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At the beginning of her remarks, the State Counsellor expressed her pleasure for having the opportunity to participate in improving the hospital since the project began.

She said the incumbent government has made strenuous efforts to ensure the delivery of public health care, because if public health activities provide good care, then people will need treatment at the hospital less frequently.

Also, the fewer the number of patients at the hospital, the greater the quality of health care from a basic level, highlighting the importance of public health as part of efforts to decrease the risks when receiving care at the hospital, and to increase the level of health care for patients needing to receive treatment at the hospital,” said the State Counsellor.

The number of patients who received medical treatment at Yangon General Hospital increased from 245,790 in 2013 to 440,231 in 2017, according to the Ministry of Health and Sports.

There were 89,872 in-patients and 23,745 patients who underwent operations in 2017.

“To be able to provide quality medical treatment to such high numbers of patients, and to establish departments systematically, the reinvigoration and upgrading of Yangon General Hospital is being carried out,” said Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe.

Measures were taken to ensure successes, and steps were put in place to carry out long-term plans, he added.

Renovation of the main building of the hospital, teaching by foreign professors, and creating digital health records are being carried out at the hospital by the Rangoon General Hospital Reinvigoration Charity Trust-RGHR.

Mr Robin Cross, Consultant for the Rangoon General Hospital Reinvigoration Charitable Trust-RGHR, suggested that a committee be formed on implementing long-term plans and a national-level management committee for carrying out plans for the hospital, to be able to effectively complete the project.

Also, Dr. Tin Myo Win, member of the supporting group for Yangon General Hospital, expressed his thanks to the Yangon Region Government for settling the issue of squatters and taxis being parked in the compound of the hospital.

Dr. Kyaw Myint, member of the committee, suggested there needs to be harmony between the old buildings and planned new buildings for the hospital.

Finally, Daw Nilar Kyaw, of Yangon Region Minister for Electricity, Industry and Transportation, suggested the Ministry of Health and Sports assign more engineers to assist with the project. —MNA

VP U Myint Swe attends 10th ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting

THE 10th meeting of the ASEAN Education Ministers (ASED) was held at Hotel Kempinski in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, in which Vice President U Myint Swe delivered an address at the opening ceremony.

The meeting was opened with the ASEAN Anthem.

The Vice President began his address by saying it was an honor for Myanmar to be hosting the 10th ASED Meeting, and he welcomed all attendees.

He also noted the benefits the meeting will generate, in exchanging views with ministers from ASEAN countries and the ASEAN Secretary-General, as well as discussing the various levels of formal education, vocational training and the ASEAN Work Plan on Education 2016-2020.

The Vice President mentioned that the National Education Law, enacted in 2014, calls for every child to receive primary education and to develop methods for children without easy access to education. He said every citizen requires every citizen to receive a minimum of a primary education and have opportunities to continue further education at a later time.

He added that the law also works to develop the language, history and culture of ethnic nationals, while ensuring the capacity of educators is qualified in their respective fields.

The Vice President said the Ministry of Education is collaborating with relevant organizations to accomplish the objectives laid down in the National Education Strategic Plan 2016-2021, which consists of improving the quality of education, vocational training and practice, research and innovation in every school and educational institution in the country.

He said the Union government has increased the budget of the MoE (Ministry of Education) every year to reach these goals.

The Vice President concluded his speech by expressing his hope that the results of discussions for the ASEAN education work plan will benefit all countries in the region.

Next, artists from the Department of Fine Arts, under the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, performed ‘Mingalarbar ASEAN’ and ‘Forever ASEAN’, with the help of outstanding artists, directors-general, deputy directors-general, directors-general, deputy professors from various countries, the Executive Director of ASED University Network, the SEAMEO Director, and invited guests from ASEAN countries.

Other meetings to be held today include the ASED Plus Three Meeting and East Asia Associate Countries Meeting. —MNA
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VP U Myint Swe says Myanmar always prepared to eliminate crime: 12th AMMTC

Myanmar is a member of ASEAN and has performed its responsibilities in forming the ASEAN community. Myanmar will cooperate in the establishment of peace, stability, security, and prosperity, for itself and every other associate countries, and is always ready to collaborate with fellow ASEAN countries under the ASEAN framework to eliminate transnational crime and develop the region, said Vice President U Myint Swe.

He made his remarks during his speech at the opening ceremony of the 12th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime and its Related Meetings (12th AMMTC), held at the Myanmar International Convention Center II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The Vice President also highlighted the importance of gaining public trust by implementing modern preventive measures against crimes and violence. He said that with the development of urban infrastructures, transparent trade, modern communication methods and natural disasters can result in becoming endangered by crime, both individually and globally. He said the root causes of criminal activities must be handled in advance, while adhering to the UN Crime Prevention Guidelines.

The Vice President noted that the effective handling, prevention and solving of transnational crimes, and unconventional security concerns, must be emphasized, as they can hinder the forming of a free and developed society in the ASEAN region. He called for unifying the skills and strength within ASEAN to take a firm stance against poverty, inequality, religion-based terrorism and the destruction of natural resources in the ASEAN region.

The Vice President said implementing the ASEAN Community Vision 2025 requires an emphasis on improving public livelihoods, justice, basic rights and security, sustainability of the environment, a better understanding of ASEAN and gaps in developmental stages. He mentioned that the increasing transnational crimes in the region will need ASEAN to effectively repress it.

