimal operations. But it can continue to provide observations with just one functioning gyroscope. Dr Rachel Osten, the deputy head of the Hubble mission, said it had been a “very stressful weekend.”

“First step is to try to bring back the last gyro, which had been off, and is being problematic,” Osten said on Twitter.

NASA said staff at NASA’s Goddard Space Flight Center and the Space Telescope Science Institute were conducting tests and analysis to get the gyro working again.

NASA said if they are unable to recover the malfunctioning gyro Hubble will resume science operations using just one device.

“While reduced-gyro mode offers less sky coverage at any particular time, there is relatively limited impact on the overall scientific capabilities,” NASA said.

Hubble has made numerous outstanding observations of the cosmos since it was deployed in 1990.

The James Webb Space Telescope, the successor to Hubble, is scheduled to be launched in March 2021. —AFP
National men’s football squad leaves for Indonesia

Myanmar national men’s football squad left Yangon International Airport on 8 October for Indonesia to demonstrate a friendly match against the Indonesian national football team.

The Myanmar football squad brought 29 players to the test match, and the remaining players will join the team that will play against a warm-up match against Bolivia. Myanmar will play the friendly match against Indonesia at Wibawa Mukti in Cikarang at 6 pm Myanmar local time on 10 October.

Myanmar national men’s football squad will play the test match against Bolivia on 13 October, after returning from Indonesia on 11 October. — Htut Htut (Twantay)

Myanmar national men’s football squad takes a group photo on the pitch. PHOTO: MFF

Myanmar ranks fifth in Jenesys 2018 Japan-Mekong U-17 Tournament

Myanmar national U-17 men’s football squad took the fifth ranking in Jenesys 2018 Japan-Mekong U-17 Football Tournament, organized by Japan Football Association (JFA).

Myanmar national U-17 played against Bellmare of Japan to take the fifth ranking of the tournament on 8 October, winning with a narrow margin of 2-1. Myanmar’s winning goals came from Aubarkha and an own goal of Japan.

The Jenesys 2018 Japan-Mekong U-17 Football Tournament was held in the national training center in J-village, Fukushima, from 5 to 8 October. Myanmar is in group B together with Viet Nam, Japan and Cambodia.

Myanmar won over Viet Nam 1-0 on 5 October, lost to Japan 1-3 on 6 October and Cambodia 0-2 on 7 October. Myanmar stood at the third place in its group. Therefore, Myanmar had to play for the fifth place battle against Bellmare and won with a 2-1. On 8 October, the final match, the third place match, the fifth place match and the seventh place match were held. — Htut Htut (Twantay)

Yangon United to play in 2019 Asian Champions League first round pre-qualification

The 2019 Asian Champions League and the draw for the group stage of AFC Cup which Myanmar professional football clubs are going to participate in, will be held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 22 November. AFC will hold workshops for the Asian Champions League and the AFC Cup, in addition to the group stage draw. Workshops for the AFC Cup will be held on 21 November and for the Asian Champions League on 23 November.


Football clubs from Australia, Thailand, Malaysia, Hong Kong and Viet Nam will take part in the second round of preliminary qualification. AFC will hold the Asian Champions League, dividing into two zones. Yangon United is the professional football club from Myanmar that advanced to the preliminary qualification of the AFC for the second time. If Yangon United does not make the qualification process, it will participate in the group stage of the AFC Cup. — Htut Htut (Twantay)

Ronaldo’s not easy to replace, says Juve sporting director

Milan (Italy) — Juventus sporting director Fabio Paratici said Monday it was not easy to replace a player of the calibre of Cristiano Ronaldo as he also dismissed a return to Italy for Manchester United’s French World Cup winner Paul Pogba.

Ronaldo, 33, joined Juventus from Real Madrid last summer for 100 million euros ($115 million).

The Spanish club have lost three and drawn one of their last four matches and are currently fourth in La Liga.

“Ronaldo is probably the best player in the history of the game so he isn’t easy to replace,” Paratici told journalists at the Principality Stadium in Turin. “We are working on solving the problem of finding a solution. We have been given a deadline to find a solution, but I’m not sure if we will be able to find one.”

Paratici revealed that the five-time Ballon d’Or winner had been keen from the outset to join Juventus. “We talked about it initially, and straight away we got the feeling he wanted to join us, which was a huge advantage,” he said.

“Real Madrid had a gentleman’s agreement with him, the ownership kicked things off and negotiations began.”

Paratici stressed Juventus’s support for the Portuguese star Ronaldo, currently embroiled in damaging rape allegations.

“Cristiano is a very simple person and an excellent professional, he has all our support,” said Paratici. The Juventus sporting director ruled out a return of French World Cup winner Pogba, who played for the Turin side from 2012 to 2016.

The 26-year-old Pogba has been told he will not captain United again after reportedly falling out with United manager Jose Mourinho.

“We love him very much,” said Paratici. “We want him to do well since we are close to him but he isn’t a Juve player anymore. ‘We’re connected to him, but we’ve never thought about it and we’re not going to think about it.” — AFP