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Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye attends 72nd Session of CEDAW in Geneva

THE constructive dialogue between Myanmar and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) on the Exceptional Report submitted by Myanmar at the latter's request was held on 22 February 2019 during the 72nd Session of CEDAW in Geneva, Switzerland.

The Myanmar delegation was headed by Dr. Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement. The delegation includes representatives from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the President's Office, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Defence, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and the Union Attorney's General Office as well as the Permanent Mission of Myanmar in Geneva.

Union Minister, in his opening remarks, stressed that the reason of Myanmar delegation's visit led by Union Minister himself, who is taking a leading role on Women's rights, was a testimony of the Government's cooperative contribution to the work of CEDAW and that Myanmar as a responsible member of CEDAW submitted the Exceptional Report to the Committee, and Myanmar is a society in which women enjoy equal rights with men in every aspect.

Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye speaks during the constructive dialogue between Myanmar and the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) on the Exceptional Report submitted by Myanmar in Geneva, Switzerland. **PHOTO: MOSWRR**

> The issue in northern Rakhine State has hindered the Government's efforts. Notwithstanding those challenges, Myanmar is now striving to ensure that democracy takes firm root, although this process takes time.

Union Minister further mentioned that Myanmar is currently in the best of times and also in times of facing challenges. The best is that the country is undergoing a transition from half-a-century-long military rule to a democratic state, whereas the bigger challenges are the people's hopes highly placed on the Government and the responses of the international community when the Government inherited the internal conflict, deep-rooted backwardness, lack of human resources and efficient institutions. The issue in northern Rakhine State has hindered the Government's efforts. Notwithstanding those challenges, Myanmar is now striving to ensure that democracy takes firm root, although this process takes time. Rights of women and girls in northern Rakhine State have also become the focus of international attention.

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Yangon Region electrical sector meeting held in YESC

Union Minister U Win Khaing addresses the Yangon Region electrical sector coordinating meeting . **PHOTO : THANT ZIN, KHAING MOE MIN (IPRD)**

A Yangon Region electrical sector coordinating meeting between the Ministry of Electricity and Energy, Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), Myanmar Industries Association (MIA) and officials from industrial zones in Yangon Region was held at the Yangon Electricity Supply Corporation (YESC) office yesterday morning.

At the meeting, Union Minister U Win Khaing said the ministry was building power generation and sub-stations, and laying power lines to provide stable electricity for the people. At the moment, about 3,586 MW of electricity had been generated into the national power grid, while peak usage in Yangon Region was some 1,548.23 MW, which is nearly half of the total generated power. Industrial zones and industries in Yangon Region were utilizing 465.74 MW, and arrangements were being made to upgrade infrastructures to fulfill increasing requirements.

For the ministry to help resolve problems faced by industries, industrialists need to openly discuss problems being faced. Next summer, electricity usage in Yangon Region will peak, and the distribution sector will encounter some shortfalls. Industrialists are requested to assist the electricity generation sector by cutting down on electricity usage in early evening hours and, instead, shift usage to late night to early morning graveyard shifts, said the Union Minister.

Also, officials from UMFCCI, MIA and industrial zones in Yangon Region discussed electricity sector investment projects, electricity and power requirements, while the YESC Chief Executive Officer responded to issues brought up during the discussion. The Union Minister then coordinated the discussions. – MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Businesspersons attending Rakhine State Investment Fair conduct study tour

LOCAL and foreign businesspersons attending the Rakhine State Investment Fair on Ngapali Beach, Thandwe Township in Rakhine State, conducted study tours to new beach sites developed at Thandwe Township, Ngapali Beach and Gwa Township as well as aquatic works and cold storages.

"Those who are interested in aquatic work visited fish and prawn cold storages and fishing villages. Businesspersons interested in travel visited development of new beach sites," said Ko Nyana Soe who was in the study tours.

During the study tour a prawn cold storage and a fishing village in Thandwe Township; a prawn hatchery in Gwa Township; new beach sites developed in Maung Shwelay, Mawyone and Kanthaya and hotel zone projects were visited.

Commenting on the study tour, Rakhine State Investment and Company Administration director Dr. Htoo Min Thein said, "After viewing first-hand the potentials for investment and locations where works can be conducted in Rakhine State, business persons and investors can make decisions. They can also considering upgrading the present works."

According to Rakhine State Investment and Company Administration at the present Singapore, South Korea, China and India were doing the most investment in Rakhine State and the majority was in the energy sector.

Rakhine State Investment Fair was conducted with an aims to create investment opportunities and connect local businesses with local and foreign investor for economic development of Rakhine State and was conducted with the support of Myanmar Investment Commission, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO), Myanmar Survey Research Co., Ltd. (MSR) and private sector companies led by Rakhine State Government.—Thi Thi Min, Min Thit ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Local and foreign business persons visit a prawn cold storage factory in Thandwe Township. **PHOTO : THANT ZIN, KHAING MOE MIN (IPRD)**

A prawn cold storage factory in Thandwe,Rakhine State.
PHOTO : Thant Zin, Khaing Moe Min (IPRD)

Meeting between MOI, television and radio broadcasting business persons held in Yangon

UNION Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint attended a book donation ceremony by a private broadcaster and met with television and radio broadcasting business persons at the Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) in Yangon yesterday afternoon.

At the ceremony, Forever Group Co., Ltd. Chief Executive Officer U Win Maw explained about donating books, and author Kyaw Oo reviewed the aims of writing a book.

Also, CEO U Win Maw donated 600 books of Bagyi (Artist) Ba Kyi's "Ten epic stories of Buddha," author Kyaw Oo donated 600 books of "Moe Yay Hlaung Kan" (Rain Water Collecting Pond), along with donations of Myanmar-English-Pali and Pali-Myanmar dictionaries, which were accepted by the Union Minister.

Following the book donation ceremony, the meeting between MoI and private broadcasters continued in the same meeting room.

Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint meeting with the television and radio broadcasting business persons. **PHOTO: MOSWRR**

During the meeting, the Union Minister spoke of enacting a Broadcasting Law that was in line with the modern age, and discussed arrangements to enact the rules, as well as the possibility of new audio, video and community radio broadcasting projects.

Also, television and radio broadcasting business persons in attendance discussed the status of current projects and their requirements, and the Union Minister coordinated the discussions and requirements.

The meeting was attended by Permanent Secretary U Myo Myint Maung, MRTV Director General U Myint Htwe and television and radio broadcasting business persons.

Earlier in the morning, Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint and Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Ohn Maung went to Kyauktada Township, Sule Pagoda Road, where Line Walker-2 was being filmed, and observed the filming activity. He greeted the producer, script writer, director, actors and film crews of Line Walker-2.—MNA *(Translated by Zaw Min)*

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However, he added that the Government took important measures making every effort to protect and promote rights of all women and girls, residing in the country. The Government restructured the Myanmar National Committee on Women and implemented a national mechanism with the inclusion of seven leading local non-governmental and civil society organizations that are very active in gender equality and women empowerment issues.

He said that to strengthen legal protection for women, the "Prevention and Protection of Violence Against Women Law" has also been drafted. In addition, the Government signed the Joint Communique with the United Nations to prevent and respond to conflict-related sexual violence in Myanmar on 7 December 2018. On 7 January 2019, the Government formed a Committee on the Prevention of Grave Violations against Children in Armed Conflict, with the representatives from the Ministry of Home Affairs and Defence.

> The Union Minister suggested that the international community best assist Myanmar by rendering constructive engagement and positive support, by taking into account both international best practices and the local realities.

Many specific porgrammes have been carried out for the socio-economic development of women and girls in Rakhine State. The Government has prioritized social-cohesion in implementing the recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State.

Union Minister informed that the Independent Commission of Enquiry (ICoE) was established to investigate allegations of human rights violations and related issues following the terrorist attacks by ARSA with a view to seeking accountability and formulating recommendations on steps to be taken to ensure peace and stability in Rakhine State. The ICoE has recently launched its Call for Submissions, inviting those with evidence and supporting data related to allegations of human rights violations in Rakhine, to come forward and submit them for further action.

He emphasized that when building a Democratic Federal Union in Myanmar, the rights of all people regardless of race, religion, gender and disabilities will be respected in accordance with the Union Accord. The Union Minister suggested that the international community best assist Myanmar by rendering constructive engagement and positive support, by taking into account both international best practices and the local realities.

During the dialogue, the Permanent Representative of Myanmar and the representatives from the line Ministries responded to the related questions posed by the members of CEDAW Committee and they exchanged views on measures taken by the Government of Myanmar. In the closing remarks, the Myanmar delegation welcomed the constructive dialogue, which represented an important day in the history of cooperation between Myanmar and the Committee. The Myanmar delegation stressed that there was a gap between the Committee's perceptions and the realities on the ground; and Myanmar could not accept some questions raised by some members of the Committee as they were based on allegations with no concrete evidence and the exaggerations; despite all the challenges, Myanmar has been working towards the rule of law, stability, sustainability and social harmony in Rakhine State. —MNA ■

Tatmadaw True News Information Team holds press conference in Yangon

THE Tatmadaw True News Information Team held a press conference yesterday afternoon at the Yangon Command Yadana Thiri Golf Club, Mayangon Township, in Yangon.

The press conference was called to discuss the status, after the passing of two months, following Tatmadaw announcing the ceasing of military operations to enable Ethnic Armed Organisations (EAOs) that had not signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) to conduct discussions on ceasefires and eternal peace, as well as amending the Constitution. The press conference was conducted by Tatmadaw True News Information Team Chairperson Maj-Gen Soe Naing Oo and Vice Chairperson Maj-Gen Tun Tun Nyi, while the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson also responded to questions raised by local and foreign news media.—MNA ■ *(Translated by Zaw Min)*

DSU welcomes new monks, opens entry gate, unveil stone pillar

Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko opens the entry gate for the Dhammaduta Chekinda University yesterday. **PHOTO : MNA**

DHAMMADUTA Chekinda University (DSU) welcomes new monks, opens an entry gate and unveiled a stone pillar at a ceremony held at Dhammaduta Zaytawun Tawya Chekindarama monastery, Auk Wa Net Chaung Village, Hmawbi Township, Yangon Region, yesterday morning.

First the entry gate of DSU was opened by Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko, Department of Religious Affairs Director General U Myint Oo and donors by cutting the ceremonial ribbon, unveiled the stone pillar and sprinkled scented waters on it.

At the ceremony Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko and wife and guests listened to sermons delivered by State Ovacariya Shwekyin Nikaya Dipati Chairman Maha Nayaka Dhamma Thaynapati Panna Rathama Shwekyin Sasana Paing Abhidhaja Maharattha Guru Agga Maha Panita Vizawtayone Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vizawta and joint Shwekyin Sasan Paing Sishin Sayadaw Agga Maha Panita Bhaddanta Agga Nyana Bivamsa. Next, DSU Adhipati Sayadaw Dr. Bhaddanta Chekinda delivered a greeting speech followed by Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko addressing about religious matter and presenting offertories to the Sayadaws and sanghas.

Afterwards DSU Adhipati Sayadaw Dr. Bhaddanta Chekinda welcomed 35 new monks attending courses in the 2018-2019 education year and presented identity cards and commemorative gifts.

This was followed by the DSU patron Sayadaws presenting opening ceremony commemorative gifts to Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko.