Myanmar signed the United Nations Convention against Transnational Organized Crime (UNCOTC) and its ensuing protocols on 30 March 2004, when it became a member country, said the Vice President. He noted that Myanmar and Thailand are the leading countries in the push against drug trafficking in the ASEAN region, adding that the fight against drugs and human trafficking, money laundering, cybercrimes and terrorism are being upheld as national duties.

Laws and bylaws for eradicating these five areas have been enacted and four executive committees have been formed with Union-level ministers at the helm to lead those endeavors. He said a transnational crime department was formed under the Myanmar Police Force in 2005 and was elevated to a higher department status in 2014. He mentioned that multiple 5-year strategic plans and yearly schemes have been drawn up to combat the five criminal areas.

He noted that the experiences and successes of ASEAN over its 51-year course can be attributed to its unity and unanimous agreement, based on which, discussions and coordination need to be made. He concluded by saying the outcome of the day’s meeting will produce good results not only for ASEAN, but the entire world, as well.

Next, Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe confirmed the drafting of an ASEAN action plan for the prevention and eradication of terrorism and emergence of extremism. He was also able to confirm the four interconnected action points for countering transnational crimes through regional socio-economic development will be continued.

Afterwards, the Vice President watched performances from the Department of Fine Arts and then took a documentary photo with the attendees.

Union Minister Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe chaired the second half of the ceremony and later continued with the 12th AMMTC meeting.—MNA
Over 4,580 acres released by MoHA, MoALI returned to 805 farmers in PyinOoLwin

OUT of 4,790 farmland released by Ministry of Home Affairs, and Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Region, over 4,580 acres were returned to 805 farmers yesterday in the presence of Vice President U Henry Van Thio.

At the ceremony in PyinOoLwin, Vice President U Henry Van Thio, said in his capacity as the Chairman of the Central Committee for Scrutinizing Confiscated Farmlands and Other Lands, expressed thanks to the two ministries and authorities concerned for releasing the farmland, and urged the farmers to work hard to produce agricultural outputs which can support the economy of the country.

Yesterday’s ceremony to return the confiscated farmland to farmers became the eight event in Mandalay Region reaching the highest number of farmland returned to farmers in states and regions.

The Vice President said the national-level land use council is making efforts for systematic share of the country’s land resource as part of efforts for promoting the socio-economy of the people.

The central committee formed in May 2016 established region and state-level sub-committees for scrutinizing land confiscation issues and laid down 52-point work process to solve the issues.

“To increase the number of arable land, farmers are allowed to apply for utilizing reclaimed land in accordance with the rules and regulations at respective region and state land management work committees and when the production from the land is stable, these land are changed as farmland under the Farmland Law,” said the Vice President.

He urged the farmers nationwide to work on the farmland with accountability and responsibility for sustainable development without damaging the environment.

The Vice President called for the farmers to conserve the environment for the ecology system of the country while keeping on alert to environmental damages including depletion of forests and rivers.

“Only when we minimize such losses as much as we can, will we see the fruits of our efforts,” said the Vice President.

At the ceremony, the Central Fire Services Training School of the Ministry of Home Affairs returned 271.78 acres, out of released 290 acres to 61 farmers and Mandalay Region Cooperatives Syndicate returned 4,308.72 acres, out of 4,500 acres, to 744 farmers.

Deputy Minister of Defence Rear Admiral Myint Nwe, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw, Mandalay Region Hluttaw Deputy Speaker Dr. Khin Maung Htay and members of the Mandalay Region Cabinet handed land use form-3 to the farmers.

VP U Henry Van Thio inspects coffee, silkworm farms

Vice President U Henry Van Thio and his entourage travelled to PyinOoLwin to inspect the Central Department on Coffee Research and Spreading Technology, under the Coffee-Seasonal Crops Sub-department of the Department of Agriculture, yesterday.

Coffee production in Myanmar

Deputy Director-General U Zaw Tun Myint and Director U Myint Swe from the Department of Agriculture explained to the Vice President about Myanmar’s coffee plantations and production, dispersing of good-quality seeds, conducting trainings for cultivators and workshops on coffee planting, plans for opening laboratories, signing the GAP to acquire 16 plant breeds, cooperating with private and international organizations to elevate the quality of coffee and in turn raise prices, and the successful holding of coffee forums.

The Vice President respond- ed that new ways must be found to increase coffee production in areas with low rates and highlighted the importance of each matter explained to him. He said coffee is a major global market and can heavily influence the increase of exported goods. He said Viet Nam generates about US$ 3 billion in coffee exports annually and Myanmar; in contrast, imports US$ 100 million worth of coffee annually. He said Myanmar’s natural environment is suitable for growing internationally qualified coffee and urged for expansion of plantations to simultaneously increase foreign revenue and decrease trade deficit by gradually replacing imported coffee.

The Vice President then inspected the regional coffee products, research gardens, the coffee cup test room, a grinding factory, natural fertilizers, laboratories, and Doekwin farm.

Silkworm and mulberry

Afterwards, the Vice President and entourage travelled to the Agriculture Research Centre in PyinOoLwin where Deputy Director-General U Zaw Tun Myint and Director U Aung Moe from the Department of Agriculture explained about the planting and harvesting of mulberry trees, rearing of silkworms, reeling of silk from the cocoons, the state of department-owned agriculture farms and factories, and future projects going forward. The Vice President responded to the explanations and gave necessary instructions before touring the facilities.

