

Vice President U Myint Swe receives Independent Commission of Enquiry

VICE President U Myint Swe received the Independent Commission of Enquiry and members led by Ambassador H.E. Rosario Manalo at the Envoys Hall of the Presidential Palace yesterday afternoon.

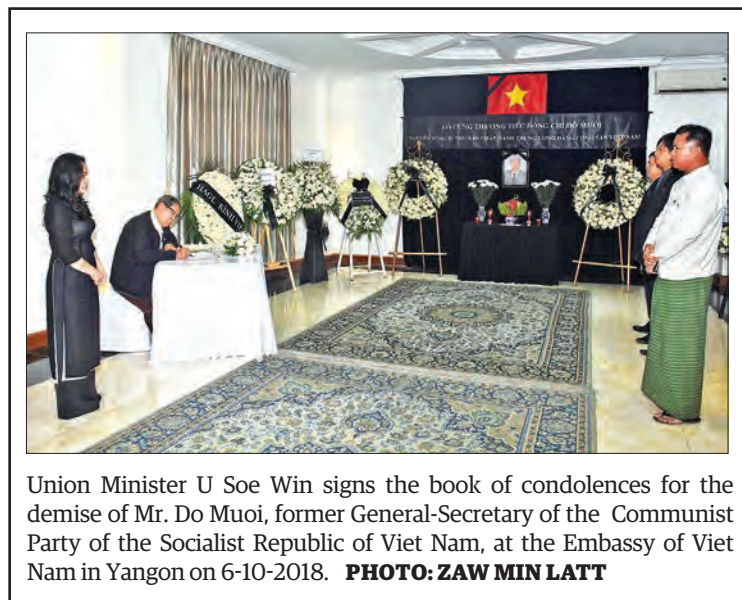
At the meeting matters relating to commission's field visit and action taken, activities of ARSA terrorist group, status of preparations made to receive returnees, status of cooperation with UNDP and UNHCR, works conducted by the State for Rakhine State stability and development and future works were discussed and views ex-

changed.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Minister for Ministry of State Counsellor's Office U Khin Maung Tin, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Permanent Secretary U Myint Thu and officials while Ambassador H.E. Rosario Manalo was accompanied by Independent Commission of Enquiry members U Myint Thein, Ambassador H.E. Mr. Kenzo Oshima, Prof. Dr. Aung Tun Thet and officials. — MNA ■



Vice President U Myint Swe holds talks with Ambassador H.E. Rosario Manalo at Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA



Union Minister U Soe Win signs the book of condolences for the demise of Mr. Do Muoi, former General-Secretary of the Communist Party of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, at the Embassy of Viet Nam in Yangon on 6-10-2018. PHOTO: ZAW MIN LATT

65 killed in 341 road accidents on Yangon-Mandalay highway from Jan to Sept

A TOTAL of 341 road accidents caused 65 fatalities and 629 injuries on the Yangon-Mandalay highway from January to September 2018 it is learnt. Following is the breakdown.

Month	Road accident cases	fatality	Injury
January	41	9	83
February	36	11	76
March	33	4	62
April	44	12	137
May	37	8	77
June	40	6	55
July	28	4	37
August	38	6	44
September	44	5	58
Total	341	65	629

— Than Oo (Laymyetna) ■

National Scrutiny Card issued to workers in industrial zones in Yangon

MINISTRY of Labour, Immigration and Population launched a program yesterday to issue National Scrutiny Card to about 8,000 workers in industrial zones in Yangon Region.

The ministry has conducted the two-month project making a field trip to factories in the industrial zones after it received the statistics that about 8,000 workers, out of 400,000 at factories in industry zones in the region, have no national scrutiny card due to several reasons.

The ceremony to launch the project was held at the office of the Thakayta Industry Zone Supervisory Committee in Thakayta Township yesterday.

Since its taking office, the incumbent government has carried out the project namely "Thitsar" sending the immigration officials door to door to issue the National Scrutiny Card to the people at homes, to school children aged 10 and above at schools, and to internal migrant workers at work sites, according to the ministry.

