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State Counsellor highlights protecting nature, traditional textiles on Chin State trip

State Counsellor meets with local people in Haka, Falam, Tiddim

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi continued her tour of Chin State yesterday, attending a ceremony to inaugurate the Chin traditional archway in Haka and meeting with people in Falam.

First, the State Counsellor unveiled Haka City View Point Tower offering scenic views of Haka and the Chin traditional archway with Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Ye Aung, U Min Thu, Dr. Aung Thu, and U Htalar Ha Ye, a representative of local people. Afterwards, she visited the No. 2 Basic Education High School in Haka and met with school children.

She also visited the Haka College and observed teaching and learning methods at the campus before proceeding to Falam.



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi poses for the documentary photo together with children at the meeting with local people in Tiddim.
PHOTO: THET AUNG

Democracy needs close relations between government and people

The State Counsellor met with local people at the town hall and expressed her eagerness to meet with locals whenever she travels in the country, saying that a democratic system requires close relations between the government and the people.

"I attach a high value to such close meetings with the people," said the State Counsellor, recounting her experience of meeting with villagers when she toured Chin State by car in 2014.

She said she appreciated the 2014 visit as she gained several opportunities to meet with local people, and recounted how furniture was provided to two schools near Falam and a generator was given to another school by the Daw Khin Kyi Foundation during that trip. She said she arranged to meet people as she did not get much occasions for such meetings since the ruling party took office because as a leader of the government, she has to give time to other duties.

> ... I also noticed Chin State needs to conserve the environment in the long run. What I mean is forest depletion ...

Warning on forest depletion

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said when she flew to Chin State by helicopter she was delighted by its beauty.

"I also noticed Chin State needs to conserve the environment in the long run. What I mean is forest depletion," said the State Counsellor. "We live in the world for a while. During the time we are alive, we, human beings, have to take responsibility to conserve the environment, including land and water resources."

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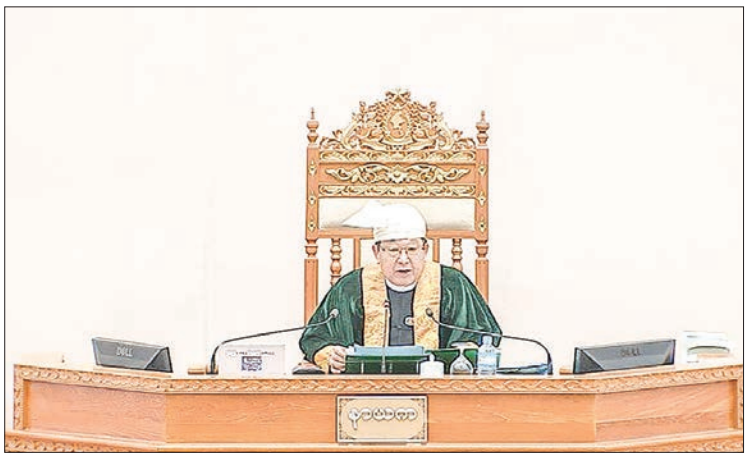


Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw eleventh regular session planned to be two months long

By Naing Naing Hmway
PHOTO: AYE THAN

Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 11th regular session starts off yesterday afternoon at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw.



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat deliver message of greeting

First, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat delivered a message of greeting saying Hluttaw representatives who are serving in the legislative sector are expected to continue their works for the country and the people with cooperation based on mutual understanding and respect and with new mind and new views on the New Year.

The tenure of the Second Hluttaws will reach three years soon.

As experiences are gained the remaining term of the Hluttaw should be used effectively for the benefit of the people and country and Hluttaw duties should be performed successfully. Based on the wishes and requirements of the constituents, solutions and answers for fair and equitable development of the entire union should be found through discussion.

At the moment the people are having a strong desire and expectation on the establishment of a federal democracy union that will ease and smooth their daily socio-economic matters and for security of their lives. Hluttaw representatives are believed and expected to cooperate with unbiased "cetana" (volition and intention), correct work processes and great foresights. All are urged to overcome the difficulties and obstacles faced with truth, fairness and correct discussions to fulfill the expectations and wishes of the people.

During the planned two months duration of the eleventh regular session of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, Hluttaw representatives are required to cooperate and participate without delay in the approval of laws as well as other Hluttaw related work processes.

A total of 33 bills are under processing, 6 in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, 19 in Pyithu Hluttaw and 8 in Amyotha Hluttaw. These bills are urged to be prioritized according to subject and requirement and processed accordingly.

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Pyithu Hluttaw

2nd Pyithu Hluttaw's 11th regular session convenes

By Aye Aye Thant (MNA)

AT the Second Pyithu Hluttaw's 11th regular session that convened at the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat delivered a message of greeting, asterisk-marked questions were raised and answered and a motion tabled.



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat. **PHOTO: MNA**

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker delivers a message of greeting

After three Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw representatives that hadn't sworn-in yet do so and signed the oath of office in the presence of Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker delivered his message of greeting. He said that in the eleventh session 19 bills will be discussed. There'll be 14 motions to discuss and 149 asterisk marked questions. He continued and said the democracy transition period is still very short and much still need to be done to achieve the democracy norms. Hluttaw representatives must firmly bear in mind that they are mainly responsible to strengthen the democracy rights. Hluttaw representatives are urged to do the best they can to use the legislative power granted by the people to raise the lives of the people. Hluttaw representatives are attending the Hluttaw meetings on behalf of the people and it is important to conduct their works according to Hluttaw law, rules and procedures. The tenure of the Second Hluttaws will reach three years soon. Review the strengths and weaknesses during this period and work in the best way for the people during the remaining term. The constituents selected and entrusted the Hluttaw representatives and the performance of the legislative sector will remain high only when Hluttaw representatives perform their duties and responsibilities in the best possible way. In addition to performing legislative, check and balance functions, Hluttaw representatives are to perform the development duties of their respective constituencies too. Only then will the constituent trust and depend more on you. Therefore, all are urged to perform for the benefit of the people and national interest said the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker.

Hluttaw confirms the reassignment and replacement of committee chairmen and members

After delivering his message of greeting Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker obtained the confirmation of the Hluttaw on reassigning of chairmen and members and replacement of members of Pyithu Hluttaw committees.

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Amyotha Hluttaw

First meeting of 2nd Amyotha Hluttaw's 11th regular session begins

By Aung Ye Thwin

THE first meeting of the second Amyotha Hluttaw's 11th regular session was held yesterday at the Amyotha Hluttaw meeting hall, where Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than delivered the welcoming message and swore in new representatives.

During the meeting, asterisk-marked questions were asked and answered, and a report was read.



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than. **PHOTO: MNA**

Swearing-in of new Tatmadaw Hluttaw representatives

New Tatmadaw Hluttaw representatives were sworn in before the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker, Mahn Win Khaing Than, and signed the swearing-in the oath of office.

Welcoming speech and briefing by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker

In his welcoming speech, the Speaker said, he believed that all the Amyotha Hluttaw representatives had conducted their field studies in order to listen to the voices of the difficulties, desires, wants and requirements of the regional development in their respective constituencies. In order to fulfill the requirements of the people, it was also needed to raise questions, put forward motions and make laws in accordance with their respective committee-wise procedures. In doing so, the system of separation of power has divided the tasks of the state into three powers; legislative, executive and judicial while carrying out these tasks in accordance with the set laws, rules, regulations and procedures.

Then Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than wished all the Hluttaw representatives in good health, wealth and prosperity so that they could serve the interests of their constituencies, people and the country.

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State Counsellor highlights protecting nature, …





State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi formally opens Haka City View Point Tower in Haka Township, Chin State. **PHOTO: THET AUNG**

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"We are not owners of land and water resources. We are caretakers. So, we have to understand that we have to conserve them and pass them to the next generation in good condition," said the State Counsellor.

"Even more important is the socio environment, and all the national brethren of Myanmar have to take responsibility for their attitude, because the current generation has an opportunity, to a certain extent, to influence the attitude the next generation adopts," she said.

"I would like to urge the current generation to make the best of use of opportunities to cultivate the next generation," said the State Counsellor.

We must support the eager Chin youth

"We arrived at a basic education high school in the morning, and also Haka College. I saw that the youth of Chin State have a strong desire for education. Something rather unique was that they also show interest in working in the education, agriculture and administration sectors. This factor puts it a little ahead of the other states and regions I have been to. It is also a positive sign for the youth to want to work in those areas because we need to nurture our younger generation in those sectors."