Finally DSU registrar Sayadaw Dr. Bhaddant Kissana explained briefly about the courses conducted and DSU Adhipati Sayadaw Dr. Bhaddanta Saekainda delivered a sermon.

The Union Minister and officials then observed the photo exhibition of the construction stages of DSU and toured the offices of DSU.—MNA ■ *(Translated by Zaw Min)*

Meeting to form Workers Committee held in Mandalay

A meeting to form the Workers Coordinating Committee (WCC) was held at Kanaung Hall of Industrial Zone Management Committee, Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay Region, yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe said the ministry is prioritizing the amending and drawing up of workers' laws and, at the same time, creating job opportunities, work site safety and health regulations, as well as obtaining full rights for workers, as prescribed by laws and rules.

Cooperation between employers and workers is important in raising output and creating positive worksite relations, stability and peace. The Settlement of the Labor Disputes Law had called for the formation of Workers Coordinating Committees in workplaces that had a labour force of 30 workers and above, to resolve grievances, complaints and infringements submitted by workers or employer. Workers Coordinating Committees can resolve issues between workers and employer, reduce conflicts and prevent disputes from arising through pre-discussion and negotiations. Therefore, this meeting was called to encourage forming Workers Coordinating Committees, said the Union Minister.

Representatives of workers and employers then discussed possible difficulties that might be faced when forming WCCs.

Of the 636 factories and workplaces in Mandalay Region that had more than 30 workers, there already were 257 Workers Coordinating Committees that have been formed.—MNA ■ *(Translated by Zaw Min)*

Union Minister Dr. Myint Htwe attends 13th Myanmar Obstetrical and Gynecological Congress in Yangon

Union Minister Dr. Myint Htwe addresses the 13th Myanmar Obstetrical and Gynaecological Congress in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO : MNA**

UNION Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe attended the opening ceremony of the 13th Myanmar Obstetrical and Gynecological Congress at the Novotel Yangon Max Hotel, Yangon yesterday.

The 13th Myanmar Obstetrical and Gynecological Congress was conducted by the Myanmar Medical Association and Obstetrical and Gynecological Association, together with chairman, secretary and doctors from the Asia and Oceania Federation of Obstetrics and Gynecology in Australia, Japan, ROK and India.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Union Minister Dr. Myint Htwe called for cooperation to reduce the gynecological problems and promotion of educational sectors while making an effort to form a team of obstetricians and gynecologists. As the midwife played a crucial role in the rural areas, the Ministry of Health and Sports would implement the empowerment programmes for obstetricians and gynecologists to promote the sustainable learning. As for the young academicians, they would exchange views and gain experience on latest therapies from the seniors. Thus it was of great importance to join the programme to make an effective use of it, he said.

Then Vice Chairman of the 13th Myanmar Obstetrical and Gynaecological Congress Prof. Dr. Aye Aung delivered a congratulatory message and read out the message of the Chairman of the Myanmar Medical Association.

Union Minister Dr. Myint Htwe and officials cut the ceremonial ribbons and visited the exhibition booths.

Following this, Union Minister, permanent secretaries, Deputy Director-Generals (Lab) and officials held talks with Director General from the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention Centre (HQ) in the U.S Dr. David K. Turgeon and regional director of Myanmar Dr. Mitesh Desai at the meeting room of the Ministry's office in Bahan Township, Yangon, where they discussed the matters regarding the National Health Laboratory to become the internationally recognized laboratory standards.—MNA ■ *(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)*

MFF requests authorities to adopt land use policy for aquaculture farming

THE Myanmar Fishery Federation (MFF) has requested that the government adopt a land use policy that encourages the development of aquaculture farming, according to MFF.

In order to enable other organizations like MFF, which are also using land, to participate at the national level land use policy formulation conferences and forums, MFF made a request for participation in the conferences at the 24th regular meeting between the vice president and entrepreneurs, held on 22 February at the Office of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI).

"We want the authorities to grant us permission to be engaged in legal fish farming, because we are raising fish illegally, without fish and prawn farming licenses in Mandalay and Sagaing regions. Additionally, we want the authorities to solve the problem of the regional government imposing a fine amounting to Ks 1 million per acre to those who are still in the process of applying for the use of the land in other ways in Mandalay and Ayeyawady regions," said U Win Kyaing, the general secretary of MFF.

Moreover, MFF has also demanded the establishment of government-to-government coordination to enable the boosting of the export sector and to solve bottlenecks that Myanmar traders are faced with, especially in matters of exporting striped catfish to China.

Fresh prawn from the modern farm in Katalue Village in Kyunsu Township. **PHOTO : SI THURA AUNG (KYUNSU)**

A modern prawn farming in Katalue Village Tract in Kyunsu Township.
PHOTO: SI THURA AUNG (KYUNSU)

The government should also provide bank loans for larger investments in the development of fish and prawn farming.

"Although there are some 6,000 acres of fish farms in Sagaing region, only a few farms are working under the "La Na 39". Some are raising fish with temporary licenses issued by the fishery department. Other local farmers have to pay fines for digging ponds to be used for fish breeding. Currently, local farmers do not receive loans from banks because they could not produce ownership documents. Even if government banks provide fish breeding loans, the amount of loans will not be sufficient for the working capital," said U Myint Naing, a local fish breeder from Sagaing region.

According to the 2012 Farmland Law, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation requires fish breeders to apply for use of land for legal fish and prawn farming. The fish farming ponds are, in fact, being dug illegally.

Moreover, Yangon regional government Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein said they intend to promote the raising of fish for sale in markets.

There are some 490,000 acres of fish and prawn breeding farms across the country, but only 130,000 acres of land are officially permitted by the government to operate as fish farms.—Aye Yamon Oo ■ *(Translated by Hay Mar)*

Land value need to be dropped to zero for low-cost housing apartments

By Aye Yamon Oo

THE Government intends to reduce the value of land to zero for low-cost housing apartments, said U Phyo Min Thein, the chief minister of the Yangon Regional government.

Addressing the 24th regular meeting held between the vice president and entrepreneurs on 22 February at the Office of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), the Chief Minister said, "If low-cost housing apartments are to be constructed at a lower cost in consideration of their affordability, our government can reduce the land value down to zero. You will then need to fix much lower prices so that the needy can purchase low-cost apartments."

Currently, the Urban and Housing Development Department is building the apartments, under the supervision of Yangon regional government Shwe Pauk Kan, Shwe Linban, Kanaung and Yuzana low-cost housing apartments. The department is also planning to build more housing apartments in other townships.

In the construction sector, construction materials are very expensive. So, the country needs to promote local manufacturing of housing materials.

"Yangon Region needs around 1 lakh apartments annually, because there are many migrant labourers, and foreign direct investment entering Yangon," said U Phyo Min Thein.

Yangon regional government has announced that those who want to purchase low-cost housing apartments must have a monthly incomes of between Ks 300,000 to Ks 500,000. The Ministry of Construction has already issued an announcement that the company's staff needs to pay a 25 per cent down payment of the value of these apartments, whereas the government staff need a down payment of 15 per cent of the value of an apartment.

Currently, Yangon regional government is planning to sell apartments from Inwa and Kaung Santha housing estates in Dagon Myothit (South), Yuzana housing part-1 and 2, and Kanaung housing estates in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan), Kyi Pwar Yay housing estate in Thingangun Township, Shwe Linban and Hteehlaing housing estates in Hlaingthayar Township, Shop Houses from Shwe Pyi Thar Township and Shwe Pauk Kan housing estate in North Okkalapa township. ■ *(Translated by Hay Mar)*

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Pagodas, trishaw rides draw globetrotters to Magway Region

TOURISTS wearing uniforms paid visits to the Myathalon Pagoda, the Myoma Market (Magway), the Bogyoke Park and some blacksmith workshops situated in 19th Street, Magway Region, by trishaws.

Besides these places, they toured the Mann Shwe Sattaw Pagoda, the Naga Bwet Taung mud volcanoes, the Kyaung Taw Yar Pagoda, the Salin Wetthe Lake, the Gway Chaung, the Minhla fortress, the Beikthano Cultural Zone, Yenangyaung and mural paintings of ancient Bagan and Pinya-Innwa periods.

Tourist arrivals in Magway Region have amounted to 2,055 as of January 2019, and there were 15,180 tourists who stayed overnight and 16,000 tourists making day return tours in 2018, it was learnt.—Than Naing Oo (Nagphe) ■ *(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)*

Tourists enjoy beautiful sights in Magway by riding trishaw. **PHOTO :THAN NAING OO (NAGPHE)**

Auto charging stations to be built under private-public partnership

By Aye Yamon

UNION Minister for Industry U Khin Maung Cho said plans are underway to build electric vehicle charging stations on lands owned by his ministry in Yangon under a private-public partnership (PPP) system.

His announcement came during the 24th regular meeting between government and private businesspersons, held on Friday 22 February at the headquarters of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Yangon.

U Khin Maung Cho said electric cars in Yangon were facing a hurdle, as there were no charging stations in the city. To solve those obstacles, the Industry Ministry was working to building charging stations on ministry-owned plots of land in Yangon through the PPP system. According to the country's transport law, the charging of electric cars was not allowed when they were shipped into the country, in line with government standards. An electric car didn't need to use a fully charged battery to drive between the port and its designated location. However, electric cars that left the ports needed charging at a charging station.

The Industry Ministry has already completed negotiations with respective ministries to build charging stations for electric vehicles. As there are different types of electric vehicles. Demand for electric cars is relatively low, because they take several hours to recharge and costs remain high.

Plans call for the ministry to build 49 charging stations—eight stations along the Yangon-Mandalay expressway, 36 stations in Yangon Region and five stations in Nay Pyi Taw. Also, officials said 30-minute charging systems will be installed at all charging stations along the Yangon-Mandalay expressway.

U Khin Maung Cho said the government would make no investment in the project, but would allow investors to use its factories.

It was noted that the import of electric vehicles depended on market demand. For example, there was a market for Nissan electric vehicles, but it was difficult to use them extensively as they could not travel for long distances without charging stations. If there were no charging stations, e-buses could not run either. Each charging stations will include three different kinds of charging heads—home chargers, Chinese charging devices and charging heads made in Europe. The Ministry of Industry and Green Power Myanmar Co inked an AOD agreement on 4 November to manufacture e-buses at Thagara Industrial Zone in Yedashe Township, Bago Region, beginning later this year.

According to the agreement, auto manufacturers will assemble 300 e-buses for highway bus lines in Myanmar and 7,000 electric vehicles to export to Sri Lanka, India and Singapore. It is estimated that investors expect to reach a break-even within three to five years, as e-buses need no fuel and the lifetime for e-bus batteries is about 10 years. Fully charged, the buses will travel 300 kilometres or more.

Dr. Soe Tun, president of the Myanmar Automobile Manufacturers and Distributors Association, said the electric vehicle battery system was developed internationally, as e-vehicles need no fuel and reduce the environmental impact of autos. The association welcomed the project to build charging stations. He thought the sector would see more progress if the government would provide some assistance for electric vehicle manufacturers and importers, including tax reliefs. As part of efforts to promote the country's industry sector and economy, the government has allowed the production of various vehicles through the SKD-Semi Knock Down system, according to existing laws. In addition, the government will encourage a plan to shift to a more cost-effective CKD-Complete Knock Down system. ■ *(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)*

Dumper truck collides with motorbike in Myinmu Township

A collision on Friday between a dumper truck and a motorbike at milepost 1/5 near Kyawt Min village, Myinmu Township, left two injured. According to the investigation, the vehicle, en route to Myaung from Mandaly and driven by Than Zaw, crashed into the motorbike, driven by Wing Chit with his wife Ma Pa Pa Moe on board, when the driver lost control. At the accident, two people were seriously injured and brought to Myaung hospital by the driver of the auto, where they were later transferred to Mandalay general hospital.