National Kandawgyi Botanical Garden

The Vice President and entourage then travelled to the National Kandawgyi Botanical Garden and viewed the shady trees, rare flora, the orchid garden and the butterfly museum. The botanical garden was established to provide a recreational area for locals and tourists and to preserve plant species.

New Mandalay Resort City

In the afternoon, the Vice President and entourage arrived at the construction for New Mandalay Resort City where Deputy Director-General U Min Htein of the Department of Urban and Housing Development explained about the project, completion of invitation for expression of interests and future processes. The Vice President gave instructions as necessary and then observed the resort city project area by car and inspected Burst Transmission Co. Ltd built in the area, which produces cameras, print-ers and their related accessories, fiber parts and sensors for CCTV and scanning machines.

The Vice President and entourage arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw by nightfall. —MNA

Vice President U Henry Van Thio addresses the ceremony in PyinOoLwin where 4,580 acres of farmland out of 4,790 acres released by two union-level ministries were returned to farmers. PHOTO: MNA

Vice President U Henry Van Thio inspects coffee plants and products at the Central Department on Coffee Research and Technology in Mandalay. PHOTO: MNA
OFFICIALS from the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF) held discussions with a delegation from the International Trade Center, led by Mr. Charles Roberge, adviser for the ITC concerning development of the rice sector, yesterday at the office of the MRF.

At the discussion, the MRF gathered all stakeholders from various sectors, including farming and production, milling and trading. All involved in supply chain needs and the National Export Strategy described their requests. Additionally, 64 suggestions came from the Myanmar Rice Federation Stakeholder Forum 2018. MRF called for ITC cooperation in implementing the plan for development of the rice sector.

The National Export Strategy Myanmar is a detailed framework and decision-making instrument to guide the country’s trade development and boost its competitiveness in exports. It also outlines concrete, market-based solutions to address constraints affecting Myanmar’s competitiveness in global markets. It is the NES’s vision to create “sustainable export-led growth and prosperity for an emerging Myanmar.” The NES provides a targeted plan for Myanmar to effectively allocate resources, including financial, technical and institutional, for specific trade development priorities. In doing so, the NES aims to stimulate the country’s trade and export sector, creating jobs and contributing to the overall socio-economic development of the country. NES program was launched in 2015.

The goals of the NES to increase competitiveness and diversification are guided by the following strategic objectives – fostering sustainable, inclusive and equitable export-led growth; ensuring a consistent, predictable and transparent policy to develop a legal and regulatory framework; developing competitive, diversified and branded exports; building modern, enabled and supportive institutions to respond to the diverse needs of exporters; and the building of physical trade infrastructures.

In the 2017-2018 fiscal year, export products under NES, such as rice, fishery products and garments, earned record revenues. NES was drawn up through 2019, and the proposed new sectors will be included in the NES in about 2020. —GNLM

Rubber varieties include ribbed smoked sheet RSS 1,3,5, Myanmar Standard Rubber MSR-20, and Crepe Rubber. During that week, rubber prices remained unchanged, while global rubber prices fluctuated a bit, according to the Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association. —GNLM

A total of 929 tons of rubber, valued at US$1.14 million, were exported to neighbouring countries China and Thailand through border checkpoints between 6 and 12 October, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar’s rubber exports to China, however, declined that week, though Myanmar-Thailand border gates witnessed an increase in rubber exports, with 60 per cent of the latex passing through Tachilek gate.

The second week of October’s rubber exports were down by 1,652 tons, compared to the previous week. One ton of ribbed smoke sheet rubber RSS3 cost Ks1.75 million, which was an increase of over Ks7,500 against the previous week.

Also, during the second-week of October, 783 tons of rubber, with an estimated value of nearly $1 million, were shipped through sea routes to Pakistan, Japan, China and South Korea.

Over 900 tons of rubber exported to neighbouring countries in one week
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The first day of the 12th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime and its Related Meeting were held at Myanmar International Convention Center II (MICC-II) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The 12th AMMTC and its Related Meeting will continue at MICC-II today.—MNA

Final Workshop on Myanmar Climate Change Alliance Programme held in Nay Pyi Taw

The MoU on the Myanmar Climate Change Alliance Programme (MCCA), signed in 2014 between the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation and UNEP and UN-Habitat, officially ended yesterday on 31 October. A final workshop was held at 9am yesterday, and Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe attended the 12th AMMTC in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. —MNA

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives British Supreme Court delegation

PYIDAUNGSU Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and Joint Bill Committee Chairman U Tun Tun Hein received a delegation led by British Supreme Court Judge Rt. Hon Lord Carnwath, at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon. During the meeting, they exchanged views regarding the friendship and cooperation between Britain and Myanmar, and discussed the legislative processes of the Myanmar Hluttaws, as well as environmental conservation laws.

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MDY department deputy director, staff charged with corruption

THE Anti-Corruption Commission has received a report from the Mandalay Region government on their Rural Road Development Department for taking bribes from companies competing in a tender in 2017-2018 fiscal year. The commission acted on the report and examined the lawsuit by forming an investigation team and found that the Head of Mandalay Region’s Rural Road Development Department, Deputy Director U Aung Myint Kyaw, and Branch Clerk Daw Thuzar took bribes from six companies when the department was calling a tender for rural roads using the union budget and the Mandalay Region Government funds for 2017-2018 fiscal year.