"I urge the elders to instill a sense of nationalism for the benefit of the State and ethnic races in the minds of your children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Teach them to consider not just themselves and their families, but also the entire Union. It is more important to instill a sense of altruism in the children who wish to become teachers, because each one of them will be responsible for thousands of students."

Chin blankets, traditional outfits should be encouraged

"If you have anything you would like to tell me, feel free to do so. I would also like to share with you some thoughts I had while on my way here. When I was younger, blankets from Chin State were the most valued, and they were really of good quality too. I remember each of us were given a Chin blanket each and no matter how old and worn out it got we didn't want to throw it away. Growing up, I only used two blankets and I still have the Chin blanket my father received as a present. That's how much we value them."

"I want to revitalize the market for Chin blankets. In our modern age we don't need to make the entire blanket out of wool but I want to bring back the Chin blankets woven with organic materials. The Union and state governments should help in on this too. Private businesses should consider investing in this too."

> "The traditional outfits of Chin people are also attractive. I want the traditional weavers to be protected from fading away: State Counsellor

"The traditional outfits of Chin people are also attractive. I want the traditional weavers to be protected from fading away. The southern Chin use natural thread for their fabric and they enjoy moderate success in turning it into a business. The end product is expensive but the quality is well worth it."

"I also see that the outfit for Chin women are a bit heavier. I consider this means the Chin women are naturally strong to be able to wear their traditional outfits for years. I think the children here need to grow a bit more. It's important for them to have sufficient nutrition. That's why I want the State government to educate the people on nutrition. Please be mindful of your children's health. I am overjoyed that the parents here greatly encourage their children's education. Please continue to do so. The government will continue to support you in education and healthcare."

The local people then submitted the requirements for their regional development, and officials replied to them. The State Counsellor then handed over 100 sacks of rice and 100 viss of edible oil to the local people and cordially greeted them.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with students at Haka College in Chin State yesterday. **PHOTO: THET AUNG**

State Counsellor highlights protecting nature, …



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi responds to queries submitted by local people in Falam Township, Chin State. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meeting with school children at No. 2 Basic Education High School in Haka. **PHOTO: THET AUNG**

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To Tiddim Township

In the evening, the State Counsellor and entourage travelled by military helicopter to Tiddim Township and met with local people at the town hall.

The State Counsellor said she saw numerous signboards with the words 'The brave are successful' and considers this a representation of the Chin people because it takes considerable bravery to live up in the mountain range. She acknowledged the fact that the weather can be harsh and the geography of the area makes travel more precarious than other states, implying that the Chin people are capable of living in these conditions.

The State Counsellor said the Union government always has plans to prioritize development in Chin State. She said one of the two requests she has received is to assimilate Tiddim and Tonzang townships and expand it into Tiddim District. She said this will take time and must be done step by step.

The State Counsellor said the other request is to install a major power grid in Tiddim Township in the 2019-2020 fiscal year. She said the relevant ministry has proposed to complete this request in the same fiscal year, and she hopes this answer is satisfactory.

> Children should be involved in community discussions as it concerns their future as well: State Counsellor

Opening new educational institutes

Regarding education, the State Counsellor said there are also requests to open a government technical high school and a government technical institute (GTI) in Tiddim. She said there is already a technical high school in the area and another one is slated to be opened in Paletwa Tsp. She said it will take some time to open a GTI in Tiddim.

The State Counsellor said there were children sitting in the front row listening to her speeches during her campaigns in Chin State. Children should be involved in community discussions as it concerns their future as well, said the State Counsellor. She said the children may not fully understand everything but the discussions are a matter pertaining to everyone. She said we must instill the idea that democracy concerns everyone from a young age, no matter if they are young or old, healthy or disabled. She said this also encourages discipline as it teaches children to be respect the rules and be civilized during discussions.

The State Counsellor told the local people they can talk about their aspirations and inquire about the government during her brief meeting with them. She said she will try her best to answer all their questions.

The local people then submitted the requirements of the region and officials replied in accordance with their respective sector. The State Counsellor provided suggestions where necessary and greeted the local people with warmth and affection. —MNA ■

(Translated by AMS and Zaw Htet Oo)



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with local people in Tiddim Township, Chin State. **PHOTO: MNA**

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing returns from Laos, receives Chief of Royal Thai Navy



Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets with Chief of Royal Thai Navy Admiral Luechai Ruddit in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party left Lao People's Democratic Republic, Wattay International Airport yesterday morning and were welcomed on arrival at Nay Pyi Taw by Tatmadaw Deputy Commander-in-Chief and Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice Senior General Soe Win, Chief of General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Mya Tun Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Tin Aung San, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Maung Maung Kyaw, high ranking officers from Commander-in-Chief Office, Lao Assistant Military Attache Lt-Col Latsamy Keomixay and officials.

Later in the afternoon, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Chief of Royal Thai Navy Admiral Luechai Ruddit at Zeyathiri Beikman, Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting matters relating to requirements to increase friendship between the two armed forces, conducting friendly sports competitions and cultural exchanges, requirement to conduct joint trainings to assist in the event of natural disaster, cooperation among ASEAN navies, exchanging friendly visits of naval vessels and exchanging experiences were discussed according to news released by the office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

President's Office continues announcement of illegal drug arrests, seizures acting on tip-offs

THE Office of the President issued Press Release No. 3/2019 yesterday, publicly announcing the Ministry of Home Affairs' arrests and seizures in the fight against illicit drug trafficking up till 19 January.

The ministry made the arrests, acting on information, sent to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department of the Office of the President as of 19 January.

The full text of the press release will be reported in the 23 January issue of The Global New Light of Myanmar.—GNLM

Union Supreme Court sits to pass judgment, hear civil cases

CHIEF JUSTICE of the Union U Htun Htun Oo, Supreme Court judges U Aung Zaw Thein and U Myo Tint of Special Appellate Bench sits at Union Supreme Court room number 1 yesterday morning and passed judgment on eleven (Certiorari) civil cases and heard one (Certiorari) criminal case and five (Certiorari) civil cases. —MNA *(Translated by Zaw Min)*

India suspends border bridge with Reedhorda in Chin State

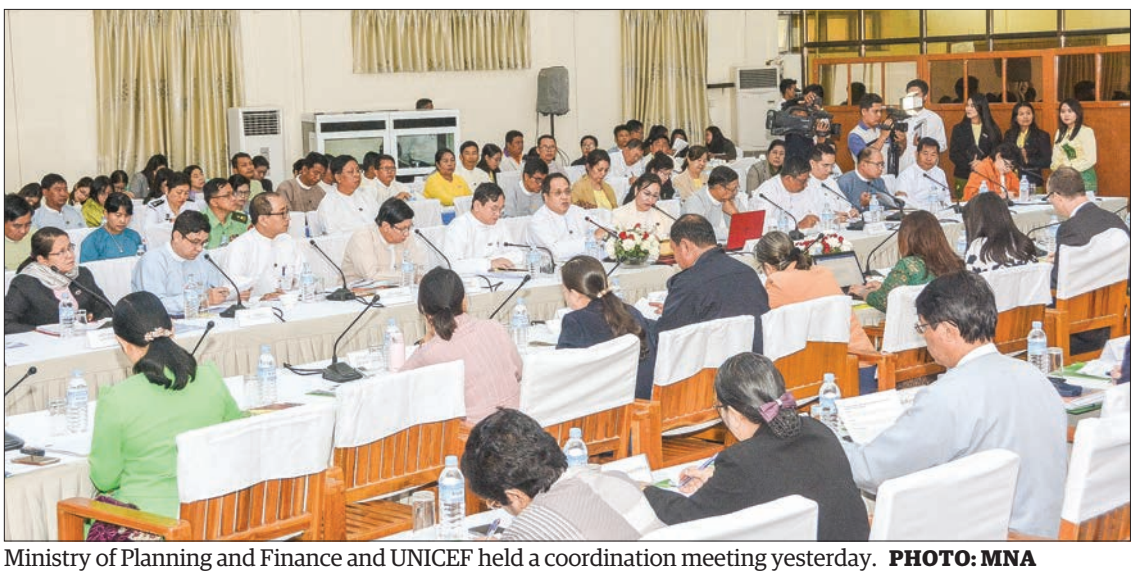
India suspended travel through the border gate at Reedhorda in Chin State on 21 and 22 January and will also suspend travel on 25 and 26 January, according to local authorities.

The bridge was suspended on 21 and 22 January when India's Lt-Gen Sangwan, Director General of the Assam Army of India, was visiting the area. The bridge will be suspended again on 25 and 26 January while India is celebrating their 70th Republic Day.