Both drivers were charged with reckless driving under sections 279/337/338 of the Penal Code. ■ *(Translated by Hay Mar)*

The vehicle which crashes over a motorbike seen in Myinmu Township. **PHOTO: TRAFFIC POLICE FORCE**

Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint attends opening ceremony of Fortune TV funfair in Yangon

AN opening ceremony of the funfair organized by Fortune TV, which is one of the channels of Digital Free to Air, was held yesterday evening at the One Entertainment Park, Paw Sann Hmwe Street, Thuwanna Township, Yangon.

Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint delivered an opening remark at the event.

In his opening remark, Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint said that the Ministry of Information has been making an effort to promote the private media development. There were only State-owned media or a government-run media in the past, and media industry has improved by cooperating with privates sector.

The Union Minister said that arrangements had been made recently to enable the establishment of five private-run television channels and as a result, these five television channels appeared one after another, and the Fortune TV has become the fifth channel out of five networks.

Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint and dignitaries formally open the Fortune TV funfair. **PHOTO : MNA**

Then Chairman of Fortune Broadcasting Company Limited U Mya Han delivered a congratulatory message on the occasion.

Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Chairman of Fortune Broadcasting Company Limited U Mya Han and officials opened the funfair event with ribbon-cutting.

Then funfair activities were continued and renowned actors, actresses and vocalists performed the festival goers. As an effort to promote local media development, MRTV has signed cooperation agreement with five content providers in order to establish Digital Free to Air channels with DVB -2 in the Multi-Channel Playout System.

It was learnt that the Fortune TV Digital Free to Air Channel has been launched on a trial basis on 12 February, 2019 and officially broadcasting started on 16 February. The Fortune TV channel broadcasts to the public with several entertainment programmes along with educational and aesthetic features.—MNA

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

Pilot project for production of seismic and natural hazard maps of Bagan to be finalized next month

A pilot project to collect data for the production of seismic and natural hazard maps of Bagan is expected to be completed next month, said U Aung Aung Kyaw, director of the Bagan branch of the Department of Archaeological and National Museum.

The purpose of the project is to protect ancient buildings and pagodas in the Bagan cultural zone in Nyaung U Township, Mandalay Region.

At a recently held meeting, U Aung Aung Kyaw said efforts were being made to produce earthquake maps. The earthquake committee was collecting data, in cooperation with experts from Singapore. It was noted that is was not possible to complete all works in a short period of time.

Mandalay Region Chief Minister Dr Zaw Myint Maung, chair of the Bagan Management Committee, said at the meeting that the pilot project was aimed at producing maps pinpointing cultural heritage sites, natural disasters and earthquakes, in order to take preventive measures against natural disasters. It also sought to complete preparations before the rainy season. The nomination of the Bagan area on the World Heritage List faced many difficulties. Whether a law could protect cultural heritage sites or local residents should be taken into consideration, said officials, as it might help support the nomination.

U Aung Aung Kyaw added that preparations had been made before the wet season to protect ancient structures from climate change.

A total of 389 ancient temples in Bagan were damaged by a powerful earthquake on 24 August 2016, and are now undergoing restoration, according to a list of priorities. Of these, 224 temples were renovated, as of 15 February, and the remaining 20 temples are in the process of being renovated.—Khai Hsat Wai

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

Yangon Book Street attracts bookworms, hosts talks on literature, movies

"THE Saturday-Sunday Book Street" on Theinbyu Road in Botahtaung Township launched its weekend sales yesterday, with some 80 book stalls selling books.

The "Poetry Reading and Talk' program in the street also attracted visitors.

"The Weekend Book Street is held during the 3rd weekend of this year. We have a plan to turn this Book Street into an arts environment," said an official.

With the assistance of the Ministry of Information, Yangon Region Government and Yangon City Development Committee, the Weekend Book Street and sales program has been held since 2017.

Visitors enjoy literary talks organized by the Myanmar Publishers and Distributors' Association.

The Save the Library group will conduct talks on law at 9 am today. Speaking at 3 pm will be Director Kyi Soe Tun, discussing "Movies written from novels", while Indonesian musician Indra Menus will entertain audiences at 5 pm.—Thant Zin Win/MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

About 80 stalls selling books to visitors at the Saturday-Sunday Book Street in Yangon. **PHOTO: Zaw Min Latt**

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THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Time has arrived to join Rakhine's journey to prosperity

MYANMAR possesses diversified cultures and customs from different communities, and this can be said to be its strength, which provides significant opportunities for the country.

Rakhine State offers several investment opportunities across multiple sectors. Many parts of Rakhine State are now connected to the national power grid, and that is good news for manufacturing businesses.

Rakhine State also has many tourist attractions, including beautiful beaches, and in MraukU there are ancient cultural heritage sites. Promoting tourism in the state is one of the priorities of the state government.

Jobs are scarce in the state, but this problem can be solved through investment programs, which will increase individual job opportunities, per capita income and living standards, while enhancing regional development.

The time has arrived to invest in Rakhine State. By investing in Rakhine, local and foreign investors can participate in the state's journey to prosperity and inclusiveness by making the best use of its untapped resources.

> The Rakhine State Investment Fair, which opened on Friday, has shown that prospects are bright for investment in the state. Over 600 local and foreign business personnel attended, and 24 projects were submitted to the Rakhine State Government on the opening day.

The Myanmar Investment Commission has encouraged responsible investments and win-win situations, which can bring sustainable development and benefits to both sides.

Rakhine State is facing conflicts in its north. But, we can say that the state has many peaceful and stable areas which are favourable for investments.

The Myanmar government shares the concerns of investors, and pledged that the Union Government is committed to security and peace in Rakhine State. The government also committed itself to tackle the challenges, including the causes behind long and complex issues facing the State and reasons for its lagging behind in development.

Hence, investors can explore new opportunities and take calculated risks. Investment without risk cannot bring profits to businesses.

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Outsiders have the wrong impression about the state. But if they come here they will see, with their own eyes, the peace and stability that prevails throughout the area.

We would like to urge investors to find new paths and explore areas where no roads now exist, instead of following the old ways.

University graduates and their job opportunities

By; Dr Myo Kywe (AUAA)

I ATTENDED a coordination meeting for cooperation of Educational and Commercial Sectors held on 2 February at the Union of Myanmar Federation of chambers of Commerce and Industry(UMFCCI). At the meeting, Union Education Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi discussed about reforms of Education sector and Prof. Dr Aung Tun Thet gave a talk on the topic "Schools and Industry Partnership". Dr Aung Tun Thet discussed about the rate of University graduates and their job opportunities and the mechanism matching education sector with occupation sector. Prof. Dr Antonio of Bologna University, Italy, a manager who has been working in a project to link Department for Higher Education with some European Universities, said: " I am sorry to say that university graduates and their job opportunities are going in opposite directions". Thus future planning for university graduates and their job opportunities in a period of five to ten years should be included in educational policies.

GRADUATE EMPLOYMENT SURVEY

Degree	Overall Employment Rate[2]	Full-Time Permanent employment Rate[3]	Basic Monthly Salary[4]		Gross Monthly Salary[5]			
			Mean	Median	Mean	Median	25th Percentile	75th Percentile
College of Business (Nanyang Business School)								
Double Degree in Bachelor of Business (Hons) and Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) (Computer Science)	100.0%	95.0%	$5,036	$4,750	$5,225	$5,000	$4,000	$5,362
College of Engineer								
Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) (Aerospace Engineering)	78.3%	65.2%	$3,326	$3,200	$3,486	$3,419	$3,000	$3,825
Bachelor of Engineering (Hons) (Civil Engineering)	98.5%	96.9%	$3,373	$3,300	$3,442	$3,400	$3,190	$3,675
College of Humanities, Arts & Social Science								
Bachelor of Fine Arts (Hons)	88.5%	54.0%	$2,862	$2,800	$2,909	$2,800	$2,500	$3,200
College of Humanities, Arts & Social Science								
Bachelor of Science (Hons) in Biological Science	80.4%	62.6%	$3,177	$3,100	$3,255	$3,200	$3,000	$3,500
Sport Science and Management								
Bachelor of Science (Hons) (Sport Science & Management)	81.1%	48.6%	$3,372	$3,285	$3,486	$3,450	$2,800	$4,000

For instance, according to the discussions by the Education Minister, government schools and private schools are keeping up with student population of 9.7 million with 400,000 teachers. It means the ration of students and teachers is 24:1. For some village tracts and States, the ratio is more students per teacher. According to the UNESCO figures, the numbers of teachers required for Primary, Middle and High schools are 2.3% of all graduates whereas 13% in the Philippines and Malaysia respectively, 7.2% in Japan, 9.5% in the United States, 12.4% in the Netherlands, 16% in Austria, 22.6% in Viet Nam and 25.2% in Laos. Graduates from Education Colleges have come out after completing their studies.

In other countries, education concerning with related subjects is awarded from nursery, primary, middle and high schools. Even if promoted, they are not transferred to any other schools; they have to stay in the same school to keep in touch with the students. For the employment of teachers, they are chosen from outstanding students of 5-10% from all graduates and salaries are awarded to meet their daily needs. Their salaries are far more than those of other government employees. When enquired about educational system in Singapore, 50% graduates of all graduates focused on engineering not only for their own but also intended for other countries as their country is not agriculture-based. Again inquired about those from Nepal, they relied on tourism for foreign exchange; high schools and colleges dealt with subjects on tourism and hospitality services. Concerning agricultural sector, mountain agriculture is suitable for mountainous regions.

As I studied for my Ph. D in Germany, I came to know their climate is not suitable for rice paddy and sugar cane plantations, they focused on learning on cultivation of wheat, barley, radish plant, pear, apple and cherry trees. In 2007 survey, employment rates of graduates who got their degrees from Singapore Nanyang Technological University are higher: B. Accountancy,97%; B. Business 93%; B.E (Civil Engineering) 98.5% and B. Sc(Biological Science) 80%.

Enrollment of students is in accordance with requirements. If more students are enrolled, they will get crowded at the science and applied science classes, let the research work alone, which is really necessary for the country. The number of students going to universities in Singapore, Germany, Switzerland and other European countries are less than those in Technical & Vocational Education and Training. (TVET) where as many as 50-80% students are learning their skills. Their chances for job opportunities are reasonably good.

In conclusion, technical and vocational education is required in accordance with the development of Myanmar. So, let us give vocational education a top priority.

Translated by Arakan Sein

Getting Livestock Moving

By Htun Tin Htun

ALL over the world member countries of the United Nations have been implementing Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)-the blue print of the United Nations for peace, development and prosperity for the people of this planet since 2016 till 2030 and the Union of Myanmar has approved the balanced Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP) a few months ago. The MSDP has three main pillars, five goals, and 28 strategies with designated project implementation programmes under each strategy and it is learnt that there are a total of 251 work processes and the MSDP processes will be implemented as a living document.