The two of them will be charged with anti-corruption laws at Myitnge police station, according to the Anti-Corruption Commission.

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Depreciation of Myanmar Kyat

Analyzing the depreciation of Myanmar Kyat, although it started with the external impacts, the domestic factors that include, but are not limited to, weak economic fundamentals and structural issues have significant impacts on the exchange rate. Looking at trade, the trade deficit was US$3.8 billion in 2017-18 and it is actually lower than previous years.

In 2016-2017, trade deficit was US$5.2 billion and it was US$5.4 billion in 2015-2016. It is evident that these deficits have had a lot of pressure on the domestic currency.

Second, changes in seasonal foreign currency demands have also had impacts on the exchange rate. Especially during the period from July to December, demands for foreign currency had been usually high.

In order to reduce the trade deficit, to strengthen the domestic economy and to be resilient, and to withstand various impacts, the Union government has been going through various reform processes in cooperation with the private sector stakeholders.

(Excerpt from the report on the current work of the Union government, delivered at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 19 September 2018)
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TIME RIFE FOR INVESTMENT IN AQUATIC FARMING

Maung Thin Pyay

N Myanmar, lakes and natural watercourses include those in Kayah, Tanintharyi, Sittwe and Chin rivers and the delta region are famous for various species of local freshwater fish. There is no exact weather condition in Myanmar and in almost all the places the weather is favorable for farming. As most of the rivers flow from north to south, there are many seasons such as the warm part and the delta of the country, and some are local. There are only few countries in the world capable of farming in the natural lakes or watercourses, and Myanmar is one of them. So these natural freshwater lakes and rivers are potential aquatic resources such as fish and prawn and generation job opportunities for locals. Moreover, the State is earning revenue from the local freshwater fishing industry through taxes. So it is important for us to protect and preserve them by enacting necessary legislation. So, we can see that many aquaculture units are established.

Myanmar is also conducting coastal and deep-sea fishing in the seas. According to a research in 2013 fish resources are abundant throughout the period of 25 years. So short-term and long-term plans should be laid down to protect and conserve the eco-systems and coastal areas and also to protect the environment of their inhabitants including salt and clean water. In 2014, the State has terminated foreign trawlers from fishing in Myanmar waters and designated no-fishing zones and no-fishing seasons.

Fish farming in Myanmar

The 2016-2017 report of the Fisheries Department said that Myanmar has 3,737 acres of prawn farms and 283,067 acres of fish farms. Myanmar is an agro-based country which is on the way towards industrialization. Agriculture and forestry and prawn farming are the best financial opportunities for farmers. For example, Viet Nam, an agro-based country has financial development through the income it gets from freshwater and saltwater fish and prawn breeding in its development and industrialization processes, and later become a country manufacturing motorcycles. The industry is much helpful for the country, especially the farming industry, and now Viet Nam is exporting motorcycles to its Southeast Asian neighbours. This example shows that robust farming industry serves as the solid foundation of the industrialization processes.

As Myanma, Ayeyawady and Bago regions are the main fish and prawn breeders, while Sagaing and Mandalay regions are raising the aquatic animals for local consumption. Eighty per cent of the fish farmed in Myanmar is Indian carp species including Ngaing and Ngaingh. Other fishes such as various species of catfish and other types of carp and some other freshwater fish are also farmed in the country. As most of the farms are using only the traditional methods, we need to widen the view and thoughts of local ethnic nationals. Pass on everything you know for the development of the human resources. It is necessary to use these to formulate general knowledge. It is necessary to use these to formulate general knowledge. It is necessary to use these to formulate general knowledge. It is necessary to use these to formulate general knowledge.

As Myanmar has 241,718 acres of fish farms. Myanmar is an agro-based country has financial development through the income it gets from freshwater and saltwater fish and prawn. Fish farming in Myanmar started the commercial fish farming in the 1970s. It became a fish exporter and later started farming foreign species through artificial in-semination apart from local strains.

Exportable fish

As Ngainghchin (a river carp species) has a smaller market, U Win Myint of Fishery Federation strived to introduce Ngainghan farming in the country. Now the federation has three one-acre ponds, each breeder 180,000 Ngainghan fish, at the Deeg-Moomik in-silled in Pantanaw Township, 10 miles from Yangon. The in-silled pond is over 3,000 acres. Soon, the federation will set up a private company to breed and export Ngainghan. Talks were held to explain the formation of a pioneer company. Further meetings will be held for the board to be shareholder.

Ngainghan farming will change the fishery sector of Myanmar. Normally Uganda is the most common farmed fish followed by Ngainghan. Countries like Viet Nam and China are breeding both species on commercial scale. As Myanmar has a favorable climate for farming, the prospects are bright for the freshwater farming industry to become the pillar of the country’s economy through the applications of modern technologies. After a study abroad for a one-year period, the federation is now starting the Nagainghan test breeding in deep lakes whose area is not large. Under the new technique, one-acre field can host 100,000 Ngainghan and they will become marketable within 120 days. Test breeding has now reached three months. The introduction of commercial-scale Ngainghan farming will be a new chapter of Myanmar’s fishing industry.