U Kyin Lin Khaing, Head of Reedhorda General Administration Office, confirmed the information yesterday. He said, "A border trade camp on India's side was temporarily closed due to a trip by India's high ranking officer. India will temporarily close the border gate on 25 and 26 January because they will celebrate the Republic Day."

When asked about the temporary closure of the border gate, a director of the Directorate of Trade replied that his ministry has not yet received an official notice. — Han Lin Naing *(Translated by Myat Thandar Aung)*

CSO, UNICEF hold preliminary talks on needs of children in Myanmar



Ministry of Planning and Finance and UNICEF held a coordination meeting yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Central Statistical Organization, under the Ministry of Planning and Finance, and UNICEF held a preliminary coordination meeting titled 'Fulfilling the Developmental Needs of Every Child in Myanmar' at office No. 32 yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance, U Set Aung, delivered the opening speech at the meeting. UNICEF Representative Ms. June Kunugi also delivered remarks.

Next, Dr. Wah Wah Maung, Director-General of the Central Statistical Organization, explained considerations for setting policies based on the discussions made at the high-level conference 'New Aims, New Results'.

The coordination meeting then began the discussion session, led by U Tun Tun Naing, permanent secretary of the Ministry of Planning and Finance. The Ministry of Health and Sports discussed 'Ensuring every child receives the best head start in life', the Ministry of Education discussed 'Every child should have access to high-quality education', the Ministry of Home Affairs discussed 'Safeguarding children from violence, trafficking, and extortion', the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement discussed 'Reducing risks of poverty and natural disaster for children and providing protection', and the Ministry of Planning and Finance discussed 'Ensuring effective strategies and dividing funds'.

Attendees then began parallel group discussions on the topics considered during the discussion session. The different groups then made a presentation on their discussions, led by UNICEF Deputy Representative Mr. Paul Edwards.

This coordination meeting aims to uncover the main development results for children in Myanmar beginning from 2016, evaluate whether there is coherence with the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP), and as a preliminary discussion ahead of the 'Forum for Fulfilling the Developmental Needs of Every Child in Myanmar', to be held on 28 January.

The meeting was attended by 200 participants including relevant department officials from various ministries, representatives from associate development organizations, and officials from CSO. —MNA *(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)*

MOI holds coord meeting to commemorate birthday of Bogyoke Aung San



Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint addresses the coordination meeting for organizing Bogyoke Aung San's birthday anniversary in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

A coordination meeting was held at Ministry of Information meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning to successfully commemorate the anniversary of the birthday of Independence Architect Bogyoke Aung San that will be on 13 February 2019.

At the meeting Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint spoke of including the early life of Bogyoke, efforts toward independence, background political history related to Bodyoke, his speeches, books on him, audio and video records, timeline of Bogyoke's life and photographs in the exhibition.

The Union Minister invited discussions and suggestions on conducting recitation competition of poems related to Bogyoke and competition of youngsters acting like Bogyoke while giving speeches of Bogyoke in school, conducting talks on the outstanding qualities of Bogyoke and where and how it will be commemorated in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay as well as other towns and cities in states and regions. Next Deputy Minister U Win Maw Tun discussed and explained about setting specific aims and goals for the event and to implement it accordingly, work processes in conducting the event at the national and regional level and holding of Bogyoke Aung San birthday anniversary exhibitions and competitions. Meeting attendees discussed on holding various events and competitions and Deputy Ministers U Aung Hla Tun and U Win Maw Tun provided additional discussion on work requirements. In his concluding speech at the meeting, Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint spoke of the requirement to highlight the efforts made by Bogyoke Aung San for the country and independence, his honesty, love for truth and courage especially for these to be instilled in the mind of youngsters and for them to admire and imitate. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Union Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo receives PWC Consortium group

UNION Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo received PWC Consortium group led by Mr. Subhrendu Chatterji yesterday morning at Union Attorney General Office meeting hall. PWC Consortium is implementing UK government's technical support program.

At the meeting, Union Attorney General discussed about Attorney General Office's works related to legislative, administrative and judicial sectors, efforts towards rule of law, improving legal frameworks in investment and finance sectors and cooperation with international organizations on money laundering while PWC Consortium group leader discussed and explained about improving economic contact with Myanmar, technical support provided toward financial market development, intellectual property and financial market work projects to be conducted in six southeast Asian countries including Myanmar. Afterwards cordial and open discussions were held on conducting courses on financial market and intellectual property.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Attorney General U Win Myint and directors general. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

UCSB conducts English Language Proficiency Course for government officials in Nay Pyi Taw



Union Civil Service Board member U Saw Valentine delivers the speech at the opening ceremony of the English Language Proficiency Course for government officials. **PHOTO: MNA**

AN opening ceremony of the English Language Training for Government Officials was conducted yesterday morning in the meeting hall of the Union Civil Service Board, Nay Pyi Taw, where member of the Union Civil Service Board (UCSB) U Saw Valentine attended the ceremony, and delivered an opening speech.

The English Language Proficiency Course for Government Officials was jointly conducted by the UCSB and the Victoria University in New Zealand.

At the ceremony, New Zealand's Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Steve Marshall extended his greetings and posed for documentary photographs together with the trainees.

The training course comprises the subjects relating to strategies for the reforms of the government employees, definition of good governance and its appliances, transparency, responsibility, accountability, integrity, leadership skills, equality, people-centered leadership, work productivity, gaining people's trust and e-government. The training course put emphasis on vocabulary enrichment and improving spoken English fluency and writing meeting minutes, with the use of modern teaching techniques for the trainees.

The first session of the course will be conducted from 21 January to 28 February, the second session from 6 May to 11 July, and the third session from 9 September to 14 November. —MNA

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

Mandalay Gems and Jewellery Fair fetches K670 mln, US $5,000

MANDALAY Yadana Mall International Gems and Jewellery Fair-2019 fetched K670 million and US$ 5,000 in its five-day sales, according to Mandalay Yadanar Mall Gems Entrepreneurs Development Committee Secretary U Thein Win.

The sales launched on 15 January and ended on 19 January, attracting about 30,000 local traders and about 1,144 gem merchants from foreign countries.



On the last day of the expo, Vice Chairman of Jade Association of China Mr. Lekyuwai visited and gave honorable gifts for the memorial of the expo.

The closing ceremony of Mandalay Yatanar Mall International Gems and Jewellery Fair-2019 held on 19 January at 6 pm. People from respective organizations were awarded honorable certificates and also awarded prizes to winners at jewelry design competition.— Min Htet Aung (Mann Sub-Printing House)

(Translated by Myat Thandar Aung)

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Proposals to use township wise Pyidaungsu Hluttaw related development funds were informed to be submitted at the latest on 31 January 2019. To date 262 townships had made submissions and permissions were granted to 196 townships. Townships that had made submissions made without specified documents were requested to submit the required documents and townships that hadn't made submissions yet are to submit it within the specified time.

Furthermore, the assessment and inspection report of development works in 2017-2018 by office of the Union Auditor General still contain weaknesses and shortcomings of last year and township implementation groups are being informed further to conduct according to related law, processes and regulations.

Coming together from the constituencies to Nay Pyi Taw where the Hluttaw is situated is to attend and the Hluttaw regular sessions on behalf of the constituents and to attend, participate and discuss in related committee meetings as well as to cooperated in other Hluttaw works. The regular attendance and obtaining solutions at the regular session of the Hluttaw show each individual Hluttaw representative fulfilling the individual duties, responsibilities and following of ethics and regulations. It also shows the appropriateness of the representatives to the rights, responsibilities and entitlements accorded to them and thus all are urged to attend and participate as much as possible in the Hluttaw regular sessions and related Hluttaw committee meetings. Emphasis must be placed for country and the people when conducting future works with increasing momentum exerting utmost mental and physical efforts. All are urged to participate physically and mentally in unity toward the establishment of a democracy federal union that will allow ethnic national and people all over the country to live peacefully, safely and stably without disintegration said the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker.



Joint Public Account Committee member U Aung Min.



Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo.

Unanimous acceptance of Vienna Convention on Road traffic, signs and signals

Following the greeting speech of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker, Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo explained about acceding to Vienna Convention on Road Traffic 1968 and Vienna Convention on Road Signs and Signals 1968.

As the Hluttaw unanimously decided to accede to the two conventions after Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker obtained the decision of the Hluttaw, an announcement was made of the Hluttaw's consent.