The MSDP was drawn up in coordination with the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), Myanmar's 12-point economic policy, ASEAN Economic Community, Greater Mekong Sub-region strategy framework, as well as implementation of various international and regional pledges made by the Union Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. In other words, these sustainable development goals are based on our needs and requirements and will be implemented as prioritized processes in accord with the country's situation.

Generating income from livestock sector is of paramount importance for both developed and developing countries in this planet with fast growing population. Livestock businesses are able to help create more employment, improve health, increase MSMEs, generate income (profit), zero hunger and end poverty.

Equity, employment, empowerment and environment are four main elements to be considered for the human development programmes under the umbrella of the United Nations since 1990s and the member countries of the United Nations have been implementing various programmes and projects including livestock breeding and meat production projects aiming at achieving the Sustainable Development Goals.

The food security and safety also depends on the safe and hygienic production of meat from the livestock sector with good manufacturing practice and the business enterprises from public and private sectors including cooperative business enterprises have been trying to boost their production and enhance their productivity through modern innovative and productive approaches.

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The people in this planet eat more and more meat for their daily consumption in order to maintain their healthy condition and increase their life expectancy and the farmers of the Union of Myanmar are therefore earnestly encouraged to extend their small scale livestock farming with their available, accessible, affordable, acceptable resources in order to help increase income and generate employment in their grassroots communities and attain the desired goals of the country.

Industries have been growing across the world to produce canning products due to the demand of growing population in this planet and the foreign investors are urged and encouraged to invest their money in the modern and large scale commercial livestock breeding farms and manufacturing plants for producing safe and hygienic canned products in developing countries where the foreign direct investment is scarce.

Notwithstanding the vegetables and fruits are good for health and wellness of the people in this planet, the demand of safe, hygienic and nutritious meat and related products have been increasing and more livestock breeding firms are needed to meet this demand and getting livestock moving therefore is important policy for all governments in this planet to feed their people in order to be healthy and happy in this healthy planet and to ensure food security.

Livestock breeding sector of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar needs to be expanded with its available, affordable, accessible land, labour, capital, technology and management (natural, physical, human, social, financial, technological, information resources) and more public-private-partnership works need to be developed and enhanced.

Investments directly from abroad (FDI) are most welcome and joint venture companies and cooperative/private business enterprises for livestock breeding and related manufacturing factories need to be established for the boosting of production and enhancement of the productivity of the livestock sector and more awareness raising and capacity development programmes are needed for the rural people on how can we expand appropriate livestock farming collectively and cooperatively.

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued on Sunday 24 February 2019)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is generally fair over the Central Bay and a few cloud to partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 24th February, 2019: Light rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin State and isolated in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi regions, Chin State. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions, Northern Shan, 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 (4 - 6) feet in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast and (2 - 4) feet in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers in Sagaing Region, Kachin, Northern Shan, Chin and Rakhine states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 24 February, 2019: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 24 February, 2019: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 24 February, 2019: Generally fair weather.

Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

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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Gunfight, car crash scenes from Line Walker-2 shot on Sule Pagoda Road

ACTION scenes from the film Line Walker-2 were shot on Sule Pagoda Road in Kyaukdata Township, in Yangon yesterday morning. The day's scenes cover a gunfight between police forces and gangsters, as well as attacks against police using cars.

On the matter of arms and ammunitions used in some of the scenes, advisor to Yangon Synthesis Productions Police Brig-Gen Win Khaung (retired) said, "I've already spoken about the import, securing in a police station, and issuing of the arms and ammunitions used in the scene. There's been false news going around about the arms. The arms are real, in terms of weight and mechanism. However, these are arms specially produced for film making. These have been used in Hollywood and by the international film industry for a long time, but they were never used here.

These guns use blank rounds only. They are made in such a way that a live round couldn't be used in it. If these guns were shot directly at you from a specified distance, there isn't any danger. The recoil of these guns, the flash and smoke emitting from the gun barrels are just like real guns." These guns were handled by licensed experts, who lease guns to movie companies. These experts also came along to the filming sites and provided guidance and instructions on how to shoot, handle, store the guns, including loading cartridges, turning the safety on and off, and more.

The arms and ammunitions were handled in a very safe way, said Police Brig-Gen Win Khaung (retired).

The film crews were shooting action scenes from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. As in the past days of filming, there were a sizable crowd who were watching the filming of the action scene on Sule Pagoda Road.—MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Police Brig-Gen Win Khaung (retired).

Union Ministers Dr. Pe Myint and U Ohn Maung meet with Line Walker-2 film crew . **PHOTO : MNA**

People gather to observe the Line Waker-2 shooting in downtown Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO : MNA**

Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint greets members of the film crew of the Line Walker-2 during his visit to shooting place yesterday. **PHOTO : MNA**

Union Ministes Dr. Pe Myint and U Ohn Maung pose for documentary photo together with members of Line Walker-2 shooting team and Myanmar movie artistes. **PHOTO: MNA**

The crew of Line Waker-2 shooting a scene in downtown Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO : MNA**

Trump says China trade deal likely as talks extended

WASHINGTON (United States)—US President Donald Trump said on Friday a trade summit with Chinese leader Xi Jinping was likely next month, and hailed two days of "very good talks" by negotiators. The negotiations were extended through Sunday as officials race to reach a deal ahead of a deadline next week when US duty rates are due to rise sharply.

But Trump again said he was considering pushing back the deadline for raising tariffs on more than $200 billion in Chinese exports. "We expect to have a meeting sometime in a not too distant future," he said of the meeting with Xi. "Probably fairly soon in the month of March."

Xi also sounded a positive note in a letter delivered to Trump by China's lead negotiator Liu He.

The Chinese president expressed hope that the talks maintain "a mutually respectful, cooperative and win-win attitude" and lead to a "mutually beneficial" agreement."I am ready to maintain close contact with the President through various means," state-run China Central Television quoted Xi's letter saying.

Details remained scant about any concrete progress in the seven-month-old trade war, which has rattled global markets and prompted stark warnings about the risks to the world economy.

US President Donald Trump (r) meets with Chinese trade envoy Liu He (l) in the Oval Office on Friday. **PHOTO: AFP**

"I think there is a very, very good chance that a deal can be made," Trump told reporters at the White House on a second day of trade negotiations with Chinese officials."If we are doing well, I could see extending that" deadline for the end of the three month tariff truce.And Trump said an agreement on currency manipulation will be included in the trade pact. Officials from Beijing also expressed optimism about a positive outcome."From China, we believe that it is very likely that it will happen," Liu said, speaking through an interpreter.

Winning streak

Global stock markets were higher on expectations the two sides would avoid further deterioration in their trade relations.

Wall Street rose to a banner finish, posting its longest streak of weekly gains in nearly 24 years.

Analysts say the two sides are likely to trumpet mutual agreements to resolve the easier parts of the trade dispute—increasing purchases of American goods, more open investment in China and tougher protections for intellectual property and proprietary technology.The harder parts covering issues like scaling back China's ambitious industrial strategy for global preeminence, are another question.Christine Lagarde, head of the International Monetary Fund, again warned that the US-China trade tensions a "major risk" to world economic growth.

Since July, the countries have hit out with tariffs on more than $360 billion in two-way trade.

While the tariffs alone are having "minimal" effect on global trade, they are damaging business confidence and weighing on stock markets, Lagarde told the US radio program Marketplace on Thursday.

"I cross my fingers every morning and my toes every evening because I hope that it is going to end up with a way to fix the system, not break it," she said.

The IMF has cut its forecast for global growth this year due to the combined impact of the trade war. —AFP ■

Warning issued over attacks on internet infrastructure

SAN FRANCISCO (United States)—Key parts of the internet infrastructure face large-scale attacks that threaten the global system of web traffic, the internet's address keeper warned Friday.

The Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN) declared after an emergency meeting "an ongoing and significant risk" to key parts of the infrastructure that affects the domains on which websites reside."They are going after the internet infrastructure itself," ICANN chief technology officer David Conrad told AFP."There have been targeted attacks in the past, but nothing like this."The attacks date back as far as 2017 but have sparked growing concerns from security researchers in recent weeks, which prompted the special meeting of ICANN.The malicious activity targets the Domain Name System or DNS which routes traffic to intended online destinations.

The internet's global address keeper is warning of large-scale attacks threatening key parts of the online infrastructure. **PHOTO: AFP**

ICANN specialists and others say these attacks have a potential to snoop on data along the way, sneakily send the traffic elsewhere or enable the attackers to impersonate or "spoof" critical websites."There isn't a single tool to address this," Conrad said, as ICANN called for an overall hardening of web defenses.US authorities issued a similar warning last month about the DNS attacks."This is roughly equivalent to someone lying to the post office about your address, checking your mail, and then hand delivering it to your mailbox," the US Department of Homeland Security said in a recent cybersecurity alert."Lots of harmful things could be done to you (or the senders) depending on the content of that mail."

Middle East targets

DNSpionage attacks might date back to at least 2017, according to FireEye senior manager of cyber espionage analysis Ben Read.The list of targets included website registrars and internet service providers, particularly in the Middle East."We've seen primarily targeting of email names and passwords," Read said of what is being dubbed "DNSpionage.""There is evidence that it is coming out of Iran and being done in support of Iran."ICANN held an emergency meeting and is putting out word to website and online traffic handlers to ramp up security or leave users vulnerable to being tricked into trusting the wrong online venues. — AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Trump picks Canada envoy Kelly Craft as UN ambassador

WASHINGTON (United States)—President Donald Trump said Friday he is nominating Kelly Craft, his envoy to Canada, to be the next US ambassador to the United Nations."Kelly has done an outstanding job representing our Nation and I have no doubt that, under her leadership, our Country will be represented at the highest level," Trump said in a pair of tweets announcing his pick.If confirmed by the US Senate, she would fill the post that has been vacant since Nikki Haley, a former South Carolina governor and rising star in the Republican Party who stepped down from the UN job late last year.—AFP ■

Marshall Islands consider radical measures to survive rising sea levels

MAJURO (Marshall Islands)—The far-flung Marshall Islands needs to raise its islands if it is to avoid being drowned by rising sea levels, President Hilda Heine has warned. Plans are underway for national talks on which of the 1,156 islands, scattered over 29 coral atolls, can be elevated in a dramatic intervention to ensure safety on the islands.—AFP ■

W. House 'strongly condemns' Venezuela use of force after troops kill 2

WASHINGTON (United States)—The US "strongly condemns" the Venezuelan military's use of force, the White House said Friday after troops shot dead two indigenous people who were part of a group trying to keep the country's border with Brazil open to humanitarian aid."The United States strongly condemns the Venezuelan military's use of force against unarmed civilians and innocent volunteers on Venezuela's border with Brazil," a statement said."Interim President Juan Guaido has requested immediate humanitarian assistance from the international community for the people of his country, while the Maduro regime has given orders to close the borders and repress those who seek to bring aid into the country.—AFP ■

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. **PHOTO: AFP**

N. Korea's Kim to make official visit to Viet Nam in 'coming days'

HANOI (Viet Nam)—North Korean leader Kim Jong Un will soon make an official visit to Viet Nam, officials said Saturday, as Hanoi prepares to host Kim and US President Donald Trump for a summit next week."Kim Jong Un will pay an official visit to Viet Nam in the coming days," Viet Nam's foreign ministry said Saturday on its Facebook page. Media did not specify when the visit would take place, but several sources told AFP Friday that Kim was expected to arrive late on 25 February or 26 February by train. Kim and Trump will meet on 27-28 February, the second summit between the two leaders aimed at dismantling Pyongyang's nuclear arsenal.Their first summit last year produced a vaguely-worded commitment for Pyongyang to denuclearise, and observers are hoping the follow up meeting will produce concrete outcomes.