As Myanmar has not yet fully utilized its resources, there is much opportunity for the development of aquatic industry. Modern techniques, foreign loans and foreign investment will develop the industry to become the foundation for national industrialization processes. As aquatic farming can make money in a short period, a local investor should take part in the industry.

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Number of local visitors increases at Nat Pauk elephant camp

THE number of local visitors has significantly increased at Nat Pauk elephant camp, which was opened in 2008 in Indaw Township, Katha District, Sagaing Region. Since 2016, Nat Pauk camp has been entertaining visitors with elephant shows, said Dr. Htoo Htoo Aung, the doctor in charge of Nat Pauk elephant camp.

“The number of visitors started to increase in October. If there are only a few visitors, we operate elephant shows with only nine elephants. We also reserve some elephants for those visitors who want to ride them. We have some other costs for the elephants, so we just run elephant shows with nine elephants. The remaining 13 elephants are kept at another elephant camp, which is one mile from Nat Pauk elephant camp. Initially, the camp operated the elephant shows for only foreign visitors, but since November 2016 we have been holding elephant shows for local visitors, as well,” said Dr. Htoo Htoo Aung.

Also, the camp has planted Navier grass on 1.5 acres of land, in a bid to become self-sufficient in feeding their 22 elephants, he added. Nat Pauk elephant camp is a natural habitat in which to see elephants.

Solar power systems to be supplied for five villages in Palaw Tsp

THE Palaw Township Rural Area Development Department is making arrangements to supply household solar power systems and public solar power systems in November in five villages in Palaw Township during 2018-2019 fiscal year under the National Electrification Project (NEP), according to Palaw Township Rural Area Development Department head U Hlaing Min Tun.

The household solar power systems will be installed in five villages, which are Daw Khin, Hlaing Min Tun, Dway, Hta Minmasar and Nam Thaung. The department’s goal is to supply household solar power systems in order to supply household solar power systems in all five villages during November.

The department will collect Ks 50,000 for 60 Watts and Ks 150,000 for 100 Watts systems from villagers. But the department will provide free public solar system installations in schools, religious buildings, rural clinics and lamp posts, said U Hlaing Min Tun.

Three-wheel motorbike licenses to be issued in Mohinyin

THREE-WHEEL motorbikes will be issued licenses in Mohinyin in November 2018 under the direction of the Ministry of Transport and Communications, said U Khin Maung Lay, the Administrator of Mohinyin District, during a press conference held on 31 October.

“The license registration process will be conducted for three-wheel motorbikes and electric powered three-wheel motorbikes, which are made in China, Thailand and India during 2008 and 2018, from 1 to 23 November. But the registration process will be provided for three-wheel vehicles, four-wheel motorbikes and locally made three-wheel motorcycles,” he added.

Head of Mohinyin District Road Transport Administration Department Daw Khin Hnin Wai also outlined information regarding license procedures and charges. Three-wheel motorbike owners can register for a license at Shwe Thar Hlyauk theatre in Mohinyin from 1 to 23 November.—Ni Toe (Mohinyin)
MILAN-based NEOS Airline officially launched its Yangon-Milan direct charter flight yesterday, with a chartered Boeing 767-300 ERW on Mondays and Boeing 787-9 Dreamliner every Wednesday.

The Boeing flight arrived at the Yangon International Airport yesterday at 3 pm, after departing from Phu Quoc, Viet Nam, as part of its Viet Nam-Yangon-Milan route.

A welcoming ceremony was held for the flight, in which Union Ministers U Thant Sin Maung and U Ohn Maung and officials welcomed 35 passengers at the airport.

At the ceremony, the union ministers, Ambassador of Italy to Myanmar Ms. Alessandra Schiavo, Managing Director of the Yangon Aerodrone Co Ltd U Tun Myint Naing and officials of the Neos Airline delivered speeches.

Also present at the ceremony were Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe and officials.

The direct maiden flight carries 250 passengers, and the plan to carry over 300 passengers will be used for the flight at the end of December, said Dr. Aung Myat Kyaw.

An Italian couple, who were among the 35 passengers, expressed their delight at their first visit to Myanmar, saying that they will visit Mandalay, Bagan, Inlay and Kyeikhtiyoe during this trip.

Myanmar has relaxed restrictions on visas and granting visa exemptions to travelers from Japan, South Korea, Hong Kong and Macao, as well as travelers from neighbouring China, who come to Myanmar by air.

The Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and related ministries, partner organizations and travel companies are also making efforts for attracting tourists from Europe.

“Thanks to direct flights, European countries can understand the true situation in Myanmar. We need to do strong advertising to attract flights,” said U Thet Lwin Toe, Chairman of the Myanmar Travellers’ Association.

He also suggested making arrangement for flights to land in the regions which possessed unspoiled beaches to attract foreign travelers.

U Myint Htay, Chairman of the Airport Management Committee, added, “Now, with the launch of the direct flight, we can travel to Europe by direct flight and it takes 12 hours. We no longer need to transit at airports in other countries.”

There were direct flights between Myanmar and Europe beginning in about 1950, though the flights stopped after 1962.

About ten years ago, there was a flight on the Viet Nam-Australia-Yangon-Thailand, said U Thet Lwin Toe.