Reading of Joint Bill Committee reports

Next, Joint Bill Committee members U Aung Kyi Nyunt and U Nay Myo Tun read the committee reports on Myanmar Traditional Medicine Council bill and second amendment to the Settlement of the Labour Dispute Law. After reading of each report, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to table amendment bill and to submit their names.

Reading of Joint Public Account Committee report

Afterwards Joint Public Account Committee member U Aung Min read a report of the committee's findings and comments on issuing of 2018 mid-term debt management strategy sent by the Union government and tabled a motion for Hluttaw to discuss it.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the matter to register their names.

Explanation on tax collection, six month national plan report and six month budget report

As a final agenda of the day Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance gave detailed and extensive explanation on tax collection by nine departments during six month period of 2018 April to September, National Planning report for the six month period of 2018 April to September and the budget report for the six month period of 2018 April to September. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker concluded the meeting after announcing that Joint Public Account Committee report on its findings and comments on the matter will be read and discussed. The second day meeting of the eleventh regular session of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will continue on 24 January it is learnt. ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Union Minister U Ohn Maung attends ASEAN Tourism Forum 2019, related meetings

U Ohn Maung, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism, and his delegation attended the ASEAN Tourism Forum 2019 (ATF) and its related meetings held from 14 to 18 January at the FLC Convention Center of FLC Bay Resort in Ha Long Bay, Viet Nam.

The Union Minister attended the forum's opening ceremony on 16 January, the 22nd ASEAN Tourism Ministers Meeting on 17 January, and the 18th ASEAN Plus Three Tourism Ministers Meeting and 7th ASEAN-India Tourism Ministers Meeting on 18 January.

The various meetings shared statistics and investment news on tourism development in ASEAN countries and partner countries, plans for China, Japan, South Korea and India to reduce visa restrictions in order to increase tourism, introducing Myanmar's new tourism campaign – 'Myanmar, Be Enchanted', and confirming Myanmar's active participation in promoting regional tourism. The Union Minister also participated in discussions on the completed processes of the ASEAN Tourism Committee Meetings and the National Tourism Organizations' work plans in 2018, and setting policies for the work plans in 2019.



U Ohn Maung attends an ASEAN tourism meeting in Viet Nam. **PHOTO: MNA**

On 18 January, the Union Minister attended the ASEAN Tourism Ministers Press Conference, ASEAN Tourism Awards, and the closing ceremony of the ATF 2019.

Myanmar won several of the 142 ASEAN Tourism Awards handed out at the forum. Kyite Thale Village in Twantay Tsp, Yangon Region and Saethel Village in Mandalay Region won the ASEAN Community Based Tourism Awards, while the ASEAN Public Toilet Award was given to the public toilets in Mingun tourism area, between 26th and 27th street and 70th street in Chanayetharzan Tsp in Mandalay Region, and in the Ocean Supercenter in Ottarathiri Tsp in Nay Pyi Taw.

During his trip, Union Minister U Ohn Maung also visited the Myanmar exhibition booth opened at the ASEAN Tourism Expo 2019 held at Quang Ninh Exhibition of Planning and Expo Center. The Union Minister also met with delegations from the ASEAN-China Center, ASEAN-Korea Center, Pacific-Asia Tourism Association, and Mekong Tourism Cooperation Office and discussed cooperation in promoting tourism, services, and capacity building.

The Union Minister and delegation also toured Viet Nam's famous Ha Long Bay on a ship on 19 January. They observed the captivating natural landscapes, tourists roaming the area, and enjoyed the voyage while noticing the tourism development efforts behind it. The delegation returned to Myanmar in the evening. —MNA *(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)*

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Synergy between State and people will drive development

AT the inauguration of the Tikir Dam and Hydropower Station in Thantlang Township of Chin State on 20 January, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi spoke of individual responsibility of all ethnic brothers and sisters and citizens of Myanmar, and the importance of cultivating a mindset of accountability and assisting the nation. She said the most essential requirement of the government for completing its tasks is to listen to the voice of the people.

A government is a system that assumes the responsibility of bringing benefits to a nation and its people. To this end, a government needs to know the actual needs and wishes of the people in order to gain their trust. This is why we can see the State Counsellor opening possibilities for the people to speak their mind during her trips.

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The State Counsellor has explained the role of the nation and the value of citizens saying, "a nation is a nation because of citizens that constitute it, not the other way round".

A 'nation' refers to the sovereignty that allows society to control its own destiny, and the influence exerted by it. Areas historically demarcated by ethnic races to show their sovereignty make up a 'country'.

In other words, 'nation' refers to human society and 'country' refers to the land inhabited by the people. This is why it is not appropriate to separate nation and country in terms of their meaning. A nation and country are established through the coexistence of multiple human communities, so it is difficult to dissociate a land from its citizens. This is why the citizens of the country must participate in the affairs of the nation.

All citizens have their own duty towards national development and are responsible for fulfilling it. We must not place complete reliance on the government nor expect it to carry out every task by itself. We must chip in wherever we can to strengthen national development.

It is the government's duty to listen to the people and fulfill their aspirations, while the people of the country are equally required to participate in matters involving the nation. Our national duties include upholding the non-disintegration of the Union, establishing peaceful ties between ethnic nationals, and protecting and preserving our infrastructure, among others.

The nation, the country, the government, the sovereignty, and all citizens need to join hands and carry out national responsibilities to ensure our society is everlasting and has sustainable development.

Roundtable on ways and means of carrying out research activities by students

"The curriculum for research should be arranged and prepared on the basis of theory and outside knowledge"

Rector Professor Dr. Theingi of Technological University (Thanlyin)

By Naing Lynn Kyi

The MRTV broadcast round table discussion on the ways and means being carried out at the research activities by the students. The panelists are Dr. Than Htaik Soe, Principal of BEHS (11) in Aung Myay Thar San Township, Mandalay Region; Dr. Ni Ni Than, Chemistry Department of Yangon Arts and Science University; Rector Professor Dr. Theingi, Technological University (Thanlyin); Dr. Than Than Win, Deputy Director-General of Higher Education Department; Dr. Hpyu Hpyu Win, Deputy Director-General, Department of Research and Innovation; Dr. Thair Maung Maung, Professor (Head of Department), Department of UAV Research, Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University (MAEU).

Moderator: Please explain the subject of today's discussion.

Dr. Than Than Win: Today, we will discuss how the research activities are being carried out by the students from the basic education level to the higher education level. We will also discuss how to draw their interest and how to inject good habits over the research activities covering basic education schools as well as the research activities at the universities.

Moderator: Kindly explain the ways and mean in drawing their interest in the research activities.

Dr. Than Htaik Soe: At the moment, we are conducting and imparting small skill concept and practical activities. In fact, the advantage of the latest small skill concept does not actually require the large practical halls.

The teachers and the faculty members could carry out the task in their own lecture rooms by dividing the students into small groups, resulting with the teaching methodology more dynamic and vibrant.

Moreover, the students at the basic level have gained the experience of practical approach along with the mindset of research activities, which is the basic paradigm of standard education.

Moderator: Inspiring the concept of research, what are the steps in nurturing the students?

Dr. Than Htaik Soe: In our basic education system, we have the subject on environmental education, and we invited skillful persons for the activities, where they instructed in drawing green map in Mandalay. Students went outdoors and draw green maps on the schools, the environments, the towns and villages, which embedded their souls with the love of the environment as well as the research activities. When they enrolled at various universities, they could be transformed as the professionals.

Moderator: We learned that the new science subject has been written with the concept of exploration. Please elaborate.

Dr. Ni Ni Than: In the science subject being prescribed for kindergarten to class (12) level, they are written on activity base approach. We want the students to understand the lessons well and also wished them to have interest in the research activities. In this way, they would understand the lessons very well instead of rote learning.

We will provide the students with the observation skill along with the knowledge of science process at each and every level of classes.

At this juncture, we would like to advice the teachers to take in all the students in divided groups in the participation of the research activities based on the new curriculum. Demonstrations and competitions events on science are to be conducted with the participation of the students from middle schools and high schools.

Moderator: Please clarify the ways and means in enhancing the research work.

Dr. Ni Ni Than: Each and every year, our universities conducted many events in terms of high competitions on science subject, beginning from first year to the doctorate status with the participation in groups for presenting projects prepared by themselves.

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> Dr. Theingi

The competitions are awarded with many prizes by the authorities as well as by Arts and Sciences Association. Moreover, the research papers and thesis are also awarded every year. With these backdrops, we found that the student have been highly inspired with the interest on research activities.