Kim is expected to travel to Viet Nam by train, stopping at the Dong Dang train station near the China border before making the 170-kilometre (105 mile) journey to Hanoi by car. Hanoi is taking the unprecedented move of blocking all traffic along the road from 6:00 am until 2:00 pm on 26 February , state media reported Friday, suggesting Kim will travel along the normally busy highway by car.

Viet Nam has beefed up security at the Dong Dang station and along the road leading to Hanoi, according to AFP reporters at the scene who saw scores of armed guards in the area Saturday.—AFP ■

41 killed by spurious liquor in India's northeast

NEW DELHI—The death toll due to consumption of illicit liquor in India's northeastern state of Assam Friday has risen to 41, local government officials said.

Over 60 others are in hospitals undergoing treatment.

The hooch was consumed by people on Thursday evening at Halmira tea estate in Golaghat district, about 275 km east of Dispur, the capital city of Assam.

According to officials, 23 deaths have taken place at Golaghat hospital, while 18 deaths were reported at adjacent Jorhat Medical College hospital.

"In Golaghat hospital the death toll has risen to 23, while many others are still admitted here," a senior police officer Partha Pratim Saikia said. "Many others are still being hospitalised."

Medical superintendent at Jorhat Medical College hospital Saurabh Borkotoki told Xinhua 18 deaths have taken place in the hospital.

"Sixty five people were admitted in the hospital and out of them 18 have died so far," Borkotoki told Xinhua over telephone from Jorhat district. "The remaining 47 are undergoing treatment."

Health officials say the cause of deaths, according to preliminary investigation, seems to be consumption of "spurious country made liquor".

Police have registered a case and collected samples of the liquor.

Meanwhile, Assam chief minister Sarbananda Sonowal has formed an inquiry commission to investigate the incident, reports said.

Earlier this month, around 100 people died in a hooch tragedy in northern Indian states of Uttarakhand and Uttar Pradesh. Following the deaths, authorities suspended several officials and have started a crackdown on illicit liquor manufacturing units and sales points.In December 2011, hooch tragedy killed 172 people in South 24-Parganas district of West Bengal.

Spurious alcohol deaths are often reported in India, where people often drink cheap country made bootleg liquor.—Xinhua ■

China approves 2 IPO applications

BEIJING—China's securities regulator has approved new IPO applications from two companies.

The applications of Sichuan Jinshi Technology Co., Ltd, a paper product producer, and Jushiri Technologies Inc., a telecom equipment maker, have been granted, the China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC) said, without specifying the amount to be raised.

The firms and their underwriters will confirm IPO dates and publish prospectuses following discussions with the exchanges. Under the current IPO system, new shares are subject to approval from the CSRC. China is gradually switching from an approval-based IPO system to a more market-oriented one based on registration.—Xinhua ■

Duterte swears in interim officials of new Bangsamoro region

MANILA—Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte swore in on Friday the interim officials of the newly created Bangsamoro Autonomous Region, on which hope is pinned for an end to the cycle of violence in the southern island of Mindanao.

The 80 appointed members of the Bangsamoro Transition Authority, together with elected officials of the dissolved Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, will head the reconstituted region until the first officials of the Bangsamoro Parliament are elected in May 2022.

Al Haj Murad Ebrahim, chairman of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, the country's largest organized rebel group that forged a peace agreement with government in 2014 for the creation of the Bangsamoro region, will act as the governing body's chief minister.Former President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, currently leader of the lower chamber of Congress, as well as former government peace advisers and negotiators, attended the ceremony held at the Presidential Palace in the capital Manila.

"The Bangsamoro Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao is not just the fulfillment of a campaign promise. It will be the realization of our collective desire," Duterte said in his keynote speech."It will be the realization of all our dreams and end long decades of armed struggle that hindered the growth of the region (that) I also consider my home," added the former longtime mayor of Davao City, located in the southeastern part of Mindanao.

The Bangsamoro Organic Law that authorized the establishment of the new region was ratified by a 21 January plebiscite in the Muslim-dominated area of coverage. A subsequent referendum on 6 February finalized the territorial scope of the region.

Mohagher Iqbal, a ranking MILF official who is among the BTA members, said the interim

Undated file photo shows Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

regional government will formally assume office on 26 February when the dissolved ARMM turns over its functions.

"In the days to come, the BTA will pass crucial legislation that will fully operationalize the (law). Right at the heart of these responsibilities are the institutionalizations of the practice of good governance to achieve a meaningful and genuine change for inclusive peace and development in the region," government peace adviser Carlito Galvez said at the event.

The transition officials include MILF commanders who actively fought against government troops during their more-than-four-decade insurgency.

"Actually, as revolutionaries, all of us are both political and military leaders...Even though, most of the time that most of the commanders were in the military, they are also trained on governance," Murad told reporters after the ceremony."We are hoping that they will also be productive."

Murad, who considers himself no longer a revolutionary following his assumption into a government post, said the first phase of the decommissioning of their combatants and weapons is currently being worked on. "Hopefully, we can have it within the next month," he said. —Kyodo News ■

Swedish teenager brings climate action campaign to France

PARIS (France)— Teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg brought her class-boycott campaign to Paris on Friday, hoping to encourage more French students to hit the streets with demands for bold efforts to combat global warming.The Friday protests that the 16-year-old Swede launched in August have gained little traction so far in France, where the landmark COP21 international accord on cutting emissions was signed in 2015.After urging the EU in Brussels to move more aggressively on greenhouse gas cuts on Thursday, Thunberg then travelled to Paris where she met up with young activists from France, Belgium and Germany for a march which was also joined by French actress Juliette Binoche.

"I never thought it would get so big and I think it's amazing," she said of her campaign, speaking to journalists ahead of the march. "We, children, we should not have to do this, adults should be taking responsibility."A crowd of around 1,000 people took part in the protest in central Paris, one of dozens planned in cities across Europe as part of her "Fridays For Future" movement.

But outside Paris, only two other class-cutting marches have been organised -- one in Beauvais just north of Paris and one in the southwestern city of Dax.Last Friday, only around 200 students protested outside the environment ministry in Paris.

'It takes time to mobilise'

"I don't know why young people mobilise massively in some countries and not others," Thunberg said in an interview with Le Parisien which was published on Friday."France, the country of COP21, needs to do what it says it will," she added. Under the 2015 Paris deal to limit global warming to well below 2 degrees Celsius (3.6 degrees Fahrenheit), the 28-nation EU has pledged to cut greenhouse gas emissions by at least 40 per cent by 2030, compared to 1990.

Still, France's climate efforts have come increasingly under the spotlight since August when high-profile green activist Nicolas Hulot resigned abruptly as environment minister saying the government was not making enough progress. "There have been other social movements which were very active" in France, said 22-year-old Romaric Thurel, one of the coordinators of Youth For Climate France."France is a big country and it takes time to mobilise, but we feel a shift."

Teenage climate activist Greta Thunberg, seen here in Brussels, began skipping classes in Stockholm six months ago to hold weekly Friday protests. **PHOTO: AFP**

'Any concrete promise'

Thunberg's determined campaign to hold adults accountable for looming climate change consequences has gained global resonance since she began skipping class for weekly Friday protests in Stockholm six months ago.

She made global headlines in December with a strong-willed speech at a UN climate meeting in Poland, and last month took her message to the top corporate echelons at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland.

In the last six months, tens of thousands of high school students—in Sydney, Brussels, Berlin, The Hague, London and other cities—have followed her lead. On Thursday, she joined around 7,500 Belgian student activists who staged a march in Brussels, their seventh such protest."I think it is very good that the young protest in the streets of Europe to defend the environment," European Commission chief Jean-Claude Juncker said on Thursday, urging adults to join them. —AFP ■

Canada energy regulator gives nod to Pacific pipeline

The pipeline has faced opposition from environmentalists and indigenous tribes (protest pictured March 2018) worried that increased shipping from a mraine terminal in Vancouver would impede the recovery of the local killer whale populations. **PHOPTO: AFP**

OTTAWA (Canada)—Canada's energy regulator renewed its support on Friday for a controversial oil pipeline to the Pacific, saying the risks to endangered whales from increased tanker traffic were "justified."Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government ordered a review of the Trans Mountain Project taking into account its impact on killer whales after the Federal Court of Appeal blocked it over concerns for the marine mammals.The National Energy Board (NEB) said the project would have "significant adverse environmental effects" on the whales and an oil spill could have equally horrendous impacts on the marine environment.

But it concluded "that they can be justified in the circumstances, in light of the considerable benefits of the project and measures to mitigate the effects."The federal government has 90 days to decide whether to give final approval for the project, but has signaled it may delay until after a general election in October.The expansion of the 715-mile (1,150-kilometer) pipeline was to move 890,000 barrels of oil a day from landlocked Alberta province to the Pacific coast, replacing a smaller crumbling conduit built in 1953. —AFP ■

EXTENSION OF OPEN TENDER CLOSING DATE

Sealed bids have already been invited by Department of Medical Services, Ministry of Health and sports for the supply of Medical and Laboratory Equipment NCB 6 (Infection Prevention Control Equipment) and NCB 9 (Hospital Consumables) by the loan of Asian Development Bank (ADB) in the (2018-2019) Fiscal Year .The previous bid closing date was (13.3.2019), 14:00 hour.

Now, the bid closing date is extended up to (18.3.2019), 14:00 hour after which no bid will be accepted. No telegraph/telex proposal will be accepted.

Procurement and Supply Division
Department of Medical Services
Ministry of Health and Sports

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V SHENG CHENG HAI

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V SHENG CHENG HAI VOY. NO. (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24-02-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T-5 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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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ETL TRANSPORTATIONA CO LTD

Phone No: 2301928

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V IAL 001 VOY. NO. (024 N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V IAL 001 VOY. NO. (024 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24-02-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.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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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S INTER ASIA LINES

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CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES

Phone No: 2301185

The Oscars will be without a host this year for the first time in three decades—will that make the show better? **PHOTO: AFP**

Three things to watch for on Oscars night

HOLLYWOOD (United States)—Oscars night is quickly approaching—on Sunday, all will be revealed.Will Alfonso Cuaron sweep the awards for his cinematic masterpiece "Roma?" Will another contender swipe the best picture Oscar from him? Can Glenn Close finally claim her first Academy Award?The ceremony will be without a host for the first time in three decades—a fact sure to create some surprising moments.Here are three things to watch for on Sunday when the stars gather for the 91st Oscars:

Can Netflix's 'Roma' make history?

Streaming giant Netflix could take a major step forward in its quest to be both a distribution king and a purveyor of quality original content if "Roma" becomes its first film to take home a best picture Oscar."Roma" earned a whopping 10 nods, leading the proceedings in a tie with "The Favourite." The film earned nominations in several top categories including best director and best actress, also a new high for Netflix. Amazon Studios already broke through in the best picture category in 2017 with a nomination for "Manchester by the Sea"—but did not grab the win.A best picture victory for "Roma" would also make history as it would be the first foreign-language film to do so.And it would be the crown jewel in a rich awards season for Alfonso Cuaron, whose black-and-white film pays homage to his mother, his nanny and his childhood in 1970s Mexico City.

