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Message of Greetings sent by President U Win Myint to the 71st Anniversary Celebrations of Chin National Day

Dear esteemed brothers and sisters of Chin ethnic people,

On this auspicious day, the 20th February 2019, which is the 71st Anniversary of Chin National Day, I wish to send my Message of Greetings to all Chin ethnic people who are living in Chin State, other parts of Myanmar and abroad, to be blessed with good fortune and auspiciousness.

After annexing entire Myanmar in 1885, the British colonialists practiced the divide and rule policy between the hilly regions and plain regions of the country.

Chin nationals have strived to liberate themselves from the British colonialists by sacrificing their lives, blood, sweat, homes and possessions. After independence, on 20th February 1948, a people's conference was held in Falam Township,

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The rays of peace are shinning in Mon State, giving warmth to the people in the state

Message of Greetings from the State Counsellor to 72nd Anniversary celebrations of Mon National Day

Today, 20 February, 2019, the 1st of Waning of Tabodwe, 1380 ME, is the Mon National Day, an auspicious day for all Mon ethnic people. On this auspicious day, I am sending my message of greetings to all Mon ethnic people who are living in parts of Myanmar and abroad. May they be blessed with fortune and auspiciousness.

The day - the 1st Waning of Tabodwe, 1116 Sasana Era - when two brothers, Thamala and Wimala, founded Hanthawady Bago was designated the National Day of the Mon by the Mon National Conference, held at Panga Village in Thanbyuzayat Township in late 1946. Since then, the Mon National Day has been celebrated yearly, and today marks its 72nd anniversary.

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President U Win Myint accepts credentials from Ireland ambassador

Mr. Joseph Anthony, the Ambassador of Ireland to Myanmar, presented his credentials to President U Win Myint at Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw at 11:20 am yesterday.

Also present at the meeting were U Min Thu, Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government and Director-General U Thant Sin of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. — MNA ■

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approves forming a Joint Committee to Implement Steps to Amend Constitution while bill to amend the Constitution for the second time accepted

By Aung Maw, Aye Aye Thant (MNA)

THE eighth-day meeting of the eleventh regular session of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw was held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the meeting Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approves the forming of a Joint Committee to Implement Steps to Amend Constitution, a bill to amend the Constitution for the second time accepted, reports on bills read, approved the Joint Public Accounts Committee report 3/2019, signing the Instrument of Ratification on an agreement related to ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit and sending it to ASEAN Secretariat.

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

Hluttaw approves forming a Joint Committee to Implement Steps to Amend Constitution

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein first explained about works conducted on forming a Joint Committee to Implement Steps to Amend Constitution.

During the first Pyidaungsu Hluttaw term a joint committee formed with 109 members to study the Constitution was too big while an implementation committee to amend the Constitution was formed with 31 members was too small causing delays in its work and took more than 22 months to conduct its job said the Deputy Speaker.

The joint committee will be formed with 45 members and meetings were held with representatives of 14 political parties in the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, responsible persons from Tatmadaw Hluttaw representatives, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker toward forming of this joint committee. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office had informed by letters to the meeting attendees to submit group wise member lists to be included in the joint committee to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker by 4 p.m. 14 February 2019.

When the 45 member joint committee is formed Deputy Speaker is assigned as the joint committee Chairman as per his official position and therefore Deputy Speaker will not be considered as representing Pyithu Hluttaw. In the joint committee there'll be 22 members from Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker who'll be the Deputy Chairman of the joint committee as per his official position and 21 members from Amyotha Hluttaw totaling 44.

In the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw there were 486 Hluttaw representatives from 14 political parties, 5 independents and 166 Tatmadaw representatives making up a total of 657.

Political parties with more than 10 representatives and Tatmadaw representatives will be included in the joint committee proportionately. For political parties with 1 to 5 representatives, there'll be one representative from each party in the joint committee so that all parties are represented in the joint committee and participate in the process of drafting a bill to amend the Constitution.

Of the 44 members to be selected for the joint committee, 10 will be provided by 10 political parties that had between one to five Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives. One will be representing the five independents. Including the Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker who'll be in the joint committee due to his position, there remain 32 members of the joint committee to be filled.

These 32 members will be proportionally allocated to political parties with more than 10 representatives in the Hluttaw and the Tatmadaw representatives. As there were decimal numbers when proportion was calculated, there remains one member to be filled and this will be from Shan Nationalities League for Democracy (SNLD). Therefore, SNLD will have two members in the joint committee. As Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker (from Arakan National Party) is in the joint committee due to his position, Arakan National Party (ANP) nominated one member each from its Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives as members of the joint committee. Due to this National League for Democracy (NLD) that was allocated 19 members proportionately is instead nominating 18 members for the joint committee.

As it is a joint committee, parties that have the right to propose more than one member and Tatmadaw representatives will have an equal number of joint committee members from Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw.

Amyotha Hluttaw representative Dr. Myat Nyana Soe of Yangon Region constituency 3 and Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Htay Win Aung @ U Pyone Cho of Dawbon constituency were being assigned as joint committee secretary and join secretary respectively.

The joint committee has five aims, 14 duties, 6 mandates, 4 procedures and 4 rights and the term of the joint committee will start from the formation of the joint committee and include submission of a report, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives discussing the report, obtaining the decision of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and ends when a bill to amend the Constitution is drafted for submission to the Hluttaw.

Once Hluttaw's approval of the report is obtained after discussion, the joint committee is to prepare a draft bill to amend the Constitution based on the approval of the Hluttaw. The joint committee will prepare a draft bill to amend the Constitution without violating the Constitution, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw law, rules and procedures. The joint committee will strive toward the drawing up a draft bill to amend the Constitution and will not work for any party or group and all are urged to participate in this explained the Deputy Speaker.

At the moment NLD nominated 18 members, ANP nominated two members, SNLD nominated two members, Ta'Ang (Palaung) National Party, Zomi Congress for Democracy, Pa-O National Organisation, Lisu National Development Party (crossbow party), Kachin State Democracy Party, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party, National Unity Party, Mon National Party, Wa Democratic Party and National United Democratic Party nominated one member each and one member representing the independents was nominated to the joint committee.

Union Solidarity and Development Party and Tatmadaw Hluttaw representatives hadn't sent its member list for the joint committee and thus names were not included in the draft announcement which had been distributed to the Hluttaw representatives said the Deputy Speaker.

When the Hluttaw voted on the matter, there were 389 for, 192 against and 3 abstaining and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat announced the Hluttaw's approval to form a Joint Committee to Implement Steps to Amend Constitution. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw announced further that an order to form the Joint Committee will be published once the full list of nominated members is obtained.

Bill to amend the Constitution for the second time

Next an announcement was made of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw receiving on 11 February 2019 a bill to amend the Constitution for the second time signed and submitted by U Thein Tun of Kyaunggon constituency and 143 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives. As the 143 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives consisting of 38 elected Hluttaw representatives and 105 Tatmadaw Hluttaw representatives which is more than 20 percent of the total 657 Hluttaw representatives, it will be discussed in the Hluttaw according to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule section 133. And as per Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule section 135 a Joint Committee to Study the Bill to amend the Constitution for the second time was formed with all committee members of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committees with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office Notification 14/2019 on 19 February 2019.

An announcement was made that the notification and a copy of the draft bill had been distributed to the Hluttaw representatives.

Joint Bill Committee reports read

Following this reports of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee on Literary and Artistic Copyrights Bill and 2018 Gambling Bill were read by joint bill committee members and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the bills to register their names.

Joint Public Accounts Committee report 3/2019

Union Auditor General U Maw Than and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Development Works Central Committee secretary U Khin Maung Than explained about Joint Public Accounts Committee report 3/2019 and responded to discussions made by the Hluttaw representatives.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee Deputy Chairman U Saw Than Htut then tabled a motion for the Hluttaw to agree and accept the report 3/2019.

After Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker obtained the unanimous decision of the Hluttaw an announcement was made of the Hluttaw agreeing and accepting the report 3/2019.

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President U Win Myint accepts credentials from Switzerland Ambassador

President U Win Myint receives the newly-accredited Ambassador of Switzerland at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Mr. Tim Andalin, the Switzerland Ambassador, presented his credentials to President U Win Myint, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw at 10:40 am yesterday.

Present on the occasions were U Min Thu, Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government and Director-General U Thant Sin of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA ■

President U Win Myint accepts credentials from Australian Ambassador

President U Win Myint receives the newly-accredited Ambassador of Australian Commonwealth at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Mrs. Andrea Faulkner, the Australian Commonwealth Ambassador, presented her credentials to President U Win Myint, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, Nay Pyi Taw at 10:00 am yesterday.

Present on the occasions were U Min Thu, Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government and Director-General U Thant Sin of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. —MNA ■

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where a decision was made to change from an administrative system ruled by Chieftains to a democratic administrative system. Also on 9th October 1950, at the 7th Chin Traditional Council meeting held in Yangon and it designated 20th February, the date on which this people's conference was held as "Chin National Day". Chin National Day which has been celebrated since 1948 is now in the 71st year. This Chin National Day is an auspicious day in the sense that this day brings together all the Chin tribes which have the same language, culture, history and traditions.

Chin State is a place with mountain ranges stretching from north to south and rare plants. Besides, the state is rich in natural resources including the Mt. Khaw-nu-soum teeming with rare plants, the beautiful Reed Lake, the Kaladan River, the Manipur River, the Bwenu River and the Nontalar waterfalls. By the time the transport access to the state has improved, the state would see booming of its tourism sector.

Hence, our government has been building and upgrading roads giving it as a priority as part of efforts for making the transportation smooth in the hills of Chin State which was not easily accessible by road.