Moderator: What should be supplemented for research activity at university levels?

"The curriculum for university students should be arranged and prepared according to research based on theory and outside knowledge. Students must be assigned more projects that help them develop the approach and mindset for research."Dr. Theingi

After the lectures, the relevant discussions are to be followed with the question and answer sessions, and explore the level of understanding of the students through assessment and analysis. When the analysis is carried out over the level of the students, we would come to know on the fact that of the students actually acquired the knowledge, that of in reality understand the lessons, that of the applicability in real life, and that of embracing into creative thinking. When the faculty members could impart the students with certain level of understanding, then they would be able to roll smoothly into research activities.

Moderator: What would be needed for the successful completion of a research work?

Dr. Theingi: In a research work, we need to assign a supervisor who must be well versed in research event, and to allot sufficient time of implementation with all the necessary paraphernalia and laboratory.

Perhaps, the references from the library would be necessary along with the utility of ICT in the research work, and above all, the adequate funds must be provided.

Regarding supervisors, they must have ample understanding on research methodology, the research management, the research training, and therefore, the teachers have been imparted and infused with training courses including post graduate degrees in the country as well as abroad being arranged by the British Council and the JICA with the approval of the Ministry of Education.

The most important factor is the "research active" which stands as the correct ethic and moral philosophy. Higher Education Institutions generally define a "Research Active" individual as someone who conducts research on an ongoing basis and ensures it is a significant focus of their academic activity.

Moderator: What are the requisite for successful researches?

Dr. Theingi: For the development of research works, it is necessary and important to carry out continuously, and certain competitions and demonstrations are to be arranged for the students and the researchers with the subsequent presentations of awards and prizes.

The Ministry of Education has been organizing paper reading sessions in all universities in the context of research nature in addition to the printing of research papers and the publication of research journals.

The budget allocation for education is rising year on year, and therefore, the relevant universities are conducting necessary research works such as that of local and regional necessity, that of relevant research to the state, and that of the significant research on international aspects.

All the necessary research activities are to be carried out in cooperation among the students and the faculty members.

Moderator: Please explain whether the research work is related only with science subject.

Dr. Than Than Win: Most of the students from the basic education as well as from the university thought and took it for granted that all the works done at the practical halls are the research work.

In fact, the popular subjects for arts are also taken up as research works and come under the purview of the research nature, which only a few people understand about it.

The subjects for arts are taken up into research works and given as assignment not to get the students bored in the study. The arts subjects are given out as assignments and rolled out into discussions to get the arts subject into interesting items.

The economic matters under the arts subjects could be taken up as research study without the practical halls or laboratory. Through the economic domain, the social matters and affairs could be taken up for research activity, and the assessments and the evaluations could be utilized for the development of the nation. This is the message that all the students must understand and convinced regarding the research sphere.

Moderator: Without the practical halls, what are the other subjects that could be taken up for research activities?

Dr. Than Than Win: The arts subjects that do not require practical halls could be handed out as assignment after the lectures, and that the assignments could be extracted from the libraries as well as from the E-Book, which could be exchanged and discussed as the observations in the class rooms followed by knowledge sharing.

This is the start of a study and a research activity that could be developed into the finer habits and characteristics of research program. It could also take up as interesting art subject transforming into research category, and adopt and nurture the good habits of using libraries for the development of research works for the greater good of the nation.

(To be continued)

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Resignation of Kachin State Ministers approved

IN accordance with the provisions stated in article 264 (a) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Section 52 (b) of Region or State Government Law, following Kachin State Ministers have been permitted to resign of their own volition from their positions of State Ministers.

(1) U Mya Thein, Kachin State Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation
(2) Dr. Thin Lwin, Kachin State Minister for Social Affairs

Sd/ Win Myint
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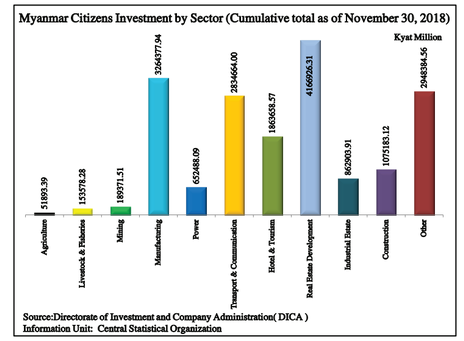
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Termination of Kachin State Minister approved

IN accordance with the provisions stated in article 264 (b) (1) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Section 79 (a) (2) of Union Government Law and Section 53 (a) of Region or State Government Law, U H La Aung, Kachin State Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Kachin State Government, has been terminated from the position of State Minister.

Sd/ Win Myint
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Sagaing Region attracts over 190,000 travellers in 2018



Tourists ride trishaws to tour the wards in Sagaing. **PHOTO: WIN OO (ZEYARTAING)**

OVER 190,000 local and foreign travellers visited Sagaing Region in 2018, according to official statistics provided by the Sagaing Region's Directorate of Hotels and Tourism.

A total of 133,371 travellers, including 114,199 local visitors and 19,172 international tourists, visited Monywa zone; about 353,50 travellers, including 30,179 local visitors and 5,171 international tourists, visited Kalay zone; about 14,948 travellers, including 13,568 local visitors and 1,380 international tourists, visited Sagaing zone; a total of 4,304 travellers, including 4,098 local visitors and 206 international tourists, visited Shwebo zone and; and about 8,945 travellers, including 8,663 local visitors and 282 international tourists, visited Katha zone.

In 2017, Sagaing Region welcomed 168,102 visitors, with 118,353 travellers heading to Monywa zone, 22,894 travellers to Kalay zone, 11,711 travellers to Sagaing zone, 5,976 travellers to Shwebo zone, and 8,168 travellers to Katha zone, according to the region's Directorate of Hotels and Tourism.

To increase the number of tourists, the authorities have been conducting promotions, marketing, and awareness campaigns.—Win Oo (Zeyartaing)
(Translated by Hay Mar)

Border trade through ITCs tops K16 bln in Q1

BORDER trade with the use of Individual Trading Cards (ITCs) exceeded K16 billion as of 4 January in the current financial year, according to statistics provided by the Ministry of Commerce.

Of the total trade of K16.5 billion, exports amounted to K3.1 billion, while imports topped K13.3 billion.

Among the border gates, Myawady reported the largest volume of trade valued at over K8 billion.

The value of trade via ITCs at border points was: K1.8 billion at Tamu trade camp, K19 million at Muse, K44 million at Tachilek, K3.4 million at Lwejel, K594 million at Kanpiketee, K755million at Kawthoung, K54 million at Reed, K4.8 billion at Mawtaung, and K279 million at Kengtung, according to statistics provided by the Ministry of Commerce.

The total trade value with ITCs stood at K45.94 billion in the 2017-2018 FY. The Ministry of Commerce permitted 292 ITCs in the 2012-2013 FY, issued 261 cards in the 2013-2014 FY, 317 cards in the 2014-2015 FY, 146 cards in the 2015-2016 FY, 248 cards in the 2016-2017 FY, 168 cards in the 2017-2018 FY, 92 cards between 1 April and 30 September in the interim budget period, and 67 cards between 1 October and 4 January.

The Trade Department launched ITCs to boost border trade and has issued a total of 1,591 ITCs so far.— Zwe

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Yangon records over 35,000 traffic violations in 2018

THE Yangon Region government initiated legal action in over 35,000 cases involving violations of traffic rules and regulations in 2018, according to the Yangon Region Transport Authority.

"A total of 21,594 cases were reported by six teams formed by the YRTA, while 6,576 cases were reported by ten teams comprising traffic police. The remaining 7,020 cases were reported by the traffic police. The cases were mostly reported in January, February, and May," said an official with the YRTA.

A total of 230 cases involving traffic accidents caused by buses were reported in the Yangon Region in 2016, 102 cases in 2017, and 155 cases in 2018.

According to the official statistics, the number of traffic accidents declined by 128 in 2017 compared to the previous year. In 2018, however, the number of accident cases has increased. The traffic police have filed charges against suspected reckless drivers under sections 279, 337, 338, and 304 (A) of the Penal Code. The traffic police are conducting regular awareness talks and distributing pamphlets to reduce road accidents.—GNLM
(Translated by Hay Mar)

Myanmar oil millers body targets FDA certification for 150 mills by 2020



A woman shopper choosing an oil bottle in a supermarket in Yangon. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

THE Myanmar Edible Oil Millers Association (MEOMA) will help millers in the entire supply chain get approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), according to the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization (MYANTRADE).