Four of the 10 nominations for "Roma" are his: for best picture as a producer, best director, best original screenplay and best cinematography. He joins illustrious company with his achievement: Warren Beatty did the same, scoring four nominations in four different categories —twice—for "Heaven Can Wait" and "Reds." Joel and Ethan Coen did it for "No Country for Old Men."

At last, Glenn Close's turn?

Glenn Close is a veteran stage and screen actress and is revered by her peers. She is a winner of three Emmys, three Golden Globes and three Tony Awards. But Oscar has never smiled on her.This year, with her seventh nomination, could finally be her year.Close, 71, earned rave reviews for her portrayal of Joan Castleman, a woman who finds herself at a crossroads in her marriage to an author husband in "The Wife," opposite a formidable Jonathan Pryce.She has swept the major prizes so far this awards season, from a Golden Globe in January to a Screen Actors Guild prize to the Critics' Choice Award she shared with Lady Gaga.Oscarologists are near-unanimous in their prediction that Close will strike gold on Sunday. We'll see when the envelope is opened.

What about Spike Lee?

Spike Lee is still bitter about what is perceived as one of the most egregious Oscar snubs: the choice of "Driving Miss Daisy" for best picture in 1990, when his "Do The Right Thing" was not nominated.But this year, his "BlacKkKlansman" is up for six Oscars, and Lee himself was nominated three times: for best picture as a producer, best director and best adapted screenplayLee was given a honorary Oscar a few years ago for lifetime achievement but has never taken home a competitive Academy Award. Many hope his tale of a black cop who infiltrated the Ku Klux Klan will break the unhappy streak.—AFP ■

Hole-in-One at Okkala Golf Course

GOLFER U Kyaw Aung won a shot of hole-in-one at the Okkala Golf Course on 22 February while playing with four other golfers U Kyaw Kyaw Min, U Nyi Naing Tun, U Kyaw Myo and U Kyi Lin Htwe.

The golfer U Kyaw Aung took his shot using the golf ball Titleitst-2 and golf club Honma Iron.5 for the 167-yard hole No.24 of third corner, according to the Okkala Golf Course.

The hole in one winning golfer will be awarded with a ticket that can play ten times free in one month at the golf course by Okkala Golf Course and a Borgward BX Model car by Go Excellent Myanmar Co., Ltd.

This is the 31st time hole in one shot in Okkala Golf Course.

The Okkala Golf Course also presented worthy awards to the hole in one winners. The Okkala Golf Course that has been upgraded to international standard golf course recently and located near the downtown Yangon is providing luxury services.—GNLM ■

U Kyaw Aung wins a shot of hole-in-one at the Okkala Golf Course on 22 February. **PHOTO : SUPPLIED**

History-making female conductor Alsop wields baton for equality

HONG KONG (China)—The first woman to lead a major US orchestra, Marin Alsop believes that Western classical music—long seen as a stuffy, elitist club—can be "a great equaliser" between people of all backgrounds.

"Every single human being can access classical music. If you think you can't, it's only because you have been told that by someone who didn't know anything," Alsop told AFP in an interview on the sidelines of the Hong Kong Arts Festival, where she was conducting the Sao Paulo Symphony Orchestra. The 62-year-old American is herself no stranger to such naysayers.

She was nine years old when she watched the celebrated American composer Leonard Bernstein conduct an orchestra and decided that she too would command the stage one day, only to be told by her violin teacher that "girls don't do that".

For the young girl who had grown up watching her mother play the cello, it was her first brush with gender discrimination. Born into a musical family—her father played the violin—Alsop took up her first instrument when she was just two years old, joining an orchestra at age seven.

She credits her "entirely supportive" parents and her own "stubborn" streak for helping her persevere in her push to wield the baton. Her determination and talent eventually won the budding conductor the attention of Bernstein himself, who took her under his wing.

Marin Alsop hopes her ongoing efforts to widen access to the world of classical music will prove her strongest legacy. **PHOTO: AFP**

Making history

After years of touring with orchestras in the US and the UK, Alsop made history in 2007 when she became the first female music director of the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra (BSO).

More accolades followed.

In 2013, she became the first woman to conduct the Last Night of the Proms, a highlight of Britain's cultural calendar. Later this year, Alsop will add another first to her resume when she takes over as music director of the Vienna Radio Symphony Orchestra.

"I am always shocked that there can still be firsts for women in the 21st century... I find that quite pathetic," she says.

Nonetheless, she acknowledges that "the great thing about being the first... is that it provides you a platform and an opportunity to try to open doors for other people".

Despite Alsop's success, the classical music world has been slow to embrace and nurture the talent of female conductors.

According to Britain's Royal Philharmonic Society, only 5.5 per cent of the 371 conductors represented by British agents are female. Eager to see more women blaze trails of their own, Alsop founded the Taki Concordia Conducting Fellowship in 2002, offering guidance and mentoring to female conductors.

As the #MeToo movement sweeps the world of classical music, including hallowed institutions like the Metropolitan Opera and the BSO, Alsop is scathing about the abuses of power, calling them "the worst-kept secrets in classical music". "I hope that the younger generations (of men) are more educated, more sensitive or at least perhaps, a little more scared," she says.—AFP ■

Virgin Galactic takes crew of three to altitude of 55 miles

SpaceShipTwo mates to the mothership, WhiteKnightTwo, at Mojave Space Port on 19 February 2019, in Mojave, California. **PHOTO: AFP**

WASHINGTON (United States)—Virgin Galactic's spacecraft reached an altitude of more than 55 miles (88.5 kilometers) on Friday, carrying for the first time a passenger in addition to its two pilots. SpaceShipTwo, built by British billionaire Richard Branson to carry tourists into space, launched from California's Mojave desert and flew to an altitude of 55.87 miles (89.9 kms), the company said. The US definition of space is anything over an altitude of 50 miles. The Virgin craft made it past that for the first time in December, reaching an altitude of 50.9 miles.Branson announced with great fanfare at the time that it was the first time since NASA ended its space shuttle program in 2011 that an American vessel had carried humans into space.

However, the Virgin craft still has not crossed the internationally accepted boundary between Earth's outer atmosphere and space, known as the Karman Line, which is set at an altitude of 62 miles (100 kms).

"SpaceShipTwo, welcome back to space," wrote Virgin Galactic as it Tweeted updates throughout the event, without sending out any live footage.

The spacecraft travelled at a speed of 3 Mach, or three times the speed of sound in its ascent, and landed without incident at the Mojave spaceport. It is designed to carry six passengers, but test flights are years behind schedule in large part because of an accident that killed a test pilot in 2014.Branson told AFP earlier this month that he hoped the test flights would be far enough ahead by July that he would be able to join a flight.

For the first time Friday, the flight carried a passenger, Virgin Galactic's Beth Moses, who will be in charge of training the company's future space tourists.

To take off from the ground, SpaceShipTwo is carried by another larger plane, WhiteKnightTwo, which resembles a combination of two airplanes attached by their wing tips. When it is high enough, it releases the spaceship which then fires up its own rocket engine and ascends for roughly a minute into space.At the apogee, its passengers float in zero-gravity for several minutes. It then descends and glides back to the landing strip.Branson's main rival is Blue Origin, created by billionaire Amazon founder Jeff Bezos.Bezos told an audience in New York this week that his New Shepard suborbital vehicle would start flying people later this year and to a greater altitude than SpaceShipTwo. —AFP ■

More cost-effective way to recycle glass: Aussie research

SYDNEY—Australian researchers said they have found a new way to recycle glass into everyday products, pointing to major cost and waste reductions for the environment.

The method extracts liquid silicate from waste glass and it can be used to make thousands of products ranging from concrete sealers and fertilizers to detergents and toothpaste, the University of Queensland said in a statement about its researchers' work late on Friday.

"We estimate the process is more than 50 per cent cheaper than conventional ways of producing silicate," university researcher Rhys Pirie said.

"It requires less energy, raw materials and capital, and that's before you consider the reduced social and economic costs compared to landfilling material."

The technique "also leaves behind little waste, with nearly all of the glass being turned into saleable products" and saving tens of millions of tons of glass from going to landfill every year, according to the university. Its commercialization company has filed a patent covering the process and is now seeking commercial partners, it said.

Pirie said he is confident the work will "create positive, far-reaching and virtuous economic cycles". —Xinhua ■

Australian researchers say they find a new way to recycle glass into everyday products. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Russia to use Federatsiya spacecraft for deep space flights, says Roscosmos chief

MOSCOW—Russia's promising Federatsiya spacecraft that will be renamed will be used for flights to the Moon and deep space flights, Head of State Space Corporation Roscosmos Dmitry Rogozin told journalists on Friday.

"While the flight tests of the new manned transport spacecraft, which we earlier called Federatsiya, will begin in 2022, we proceed from the fact that this will be a heavy reusable spacecraft with the enhanced thermal and radiation protection," the Roscosmos chief said.

"That is, it is intended for flights to the Moon and for deep space rather than for flights to the ISS [International Space Station]. This is because it will be very costly to use it on the ISS while Soyuz MS spacecraft and its further modifications will remain for the ISS," Rogozin said.

Federatsiya spacecraft

The Federatsiya spacecraft is being developed by the Energia Space Rocket Corporation. The spacecraft is designed to deliver humans and cargoes both into near-Earth orbit and into deep space. The spacecraft will have a crew of up to 4 cosmonauts. It will be capable of operating in the mode of an autonomous flight for up to 30 days and for a term of a year as part of an orbital station.—Tass ■

Scientists develop tougher fiber like rubber plus metal

WASHINGTON—American scientists engineered a tougher fiber as flexible as rubber bands but as strong as metal wires, which can be used in soft robotics or next generation textiles.

The study published on Friday in the journal Science Advances described the fibers made of a gallium metal core surrounded by an elastic polymer sheath, like human bones held together by tissues."A rubber band can stretch very far, but it doesn't take much force to stretch it," said Michael Dickey, the paper's corresponding author and a professor at North Carolina State University.

"A metal wire requires a lot of force to stretch it, but it can't take much strain. It breaks before you can stretch it very far. Our fibers have the best of both worlds," said Dickey.

The fiber has the strength of the metal core, but when the metal breaks, the polymer sheath can absorb the strain between the breaks, according to the study. Instead of snapping in two when stretched, it can stretch up to seven times its original length before failure, said Dickey. The fiber can release energy repeatedly through internal breaks, and lower the weight slowly and steadily, according to the study. Also, the gallium core is conductive, though it loses its conductivity when the internal core breaks. The fibers can be reused by melting the metal cores back together.

"We are interested to see how these fibers could be used in soft robotics or when woven into textiles for various applications," said Dickey.—Xinhua ■

Saw Htoo Aung (left) lands a punch on Antonio Faria (right) in the WLC light welter weight champion fight match in Mandalay. **PHOTO : WLC**

WLC in Mandalay: Antonio Faria crowns light welter weight lethwei champion with win over Saw Htoo Aung

PORTUGUESE fighter Antonio Faria knocked out light welter weight Myanma national lethwei champion Saw Htoo Aung to become the first-ever Light Welterweight World Lethwei Champion.