During the period from 1 May, 2016 to 30 September, 2018 of the Thitsar Project, the ministry issued household certificates to 42,528 families of internal migrant workers, National Scrutiny Card to 8,410 workers, and 952,962 school children, said Union Minister for Labour, Im-

migration and Population U Thein Swe.

In Yangon Region, the ministry issued household certificates to 11,631 families, National Scrutiny Card to 1,490 to the family members and 3,971 workers.

In the 2018-2019 Academic Year, the ministry issued National Scrutiny Card to 33,024 school children so far, according to the ministry.

"It is found that some workers lost their opportunities for getting legal oversea jobs as they have no National Scrutiny Card and also social security benefits," said Union Minister U Thein Swe.—Thi Thi Min ■

Myanmar's economy expected to grow 7.4 pct this FY 2018-19

THE ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO) has forecast that Myanmar's economy is expected to grow 7.4 percent in this new fiscal year 2018-19 which started on October 1.

The AMRO has recently established the annual consultation report on Myanmar, based on its annual consultation visit to Myanmar from May 15 to 25 and data available up to June 29 this year.

The AMRO has forecast that the country's economy has reached on a gradual recovery path in last FY 2017-18 as it grew to 6.8 percent in FY 2017-18, up from 5.9 percent in FY 2016-17.

The country's economic recovery will be supported by

sustained inflow of foreign direct investment, improving investment sentiment and continuing strong growth in garment exports and domestic consumption, the report said.

Also, inflation rate is forecast to stabilize at 5.0 percent in this FY 2018-19, but inflation may be boosted on account of depreciation when the stronger U.S. dollar will exert downward pressure on the kyat.

Moreover, structural reforms including hard and soft infrastructure and the regulatory and legal environment are reportedly needed to develop a market-based economy targeting inclusive economic growth. The accelerating structural

reforms will boost private sector development and upgrading the key infrastructure including electricity, and logistics could provide an attractive environment for investment and trade in the country, the report added.

The AMRO also urged to upgrade the country's education system, focusing on vocational training to provide the necessary skill sets and talents to meet the needs of the economy.

The AMRO, an international organization, is established to contribute to securing the economic and financial stability of the ASEAN+3 regions, comprising of ASEAN members and China, Japan and South Korea. — Xinhua ■

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Rakhine State issue

The necessary arrangements for repatriation, relief and resettlement have now been undertaken in accordance with the bilateral arrangement signed by Myanmar and Bangladesh on 23 November 2017.

The Independent Commission of Enquiry (ICOE) consisting of two well-known international personalities and two local experts was established in accordance with the law. This Commission is tasked to investigate allegations of human rights violations and the related issues of terrorist attacks. There will be cooperation and collaboration among relevant departments and organizations, the security forces and the ICOE.

(Excerpt from the report on the current work of the Union Government, delivered at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 19 September 2018)



Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko (right) accepts Ks 200 million donated by Shwe Parami Tawra Sayadaw Ashin Sandadika, Agga Maha Siri Suddhama Mani Jotadhara U Shein Win and Daw Khin Cho Oo (Tat Lann Company) for the construction of Eternal Peace Pagoda. **PHOTO: MNA**

Cash contributed to construction of Eternal Peace Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw

THE third cash donation ceremony for the Eternal Peace Pagoda which is under construction in Nay Pyi Taw was held at the Vijaya Mingalar Dhamma Hall on Kaba Aye Hillock in Mayangon Township, Yangon yesterday.

Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko and the audience received Five Precepts from Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dhaja Shwe Parami Tawra Sayadaw Ashin Sandadika.

Union Minister then presented offertories to Shwe Parami Tawra Sayadaw.

For the construction of Eternal Peace Pagoda, Shwe Parami Tawra Sayadaw Ashin Sandadika and Agga Maha Siri Suddhama Mani Jotadhara U Shein Win, Daw Khin Cho Oo (Tat Lann Company) and family donated Ks 200 million each, and Dr Tint Soe Linn, sister Daw Pwint Mar Khaing and relatives (Shwe Pu Zun family) and U Myo Thwin and Daw Khaing Su Mon (Shwe Pann Taing Trading Company) family donated Ks 100

million each.

