

# School textbook quality requisites discussed

UNION Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint attended and addressed an event held at the Ministry of Information yesterday morning, where the quality of the school textbooks was discussed.

At the event, the Union Minister said the Ministry of Information is working together with the Ministry of Education to print and distribute school textbooks for academic year 2019-2020. The textbooks will be jointly printed by Ministry of Information's Printing and Publishing Department (PPD), private businesses and companies, and the two ministries were working together, starting from tender works to purchase and import raw materials. JICA (Japan International Cooperation Agency) and CREATE (Curriculum Reform at Primary Level of Basic Education)



Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint addresses the meeting for printing and distributing school textbooks at the Ministry of Information yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

are much appreciated for coming to explain about the quality required in school textbooks said the Union Minister.

Next JICA CREATE Project Coordinator Ms. Hikari Miyahara explained about JICA work pro-

cess and CREATE project matters. This was followed by CREATE Project printing technician Mr. Fumitaka Sato explaining in detail about the printing quality and sturdiness in publishing school textbooks, findings from

surveying schools, paper and ink quality and quality control.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun said the quality of printing press is important in school textbook quality and this need to be dis-

cussed and officials from CREATE discussed and explained about this matter. Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun then explained about calling tenders to purchase and import raw materials and discussed on explaining and sharing printing technology with printers participating in the printing works.

Following this, Myanmar Printers & Publishers Association members, PPD Director General U Aung Myo Myint and Ministry of Education Director General U Ko Lay Win discussed on general matters and Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint delivered a closing speech. CREATE project is jointly implemented by Ministry of Education and JICA, starting from May 2014 and the project duration is up to 2021 March, it is learnt.—MNA ■

## Union Minister meets UN High Commissioner for Refugees

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye, who is also Vice-Chairman of the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD), is in Geneva, Switzerland, to attend the 69<sup>th</sup> session of the Executive Committee of the High Commissioner's Programme. The Union Minister met with Mr. Filippo Grandi, the UN High Commissioner for Refugees, at the UN office at 6:30pm local standard time yesterday. During the meeting, the Union Minister explained about the assistance given to the displaced people in sheltered camps in Kachin and Shan states, assistance provided to the IDP camps in Rakhine State, and the drafting of a master strategic plan to close down the various displaced people camps, set up for people fleeing from armed conflicts or battles all across Myanmar, that are no longer needed.

The Union Minister said Myanmar is endeavoring for rule of law, development, peace and reconciliation, and establishing a federal democratic union. Although we are facing negative consequences of the long-term internal conflicts, we are working with an authentic outlook for peace, development and reconciliation, he said.

He highlighted the imple-



Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye shakes hands with Mr. Filippo Grandi. PHOTO: MNA

mentation of the recommendations from Advisory Commission of Rakhine State to work with the existing laws and bylaws in repatriating the displaced people who fled from Rakhine State.

The Union Minister also discussed Myanmar's readiness to follow the agreements signed with the neighboring country, and how assistance is necessary from the associated countries and international organizations for long-term rehabilitation.

He said it is important for assistance for the displaced people to be distributed proportionately to the country that has accepted them and of the country of origin, in line with international agreements. He said the discussions for repatriation conducted between Bangladesh and Myanmar is of vital importance and that all corresponding matters need to be honest and transparent.

The UN High Commissioner for Refugees, in turn, said they

understand that the nature of reunification is diverse and carries multiple challenges. He said they will continue providing support concerning Myanmar and acknowledged Myanmar's step-by-step adherence to the repatriation process in Rakhine State, as well as its support and collaborations.

He said the UNHCR understands the importance of inclusive development and that the 'Solidarity Approach for the people of Rakhine State' has been compiled to strengthen the support form donor countries and international organizations for the displaced people between Myanmar and Bangladesh. It will be implemented after discussions with Myanmar and other relevant entities, he said. He urged representatives from Myanmar to attend a meeting on 22 October for the aforementioned approach, which will be held in Bangkok, Thailand.—MNA ■

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## Permanent Secretary appointed

THE Union Government has appointed Director-General U Kyaw Min Oo from the Union Minister's Office, under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, to assume the duties of Permanent Secretary. ■

## Independent Commission of Enquiry chairperson, member arrive

CHAIRPERSON of the Independent Commission of Enquiry, former Deputy Foreign Minister of the Philippines, former Chair and current Representative of the Philippines to CEDAW, Ambassador Rosario Manalo and member of the commission, former Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Emergency Relief Coordinator, former Permanent Representative of

Japan to the United Nations Ambassador Kenzo Oshima arrived in Myanmar by air for the third time yesterday afternoon.

They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Director-General of Strategic Studies and Training Department, Daw Kay Thi Soe, Deputy director-general of Ministry of Foreign Affairs, U Zaw Tun Oo and responsible officials. —MNA ■



Independent Commission of Enquiry chairperson Ambassador Rosario Manalo and member Kenzo Oshima welcomed by officials at the Yangon International Airport yesterday. PHOTO: MNA