Faria's victory came during the main event of the World Lethwei Championship WLC-7 Mighty Warriors at the Mandalar Thiri Indoor Stadium in Mandalay on Friday night.

The two fighters seemed equal in their abilities, but Antonio displayed a stronger desire to win, along with greater stamina.

Punches, kicks and striking with head and knees were used by both fighters, and Saw Htoo Aung seemed to be dominated by Faria in the early minutes.

But in the last minute of their fight, Saw Htoo Aung could not stand up to Antonio's strikes, and was knocked from his feet by a flurry of strikes from Antonio.

In the co-main event of the WLC, Ukraine's Sasha Moisa knocked out Shwe Yar Mann in the light middle weight class.

Shwe Yar Mann fought off one knockdown, but was unable to continue after a series of devastating punches and elbows from Moisa. In the other event, Yan Naing Tun won a unanimous decision over Saw Ba Oo.

Likewise in another bout, Nguyen Tran Duy Nhat became the first Vietnamese fighter to win a World Lethwei Championship, with a head kick knockout victory over Cambodian fighter Pich Mtes Khmang.—Lynn Thit(Tgi)

AFC Cup 2019: Myanmar's Yangon United faces Singaporean Tampines Rovers FC

Representing Myanmar, Yangon United FC will play against Singapore football club Tampines Rovers FC in the Zonal Semi Final in the AFC Cup 2018 at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon on 26 February. This is the first time Yangon United has reached the Zonal Semi Final at the AFC Cup.

Yangon United will play against the Tampines Rovers Football Club, known as the Stags, a professional football club based in Tampines, Singapore, that competes in the Singapore Premier League. The Singaporean team has won major trophies in Singapore, including the Singapore Cup and the Singapore Premier League. They have also won the national league championship eight times, the Singapore Cup three times, the Singapore Premier League five times and the ASEAN Club Championship once. The Stags are known for drawing large numbers of fans, both at home and away.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Johnson takes two-shot lead at WGC-Mexico

MEXICO CITY(Mexico)—Dustin Johnson fired his second straight bogey-free round on Friday, a four-under par 67 that gave him a two-stroke lead over Rory McIlroy and Matt Kuchar at the WGC-Mexico Championship.

Johnson's methodical approach at Club de Golf Chapultepec paid dividends as he overhauled first-round leader McIlroy on a day when 14-time major champion Tiger Woods moved into the top 10 with a five-under 66.

"I've just done a really good job with controlling my distance with my irons and giving myself a lot of looks at birdies," said Johnson, who had never before in his US PGA Tour career opened a tournament with two bogey-free rounds.

The 2017 WGC-Mexico champion said he enjoyed the challenge of adjusting to the altitude."It makes you focus, you've got to think and you're doing a lot of calculations with the numbers, trying to figure out how far the ball is going to actually go," he said.

McIlroy, who opened Thursday with an eight-under par 63, picked up where he left off with three birdies in his first four holes. But he found the water for a bogey at the sixth and then made a double-bogey at the par-four ninth, where he was 15 feet from the fringe with his second shot but needed four putts from there.He signed for a one-under 71 for nine-under 133. He was joined by Kuchar, who opened with four straight birdies in a four-under 67.—AFP ■

Fowler penalized for illegal drop but expects new rule to change

MEXICO CITY (Mexico)—Rickie Fowler took a one-shot penalty for an illegal drop from shoulder-height at the WGC-Mexico Championship on Friday, but said he thinks the new knee-height drop rule will be changed.

Fowler had shanked his second shot out of bounds on the 10th hole and when he took his drop he used the old style—holding his right arm out from his shoulder and letting the ball fall.

Neither of his playing partners noticed, nor did his caddie Joe Skovron, who was looking away at the time. If they had, he would have been allowed to re-drop and avoid the penalty.

Fowler had already played his shot before the infraction was pointed out.

"I know I didn't drop properly, but just going through the natural kind of progression of what you do with the drop, that's just what you're used to," said Fowler, who ended up with a triple-bogey seven.

He birdied the next two holes, but signed for a two-over par 73.

"I think, with the new rules that have been put in place, it's not doing any favors for our sport," Fowler said. "I think it will definitely be changed.

"It was on me, but I think it's a terrible change."

The drop rule change was part of the modernized Rules of Golf that took effect on 1 January, and some of the changes—such as one on caddie alignment—have required clarification from global governing bodies the Royal & Ancient and the US Golf Association.—AFP ■

SUNDAY SPECIAL

The Global New Light of Myanmar

By Aung Kaung Sett Hein
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EVERYONE loves to post #LifeGoals on Instagram, after they have been able to tick off a long bucket list of destinations, managed to take a selfie with their celebrity idol, or received a medal for completing a 40 kilometer marathon. The way how "LifeGoals" is defined will vary from person to person but eventually it all comes down to what each individual experiences, values, and finds happiness in.

In real life, creating or setting life goals starts with simple things.

Step out of comfort zone! Staying in a comfort zone will never climax one's life. Figure out what you're nervous about doing and challenge yourself by doing one at a time. Meet new people without the company of a close friend, travel to a new city alone, get exposed to different cultures and find the beauty in diversity. Try staying away from your cellphone for a certain amount of time and see how you can enjoy your own company at times.

Explore nature. Take unplanned last-minute weekend getaway trips to a countryside or rural areas with family/friends, connect with locals and exchange stories. Experience every details of awe-inspiring nature, the pollens from flowers, colorful leaves falling poetically, or the squeaking sound of pigeon wings, which get unnoticed in a busy city life.

Try to catch early sunset. Greet the new day with a fresh early start, and a good breakfast that gives you the initial energy for the day. As Buddhists, there's nothing more auspicious than offering water to Lord Buddha or reciting pali verses in an early morning. No distraction through text messages or phone calls is waiting to disrupt the peace in your vacinity. Doing quick stretching exercises or yoga consistently every morning will not only get you in shape but also benefit your mind!

Be genuine and kind. Meaningful long-lasting friendships start with unfeigned love and kindness without any expectations. Taking opportunities to help and contribute to others is a Life Goal which often gets overlooked in our egoistic daily lives. Remind your friends of what they are capable, bring them to new heights, and have an non judgmental ear to their struggles.

Try vlogging. Capture moments around you and record parts of your daily life, including not so flawless moments and imperfections, because that's what life is all about. You don't necessarily need to set up a big YouTube channel, but just engage with a circle of family and close friends. It's important to lead life day by day without staying fixated on the past, but certain precious moments are worth being reminisced on with a smile.

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(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

Adjective clauses

နာမဝိသေသနပုဒ်စုများ။

(A) ပုဒ်စုဆိုသည်မှာ ကိုယ်ပိုင် ကတ္တား (subject) တစ်ခုနှင့်ဝါစက (Predicate) တစ်ခုပါဝင်သော စာလုံး အစုအဝေးဖြစ်သည်။ များသောအားဖြင့် ပိုမိုရှည်လျားသော စာကြောင်းထဲတွင် ရပ်တည်ရသည်။

(B) Adjective (နာမဝိသေသန) တစ်လုံး သို့မဟုတ် Adjective phrase (ဝါကျပြတ်) လုပ်ရမည့် အလုပ်ကို ဝင်ရောက်လုပ်သော clause (ပုဒ်စု) ကို adjective clause ဟုခေါ်သည်။

(An adjective clause is a group of words which contains a subject and a predicate of its own, and does the work of an adjective.)

(C) ယခင် သင်ခန်းစာတစ်ခုတွင်တင်ပြခဲ့သော Relative Pronouns များဖြစ် သည့် who, whose, whom, which, that, where တို့ဖြင့် တည်ဆောက်ထားသော စာကြောင်းများသည် Adjective clauses (နာမဝိသေသနပုဒ်စု) များဖြစ်သည်။

လေ့လာပါ။

1. Ma Ma is a bright girl.
   Ma Ma is a girl who is bright.
   မမသည် ဉာဏ်ကောင်းသော မိန်းကလေးတစ်ယောက်ဖြစ်သည်။
   (who is bright သည် bright ဟူသော adj အလုပ်ကို ဝင်လုပ်သော adjective clause ဖြစ်သည်။)
2. The boy in the car is her younger brother.
   ကားထဲမှ လူကလေးသည် သူမ၏မောင်ဖြစ်သည်။
   The boy who is in the car is her younger brother.
   ကားထဲမှာရှိသော လူကလေးသည် သူမ၏မောင်ဖြစ်သည်။
   "Who is in the car" သည် in the car ဟူသော Adjective phrase အလုပ်ကို ဝင်လုပ်သော adjective clause ဖြစ်သည်။ (ကတ္တား who နှင့် ဝါစက is ပါသည်ကို သတိပြုပါ။)
3. The house with a red roof belongs to Ko Ko.
   အမိုးနီနှင့် အိမ်ကို ကိုကိုပိုင်သည်။
   The house which has a red roof belongs to Ko Ko.
   အမိုးနီရှိသောအိမ်ကို ကိုကိုပိုင်သည်။
   "which has a red roof" သည် with a red roof ဟူသော adj phrase အလုပ်ကို ဝင်လုပ်သော adj clause ဖြစ်သည်။
4. The girls working in this factory are pretty.
   The girls who work in this factory are pretty.
   ဤစက်ရုံတွင် အလုပ်လုပ်သော မိန်းကလေးများလှသည်။
   "who work in this factory" သည် working in this factory" ဟူသော present participle ဖြင့်လာသည့် adj phrase အလုပ်ကို ဝင်လုပ်သော adj clause ဖြစ်သည်။
5. This is a stone table.
   This is a table made of stone. (adj phrase)
   This is a table which is made of stone.
   "which is made of stone' သည် made of stone ဟူသော past participle ဖြင့်လာသည့် adj phrase အလုပ်ကို ဝင်လုပ်သည့် adj clause ဖြစ်သည်။ made of stone မှာလည်း stone ဟူသော နာမ် နာမဝိသေသန (noun adj) အလုပ်ကို ဝင်လုပ်သော adj phrase ဖြစ်သည်။
   (adjective တစ်လုံးတည်း သုံးသည်ကို absolute ဟုခေါ်သည်။)

Exercises

အောက်ပါတို့ကို adj clauses များအဖြစ် ပြောင်းပေးပါ။

Change the following into adj clauses –

1. It is an interesting book.
2. He is a short-tempered man. စိတ်တိုသော
3. This is a wooden chair.
4. Myanmar is rice-exporting country.
5. We are a peace-loving people.
6. Maung Maung is a good-for-nothing son.
7. He has a 16-year-old daughter.
8. The police arrested the man with a knife in his right hand.
9. The dog lying under the table is mine.
10. I have a sister reading in this school.
11. The books written by this writer are very popular.
12. This is a man wanted by the police.

Answers

1. It is a book which is interesting.
2. He is a man who is short-tempered.
3. This is chair which is made of wood.
4. Myanmar is a country which exports rice.
5. We are a people who loves peace.
6. Maung Maung is a son who is good for nothing.
7. He has a daughter who is 16 years old.
8. The police arrested the man who had a knife in his right hand.
9. The dog which is lying under the table is mine.
10. I have a sister who is reading in this school.
11. The books which are written by this writer are very popular.
12. This is a man who is wanted by the police.