Similarly, our government has been working for the ethnic people living in the Chin State, for their future social-economic development. In order to do this, we have been opening new basic education schools, upgrading schools, repairing new education buildings and building new ones, and appointing new teachers; in the health care area we have been opening new hospitals and health clinics, and appointing new doctors as needed.

Besides, our government has been making efforts to provide electricity to all places in the Chin State from the national grid, to build the first ever airport for the state and to bring about the Kaladan River Basic development in Palatwa and the Chin State has seen visible and significant developments in each sector. In undertaking regional development works, it is important for the ethnic people to join hands with the Union government and the State government.

Chin ethnic leaders such as Boh Khaing Baik and Boh Khaing Kam who led the Chin ethnic people in our revolutionary struggle against colonialists, Chin representatives such as U Hlur Hmone, U Htaung Zar Khoke and U Ki Yo Manh who signed the Panglong Agreement, Chin ethnic man U Vum Thu Maung, later Thado Maha Thayay Sithu title and Independence Mawgunwin (First Class) title was conferred on him, who tabled the motion on the Independence of Myanmar at the Naythurein Conference at Kandawgyi in Yangon and demanded the independence without discrimination between the central plains and the hilly regions at the Pha-Sa-Pa-La Conference on behalf of the Pha-Sa-Pa-La and Capt. Thura Aung San Thuriya Taik Chun who was conferred the country's highest bravery title of Aung San Thuriya for his excellence sacrifice and performance for the country are leaders whom Chin ethnic people can be proud of them.

Taking lessons from bitter experiences we faced throughout our history, our government has been holding political dialogues at the Union Peace Conference-21st Century Panglong with the strength of the peoples as part of efforts for achieving internal peace and building a democratic federal Union inspired by the peoples from different nationalities of the Union. It is a matter of pride for the Union that we held a national-level political dialogue with Chin ethnic representatives and secured their cooperation in the peace conference.

In conclusion, as I send this Message of Greetings, let me solemnly urge all Chin ethnic people to continue to cooperate with us with firm Union spirit, in building a future democratic federal Union which can guarantee the democracy, equality and self-determination inspired by all the peoples from different nationalities of the Union.

Sd/-
(Win Myint)
President
(Unofficial Translation)

The rays of peace are shinning in Mon State, giving warmth to the people in the state

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The Mon are considered the first ethnic people who entered Myanmar. In the history of Myanmar, Queen Shin Sawbu, the only queen of Myanmar, King Dhammazedi, who encouraged and promote Buddhism, U Chit Hlaing, one of the leaders of the G-C-B-A and who encouraged the spirit of patriotism during the colonial period, are significant leaders of the Mon ethnic people. When the independence army of Myanmar was founded, the Mon ethnic people of Thailand joined its ranks. When we fought against fascism and struggled for independence, the Mon joined hands with other ethnic people.

In attempts to end the over 70 years long armed conflicts, the Union Government has been making concerted efforts for national reconciliation and internal peace so that political problems, which are the root cause for the armed conflicts, can be solved through political dialogue. We strongly believe that only democracy, equality, and self-determination can bring about a genuine federal democratic Union. This is the dream the ethnic people of the Union have had for over 70 years. To make the dream of the Union come true, the important political dialogue of the Union Peace Conference-21st Century Panglong has emerged in the tenure of the incumbent government.

To participate in the first ever political dialogue in the history of our country, the New Mon State Party signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) on 13 February, 2018. Today, it is important for us, the sons and daughters of the Union, to turn our diversity into collective strength to realize the dream of the Union cherished by our ancestors.

During the over 70-year period after our country gained independence, the situation in the world as well as the region has changed. However, it is regrettable to see that our country is far from peace and lags in development as a consequence of armed conflicts. At such a time, the whole country is delighted and encouraged to see the Mon ethnic people, including the New Mon State party, participate in the national reconciliation and peace processes.

As all Mon ethnic people know, the rays of peace are shinning in Mon State, giving warmth to the people in the state. Despite challenges on our path to national reconciliation, we are confident that we can overcome them, with the unity of the sons and daughters of the Union.

Hence, it is with delight and pride that I send this message to the Mon ethnic people, wishing they continue to participate, joining hands with other ethnic brethren in marching towards the goal of a future democratic federal Union.

Aung San Suu Kyi
(Unofficial Translation)

Union Minister U Thaung Tun seen at the 55th Munich Security Conference in Munich. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister U Thaung Tun attends 55th Munich Security Conference

The Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and National Security Advisor U Thaung Tun attended the 55th Munich Security Conference held in Munich, Germany, 15-17 February 2019.

Thirty-five Heads of State and Governments and 80 ministers were among the 600 participants who attended the conference.

The Munich Security Conference is a forum held annually to promote dialogue between world leaders, policy makers and security experts. While in Germany, the Union Minister conducted a briefing on the new investment climate and opportunities in Myanmar at the Headquarter of the KfW Banking Group in Frankfurt.

The Union Minister and delegation arrived back Yangon on 19 February.—MNA

Tatmadaw captures Assam, Kathe insurgents' camp, arms

TROOPS of the Tatmadaw carried out security operations near Takar Village in the Naga Self-administered Zone, Sagaing Region, from 8 to 19 February, and captured a camp, arrested four insurgents, and recovered 53 weapons and ammunition, according to news released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief yesterday.

According to recent reports, the troops of the Tatmadaw also carried out security operations in the NSCN(K) camp and area near Takar Village in the Naga Self-administered Zone on 29 January, acting on information that Assam and Kathe insurgents were moving there.

Weapons and ammunition seized from insurgents in Naga Self-administered Zone in Sagaing Region by the Tatmadaw troops. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

So far, the Tamadaw troops have arrested six members of the NSCN(K), six insurgents, and seized 79 weapons and assorted ammunition.

The troops will continue their security operations to prevent infiltration by insurgents into the Naga Self-administered Zone and to provide stability to the zone, said the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. —MNA

(Translated by GNLM)

Some scenes of Line Walker-2 shot at YMCA

By Ohnma Thant, Zaw Gyi

SOME scenes of Line Walker-2 were shot at the YMCA hall on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township yesterday, starting 6 a.m.

Dr. Thar Nyan, General Secretary of YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association): This film will showcase Myanmar to the world. The world has different views on Myanmar. Some are positive. Some hold doubts about our country, and such views damage the development and external relations of our country. This film is important because it can make the world known Myanmar.

A scene in which a man falls from the building, a culprit is arrested by the police, and there is an explosion and a chase sequence through some stalls was shot at YMCA, according to Dr. Thar Nyan.

Dr. Thar Nyan, General Secretary of YMCA (Young Men's Christian Association).

Daw Myint Myint Khaing, Actress and Academy Award Winner.

U Hla Min, Assistant Head of the Public Relations and Information Unit of the Yangon City Development Committee.

Daw Myint Myint Khaing, Actress and Academy Award Winner: I have to act some scenes, where necessary. In our role, police come to our stalls and it comes to us as a surprise and it frightens us. This film takes pride in us, and they also loved to shoot this film in Myanmar. We learnt a lot from this shooting. There are film professionals in Myanmar also.

Aung Myint Myat, Actor.

John Caezar, In-charge of Kayan Arts Asiayon.

Aung Myint Myat, Actor: I play the leader of the special police force of Myanmar. In the scene, Myanmar police and Interpol from Hong Kong try to apprehend the culprit together. We gained a lot of new experiences on this film. We rehearsed several times. As we had to work with foreign professionals, we came to know how they make a quality movie.

John Caezar, In-charge of Kayan Arts Asiayon: We, the Kayan ethnic people, are also cooperating in shooting this film. Responsible personnel of the film contacted us and asked us to play a supportive role in the scenes with our culture, stalls, our traditional weaving, and performance. Our group has 12 people. We believe that this film will make Myanmar known to the world and will make our tourism a success.

U Hla Min, Assistant Head of the Public Relations and Information Department of the Yangon City Development Committee: Our department is lending a helping hand to the shoot. We are cooperating with the traffic police to clear the road where the scenes are shot. We hope that this film will help Myanmar attract tourists.

The Ministry of Information, departments concerned, and the Yangon Region Government are supporting the crew to film action scenes including shooting, explosions, car racing, a crash, and a helicopter flying sequence.

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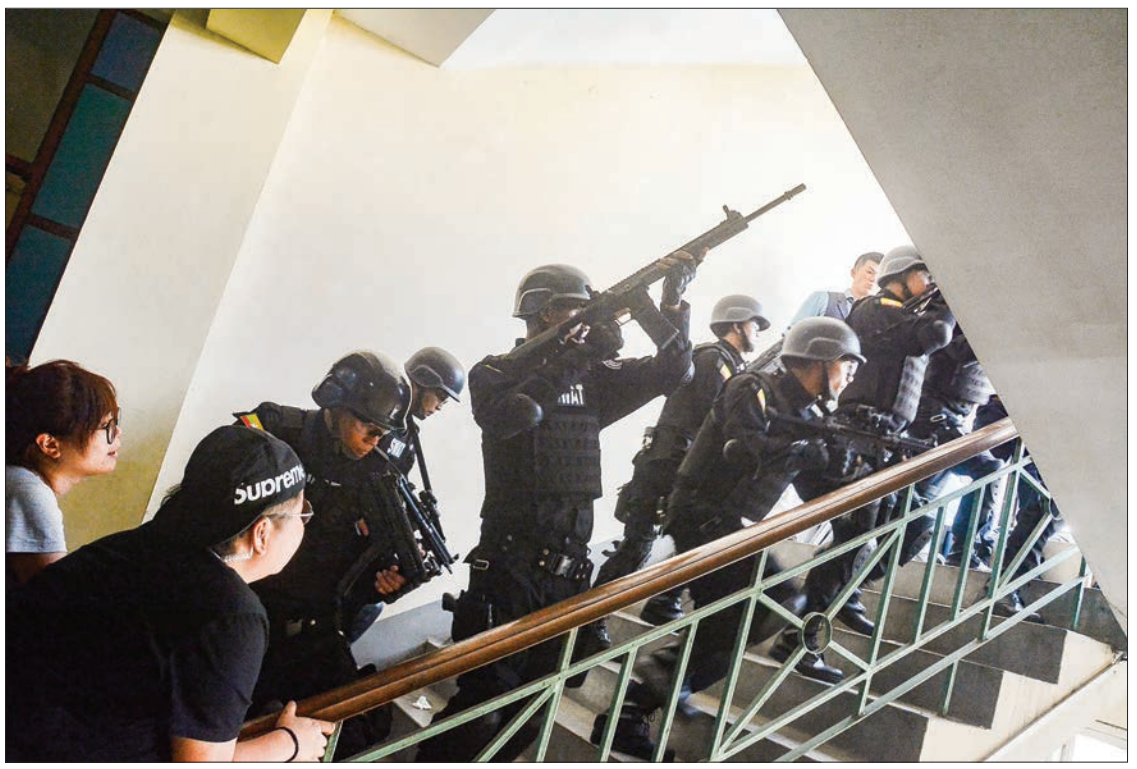