This move is aimed at eradicating illegal sales in the market and ensure a firm market for producers, said an official with MEOMA.

In 2019-2020, the association will make efforts to increase the number of FDA-recognized oil mills to about 150. At present, about 50 mills hold the FDA certificate.

The move will also help millers earn the trust of consumers and place them in a better position to compete with other oil brands being sold in the domestic market, said Mandalay oil millers.

Several types of imported edible oil such as soybean oil, sunflower oil, and vegetable oil enjoy a market share in the domestic market. These cooking oils have certificates and an approval logo and their fair price attracts more consumers than locally-produced edible oil of high quality, said millers.

"Imported edible oils have certificates only from their country of origin and lack FDA testing. However, local millers cannot compete with them, as marketing and good advertising ensure they sell well," said an oil miller.

"As a result, local groundnut oil millers are suffering, and have been prompted to reduce the purchase price of raw groundnut. However, groundnut growers may feel the pinch from reduced prices," he added.

In 1989, there were over 3,000 oil mills across the country. Now, only 10 per cent remain, and even those that have survived are struggling. — GNLM *(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)* ■

Chinese New Year draws near, cattle exports to China fall

With the Chinese New Year approaching, the volume of cattle exports to China is on the decline, said Mandalay cattle exporters.

Only some companies that have made purchase agreements in advance have conducted trade in recent days. Most export companies have suspended trade. The demand this year is seen higher than last year. A large cow is selling for over K 2 million, while small cow are priced below K 2 million.

According to the 2018 cattle census, there are a total of 11.5 million heads of cattle in the country. Local consumption is 0.4 million heads, while production surplus is 0.7 million heads per year.

Livestock exports are forecast to rise as trading of livestock was allowed in late 2017. Myanmar has earned US$260 million from export of over 200,000 cattle since the announcement permitting live cattle exports was made a year ago. Additionally, Myanmar is exploring new export markets for cattle. The exported cattle are more than five years old and are sold with the required vaccination certificates, health certificates, and farming registration certificates. — GNLM *(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)* ■



Value of imports shrinks to $100 mln in Q1

THE value of imports between 1 October and 11 January in the 2018-2019 fiscal year totalled US$5.09 billion, a decline of $100 million compared with the corresponding period of the previous FY.

The import values of consumer, capital, and intermediate goods registered a slight fall in the October-January period.

Myanmar imported consumer products such as pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and palm oil worth $952 million in the current fiscal year. The value of consumer goods imports by both the private and the public sector saw a decrease of $77 million compared with the corresponding period of the previous FY. Meanwhile, imports of capital goods such as auto parts, vehicles, machines, steel and airplane parts, amounted to $1.66 billion, a decrease of $73.4 million compared with the same period in the last FY.

Intermediate goods make up most of Myanmar's imports, with petroleum products and plastic raw materials being the main import items. The country's raw material imports stood at $1.87 million, dropping $48.9 million against the same period in the previous fiscal year. Additionally, Myanmar also imported raw materials worth $606.4 million for the CMP (Cut-Make-Pack) garment sector. Imports for this sector showed an increase of $99.8 million against the previous FY. — Ko Htet *(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)* ■

Dec hit by highest inflation rate

THE average inflation rate in Myanmar, based on the Consumer Price Index (CPI), was the highest in December at 6.86 per cent and the lowest in March at 4.03 per cent, according to statistics provided by the Central Statistical Organization (CSO).

The annual average inflation rate in December showed a small increase from November, when the rate was 6.66 per cent, according to a report released recently by the CSO, under the Ministry of Planning and Finance.

In December 2018, the CPI showed an increase for non-food group, tobacco and beverages group, household goods and maintenance group, other commodities group, clothing, health, education services, recreation and culture, and housing groups.

The Myanmar currency depreciated against the US dollar in December compared to November. Therefore, the price of imported fuel slipped, leading to a decline in consumer prices. Food group indicated a sharp decline in December on account of smooth freight movement and harvest time of rice and fish.

The year-on-year inflation rate in December hit a high of 6.85 per cent.

In November, Mandalay City recorded the highest inflation rate at 11.53 per cent, followed by Rakhine State at 10.68 per cent, and Magway Region at 9.66 per cent. The year-on-year inflation rate fluctuated with a maximum rate of 10.53 per cent in Magway Region, and a minimum rate of 4.34 per cent in Kayah State.

Earlier, the inflation rate was evaluated based on a 2006 survey and then, the base year was changed to 2012.

The Central Statistical Organization conducted a Household Income and Expenditure Survey in 82 townships in November 2012. To reduce the inflation rate, the authorities have made efforts on the basis of policies on finance, currency, trade and foreign currency control, according to the second five-year National Development plan. — Htet Myat *(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)* ■

People throng Myitkyina's Children's Literature Festival



Childern's Literature Festival in Myitkyina is crowded with ethnic people and students on the second day. **PHOTO: HTEIN NAN NAW**



The booth of ethnic literature and culture is crowded with visitors on the second day of Childern's Literature Festival in Myitkyina. **PHOTO: HTEIN NAN NAW**

MYITKYINA Township's Children's Literature Festival and book sales continued its second day at the Convocation Hall of Myitkyina University yesterday. The festival was bustling with visitors and participants until 5 pm.

Festival attendees enjoyed performances of students from basic education schools in Myitkyina Township, singing performance of Kachin Artists Association, puppet dance, and Kyaukse traditional elephant dance.

Competitions such as paper folding, coloring, painting, toy assembly and teamwork games were included in the festival.

Writer Shwe Myar Hla Win Swe discussed under the title, "Cute Child Poem" and writer Htila Than Naing discussed under the title, "East, West, Where?" in the literature talk. Maung Ye Kyaw (Yupa), Maung Thomas Tu Tu, Ma Nan Ei Phyo Htet, Ma Khaing Mar Lwin and Ma Htay Htay Lwin participated under the title, "Modern vision, Modern thoughts, Youth Right" in the literature roundtable.

Similarly, May Kha Aung, Aung Tun Lin, Saw Nadi (Myitkyina), Myit Nge Kyaw Maw discussed under the title, "Youth and Personality" at the workshop of upgrading children's literature and the festival attendees listened with interest.

Mobile Library gallery by Myitkyina Community Center and Daw Khin Kyi Foundation, geography gallery, botany gallery, biology gallery, chemistry and biochemical gallery, Environmental Conservation/Forestry gallery by Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Myanmar Gems trade business gallery, gallery of Department of Food and Drug Administration by Ministry of Health and Sports, consumer affairs education gallery by Ministry of Commerce, dangers of drugs education gallery by Myanmar Police Force under Ministry of Home Affairs, anti-human trafficking education gallery, education gallery by Traffic Police, gallery of I.E.L.T English language and youth development training school, 3 galleries from private high schools, education gallery by Nyaung Pin Tha Children Library, 5 galleries from basic education schools, education gallery of ILBC, education gallery by Computer University (Myitkyina), gallery by Technological University (Myitkyina), gallery by GREEN HILLS ACADEMY were on display at the festival.

Similarly, 11 literature and traditional culture galleries of the Lawwaw, Yawan, Larchid, Jinphaw, Lisu, Zaiwah, Tailay, Tailai, Taisar, Taikhamti, and other ethnic races were on display.

There were 50 bookshops by publishing and distribution businesses and they mostly sold children's books.

The Children's Literature Festival (Myitkyina) attracted over 50,000 people on the first day and the number of visitors exceeded 60,000 on its second day.

The festival was held with the aim of sharpening intelligence and ideas of children who will become future leaders of the country, improving their creative ideas and communication skills, promoting close association with literature, instilling reading habits and to create happiness for the children.

Kachin State's ministries of Planning and Finance, Municipal Affairs, Road Department, Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, the Myitkyina District General Administration Department, and Nestle offered charity food to the festival participants.

—Aung Min Han *(Translated by Myat Thandar Aung)*



Literature talk together with youths held at the Children's Literature Festival.
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Poems, storytelling contests incorporate ethnic languages at Myitkyina Children's Literature Festival

THE Children's Literature Festival in Myitkyina continued yesterday, incorporating poem and storytelling contests in ethnic languages.

Primary and middle school students from Lisu, Jinphaw, Larchid, Yawan, Taisar, Tailai, Tailong, Zaiwah, and Lawwaw ethnic races competed in the contests. The contests aim to promote ethnic literature and culture and to raise awareness among other ethnic races.