According to statistics from the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, the number of travellers from Italy to Myanmar for the period of up to September last year reached 11,976, though the number declined by 14.6 per cent to 10,221 visitors.—Thi Thi Min, Zaw Gyi

**Neos Airline launches direct charter flight from Milan to Yangon**
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Notification No. (153/2018)
2nd Waxing of Thadingyut (11 October 2018)

Notification on election campaign and assembly

1. Union Election Commission has already announced on 24.8.2018 with Notification No (121/2018) that Hluttaw candidates involved in the by-election, which will be held on 3 November, can campaign for votes from 3.9.2018, 6:00am until 1.11.2018, 12 midnight.

2. Electoral assembly and speeches must be stopped from 1.11.2018 12 midnight to 3.11.2018 until the by-election is held, to ensure stability, successful holding of the elections and for voters to vote freely for a candidate.

3. Campaign posters must be removed before the last day allowed for campaigning, 1.11.2018 12 midnight. If the campaign posters are not removed on the specified date and time, Township Sub-Commissions will arrange with respective city development committees to remove the campaign posters. It is notified that the respective Hluttaw candidates must pay for the cost of removing the posters.

Hla Thein
Chairman
Union Election Commission

UEC Chairman receives US Ambassador to Myanmar

UNION Election Commission (UEC) Chairman U Hla Thein received US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Scot Marciel and his delegation in the guest hall of the Union Election Commission in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, the Union Minister discussed the UEC’s preparedness to conduct the upcoming by-election on 3 November, 2018, along with cooperation between the UEC and political parties, international organizations and civil society organizations.

The US Ambassador acknowledged that the elections, successfully held by the UEC, were transparent and said they will continue providing support for the 2020 General Elections. UEC members U Soe Yal, U Htun Khin, U Hla Tint, U Than Htay and other officials also attended the meeting. —MNA

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AGENT FOR: M/S MCC TRANSPORT (S’PORE) PTE LTD

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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Phone No: 2301185
Latest stormwater treatment technology points to jump in water quality

SYDNEY — A new filtration technology has been shown to improve the quality of treated stormwater by up to 80 per cent, according to a latest Australian research.

The technology uses a special filtration material as part of a catch basin insert to capture 95 per cent of waste entering stormwater drains, Curtin University researcher Dr Zahanggir Alam said in a statement about its research on Wednesday.

The inserts can “help arrest the declining health of waterways”, said Alam. “Excessive nutrients in our rivers create a lack of oxygen in the water that can kill fish and also leads to algal blooms that block the sun and prevent photosynthesis by plants — all of which harms entire river and marine ecosystems.”

The new filtration design offered economic as well as environmental benefits, and could “potentially revolutionize the way stormwater is treated,” said research principal supervisor Associate Professor Faisal Anwar from the university.

— Xinhua

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10th ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (10th ASED), associated meetings convene in Nay Pyi Taw

The 10th ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (10th ASED) and its associated meetings were held yesterday morning at the Kempinski Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw. At the meeting, Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi said, “The discussion will focus on quality education and producing qualified students who can meet the labour market demand and to enable them to become qualified and lifelong students of ASEAN countries through quality education and training.”

“This point aims at improving vocational development, lifelong learning and empowerment skills by striving together with all the stakeholders in the ASEAN community.” We take great pride in being a member of ASEAN countries to implement the action agenda for the SEAMEO 7 Priority areas, 8 objectives of the ASEAN Work Plan on Education 2016-2021, 19 processes and 19 priority fields as well. Myanmar is making an effort to reach the goal of democracy through the proper channel and education plays a pivotal role in shaping the path of democracy.”

“I would like to present the measures of Myanmar’s education reforms briefly. In order to implement a quality education system, the Ministry of Education launched National Education Strategic Plan (NESP) for the period 2016-2021, with the cooperation of relevant organizations,” said the Union Minister.

“The Ministry of Education of Myanmar set up policies that all school-age children have the right to receive education, with a policy of no discrimination at all education level and at all school attending ages, no one is to be left out and there shall be no drop-outs from schools.”

“Moreover the ministry has carried out free education system for primary and middle schools, and efforts have been made to enhance the literacy programme of 3Rs (Reading, Writing and Arithmetic) so that the students can continue pursuing their middle school education. As a result, the enrollment of kindergarten classes has amounted to 98.1 per cent in the 2017-2018 academic years.”

“As part of educational transformation, the Ministry of Education has implemented a new KG+12 System starting from academic year 2016-2017.”

“From academic year 2016-2017, a new curriculum for primary education is being drawn up, with the assistance of JICA, a new curriculum for middle education is being drawn up, with the sponsorship of AGD Bank and EU. These new curriculums put emphasis on critical thinking skills and deep learning rather than rote learning for the 21st century students.”

“As for the Ministry of Education, plans are underway to open another new department where the students can pursue lifelong learning and informal education. The Ministry is also striving to attain sustainable economic development and to improve technology and vocational training with the cooperation of GIZ, Swiss Contact and other partnerships.”

“Singapore-Myanmar Vocational Training Institute (SMVTI) is a joint governments’ project between Singapore and Myanmar. As the project is being made to open the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) where students can study technology and vocational training courses.”