Myanmar police and Interpol from Hong Kong in action for filming a scene. **PHOTO: YE HTUT**

Behind the scene of film shooting at YMCA hall on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township. **PHOTO: YE HTUT**

The film crew of Line Walker-2 shooting a scene at YMCA hall on Theinbyu Street in Botahtaung Township for filming a scene for Line Walker-2. **PHOTO: YE HTUT**

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Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
2. With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offenses up to 16 February 2019 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

No	Nature of report	Details on seizure and legal actions taken
1	Information received of using and selling illegal drugs in Nant Hmaw Village, Phakant Tsp, Kachin State.	On 10-2-2019, police searched the motor cycle riding Win Bo, aged 38, son of U Aik Pyae, and seized with heroin and stimulant tablets near Nant Hmaw Village, Phakant Tsp, Kachin State. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Phakant), Ma Ya (Pa) 33/2019 under Section 16(C) of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2	Information received of Kyaw Min Htwe, living in Yaylei Village, Bhamo Tsp, Kachin State, using and selling narcotic drugs.	On 14-2-2019, police searched the house of Kyaw Min Htwe, aged 31, son of U Thein Tan, and seized with stimulant tablets bearing WY letters at his house. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Bhamo), MaYa(Pa) 30/2019 under Section 16(C) of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3	Information received of Daw Hnin Khaing, living in Doe Pin Village, Katha Tsp, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling narcotic drugs.	On 16-2-2019, police searched the house of Daw Hin Khaing, aged 46, daughter of U Tin Soe, and seized with stimulant tablets bearing WY letters with her. A case has been opened against her with NaMaSa(Innywar) MaYa(Pa) 2/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4	Information received of Kyaw Tin who lives in Kyaw Ywar Village, Myaing Tsp, Magway Region, distributing and selling narcotic drugs.	On 14-2-2019, police searched the house of Kyaw Tin, aged 41, son of U Pway, and seized him with heroin. A case has been opened against him with NaMaSa (Bahnine) MaYa (Pa) 2/2019 under Section 16 (C) / 21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5	Information received of selling illegal drugs in Tagaung Town, Thabeikkyin Tsp, Mandalay Region.	On 10-2-2019, police searched the house of Saw Hlaing, aged 54, son of U Nyein and seized stimulant tablets bearing WY letters together with his son Zaw Min Tun (a) Bo Keik, aged 19, and his neighbor Than Tun, aged 44, son of U Chit Htwe. A case has been opened against three of them with NaMaSa (Tagaung) MaYa (Pa) 2/2019 under Section 19 (a) / 21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
6	Information received of Ma Hnin Ei Wai (a) Nyein Ei, who lives in Lei Yoe Village, Aungban Tsp, Shan State (South), selling illegal drugs.	On 10-2-2019, police seized Aung Zaw Myo Tun, aged 18, son of U Hla Tun, his wife Ma Chan Myay Thu, aged 22, daughter of U Myat Thu, his neighbors Ma Hnin Ei Wai (a) Nyein Ei, aged 21, daughter of U Myint Ngwe, and Aung Lwin Moe (a) Ange Kaung, aged 21, son of U Bee Hu together with stimulant tablets bearing WY letters. A case has been opened against them with NaMaSa (Aungban) MaYa(Pa) 3/2019 under Section 19(a), 22 (b)/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
7	Information received of Myint Wai, who lives in Shauk Cho Village, Nawnghkio Tsp, Shan State (North) selling and distributing illegal drugs.	On 12-2-2019, police searched the house of Myint Wai, aged 50, son of U San Hla, and seized him with 88/1 and stimulant tablets together with them. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Nawnghkio) MaYa(Pa) 15/2019 under Section 19(a)/ 20(a) of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

3. Out of the information sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, so far a total of 512 cases have been opened files as of 16-2-2019. A total of 804 people, including 673 men and 131 women had been arrested with seizures of 5701.32 g of heroin, 67.14 g of ICE, 38,607.94 g of opium, 329.6 g of low-quality opium, 18,795.28 g of speciosa powder, 7,273.99 g of speciosa, 214,684 stimulant tablets, 4,668.27 g of marijuana, 0.1 liters of opium tincture, 378.06 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 3.45 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 0.001 g of crushed ecstasy powder, 16 firearms, different kinds of 257 bullets and 1 grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the ministry will report on further exposed cases.
4. In addition to the investigations and arrests conducted on drug related complaints mentioned above, the Tatmadaw and Myanmar Police Force have also carried out separate investigations on drug complaints, search and arrests at border gates, and searches of vehicles acting upon given information.

During the previous week, multiple arrests were made in the border regions and joint-surveillance gates.

A man living in ThoneLan Son Village, TatkonTsp, Nay Pyi Taw, was seized with 13 stimulant tablets, two men living in Zin Bo Village, Shwegu Tsp, Kachin State, was seized with 16,030 stimulant tablets and 50 g of opium, a male passenger on the Probox taxi was seized with 70 g of low-quality opium, two men from Loikaw Tsp, Kayah State was arrested with 200 stimulant tablets, one motorbike, a passenger on the Probox taxi at the Kyonedoe inspection gate was seized with 270 stimulant tablets, a man and a woman from Barbugone Village, KyaikmarawTsp, Mon State were seized with 160 stimulant tablets and 1 g of ICE, two men from Darshay Village, MaungtawTsp, Rakhine State were seized with 19,5000 stimulant tablets, a man from Myoma Kanyintan (Middle) Village, was seized with 9,165 stimulant tablets, two men on the Super Custom vehicle was seized with 3 stimulant tablets, a motor vehicle, a man from KhaungDoukkhar Village was seized with 220 stimulant tablets, a man from Bandoola Ward, MraukUTsp, Rakhine State, was seized with 107 stimulant tablets and a motorbike. A man from Myoma Ward, ButhidaungTsp, Rakhine State was seized with 1,300 stimulant tablets, a woman from Thiriyadanar Ward, Taunggyi Tsp, Shan State was seized with 3290 stimulant tablets. A total of 2,000 stimulant tablets were found in the gunny sacks at the Doe Nyi Naung Bus Terminal. A man was seized with 700 stimulant tablets, a motorbike in AungbanTsp, Shan State. A woman from Pinlong Tsp, Shan State was seized with 4,980 stimulant tablets, a man on the Toyota Succeed vehicle was seized with 1,370 stimulant tablets and one motor car. Two men were seized with 50,000 g of ICE, two motor vehicles, a woman was seized with 12,800 stimulant tablets, 70 g of raw opium, 731 g of heroin, a man was seized with 4800 stimulant tablets 3 g of heroin, and one Mortorbike on Muse-Mandalay Highway, two men on the Mongyai-Hsipaw Road were seized with 12,000 stimulant tablets, 858 g of heroin and one motorbike. Two men were seized with 1500 g of raw opium, one motorbike. A man and a woman were seized with 25,000 stimulant tablets and one motorbike on Namhkan-Muse Road. A man was seized with 205 stimulant tablets, 0.5 g of ICE, one motorbike on the Bogyoke Road, Tachilek Tsp Shan State, thereby a total of 1260 stimulant tablets, 145 g of ICE were found at the accused's house. Two men were seized with 40,000 stimulant tablets, one motorbike in Samsaing Ward (B), Shan State. A man was seized with 760 stimulant tablets and 150 g of raw opium in Pyinsu Village, Htigying, Sagaing Region.

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Two man was seized with 2 stimulant tablets, 0.01 g of opium and 5 Buprenorphine Tablets on Khanpat-Kyeekar at the Myanmar-India border. A man was seized with 980 raw opium and a motorbike on Khampat-Kyeekhar Road. A total of 26,620 stimulant tablets were found in Kalwin Village, MyeikTsp, Thaninthayi Region. Two men were seized with 5 stimulant tablets and one motorbike in Minkanyoe Village, PyuTsp, Bago Region. Two women were seized with 38 stimulant tablets, 48.9 g of marijuana there. Two men were seized with 556 stimulant tablets in Chanmyathayar Ward, PyigyidagunTsp, Mandalay Region. A man was seized with 1305 g of heroin on the bus driving from Muse to Mandalay. Two men were arrested with 1200 stimulant tablets in North OkkalapaTsp, Yangon Region. Two men were seized with 65 stimulant tablets and a motorbike in Ward 2, PatheinTsp, Ayeyawady Region.