Ma Jar Naung Sai, a Jinphaw student from B.E.H.S. 1, said this of the contest: "Today, I entered the contest with a Jinphaw story 'Cha-ga-rong Htae Sagu Kashar Alam' which translates to 'The wolf and the little sheep' in Burmese. It was more about raising awareness of my language than competing. I'm happy to be able to participate in the contest and I want to know more about the stories from my other friends and ethinc races."

Daw Jar Mai, a teacher, said, "We were notified that ethnic language could be used in the storytelling and poem contests. We teach Jinphaw language from Grade I to Grade 4 in school. The children were eager to enter the contests so we brought them here. The children are happy which makes me happy as well. It's not just for the competition, they have a lot to learn from here too."

Maung Chan Day Vis San Long from B.E.H.S. 8 competed in the storytelling contest using Yawan ethnic language. He said, "I have never told stories like this in front of friends from other ethnic races. We sing in our language in church. This was both exciting and happy for me. It was a story but I felt like I was speaking on behalf of the Yawan people. I wish for more events like this in the future."

The contests also featured group storytelling in both ethnic languages and Burmese.

Maung Sai Myint entered the group storytelling using his Tailong language. He said, "I used my people's language while my friend Nan Mai Mai used Burmese. We told the story of the monkey rescuing the moon, which is called 'Lin Taung Lain' in Yawan language. After the contests, I explored the festival with my father and friends. We have never seen something like this before and we were pleased. I will compete again if they hold the festival again."

The poem recitation competition yesterday also saw entries from ethnic students using Tailong, Taisar, Tailai, Zaiwah, Jinphaw, Yawan, Lisu, and Lawwaw languages. —Shin Min / Photo: Htein Nan Naw

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



Ma Houng Nyal, a Lawwaw student, competes in the storytelling contest in ethnic languages at the second day of Children's Literature Festival in Myitkyina.



Ma Jar Dain, a Jinphaw student, competes in the storytelling contest in ethnic languages at the second day of Children's Literature Festival in Myitkyina.



Students compete in the storytelling contests in ethnic languages at the second day of Children's Literature Festival in Myitkyina.



Ma Khaung Naw, a Lisu student, competes in the storytelling contest in ethnic languages at the second day of Children's Literature Festival in Myitkyina.

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Consignees of cargo carried on M.V AS FIONA VOY. NO. (004W/E) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22-01-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T/A.I.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Myitkyina's Children's Literature Festival packed with visitors



Students observe traditional shoe making at the booth of the ethnic lierature and traditional culture at the Children's Literature Festival in Myitkyina on 21 January, 2019. **PHOTO: MNA**



Students try microscopes at the Children's Literature Festival in Myitkyina on 21 January, 2019. **PHOTO: MNA**



A student observes a scale model of a house showcasing in the booth of the Children's Literature Festival in Myitkyina on 21 January, 2019. **PHOTO: MNA**



Students try traditional headdress displayed at the booth of the ethnic lierature and traditional culture at the Children's Literature Festival in Myitkyina. **PHOTO: MNA**



Students observe Shan traditional utensils displayed at the booth of the Children's Literature Festival in Myitkyina yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



Visitors try Shan traditional muscial instrument at the festival. **PHOTO: MNA**





Ethnic students compete in the story telling contest at the Children's Literature Festival in Myitkyina on 21 January, 2019. **PHOTO: MNA**

2nd Pyithu Hluttaw's 11th regular session convenes

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Complaints and Appeals committee

Next Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein read about the duties, responsibilities, rights and terms of Complaints and Appeals Committee and Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker informed the Hluttaw of planning to form 16-member Complaints and Appeals Committee with U Myint Lwin of Pazundaung constituency and U Saw Thalay Saw of Shwegyin constituency as chairman and secretary.

Asterisk marked questions

U Myint Lwin of Twantay constituency raised the first asterisk marked question on whether there is plan to publish a biography of Bogyoke Aung San. Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun said the question will be explained together with an answer provided by Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture.

At the moment Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, Department of Historical Research and National Liberary is planning to publish Bogyoke Aung San biography (1915-1947) and a draft was already written according to information provided by the ministry. The biography will have 6 chapters. Chapter 1 cover the youth period from 1915 to 1932. Chapter 2 covers the university student period from 1932 to 1938. Chapter 3 the Thakhin period, Chapter 4 preparation for armed insurrection (1940 to 1941), Chapter 5 the War Minister period from 1942 to 1945 and Chapter 6 the national leader period from 1945 to 1947 explained the Deputy Minister.

Responding to a question raised by Daw Cho Cho of Ottwin constituency on plan to turn the suspended pulp factory at Bant Bwe Gon Village, Ottwin Township into a garment factory under a BOT (built, operate and transfer) system Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw said the factory was not fully operational due and was rented to a private company under a thirty year lease starting from 1 January 2013 at an annual rent of K 8 million. However, the private company was unable to run the pulp factory due to difficulty in obtaining raw materials and was also unable to produce quality product for export and thus was at an inoperable status.

The company had proposed changing the investment into some other factory that'll be beneficial for the country as well as the people. The consideration includes the garment factory pointed out by the Hluttaw representatives as well as some other forms that are equally or even more beneficial and there are plans to submit to the Union Government economic affairs committee for decision and implementation explained the Deputy Minister. Similarly questions raised by U Myo Zaw Aung of Kawlin constituency, U Sai Ngaung Hsai Hein of Maukmai constituency, U Nyan Hein of Thanbyuzayat constituency, U Nyunt Aung of Monywa constituency and Dr. Daw Khin Sithu of Loikaw constituency were answered by Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw and Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo.

Hluttaw agrees to discuss motion on seed sector development

Following the asterisk-marked question session, U Aung Kyi Thein of Chaungzon constituency tabled a motion urging the Union Government to increase momentum of seed sector development effectively and practically as it is the main source of agriculture development in the country and explained further about the reason for tabling the motion.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat announced the Hluttaw's agreement to accept and discuss the motion after obtaining the decision of the Hluttaw and also announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the motion to register their names.

Announcement on receipt of bills

Next, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced the receipt of Occupational Safety and Health Bill and Consumer Protection Bill returned with amendments by the Amyotha Hluttaw and announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to table an amendment motion to register their names.

The second-day meeting of the second Pyithu Hluttaw's eleventh regular session will be held today.

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Asleep in Jesus
Brigadier General D.O.Abel (Minister Retd)
BC. 7086
84 years

Son of Mr A.T Abel of Yangon, beloved husband of Major Daw Khin Thein Mu (Retd) of No.449/QR), Moe Ma Kha Road, Bo Cho Ward (2), Bahan Township, Yangon, beloved father of U Aung Thiha and Daw Cho Cho Khine and beloved brother of twelve siblings slept in Jesus at 8:53 A.M on Saturday 20 January 2019 at the Intensive Care Cardiac Ward of the Yangon General Hospital, Relatives and friends far and near are informed that the remains will be entombed after service at the All Christian Cemetery, Yeway on 22.1.2019, Tuesday at 9:00 A.M (Buses leave residence at 7:30 A.M)

Bereaved family

Fire in Myitkyina guts two buildings; losses pegged at K9.6 mln

A FIRE at a petrol refilling station destroyed two buildings and caused losses to the tune of K9.6 million at Le Kone Ward in Myitkyina Township of Kachin State on 20 January.

According to the Myitkyina Township Fire Services Department, the fire reportedly started after a five-gallon plastic bucket reacted with petrol while it was being filled.

The fire engulfed a 70'x 16' building, including eight stalls, and a two-storey 30'x 30' square feet brick house, and a 30' x 20' kitchen.

Officials with the Myitkyina Police, firefighters, and locals extinguished the fire with the help of five fire engines and five supporting vehicles.

The blaze was brought under control at 3 p.m, one hour after it began.

The Myitkyina Township Police have initiated legal action against the owner of the refilling station, identified as Daw Cho Oo, 23. __ Win Naing (Kachin Myay)

(Translated by La Wonn)



First meeting of 2nd Amyotha Hluttaw's 11th regular session...

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Q & A Session

In the question-and-answer session that followed, asterisk-marked questions raised by U Win Maung of Magway Region constituency 6, U Kyaw Kyaw of Rakhine State constituency 4, U Ye Myint Soe of Yangon Region constituency 7, U Pyu Lwin of Magway Region constituency 12, U Saw Sein Tun of Kayah State constituency 4 were answered by Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr. Tun Naing and Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin.

Road upgrading projects

Afterwards, U Win Maung of Magway Region constituency 6 asked if the Union Government plans to implement the rural road upgrading projects in Salin Township, Magway Region, and which would be commenced from 2019-2020 FY to 2021-2022 FY.