“The Ministry of Education has acknowledged the important role of teachers and has tried to promote teaching quality by increasing teacher qualifications. Therefore plans are under way to upgrade the current two-year educational colleges to a four-year full degree programme. With the aim of empowering English language proficiency and ICT skills, the ministry has strived to improve research and innovation.”

Moreover the Ministry has carried out to improve the quality of Distance Learning Education and management, with the cooperation of British Council, DFID and SPHEIR. The Ministry has signed MoU with other international universities for exchange of teachers and students among the ASEAN member countries.”

Myanmar acted as chair and the Philippines as co-chair at the 10th ASEAN Education Ministers Meeting (10th ASED).

Following the meeting, all attendees were given a grand gala dinner at the Kempinski Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw. – MNA

Sacked workers from Fu Yuen Garment Factory to be reinstated on 6th November as labour dispute settled

STRIKING workers from Fu Yuen Garment Factory will be reinstated on 6th November as a labour dispute with their employer has been settled yesterday by the Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, according the factory’s labour union.

The over 70-day strike ended at 6 pm yesterday following the negotiation by the Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein at the General Administration Office in Dagon Seikkan Township, said Ma Thet Htar Swe, chair of the union at Fu Yuen Garment Factory. The negotiation between employer and employees was attended by officials from Department of Labour Relations, Labour Inspection Department, Department of Labour and Township Labour Arbitration Council. Fu Yuen Garment Factory’s employers and sacked workers signed the arbitration agreement at the meeting.

“To settle the dispute and to help workers to return their workplace peacefully, respective township arbitration councils negotiated. Both employer and employees agreed to get all rights guaranteed by the labour law,” said U Ko Ko Naing from Department of Labour Relations.

The two sides will sign the Employment Contract-EC again when the workers returned to workplace on 6th November, according to U Ko Ko Naing.

“Workers will get their rights in accord with the law. Minimum wage is set at Ks 4,800 per day. Wages under Ks 4,800 per day isn’t allowed to pay. The law do not allow to force employer to pay the amount demanded by workers,” said Yangon Region Labour Minister U Zaw Aye Maung.

On 29 October, sacked workers of Fu Yuen Garment Factory, along with supporters marched at Maha Bandula Park and called on Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein to help settle the labour dispute.

“On Monday, Yangon Region Chief Minister was called on to help settle the dispute. He met with us at 9pm this day. Next day, employer and employees met and negotiated together with the Chief Minister. The dispute got ease,” said Ma Thet Htar Swe.

Yangon Region Chief Minister, along with cabinet ministers and departmental officials negotiated the dispute between employer and employees at the hall of Yangon Region Government on 30 October, and also went to the Fu Yuen Garment factory and coordinated.

During the meeting, Yangon Region Chief Minister said the stability of the factory will be supervised by Yangon Region government so that the factory can operate peacefully—Min Thet (MNA)
WASHINGTON (United States)—NASA has changed its mind about how long it will continue to try to contact a stalled Mars rover Opportunity.

NASA will keep trying to contact the twin rover, Spirit, which is the other rover on Mars. NASA has said it will try for another 14 months before giving up.

Opportunity's last contact with Earth was on 10 June. The rover, which has been on Mars since 2004, is going on its 60th day on the planet. Opportunity was land-\-\-\-ed on Mars in 2004 on a mission that was supposed to last 90 days, but it has now been on the planet for more than 1,000 days. Spirit landed in October 2004 and has been on the planet for 2,000 days.

Opportunity's twin rover, Spirit, is a pair of unmanned robotic vehicles designed by NASA to move short distances on the Martian surface and transmit data about conditions there back to Earth.

They landed on Mars in 2003 on a mission meant to last 90 days and span 1,000 yards (meters). Spirit lasted 20 times longer than that. It became stuck in soft soil in 2009, and its mission was formally declared over in 2011.

Opportunity is going on 60 times its planned mission life, has traveled 28 miles (45 kilometers) and found evidence of water on Mars and conditions that may have been suitable for sustaining microbial life.

Fans of the rover mounted a Twitter campaign under the hashtag #SaveOppy, calling for NASA to keep trying to reach it.—AFP

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Le rover Opportunity, qui se trouve sur Mars depuis 2004. PHOTO: AFP

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Russia accepts China’s invitation to pool efforts in finding cure for cancer and AIDS

BEIJING—Russia is set to accept an invitation by Peking University’s Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Centre to team up to develop new cancer and AIDS drugs, Russian Deputy Prime Minister Tatyana Golikova said on Tuesday. “We will accept your invitation,” she said in a conversation with the Centre’s staff members. According to the Centre’s staff member, their laboratory does not yet have experience in cooperating with Russia but it already works together with research centres in Canada, the United States and Europe. “We will take this into consideration,” the Russian deputy prime minister noted. Golikova arrived in the Chinese capital of Beijing in the run-up to Russian Prime Minister Dmitry Medvedev’s visit, scheduled to take place on 5-7 November. While in Beijing, she will hold talks with her Chinese counterpart Sun Chunlan, attend the 19th meeting of the Russian-Chinese Association on Television Cooperation. In addition, she is also going to take part in a ceremony to launch an online section dedicated to humanitarian ties and interaction between both countries within the mobile app called “Russia and China: the Basics”.—Tass

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Hawking’s signed thesis, wheelchair auctioned in London

LONDON (United Kingdom)—A copy of Stephen Hawking’s doctoral thesis signed in a shaky hand was unveiled on Tuesday as the highlight of a new auction of the British physicist’s personal items in London.