There have been four seizures involving foreigners. Among them, two Thai nationals from No. 5 Ward, Myawady Tsp, Kayin State were seized with 283 stimulant tablets. One Thai national was seized with 0.8 g of ICE, Tow Thai women were seized with 5 stimulant tablets and 5 g of ICE in TachilekTsp, Shan State. A Thai national was seized with 105 stimulant tablets together with 6080 stimulant tablets, 776 Ecstasy tablets at the house he rented. It was learnt that a parcel sending to the General Post office from abroad included illegal drugs and, upon investigation a man who took the parcel was seized with 26,189 Ecstay tablets from the parcel.

There have been six seizures of ammunitions. A man from Minenar Village, Waingmaw Tsp, Kachin State was seized with 0.9 g of heroin, one pistol, 16 9mm bullets, one bullets casket, 11 M-20 cartridges and 1 91-handgrenade. A man was seized with 3 stimulant tablets, one air rifle and one percussion lock firearm in Tsp, Shan State. Two men were seized with 740 stimulant tablets, 10 g of heroin, one air rifle, one motorbike in Lawa Village, Mabein Tsp. A Thai national was seized with 2 stimulant tablets, 0.7 g of ICE, one pistol, one bullet casket, 7 38-mm cartridges, 8.45-mm cartridges and one motorbike. Three men were seized with 190 stimulant tablets, one percussion lock firearm and one motorbike in PulawTsp, Taninthayi Region. A man was seized with 10 stimulant tablets, one air rifle and 15 steel ball in Latkuu Village.

There have been 317 cases being opened between 10-2-2019 and 16-2-2019. A total of 439 people, including 386 men and 53 women, were seized with 3438 g of heron, 50171 g of ICE, 102 g of low-quality opium, 3555.63 g of opium, 38,6065 stimulant tablets, 677.78 g of marijuana,16.33 opium blocks, 0.05 liters of Toluene, 1920 g of speciosa powder, 16329.3 g of speciosa, 5 Buprenorphine Tablets, 26965 Ecstasy Tablets, 7 different types of ammunition, 42 cartridges, two bullet caskets, one 91-handgranade and 15 steel ball.

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

Contacts

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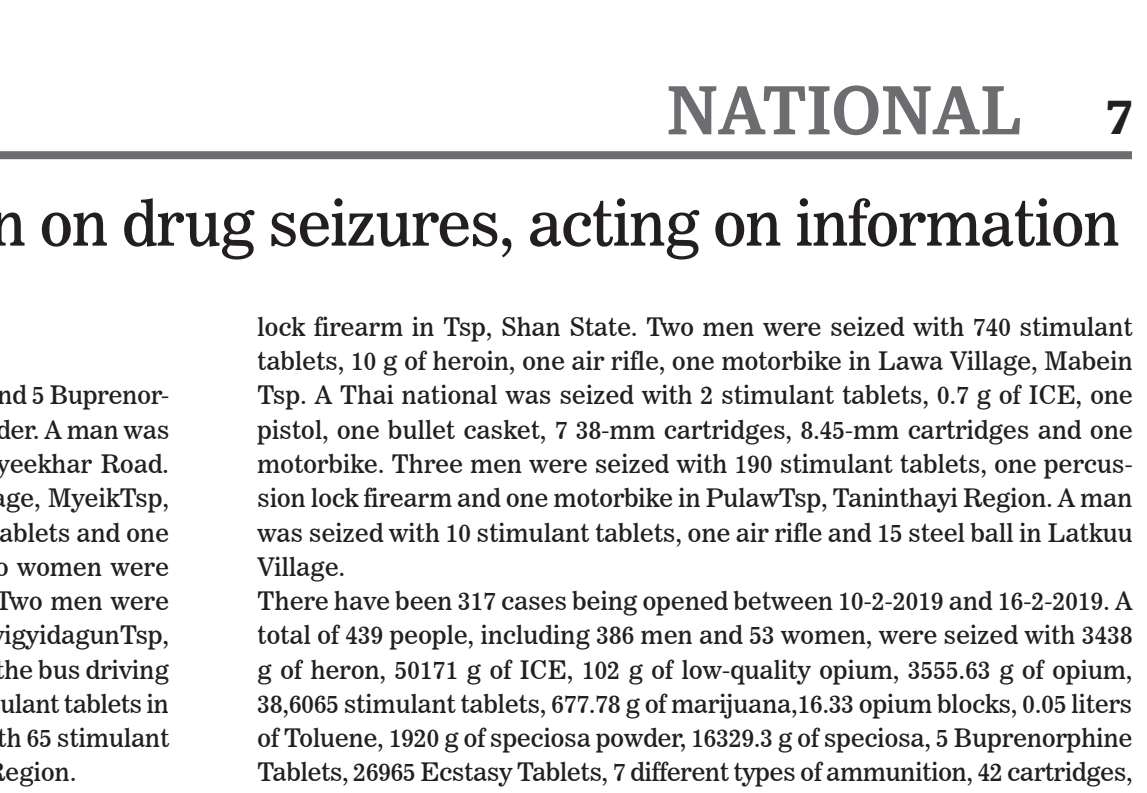
Thura U Shwe Mann receives Chinese Ambassador

PYIDAUNGSU HLUTTAW'S Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission Chairman Thura U Shwe Mann received Chinese Ambassador Mr. Hong Liang at the Hluttaw Building I-11 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they cordially and openly discussed matters relating to bilateral cooperation and Myanmar's development affairs. — MNA

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)



Thura U Shwe Mann holds talks with Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Hong Liang in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister Dr. Aung Thu holds talks with FAO's Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific Ms. Kundhavi Kadiresan in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation receives FAO Regional Rep for Asia and Pacific

UNION Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr. Aung Thu received Assistant Director-General and FAO's Regional Representative for Asia and the Pacific Ms. Kundhavi Kadiresan at the Union Minister's meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters relating to agricultural development, food security, nutritious food supplies, land and water resources managements, priority areas undertaken by the Ministry and the UN Food and Agricultural Organization (FAO) for the works of rural development and natural disaster mitigation. — MNA

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Self-care is better than cure

PEOPLE can be careless in their daily lives. We tend to give in to our urges. With no mindfulness in eating, traveling, or awareness of our surroundings, some of us cross over to the next life, before our time is up. As our lives are becoming more convenient and easier, the causes for early death are increasing at the same rate.

In the past, humanity was threatened by contagious diseases. But now, we face a new threat — noncontagious diseases, that can just as easily afflict our lives. These noncommunicable diseases include cardiovascular ailments, hypertension, and diabetes. According to a health survey conducted in 2016-2017, 75 per cent of deaths in Myanmar can be attributed to hypertension, diabetes, or some form of noncontagious disease.

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Noncommunicable diseases have become widespread during the last decade. The main causes for their proliferation is the increase in global population and the change in living standards, including changes in our environment and the food we consume. The people of Myanmar are still not equipped for leading a high-quality life, which is why they are still being threatened by these diseases.

Myanmar is still not developed enough to provide health protection to all its citizens. However, the country's healthcare authorities are treading out of the former norm and working towards providing healthcare as far as it can reach.

People in urban cities, at least, have access to healthcare, but rural areas are not so fortunate. Therefore, the Ministry of Health and Sports is prioritizing efforts in those areas. It's heartening to see progress being made in that respect.

Among the initiatives spearheaded by the MoHS are the hypertension and diabetes clinics opened on Wednesdays in rural areas. This is a welcome step forward in reducing the mortality rate of our people from noncontagious diseases.

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Collaborative Efforts of University of Yangon in the Asian Universities Forum (2019)

" Building of Capacities for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth in Asia"

By Professor Chaw Chaw Sein

Convocation Hall of University of Yangon. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

UNIVERSITY of Yangon is a leading academic institution in Myanmar and its leading role is keen to bolster capacity in all areas including regional and international collaboration. In order to extend its collaborative efforts, it is actively taking part in some regional universities networks such as ASEAN University Network, Asian Universities Alliance, Asian Universities Forum, Silk Road Universities Forum and etc. The aims of being a member of these networks are to strengthen collaboration among universities by exchanging faculties and students, to cooperate for joint degree programme, to conduct joint research programme and to exchange view on higher education system. This article would like to highlight how University of Yangon has participated in the 8th Asian Universities Forum (2019) that was held in Manila, the Philippines.

The Asian Universities Forum (AUF) was an initiative of the Seoul National University (SNU) in 2011. With the initiative of SNU, the AUF was first convened in 2011. It is an annual forum that is held rotationally by member universities for extending network. Under this network, there are twenty-two universities representing twelve countries including Myanmar. The University of Yangon and the Monywa University represent Myanmar as members of AUF. From 2011 to 2018, the forum has been held for seven times. In this year 2019, Ateneo de Manila University and Seoul National University jointly organized the AUF. It was a two-day forum held from 9th to 10th February 2019. The aim of AUF (2019) is to render a setting for exchange of views on sustainable development in the global educational arena. The Forum was held with two sessions under the theme " The Building of Capacities for Inclusive and Sustainable Growth in Asia". The first session focused on "Sustainable growth in Asia" and second session dealt with "Gender equality." The participants of the AUF (2019) are chancellors, rectors, presidents, professors and scholars of the member universities. It is an opportunity for University of Yangon to participate in this forum by sharing how Myanmar is implementing in the area of sustainable development and gender equality.

> Women make up more than half of Myanmar's population of 51.4 million, and they can be the nation's strength, if they actively participate in the peace process.

Both sessions were very interesting as they shared their country's policy and implementation in sustainable development and gender equality. There were four speakers and four discussants in the second session. A professor from National University of Malaysia (UKM) discussed "Empowering Women for 4th Industrial Revolution" and discussed the nature and situation of Malaysian women in decision-making. She highlighted the limited role of women in taking the position of Director General level and Rector level in their universities. This is quite different from the situation of Myanmar women position in administration and universities because women occupied nearly eighty percent in the teaching profession and also taking key positions as Professors, Heads, Pro Rectors, Rectors and Deputy Director Generals. The topic I shared in this forum was " Gender Equality: Empowering Myanmar Women in Peace Process". I discussed this topic by comparing the role of Myanmar women in peace process under two administrations (2011-2016) and (2016-present).