U Thein Han (Tokyo Pipe & Excel Hotel Group) and wife Dr Thi Thi and family donated Ks 50 million, U Kyaw Myint (representative of Union Peace Conference-21st Century Panglong), Daw Win Myint (Taw Win Pann Pharmaceutical Company) and family donated Ks 29 million, Mr Jain Glover-Daw Myat Thet Saw (Myat Kan Moe Enterprise Co., Ltd) and U Yan Aung-Siha Suddhama Singi Daw Yin Shwin (New Star Gem Jewelry) family donated Ks 10 million each.

Suddhama Mani Jotadhara U Myo Nyunt and Daw Tin Tin Myint (Moe Yan Shwe Lamin & Myat Su Kaday) and family donated Ks 5.4 million, U Thein Maung, Daw Par Par (Sandi herbal medicine) family donated Ks 5.004 million, Siha Suddhama Singi Daw Tin Nu (Yoke Pyo Company) and Siha Suddhama Singi U Shein Myint, Siha Suddhama Singi Daw Khin Than Myint (Pa Pa Win Jewelry) and family donated Ks 5 million each, and Chairman of All Myanmar

Tamil Hindu Foundation U Thein Lwin and family donated Ks 3,333,333.

Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko accepted the donation and presented certificates of honor to the donors in return.

Later, Union Minister deliver a speech of appreciation to the donors after which Shwe Parami Tawra Sayadaw Ashin Sandadika delivered a sermon and the audience shared the merits gained.

A total of Ks756,537,333 from 42 donors were presented for the construction of Eternal Peace Pagoda in the ceremony.

In the afternoon, at the Yangon branch office of Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, Mogok Aung Sakyar Monastery, Thaketa Township Nayaka Sayadaw Dr Sanda Thiri donated Ks 5 million and relics of the Arahants to the Eternal Peace Pagoda. Union Minister accepted the donations and the relics and presented certificate of honor in return.—MNA ■

Outstanding farmers in Pyinmana honoured by Agri company

MYANMAR Agri Foods Co., Ltd. honor partner farmers and present agriculture performance awards at a ceremony held in Mingala Byuha Sasana Beikman, Pyinmana, Nay Pyi Taw Council yesterday morning.

At the ceremony, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Tint, heads of departments from Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Myanmar Agri Foods Co., Ltd. Chairman U Ye Myint Maung, officials from Ayeyawady Agriculture company, Biosupreme Co., Ltd. and Big-M Co., Ltd. presented crop wise agriculture performance awards to farmers and gifts of honors to partner farmers of Myanmar Agri Foods Co., Ltd.

At the ceremony Myanmar Agri Foods Co., Ltd. Chairman U Ye Myint Maung said Myanmar farmers were able to produce many agriculture products but were weak in exporting the products to foreign markets. Based on the fact that purchasing agriculture products from the farmers and exporting would increase the farmers' income, the company started this business. Farmers partnering with the company will have a firm market and profit. If water is available all year round, they can plant about four crops and earn more income. The company provided

technical and other supports to partner farmers, purchase back the products, prepare, pack and export it.

Director-General U Kyaw Swe Lin from Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation said agriculture products from Myanmar were exported without proper packing or preparation in the raw status to neighboring countries. By value adding through preparation and packaging like Myanmar Agri Foods Co., Ltd. means that the products need not rely only on neighboring countries' market. This processing and value adding allow expansion of market as well as assuring a market for the products. It is important for such processing and packaging factories to be in operation and this depends on the farmers too. As the company provides a firm market for the farmers and farmers produces the products, the company and farmers need to build up mutual trust, said U Kyaw Swe Lin.

Myanmar Agri Foods Co., Ltd. is located near Kyi In Village beside the Nay Pyi Taw by-pass road and is exporting frozen vegetables while working together with partner farmers to expand the production and processing of farm products, it is learnt.—MNA ■



An official presents agricultural performance award to an outstanding farmer. **PHOTO: MNA**