Strategy for rural road development 2030

To this query, Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin replied that the Ministry of Construction has set up a strategy for rural road development 2030, which aims at upgrading a total of 81 streets that covered 263 miles and 5 furlongs long, and that can be used for the whole year, moreover efforts would be made to complete the number one priority road which aimed at completing in the tenure of the present government. The Ministry of Construction had planned to complete the number two priority road in the 2024-2025 FY; the number three priority road from 2025-2026 FY to 2030-2031 FY, according to the strategy for rural road development 2030.

The construction of 20-mile-long earthen road would be conducted in 2018-2019, and plans are under way to upgrade the earthen road into a 16-mile long rural laterite one, the gravel road into a 2-mile-long tarred road in Salin Township, Magway Region. Plans are under way to upgrade the earthen road into laterite road for 15 miles, laterite road to gravel road for 7 miles, earthen road to concrete road for 3 miles with the use of the Union Fund from 2019-2020 FY to 2021-2022 FY.

Moreover the Ministry of Construction has planned to upgrade earthen road into laterite road for 26 miles, earthen road into concrete road for 2 miles, and rough road into tarred road for 29 miles with the use the Region Government Fund. As for the Ministry of Construction, master plans are being laid down to upgrade the rest roads in the 2029-2030 FY.

The road upgrading projects

U Kyaw Kyaw of Rakhien State constituency 4 asked the Union Government if it plans to carry out the road upgrading projects for Ppinyin-Nantat @ Partaw Inter-village road, MyaukU Township, Rakhine State.

Union Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin replied that the construction project would be carried out, using the allotment of the Rakhine State government's fund in the 2019-2020 FY.

Similarly, Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr. Tun Naing and Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin replied the queries raised by U Ye Myint Soe of Yangon Region constituency 7, U Pyu Lwin of Magway Region constituency 12 and U Saw Sein Tun of Kayah State constituency 4.

The Trademark Bill

Next Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than obtained the decision of the Hluttaw on the amending Trademark Bill sent back by the Pyithu Hluttaw to be approved. After obtaining the decision of the Hluttaw, the Speaker announced the approval of the Hluttaw.

Industrial design bill

Then Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than obtained the decision of the Hluttaw on the Industrial design bill which was sent back by the Pyithu Hluttaw with amendments to be approved. After obtaining the decision of the Hluttaw, the Speaker announced that the Hluttaw's approval.

The Children's rights bill

Following this, Member of the Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee U Thein Lwin read out the Children's rights bill sent back by the Pyithu Hluttaw with amendments.

Then, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker asked the Hluttaw representatives who wanted to discuss the bill to enroll their names.

The second day of the second Amyotha Hluttaw's 11th regular session will continue on 22 January.

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

‘Hugely excited’ England boss Southgate cools Man Utd talk

LONDON (United Kingdom) — Gareth Southgate insisted on Sunday his work as England manager was far from done as he indicated he had no interest in taking charge at Manchester United any time soon.

A recent report in Britain’s *Sunday Telegraph* said Southgate was on a shortlist being drawn up by Old Trafford chiefs as they sought a permanent replacement for the sacked Jose Mourinho.

But with Ole Gunnar Solskjaer, the caretaker manager, having won his first seven games in charge of United, the Red Devils may have a ready-made successor in their former striker.

In any case Southgate, who last year in Russia took England to their first appearance in a World Cup semi-final since 1990, and has since guided them to qualification for the inaugural Nations League finals, has unfinished business with the Three Lions.

The former England centre-back made that clear when, at a Football Writers’ Association dinner in London on Sunday he was asked, following the United speculation, if he felt fulfilled by the England post.

‘Job is not done’

“I’m the England manager and it’s a privileged position to be in,” Southgate told Sky Sports.

“We’ve had the best year for 28 years and we’ve got a semi-final this summer and a European Championship that’s predominantly at Wembley, providing we take care of business to qualify.

“So it’s a hugely exciting time with the team. I don’t think we’ve progressed as far as we can yet. I think there’s room for us to grow.”

The 48-year-old added: “I am still a young coach. I’ve managed less than 200 matches, so, for me, it’s an honour to be in the role I’m in and I thoroughly enjoy it.”

As for Sunday’s event, staged in honour of Southgate, his England squad and staff, he said: “When you’re having tributes, you’re thinking, ‘Well, the job is not done for us yet, there’s a lot for us to go for and a lot of improvement for us to make’.”



England's manager Gareth Southgate. **PHOTO: AFP**

England captain Harry Kane, the Golden Boot winner in Russia, has been a key member of Southgate’s side. But Kane has been ruled out until March after suffering an ankle injury during Tottenham Hotspur’s 1-0 loss to Manchester United last weekend. While saddened to see Kane injured, Southgate said his absence could yet benefit both club and country. “I’m sure they (Spurs) and England will get a player that’s refreshed from that little break and stronger again, and hungry to go,” Southgate said. —AFP ■

Serena muscles past top seed Halep into Open quarters



Serena Williams of the US celebrates her victory against Romania's SimonaHalep during their women's singles match on day eight of the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne on 21 January, 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**

MELBOURNE (Australia) — Serena Williams subdued a stubborn fightback from world number one SimonaHalep to take her quest for a record-equalling 24th major into the Australian Open quarter-finals on Monday.

The 37-year-old American beat the Romanian top seed 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 in an epic three-setter to line up a last eight clash with Czech eighth seed Karolina Pliskova.

It was Williams’ first match against a world number one since returning after having a baby in September 2017 and the American showed why many already regard her as the greatest of all time.

She unleashed an early onslaught and Halep was in danger crumbling before the French Open champion regrouped for a stirring comeback.

“It was an intense match and there were some incredible points,” Williams said.

“She’s the number one player in the world and there’s a reason why... (but) I’m such a fighter, I just never give up.”

Williams won her 23rd Grand Slam Down Under two years ago while two months pregnant and is the bookies’ favourite to claim an eighth Australian title, despite being seeded 16th. —AFP ■

Messi surprise substitute as Barcelona take on Leganes

BARCELONA (Spain) — Lionel Messi started on the bench on Sunday as Barcelona looked to restore their lead at the top of La Liga to five points by beating Leganes.

Barca had not reported any injury to their star striker before kick-off at the Camp Nou. Ernesto Valverde may have opted to rest the Argentinian in the middle of a busy period of the season.

After Leganes, Barcelona face two midweek games against Sevilla in the Copa del Rey quarter-finals, either side of league fixtures against Girona and Valencia. It is only the third time this term that Messi has not been named in the team, after Barca drew the previous two matches against Athletic Bilbao and Tottenham. Ivan Rakitic was also a substitute against Leganes as Thomas Vermaelen and the 21-year-old Carles Alena were handed starting spots. Defender Clement Lenglet was left out of the squad. The Frenchman is suffering from muscle fatigue, according to reports in the Spanish press. —AFP ■



Barcelona's Argentinian forward Lionel Messi (l) vies for the ball with Leganes' Moroccan forward Nabil El Zhar during the Spanish League football match between Barcelona and Leganes at the Camp Nou stadium in Barcelona on 20 January, 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**

Iran reach Asian Cup quarter-finals after early scare

ABU DHABI (United Arab Emirates) — Title-chasing Iran survived a first-minute penalty in a chaotic start to beat Oman 2-0 and reach the Asian Cup quarter-finals on Sunday.

Beanpole goalkeeper Alireza Beiranvand saved from the spot before goals from Alireza Jahanbakhsh and Ashkan Dejagah in Abu Dhabi sent Iran through to face China, who beat Thailand 2-1 in an early kickoff. Beiranvand saved a Cristiano Ronaldo penalty at last year’s World Cup and he plunged to his right to brilliantly deny Oman captain Ahmed Al-Mahaijri and prevent Oman taking a shock lead just moments into the game. Iran, who are looking to end a 43-year-old Asian Cup title drought, broke through after 32 minutes when Brighton forward Jahanbakhsh latched onto a hopeful long ball to poke the ball past Oman goalkeeper Faiyz Al-Rusheidi. “Team Melli” captain Dejagah lashed home a penalty four minutes before the break after Mehdi Taremi had been brought down. Beiranvand produced an acrobatic save to keep out Muhsen Al-Ghassani’s long-range strike just before the half-time whistle. Sardar Azmoun — dubbed the “Iranian Messi” — twice fluffed his lines after the interval when it looked easier to score.—AFP ■