The political transition that began in 2011 open space for women and women groups to become more active in taking part of politics such as forming political parties, participating in election and peace process. These groups play important role in democratic transition and peace building. Women make up more than half of Myanmar's population of 51.4 million, and they can be the nation's strength, if they actively participate in the peace process. Myanmar Hluttaw, which came into force in 2011, plays important role for making peace process and composed of several committees including Peace Process Committees. Only two women representatives from ethnic political parties: Kachin and Mon are included in the Peace Process Committee. Although women's role in peace building, initiated by the government and Hluttaw is limited in scope, the role of women in taking part of peace process can be observed in women networks and women NGOs. There are more than ninety Civil Society Organizations including women's oriented organizations such as Gender Equality Network, Synergy Group of Company, Triangle Group, Metta Foundation, Rainfall Gender Study Group and Civil Society Forum for Peace and they have come to the forefront of national reconciliation. When the Union Peace Conference (UPC) was convened in January 2016, women represented only seven percent. However, at the conclusion of the first meeting of the UPC it approved a proposal to require at least thirty percent participation by women at different levels of political dialogues. It was also in line with former UN Secretary General Ban Ki Moon's emphasis on the importance of increasing women participation in peace process.

With the landslide winning in general election in 2015, the National League for Democracy occupied most seats and women representation has increased from 5.9% (2010-2015) to 14.5% (2016-present) at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw (Union Parliament) while at the State/Region Hluttaws, it has increased from 3.9% to 12.5%. Many committees are formed in both Pyuthu Hluttaw and Amyothar Hluttaw but women inclusion can be found with only few numbers. As peace is given as high priority, three rounds of peace conference were held in the name of 21st Century Panglong Peace Conference. The participation of women in the conference has increased from eight percent to twenty percent. But women participation is still under limitation in order to run important mechanism such as in the Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee, women making only eight out of 75 members. Therefore, it is necessary to consider meaningful participation of women in the peace process and to draw attention for the women leadership and decision-making, their negotiation skill and their capacity at the table.

As Myanmar as a peace-loving member of the United Nations, it is recommended that Myanmar government needs to enhance the capacity and expand the space for women in participating the peace process. "Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (2018-2030)" which is the strategy for sustainable development was issued in August 2018. Peace and stability is listed as pillar one and inclusion of women for thirty percent has been identified. With these commitments, it is hope that Myanmar women representing more than half of the total population will be a promising force in the state building, nation building and peace building for the transitional country Myanmar. These are the salient points that I shared my view and presented at the 8th AUF (2019). I would like to encourage Myanmar women to take part in politics and peace building efforts by highlighting this article.

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Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued on Tuesday 19 February 2019)

SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS RECORDED AT 09:30 hrs MST: During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin State. Weather has been partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi regions, Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon states and generally fair in the remaining regions and states. Night temperatures were (2°C) below February average temperature in Yangon Region, (2°C) above February average temperature in Magway Region and about February average temperatures in the remaining regions and states. The significant night temperatures were (4°C) in Hsipaw, (5°C) in Namhsan, (6°C) each in Heho and Loilin and (7°C) each in Pinlaung, Mongyan, Haka and Mogok. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Machanbaw (0.35) inch and Putao (0.31)inch.

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is a few cloud over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF 20 February 2019: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi regions, Shan, Chin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon states and generally fair in the remaining regions and states.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (3-5) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Continuation of likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin State.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20 February 2019: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20 February 2019: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20 February 2019: Generally fair weather.

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The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their work to the **Global New Light of Myanmar** at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, in person, or by email to **ce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com** with the following information: **(1)** Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), **(2)** Own name and (if different) your penname, **(3)** Your level of education, **(4)** Name of your School/College/University, **(5)** A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, **(6)** A color photo of the submitter, **(7)** Copy of your NRC card, **(8)** Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.).— **Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar**

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Undocumented migrant workers return via Kawthoung

Migrant workers returned back to Kawthoung border gate from Thailand. **PHOTO: KYAW SOE (KAWTHOUNG)**

A TOTAL of 81 Myanmar migrant workers — 70 men and 11 women — were sent back from Thailand through the Kawthoung border gate on Monday evening for not holding proper documentation.

Myanmar labour attaché U Zaw Min Aung brought the Myanmar migrant workers to Kawthoung via the sea route and handed them over to the authorities.

The Thai government had arrested them as they did not have work permits, and were found holding expired border passes. Currently, the Township General Administration Department, Immigration and Population Department, Anti-trafficking in Persons Division of Myanmar Police Force, Labour Department, and Disaster Management Department are discussing arrangements for the safe return of the illegal migrant workers to their homes.

Most of the migrant workers are from Taninthayi, Ayeyawady, Yangon, and Bago regions, and Mon and Rakhine states.

The Thai government has, as of Monday, sent 897 illegal migrant workers back to Myanmar.—Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung)

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Seven Ayeyawady dolphins died in one year

PHOTO: WCS MYANMAR

SEVEN Ayeyawady dolphins have died within the last one year, according to the Ayeyawady dolphin conservation team. A survey conducted this month in waterway from Mandalay to Bhamo townships along the Ayeyawady River found 72 dolphins, said the conservation team.

"The number of dolphins declined this year compared to last year. Seven dolphins were found dead during the period from February 2018 to February 2019. Four of them were young dolphins, as stated in this year's survey," said U Han Win, the person in charge of the Ayeyawady dolphin conservation team.

The survey of the Ayeyawady dolphin population is usually conducted in February every year in waterway between Mandalay and Bhamo townships. This year, the survey was conducted for 10 days from 6 February to 16 February. There are three zones of Ayeyawady dolphin conservation. According to statistics recorded in February 2018, there were a total of 76 dolphins living in their natural habitat along the Ayeyawady River, including 26 dolphins recorded in the area from Mandalay to Kyaukmyaung townships, 37 dolphins in the area from Malae Village to Shwegu township, and 13 in the area from the Ayeyawady Hsin kan bridge to Bhamo Town.

According to statistics recorded this month, a total of 72 Ayeyawady dolphins were found along the Ayeyawady river, including 24 dolphins in the area from Mandalay to Kyaukmyaung townships, 34 dolphins in the area from Malae village to Shwegu township, and 14 in the area from Ayeyawady Hsin kan bridge to Bhamo Town.

As per records, seven dolphins were found dead, six in 2018 and one in 2019, along the Ayeyawady river in the course of one year. The deaths were attributed to means of illegal fishing and electrofishing.—GNLM

Korean varsity donates learning aids to Dagon University

Students observing plants in the laboratory at the Botany Department of Dagon University. **PHOTO: HTEIN PAW WIN (KAMAYUT)**

THE Chonbuk National University (CBNU) of the Republic of Korea has donated international standard classrooms and advanced laboratory apparatus to the Botany Department of the University of Dagon.

The donation ceremony was held at 9 am on 19 February at the Botany Department of Dagon University. Chonbuk National University Professor Bang Keuk Soo explained the purpose of the donation. Then, the Botany and Microbiology Department Dean, Professor Dr. Myat Myat Moe, gave words of thanks.

"Teachers can deliver lectures in the classroom with the help of ICT. Teaching with PowerPoint slides and video clips can be more effective for helping students learn within a far shorter period, said Dr. Myat Myat Moe.

The Botany Department of Dagon University has been conducting research and development for four years, beginning 2017, and will continue to do so for the next two years, in collaboration with CBNU. As part of the tie-up, the CBNU has donated advanced laboratory apparatus, worth over US$80,000, for the first year of collaboration, and international standard classrooms and micro-computers, worth nearly $80,000, for the second year.

Dagon University will also conduct research on reproductive tissue with CBNU.

CBNU professor Bang Keuk Soo said: "We'll continue to cooperate for two more years. We also plan to upgrade the university library as well as the university building." —Htin Paw Win (Kamayut)

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Muse trade falls by $585 mln

Trucks from Myanmar carrying agro-products, fishery products and animal products wait Chinese buyers at Kyin San Kyawt Gate near Muse. **PHOTO: VAN YO HTAN (MUSE-IPRD)**

THE value of Sino-Myanmar border trade through the Muse checkpoint as of 8 February in the current financial year (Oct 2018-Sep 2019) showed a decline of US$585 million compared to the year-ago period, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce.

Between 1 October and 8 February, trade at Muse gate plunged to $1.79 billion from $2.38 billion recorded in the corresponding period of the previous FY.

Muse is a major border gate in Myanmar and performs the largest volume of trade. It has witnessed a steep drop in trade owing to tight confiscation and trade suspension by China coupled with a market holiday during the Chinese New Year.

Over the four-month period in the current FY, exports through Muse gate totalled $1.14 billion, while imports were valued at $649 million. Exports fell by $600 million, whereas imports showed a slight increase compared with the same period in the previous fiscal.

Myanmar conducts border trade with China through the Muse, Lwejel, Chinshwehaw, Kanpiketee, and Kengtung gates.

Myanmar exports rice, sugar, pulses, sesame seeds, corn, dried tea leaves, fishery products, minerals, and animal products to China, while it imports agriculture machinery, electrical appliances, iron and steel-related materials, raw industrial goods, and consumer goods. — GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Chin State Investment and Product Fair to be held in Yangon

By Nyein Nyein

THE Chin State Investment and Product Fair will be held on 16 and 17 March at the Myanmar Convention Centre in Yangon, according to the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC).

The fair is being mainly organized by the MIC and the Chin State government, with support from the DaNa Facility, Chin State Chambers of Commerce and Industry, and VDB Loi, said U Aung Naing Oo, the secretary of the MIC.