One of Hawking’s wheelchairs, an early edition of his bestselling book “A Brief History of Time” marked with a thumbprint, and a script from one of the Simpsons, told AFP.

Hawking’s signed thesis, wheelchair auctioned in London

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A gallery assistant poses with a bomber jacket that belonged to late British theoretical physicist Stephen Hawking with an estimated price of £100-£150 GBP during a photocall for the sale of personal items from Hawking’s estate at Christie’s auction house in London on 30 October, 2018. PHOTO: AFP
**Myanmar to play against Bangladesh in Women’s Olympic Football Tournament Asian Qualifier**

Head coach U Win Thu Moe gives instructions to Myanmar national women’s players in a training session. **PHOTO: MFF**

Myanmar national women’s football squad is going to play its debut against Bangladesh in the Asian first round qualification of Women’s Olympic Football Tournament Tokyo 2020 at Thuwunna Stadium on 8 November.

As part of preparations for taking part in the Asian first round qualification of Women’s Olympic Football Tournament Tokyo 2020, Myanmar women’s squad went on a friendly tour to Mandalay from 16 to 27 October.

During the friendly tour, Myanmar women’s demonstrated five test matches against Aungmyathasan team, Mandalay regional coaches team, Marn youth team (A), Marn youth team (B) and Lucky Home team. Myanmar women’s saw four wins in the first four matches and a loss to the last one.

Myanmar women’s squad played a total of 9 test matches with seven wins, one draw and one loss. Now Myanmar women’s squad is in the training in Yangon. Myanmar will have to host the Asian first round qualification of Women’s Olympic Football Tournament Tokyo 2020 at Thuwunna Stadium from 8 to 13 November.

Myanmar women’s squad is in the same group together with Bangladesh, Nepal and India. Myanmar will play against Bangladesh on 8 November, Nepal on 11 November and India on 13 November. **—Htut Htut (Twantay)**

**MFF President U Zaw Zaw discusses Myanmar football arena development with FIFA President**

U ZAW ZAW, President of Myanmar Football Federation (MFF), who is currently visiting in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, held a cordial meeting with Mr Gianni Infantino, President of FIFA and focused on development of Myanmar football arena after attending the opening ceremony of AFC’s new office in Kuala Lumpur on 30 October.

U Zaw Zaw presented reports to Mr. Infantino on technical assistance and other necessary helps in an effort to develop football standard in Myanmar. After hearing the reports, Mr Infantino agreed to provide necessary assistance as to Myanmar football arena.

U Zaw Zaw and Mr Infantino mainly highlighted matters relating to youth development administration, national league and competition development, sports medicine, media and marketing development and technical assistance from FIFA. The president of the MFF and the FIFA’s president usually hold cordial meetings in times of FIFA congress meetings and AFC ones. Present on the opening ceremony of AFC’s new office in Kuala Lumpur were Mr. Gianni Infantino, President of FIFA, Mr Sheikh Salman, President of AFC, the officials of AFC, presidents and officials of AFC member countries and special guests. **—Htut Htut (Twantay)**

**Chelsea’s Ianni fined after Mourinho clash**

LONDON (United Kingdom)—Chelsea assistant coach Marco Ianni was fined £5,000 ($7,600) by the Football Association on Tuesday after his wild celebrations in front of Manchester United boss Jose Mourinho.

Ianni, who serves as one of Chelsea manager Maurizio Sarri’s assistants, sparked a touchline row after celebrating Ross Barkley’s late equaliser in Chelsea’s 2-2 draw against United at Stamford Bridge on 20 October.

“Chelsea coach Marco Ianni has been fined £5,000 after he admitted an FA improper conduct charge. It concerned his behaviour in the 90th minute of the game against Manchester United on October 20, 2018,” an FA statement read.

The FA also reminded Mourinho, Chelsea and United of their responsibilities in the aftermath of the explosive incident.

Mourinho was incensed by the way Ianni celebrated Barkley’s goal in front of the United bench, leading the former Chelsea boss to dart off his seat as he chased the Italian towards the tunnel.

The United manager received an apology from both Ianni and Sarri and said he considered the matter closed. But the FA opened disciplinary proceedings and Ianni has now been fined. **—AFP**

**AFC ‘B’ coaching certificate course opens**

The opening ceremony of AFC ‘B’ coaching certificate course organized took place at the meeting hall of the MFF on 30 October.

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Everton’s English striker Wayne Rooney warms up before the English Premier League football match between Burnley and Everton at Turf Moor in Burnley, north west England on 3 March, 2018. **PHOTO: AFP**

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“Chelsea coach Marco Ianni has been fined £5,000 after he admitted an FA improper conduct charge. It concerned his behaviour in the 90th minute of the game against Manchester United on October 20, 2018,” an FA statement read.

The FA also reminded Mourinho, Chelsea and United of their responsibilities in the aftermath of the explosive incident.

Mourinho was incensed by the way Ianni celebrated Barkley’s goal in front of the United bench, leading the former Chelsea boss to dart off his seat as he chased the Italian towards the tunnel.

The United manager received an apology from both Ianni and Sarri and said he considered the matter closed. But the FA opened disciplinary proceedings and Ianni has now been fined. **—AFP**

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