The Chin State Investment and Product Fair aims to promote investment, build a network between foreign and local entrepreneurs, and explore market opportunities for Chin products.

"The objective behind the fair is not only to boost investments, but also introduce potential products from Chin State," said U Aung Naing Oo.

The fair includes investment seminars, business matching and product shows, featuring Chin traditional costumes, fruits, coffee, etc. A traditional dance performance will be included in the fair, said U Aung Naing Oo.

Foreign ambassadors to Myanmar, local and foreign business corporations, international organizations, local and foreign banks, and entrepreneurs will be invited to explore business opportunities and products of Chin State at the fair. All participations are required to complete registration at https://www.chinstatefair2019.com/ by 11 March.

Transportation difficulties and lack of adequate infrastructure, such as electricity, are the main challenges for Chin State in attracting investors. As of the 2017-2018 fiscal year, zero investment was registered in the state.

In the last mini-budget period, the Mercy Par Company was approved by the Chin State Directorate of Investment and Company Administration to operate a hotel business in the state, with a pledged amount of K833.42 million.

Chin State has potential in power, tourism, and agriculture sectors.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

METRO to help meet food safety norms

METRO Wholesale Myanmar has firmly decided to help the Myanmar food safety platform meet international food safety standard norms through a series of training programs for farmers and producers, according to a press statement released by METRO on 18 February.

Last year, METRO provided training programs, including on Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) system, Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), and Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) in Shan State and Magway Region.

METRO Wholesale Myanmar CEO Jens Michel pledged to help improve the food safety platform in the entire supply chain, from the farm to consumers. It will help local growers, producers, and livestock breeders to adopt international food safety best practices and sell hygienic and good quality foods to consumers.

Between September and December 2018, METRO provided training programs to over 150 garlic, tomato, and potato growers from Shan State, and 50 onion growers from Magway Region. It will continue assisting them to get GAP certificates.

Between 18 and 22 October 2018, METRO offered intensive courses on the HACCP system to 30 participants in Yangon Region. The HACCP is a systematic preventive approach to food safety designed to control biological, chemical, and physical hazards.

In many countries of its operations, METRO works very closely with the local community to improve food safety training programs for farmers and producers.

The training sessions aim to better equip local farmers with necessary awareness related to HACCP, GMP, and GAP knowledge and skills in areas such as production, harvesting, processing, and packaging. Trained and qualified farmers will contribute to an efficient, sustainable, and reliable supply chain of METRO Myanmar.

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(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Rent for serviced apartments in Yangon declines 3-7 %

RENTAL costs for serviced apartments in Yangon region have declined by three to seven per cent, according to the 2018 fourth quarter (October-December) market report issued by Collier International (Myanmar), a Canada-based real estate service agency.

The Kantharyar Serviced Residences located in Mingalar Taungnyunt Township, Yangon, entered the market in the fourth quarter of 2018. Therefore, the number of serviced apartments increased to 14 per cent. Currently, there are 2,240 serviced apartments in the Yangon Region.

The agency expects the number of apartments to increase to 16 per cent in the next three years. Around 10 projects with 2,400 apartments are being implemented from 2019 to 2021.

The market for serviced apartments is a high-end user market. So, most of the people want to rent affordable serviced apartments. People prefer to rent small apartments with one or two bedrooms. Additionally, penthouses have been more marketable recently.

The number of serviced apartments is expected to increase in Yangon Region. The real estate agency forecasts that there will be around 3,000 apartments by 2020 and 4,800 apartments by 2022.— GNLM

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Ministries take part in Htamane making contest

Union Ministers and deputy ministers pose for the documentary photo together with winners of Htamane making contest in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement team participates in Htamane making contest in Nay Pyi Taw. The team stood first in the contest. **PHOTO: MNA**

MINISTRIES took part in a first Htamane making contest in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, showing the unity and friendship of the governmental bodies.

The festive activity was held at the Wunnatheikdi Sports Grounds with the presence of Union ministers, the Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council, deputy ministers and their wives, permanent secretaries of the ministries, directors-general, officials and staff of the ministries.

The contest was participated by 21 teams representing Ministry of Information, Ministry of Planning Finance, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, Ministry of Ethnic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Health and Sports, Ministry of Border Affairs, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Nay Pyi Taw Development Affairs Committee, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Electricity and Energy, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Ministry of Industry and Ministry of Construction.

First, the judges of the contest inspected preparations by the teams including their personnel hygiene, cleanliness of items used in making the traditional delicacy.

The teams took part in the Htamane delicacy concocting contest accompanied by the folk music troupes and made the traditional food within an hour.

After an hour, the judges evaluated the food whether it is up to the standard.

In the contest, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement team won the first prize; Ministry of Commerce team the second and Ministry of Ethnic Affairs team the third.

Union ministers Dr. Myint Htwe and U Ohn Maung awarded the third-prize winner with K300,000 and a trophy, Union ministers U Ohn Win and U Khin Maung Cho awarded the second-prize winner with K400,000 and a trophy and Union ministers Dr. Pe Myint, U Thant Sin Maung and Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Dr. Myo Aung awarded the first-prize winner with K500,000 and a trophy.

Deputy ministers U Soe Aung, Dr. Mya Lay Sein, U Aung Htoo, Dr. Tun Naing and U Aung Hla Tun awarded K100,000 each to 18 teams which won the consolation prizes in the contest.

At the festival, the modern music band of the MRTV, vocalists and winners of the Peace Music Festival entertained the visitors with songs.

The festival of concocting Myanmar delicacy Htamane is also quite a festive activity of Myanmar people and it is held in Tabodwe, the last month of the winter.

Htamane concoction is a communal activity in which Myanmar people of all age groups have to participate.

Preparation of Htamane provides a social occasion for the community.

If contest is held, the winner partings will make a jubilant round of rejoice of their victories with music dance and songs in the compounds of monasteries or precincts of Pagodas. — MNA

(Translated by GNLM)

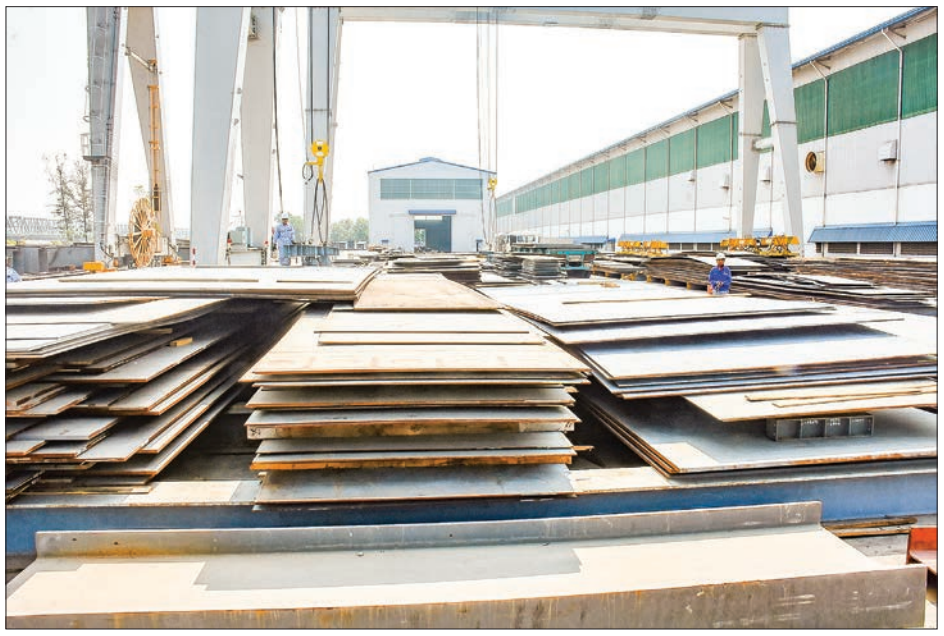
Teams from Ministries participate in a Htamane (glutinous rice) contest in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO:**

J&M Steel Structure Fabrication Plant fulfilling both local and foreign requirements

RECENTLY opened Myaungmya Bridge as well as many bridges under construction by Ministry of Construction had been constructed with steel structure products of J&M Steel Structure Fabrication Plant, said Ministry of Construction Department of Bridge Deputy Director General U Kyaw Kaung Cho.

To fulfill the steel structure products requirement of Myanmar J&M Steel Construction Co., Ltd's Steel Structure Fabrication Plant was established with the permission Myanmar Investment Commission in 2014 July on a 16 acres land in Thakayta Township, Yangon Region. It was a joint venture between Ministry of Construction and JFE Engineering Cooperation of Japan with 40 percent investment from Myanmar and 60 percent investment from Japan and has been providing steel structure products to the market since fiscal year 2015-2016.

"In the past, steel structure products, especially for bridges had to be imported by using foreign currency. Much time needs to be given and now it can be easily obtained in the country with local currency. At the least, there is a saving in transportation expenses. Required parts are obtained at required time. For example Myaungmya Bridge was an urgent task. The original design had to be changed and experts and designers from the factory were consulted and a new design was produced and as the requirement was to finish it within a year, the bridge was reconstructed in eight months" said Deputy Director General U Kyaw Kaung Cho.



Steel plates seen at J&M Steel Structure Fabrication Plant in Yangon. **PHOTO: ZAW MIN LATT**

When the plant was started ten thousand tons per year was produced and to date had produced 80,000 tons. The target is to produce 30,000 tons per year. U Kyaw Kaung Cho added that around a hundred bridges had been constructed of which more than 70 bridges were with Plate Girder, more than 15 Steel Truss type bridges and 13 Box Girder Type bridges.

In addition to bridges undertaken by Ministry of Construction, Kokkine overpass and harbor structure in Yangon were constructed with steel structures from J&M Steel Solution Co, Ltd. plant.

For overseas makets, 200 tons to Laos in 2014, ten thousand tons to Bangladesh in 2017-2018 and 300 tons to Sri Lanka in 2016 were exported. Arrangements are being made to export 8,000 tons to India in 2018-2019.

The plant employs close to 600 Myanmar personnel including engineers and training courses to raise the capacity of the personnel were conducted by experts from Japan in the country as well as in Japan it is learnt.— Khin Win Maw

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approves forming a Joint Committee to…

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Hluttaw agree on Instrument of Ratification on an agreement related to ASEAN Framework Agreement of Facilitation of Goods in Transit

After Dr. Thet Thet Khaing of Dagon constituency, Daw Nwe Nwe Aung of Mon State constituency 2, Dr. Tin Tin Win of Bago Region constituency 5, U Thant Zin Htun of Dekhinathiri constituency and U Sein Bo of Myawady constitutency discussed the matter of signing the Instrument of Ratification on an agreement related to ASEAN Framework Agreement on the Facilitation of Goods in Transit and sending it to ASEAN Secretariat and Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win provided explanations on the discussions made by the Hluttaw representatives, Hluttaw approved the matter and an announcement made accordingly. The ninth day meeting of the 11th regular session of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will be held on 21 February. —*Trs: Zaw Min*

Notification of Land Demarcation and Survey Activities

Notice is hereby given that in the under mentioned location, DHPI (MOEE) likely needs to acquire land for the Deedoke Hydropower Project in Mandalay Region. The Notice to Proceed for this project was signed on August 16, 2018.

Township	Sum of Area (Acres)	
	Permanent Acquisition	Temporary Acquisition
Kyaukse	278.91	50.68
Pyinoolwin	206.47	29.12
Total	485.38	79.80

Township	Sum of Area (Ha)	
	Permanent Acquisition	Temporary Acquisition
Kyaukse	112.87	20.51
Pyinoolwin	83.55	11.78
Total	196.42	32.29

Land in Kyaukse District is located in the following village tracts: Kyaung, Tha Yet Pin, Ye

Land in Pyi Oo Lwin District is located in the following village tracts: Lun Kaung

High Tech Construction Trust Co., Ltd. (HTCT) will undertake the demarcation and survey activities described in Section 4 of the Land Acquisition Act in respect of the land in the abovementioned locality.

Further details of the project plan and land are available at Shwe Taung Mandalay Office, No (413/2) 35th Street, Between 63th & 64th Street, Maharaungmyae Township, Mandalay.

For further information, (or) if you think your land/house/other will be affected, you can contact to 09 894 738 859.

Department of Hydropower Implementation
Ministry of Electricity & Energy

Director
High Tech Construction Trust Co., Ltd.

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Fire outbreak in War Tayar plywood factory kills one, injures 13

A major fire outbreak occurred in Plywood factory, War Tayar Industrial zone, Shwepyitha Township on Monday, killing one and leaving 13 male workers injured, said U Thwin Yu Naing, head of Shwepyitha Township Fire Service Department.

The fire started at 7.10 pm on 18 February and it was under control about 8.15 pm and was totally extinguished at 8.30 pm.

Over 400 firefighters and 161 auxiliary firefighters battled the fire with 44 fire engines and five supportive vehicles.

"A wrong news that six people were killed in fire outbreak is spreading. At present, an injured person, Nyein Chan Oo, 32 died at 4.40 am on 19 February at Insein Hospital and the two injured out of 13 are in critical condition at the Yangon General Hospital. With the cooperation of Fire Service Department and other relative departments, there was not any difficulties in extinguishing the fire", said U Thwin Yu Naing.

Among 14 injured people in this fire outbreak, 12 persons were taken to Insein Hospital while the remaining two to the Yangon General Hospital.

The cause of fire outbreak is under investigation. —Pwint Thitsar/(Translated by La Wonn)

PHOTO: PWINT THITSAR

Fighting between Tatmadaw troops, AA insurgents occurred

ABOUT a hundred AA insurgents were reported to be active in hills near Paungtote Village, Mrauk-U town, Rakhine State to establish a training camp and operation area about 31 km north from where Rakhine State Chief Minister's convoy was attacked by remote controlled improvised explosive devices on 1 January 2019 and 6 km. north east from a place where another vehicle was attacked by a mine on 17 February. As they were obstructing and destroying the roads used by the public, Tatmadaw columns conducted appropriate security operations.

During the operations two engagements with about a hundred AA insurgents occurred at about 15 km east of Kyauktaw Town and the insurgents retreated toward the south while the Tatmadaw columns were in hot pursuit.

During the engagement some Tatmadaw personnel were hurt and 9 bodies of AA insurgents were found with one RPG. Tatmadaw columns are continuing security operations for the rule of law and regional stability in Rakhine State according to news released by Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief Office. — MNA *(Translated by Zaw Min)*

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Australians mark anniversary of Japan's WWII air raid on Darwin

DARWIN (Australia) — The northern Australian city of Darwin marked on Tuesday the 77th anniversary of a Japanese air raid that killed hundreds during World War II.

The Bombing of Darwin, which occurred on 19 February, 1942, was the first attack by Japanese forces on the Australian mainland and is estimated to have killed around 250 people, as well as destroying 30 aircraft and nine ships.

Administrator of the Northern Territory Vicki O'Halloran, the Queen's representative in the territory, said in her remarks at a service that the arrival of the war in Darwin was responsible for "fundamentally changing Australia."

Darwin's close proximity to present-day Indonesia and its build-up of military infrastructure made the port city a prime target for the Japanese. In addition to Australian ships, there were a number of US Navy vessels in the harbour at the time of the attack.

At 9:58 am, an air raid siren sounded and members of the Australian Defence Force re-enacted the exact moment 188 Japanese aircraft flew over Darwin Harbour.

As the siren blared, fighter aircraft flew over the site of the service and army personnel simulated the Australian response to the bombing, using ceremonial howitzers to return fire using blanks.

Brian Winspear, a former flight lieutenant in the Royal Australian Air Force, was in Darwin the day Japanese forces attacked and was involved in the defense of the city.

The 99-year-old told Kyodo News that during the war "we were supposed to hate the Japanese," but his feelings toward the former wartime enemy have long since changed.

"We've got enough problems in the world without hating anyone," he said, proudly pointing out that he has owned 15 Japanese-made cars in his lifetime.

Chief Minister of the Northern Territory Michael Gunner, the top elected official of the territory government, said in his remarks that with Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's visit to the northern Australian city in November, Darwin and its people "are now symbols of peace." Abe's visit, which included his laying a wreath at a memorial to victims of the Japanese bombing together with Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, marked the first visit to the city by a Japanese premier. —Kyodo News ■

Photo taken on 19 February, 2019, shows Northern Territory Chief Minister Michael Gunner and members of the local government laying a wreath at the Darwin Cenotaph War Memorial. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

Edaran Tan Chong Motor Myanmar launches All-new Nissan Terra 7-Seater SUV

Edaran Tan Chong Motor (Myanmar) Co., Ltd. ("ETCMM"), Distributor of Nissan vehicles and a wholly owned subsidiary of Tan Chong Motor Holdings Berhad (Malaysia); officially launches the All-New Nissan TERRA to the public of Yangon.

In his speech, Mr. Wong Seap Hong, Managing Director of Edaran Tan Chong Motor Myanmar said, "The design of the All-New Nissan TERRA was conceived based on the driving needs of Asian customers as a whole. As customers now increasingly expect more from their vehicles, Nissan had to create a vehicle that could become an integral part of customers' lives".

Mr. Wong further adds, "The fully imported from Thailand all-new Nissan TERRA design is all-capable, all-practical, and reliable for everyday use while also giving our customers the ability to switch from normal daily life to becoming adventures. With that, we believe the all-new Nissan TERRA will become one of Nissan's most popular models in this country, famous for its Go-Anywhere versatility". With the new model addition line-up of the All-New Nissan TERRA, Nissan meets South East Asia's increasing demand for full-size 7-seaters SUVs and the SUV segment remains to be in the top three volumes and growth drivers for South East Asia.—GNLM

'Killer' cells raise hope of universal flu vaccine

PARIS (France) — Scientists said on Monday they had discovered immune cells that can fight all known flu viruses in what was hailed as an "extraordinary breakthrough" that could lead to a universal, one-shot vaccine against the killer disease.

Influenza epidemics, largely seasonal, kill hundreds of thousands of people each year, according to the World Health Organization.

Due to its mutating strains, vaccine formulas must be regularly updated and only offer limited protection currently.

Researchers in Australia said that "killer T cells" — found in over half the world's population — had shown in testing to be effective in fighting all common flu varieties.

This means the cells could potentially be used to develop an all-encompassing flu shot that did not need to be changed annually, and even be effective in people who don't naturally possess them.

"Influenza viruses continuously mutate to evade recognition by our immune system, and they are vastly diverse, making it nearly impossible to predict and vaccinate against the strain that will cause the next influenza pandemic," said Marios Koutsakos, a researcher at the University of Melbourne's Doherty Institute.

T cells are a type of white blood cell that roams the body scanning for abnormalities and infections. They are essential for human immunity against a host of invading bacteria and viruses.

So-called "killer" T cells are unique in that they can directly target and kill other infected cells.

Koutsakos and his colleagues used mass spectrometry — a scanning technique that helps separate molecules based on their mass — to identify parts of the virus that are shared across all flu strains, and realised that killer T cells could effectively fight variations of influenza A, B and C.— AFP ■

Scientists decode white shark genome, finding cancer-protective mechanism

WASHINGTON — An international team of scientists have decoded the entire genome of white shark and identified their superior cancer-protective abilities.

The study published on Monday in the the journal *Proceedings* of the National Academy of Sciences showed that a plethora of genetic changes might be behind the evolutionary success of large-bodied and long-lived sharks.

The researchers found that the massive vertebrate's molecular adaptation in numerous genes helped maintain the genome stability and counteract the accumulation of damage to a species' DNA, thereby preserving the integrity of the genome.

The opposite phenomenon called genome instability, which results from accumulated DNA damage, is well known to expose humans to numerous cancers and age-related diseases, according to the study.

"Not only were there a surprisingly high number of genome stability genes that contained these adaptive changes, but there was also an enrichment of several of these genes, highlighting the importance of this genetic fine-tuning in the white shark," said Mahmood Shivji with Nova Southeastern University, who led the study.

Previously, scientists supposed that the risk of developing cancer should increase with both the number of cells (large bodies) and an organism's lifespan. The white shark has a huge size of genome, one-and-a-half times the size the the human genome.

But contrary to the expectation, the new study found that very large-bodied animals did not get cancer more often than humans.

The study showed that the white shark genome contained a very high number of "jumping genes" or transposons, which could represent a strong selective agent for the evolution of efficient DNA repair mechanisms.

Shivji's group also found evolutionary adaptations were linked to the white shark's rapid wound healing ability.

"Genome instability is a very important issue in many serious human diseases. Now we find that nature has developed clever strategies to maintain the stability of genomes in these large-bodied, long-lived sharks," said Shivji.

Shivji said the findings might be useful to fight cancer and age-related diseases, and improve wound healing treatments in humans.—Xinhua ■

Israel's first lunar mission to launch this week

TEL AVIV (Israel) — Israel is to launch its first moon mission this week, sending an unmanned spacecraft to collect data to be shared with NASA, organisers said on Monday.

The 585-kilogram (1,290-pound) Beresheet (Genesis) spacecraft is to lift off atop a Falcon 9 rocket from Cape Canaveral, Florida at around 0145 GMT on Friday.

Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) and technology NGO SpaceIL announced the date at a press conference.

Mission control will be in Yehud, near Tel Aviv.

"We are entering history and are proud to belong to a group that has dreamed and fulfilled the vision shared by many countries in the world but that so far only three of them have accomplished," SpaceIL president Morris Kahn said.

So far only Russia, the United States and China have sent spacecraft to the moon.

The Chinese craft made the first ever soft landing on the far side of the moon on 3 January.

NASA, which has installed equipment on Genesis to upload its signals from the moon, said last week it aims to land an unmanned vehicle there by 2024, and it is inviting private sector bids to build the US probe.

NASA plans to build a small space station, dubbed Gateway, in the moon's orbit by 2026.

It will serve as a way-station for trips to and from the lunar surface, but will not be permanently crewed.

Genesis will make its 6.5-million kilometre (one million-mile) journey at a maximum speed of 10 kilometres per second (36,000 kilometres per hour), according to an IAI statement.

It will carry a "time capsule" loaded with digital files containing a Bible, children's drawings, Israeli songs, memories of a Holocaust survivor and the blue-and-white Israeli flag.

The $100-million project will measure the lunar magnetic field to help understanding of the moon's formation.

"This is the lowest-budget spacecraft to ever undertake such a mission. The superpowers who managed to land a spacecraft on the moon have spent hundreds of millions of dollars in government funding," the IAI statement said.

"Beresheet is the first spacecraft to land on the moon as a result of a private initiative, rather than a government."

The project started as a potential entry for the Google Lunar XPrize, which in 2010 offered a $30-million reward to encourage scientists and entrepreneurs to offer relatively inexpensive lunar missions.

The contest closed without a winner in March 2018 but SpaceIL decided to keep working on the challenge.— AFP ■

Israel's first space engine, Beresheet (Genesis). **PHOTRO: AFP**

Juventus' Portuguese forward Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates after scoring during the Italian Serie A football match Juventus vs Frosinone on 15 February, 2019 at the Juventus stadium in Turin. **PHOTO: AFP**

Ronaldo poses main threat to Atletico's European ambitions

MADRID — Atletico Madrid will face Juventus in the first leg of their Champions League last 16 clash on Wednesday in their Wanda Metropolitano Stadium, and Cristiano Ronaldo is no doubt a major threat.

To say the former Real Madrid striker has a good record against Atletico is putting it mildly: Ronaldo scored 22 goals in 31 appearances during his time in Spain and only Leo Messi with 25 goals has done more damage to Atletico in their career.

Only Sevilla (27) and Getafe (23) have suffered more at Ronaldo's hands than Atletico, but the Spanish side will take heart from one things: he has actually failed to hit the target in 17 of those 31 games, with three hat-tricks and two doubles in the 14 matches where he has scored against them.

Ronaldo travels to Madrid following his summer move from Real Madrid to Juventus and he has maintained his scoring form with the Italians, with 19 league goals in 24 appearances in Serie A.

However, he hasn't been quite as effective in Europe with just one goal in his five Champions League appearances to date and he missed one game in the group stage after being sent off for two yellow cards in September.— Xinhua ■

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We were confused': Sarri frustrated as Chelsea woes mount

LONDON (United Kingdom) — Under-fire Maurizio Sarri admitted his Chelsea flops played "confused" football as they crashed out of the FA Cup with a tame 2-0 defeat against Manchester United on Monday.

Sarri was subjected to calls for his sacking from angry Chelsea fans during the troubled team's fifth defeat in their last 10 games.

Booed off at the final whistle, the beleaguered Blues manager felt Chelsea deserved better after the FA Cup holders started the fifth round clash on top.

But he conceded they lacked direction and focus in a tepid second half surrender.

"Tonight we were unlucky because we played a very good first half and at the end of the half the score was 2-0," Sarri said.

"We gave them a few opportunities. We played confusing football in the second half.

"After the first half it wasn't easy to play with that score."

Toothless Chelsea managed only two shots on target all night and the limp second half display suggested the players are hardly doing everything in their power to save Sarri.

Sarri has publicly criticised his squad on several occasions in his first season in charge, questioning their mentality and motivation.

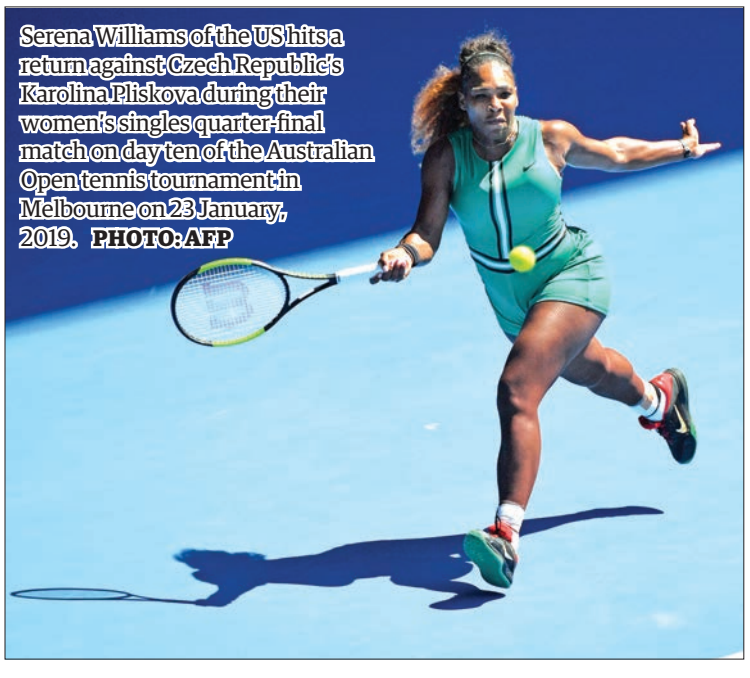
The former Napoli is now in danger of being axed by ruthless owner Roman Abramovich, with Thursday's Europa League tie against Malmo and Sunday's League Cup final against Manchester City looming as must-win matches if Sarri is to save his job.

"I feel the pressure for results of course, not about something else," he said when asked if he was concerned about being sacked.

"We have to work, we have to speak, we have to find more aggression and determination in both boxes." United's commanding display was the perfect way to bounce back after last week's disappointing Champions League last 16 first leg loss to Paris Saint Germain.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer was delighted with the way his players responded to that setback and United's interim manager was especially impressed with their work-rate. "The performance tonight was fantastic, our tactics worked. We asked our midfielders to press higher and get into the box and it worked," Solskjaer said. "Chelsea are a good team, they have their way of playing but Juan Mata did a fantastic job on Jorginho and we were absolutely perfect defensively. We kept a clean sheet. "It is a massive result. We had criticism after the PSG game and everyone did what we asked them tonight."—AFP ■

Chelsea's Italian head coach Maurizio Sarri gestures on the touchline during the English FA Cup fifth round football match between Chelsea and Manchester United at Stamford Bridge in London on 18 February, 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**



Serena Williams of the US hits a return against Czech Republic's Karolina Pliskova during their women's singles quarter-final match on day ten of the Australian Open tennis tournament in Melbourne on 23 January, 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**

Serena Williams back to top 10 in WTA rankings

WASHINGTON — Women's tennis great Serena Williams returned to the top 10 in the WTA tennis rankings for the first time since having her baby.

Williams ranks No 10 on the latest list released by the WTA on Monday.

The 23-time major champion won the Australian Open in January 2017 while still in the early stages of her pregnancy before giving birth to daughter Alexis Olympia in September of that year.

Williams, 37, returned at Indian Wells in March 2018, having dropped as low as 491st in the rankings.

The American has not played since a quarterfinal loss to Karolina Pliskova at the Australian Open this season but has moved up in the rankings becasue some of her rivals' failures to defend their points.

Japanese star Naomi Osaka, who won at Melbourne Park in January after defeating Williams at the 2018 US Open final, remains at No 1, while Simona Halep of Romania and American Sloane Stephens each move up one place to second and third respectively.

Petra Kvitova of the Czech Republic drops to fourth on the list.—Xinhua ■