Lesson 18

(A)

advanced	d		ရှေ့သို့ချီတက်သည်၊ တိုးတက်သည်။
advanced			အဆင့်မြင့်သော၊ တိုးတက်ပြီးသော
advancement			တိုးတက်မှု

1. The enemy retreated when we advanced.
   ငါတို့ရှေ့သို့ချီတက်သောအခါ ရန်သူတို့ဆုတ်ခွာသွားကြသည်။
   Our troops advanced five miles yesterday.
   ငါတို့တပ်များသည် မနေ့က (၅) မိုင်ချီတက်ခဲ့သည်။
   The date of the conference was advanced from the 5th to the 11th December.
   ညီလာခံကျင်းပမည့်ရက်ကို ဒီဇင်ဘာလ (၅)ရက်မှ (၁၁)ရက်သို့ ရွှေ့လိုက်သည်။
   May I advance my opinion on the matter?
   ဤကိစ္စနှင့်ပတ်သက်၍ ကျွန်တော့်အယူအဆကို တင်ပြနိုင်ပါသလား။
   The sellers advanced their prices.
   ရောင်းသူများသည် သူတို့၏ ဈေးနှုန်းကို တိုးမြှင့်ခဲ့ကြသည်။
   I asked my employer to advance me a month's salary.
   ကျွန်တော်သည် ကျွန်တော်၏ အလုပ်ရှင်ကို တစ်လစာ ငွေကြိုတင်ထုတ်ပေးရန် တောင်းပန်ခဲ့သည်။
   The Agriculture Bank advances loans to farmers.
   စိုက်ပျိုးရေးဘဏ်သည် လယ်သမားများကို ငွေထုတ်ချေးသည်။
   He is advanced in years.
   သူအသက်ကြီးပါပြီ။
   Advanced courses are given at the University.
   အဆင့်မြင့်သင်တန်းများကို တက္ကသိုလ်တွင်ပေးသည်။
   Don't spend your salary in advance.
   သင်လစာကို ကြိုမသုံးပါနှင့်. ။
   I thank you in advance.
   ငါမင်းကို ကြိုတင်၍ ကျေးဇူးတင်ပါတယ်။
   They are striving for the advancement of science.
   သူတို့သည် သိပ္ပံပညာတိုးတက်မှုအတွက် ကြိုးပမ်းနေသည်။

B

remember	ed	ed	သတိရသည်။
remembrance			သတိရခြင်း

1. I remember the house where I was born.
   ကျွန်တော်သည် ကျွန်တော့်ကို မွေးဖွားခဲ့သော အိမ်ကို သတိရသည်။
   She did not remember where she had left her umbrella.
   သူမသည် သူမ ထီးဘယ်မှာထားခဲ့မိသည်ကို သတိမရပါ။
   I remember having heard her speak about you.
   သူမ သင့်အကြောင်း ပြောသံကြားခဲ့ရသည်ကို ကျွန်တော်သတိရမိသည်။
   I remember having seen her at the reception.
   ကျွန်တော် သူမကို ဧည့်ခံပွဲတွင် တွေ့ခဲ့ရသည်ကို သတိရပါသည်။
   Give my remembrance to all at home.
   အိမ်ရှိလူအားလုံးအား ကျွန်တော်သတိရကြောင်း ပြောပြလိုက်ပါ။

C

recognize	d	d	မှတ်မိသည်၊ အသိအမှတ်ပြုသည်။
recognition			မှတ်မိခြင်း၊ အသိအမှတ်ပြုခြင်း။

1. Do you recognize me, Saya?
   ဆရာ ကျွန်တော့်ကို မှတ်မိလား!
   Of course, I do. You are, Nyo Gyie. aren't you?
   သေချာပေါက်မှတ်မိတာပေါ့ကွ။ မင်းညိုကြီးပဲ။ ဟုတ်တယ်မဟုတ်လား။
2. Our country has recognized the new government in that country.
   ကျွန်တော်တို့ တိုင်းပြည်သည် ထိုတိုင်းပြည်မှ အစိုးရအဖွဲ့သစ်ကို အသိအမှတ်ပြုပြီးပြီ။
   She no longer recognizes you as her friend.
   သူမသည် သင့်ကို သူမရဲ့သူငယ်ချင်းအဖြစ် အသိအမှတ်မပြုတော့။
3. He has come to recognize that he is not qualified to be a teacher.
   သူကျောင်းဆရာတစ်ယောက်ဖြစ်ရန် အရည်အချင်းမရှိသည်ကို သဘောပေါက်လာသည်။
4. Everybody recognized him to be the best footballer in Myanmar.
   လူတိုင်းက သူ့ကို မြန်မာပြည်၏အကောင်းဆုံးသောဘောလုံးသမားအဖြစ် အသိအမှတ်ပြုခဲ့သည်။

Patterns

စာကြောင်းပုံစံများ

(A) အဓိပ္ပာယ်ပြောင်းမသွားဘဲ စာကြောင်းပုံစံများပြောင်းလဲပုံကိုဆက်လက်လေ့လာပါ။

There is no....that ပုံစံ

ပြောင်းလဲပုံကို အောက်တွင်လေ့လာပါ။

1. Every student wants to pass examinations.
   ကျောင်းသားတိုင်း စာမေးပွဲအောင်ချင်သည်။
   There is no student that does not want to pass examinations.
   စာမေးပွဲမအောင်လိုသော ကျောင်းသားဟူ၍မရှိပါ။
   (a) အငြင်းဝါကျကို နှစ်ဘက်စလုံးတွင်သုံး၍ ဆက်ထားသည်။ Every ကိုဖြုတ်၍ There is no ကို student ရှေ့တွင် ကပ်ထည့်ရသည်။
   (b) ဝါကျနှစ်ခုကို that ဖြင့် ဆက်၍ wants ကို အငြင်းစကားဖြစ်သော does not want ဖြင့် အစားထိုးရသည်။
   (c) Present tense တွင် there is သုံး၍ past tense တွင် there was သုံးရသည်။ There was သုံးလျှင် ဒုတိယဝါကျတွင်လည်း did not စသည့် အငြင်းစကားပုံစံသုံးရသည်။ ဥပမာ
2. Every country has an army.
   နိုင်ငံတိုင်းတွင် စစ်တပ်တစ်တပ်ရှိသည်။
   There is no country that does not have an army.
   စစ်တပ်တစ်တပ်မရှိသော နိုင်ငံဟူ၍ မရှိပါ။
   has ကိုကြိယာအဖြစ် သုံးထားသဖြင့် အငြင်းစကားအဖြစ် ပြောင်းရန် does not have သုံးရသည်ကို သတိပြုပါ။
   သို့ရာတွင် has ကို ကူညီသော ကြိယာအဖြစ်သုံးသော စာကြောင်းများတွင်မူ does not ထည့်ရန်မလို။ has နောက်မှ not ကပ်ထည့်ရသည်။ ဤအချက်ကို အထူးသတိပြုပါ။
4. Every boy in this class has been punished.
   ဤအတန်းထဲမှ လူကလေးတိုင်း အပြစ်ပေးခံရပြီးပြီ။
   There is no boy in this class that has not been punished.
   အပြစ်ပေးမခံရသော လူကလေးဟူ၍ ဤအတန်းထဲတွင် မရှိပါ။
5. Every newspaper in our country carries an editorial.
   ကျွန်တော်တို့ တိုင်းပြည်မှ သတင်းစာတိုင်းတွင် ခေါင်းကြီးတစ်ပုဒ်ပါသည်။
   There is no newspaper in our country that does not carry an editorial.
   ခေါင်းကြီးမပါသော သတင်းစာဟူ၍ ကျွန်တော်တို့တိုင်းပြည်တွင် မရှိပါ။
6. Every student in our class will take part in the sports meet.
   ကျွန်တော်တို့အတန်းထဲမှကျောင်းသားတိုင်းအားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲတွင်ပါဝင်ဆင် နွှဲလိမ့်မည်။
   There is no students in our class that will not take part in the sports meet.
   အားကစားပြိုင်ပွဲတွင် မပါဝင်မဆင်နွှဲမည့်ကျောင်းသားဟူ၍ ကျွန်တော်တို့အတန်းထဲတွင်မရှိပါ။
   (Will သည်ကူညီသော ကြိယာဖြစ်၍ not နောက်မှကပ်ထည့်ရသည်။)
7. Every news item has a headline.
   သတင်းတစ်ပုဒ်တိုင်းတွင် ခေါင်းစဉ်ပါသည်။
   There is no news item that does not have a headline.
   ခေါင်းစဉ်မပါသော သတင်းတစ်ပုဒ်မျှမရှိပါ။

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)

A view *from* a view

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WE all have seen many different views throughout our life. We have seen views with our eyesight or with our mindsight. When we see a delightful view with our eyesight, we may feel like delight in our mindsight. If we see a sorrowful view with our eyesight, we may feel like sorry in our mindsight. We have also seen some funny views with our both sights. Being a human being, I have also seen many views with my ordinary eyesight or with my mindsight. Each and every view makes me consider or turn over in different views. Recently, a view which was seen with my eyesight made me think something serious.

That day was my holiday. I was not feeling well so I just stayed in my room without going out. My mom came into my room and she asked: "Why don't you go out and eat nothing?" I said nothing to her except "Just leave me alone". She put her palm to my forehead and she knew that I was not feeling well. So, she told me "I will prepare something for you, wait a bit". She came back a moment later carrying a bowl of porridge. Actually, I really hate porridge so I refused to eat it talking to my mom "I didn't want to eat it". "So, what do you want to eat?" asked my mom. "I want to eat fried chicken," said I. So, she told me "OK! So, let's go outside and eat fried chicken. You can relax by going outside. Come on".

So, my mom and I went to the food stall near our house to buy fried chicken. After we had bought it, we came back walking along the pavement. On our way back home, we saw four small dogs that were following their mother that was seeking some food. So, I fed some pieces of fried chicken to the mother of small dogs. But it didn't eat them and it just pushed them near the small dogs. It just looked at the small dogs without eating anything. So, I fed it again. At that time, it ate them well. It seemed very hungry but it didn't eat first when I fed. It just let the small dogs eat first.

When I saw that view, a thought came to my mind. "Even the dog, that is lack of creative thinking, critical thinking, and intellect, think first for its children. How about our human mother? They are always ready for us. They can sacrifice everything for us. They are always thinking first about us." Moreover, I thought something between the life of humans and the life of animals. By the time I was refusing to eat the porridge my mom made, the dogs were seeking food by wandering all around the places. The mother of small dogs didn't know how to cook, how to make cuisines like human beings. It, however, knew how to make its children full. I didn't compare the mother of dogs and a human mother. I just appreciated the mind of the mother. Whilst I was thinking about it, my mom said to me "Let's go back home quickly. You are not feeling well". I have seen many exciting views, sorrowful views, and great views. But, that view gave me a precious thought by which I could reflect myself by thinking "Did I do something great for my mother?...."

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THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

The captivating beauty of Shan State and its winding railway bridges

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WITH an impressive 155,800 km² in land area that borders China to the north, Laos to the east, and Thailand to the south, and five administrative divisions of Myanmar in the west, Shan State is the largest of the 14 states and regions of Myanmar.

The expansive state is globally renowned for its beautiful mountainous scenery, ancient pagodas that stand out, prominent historic structures, naturally formed caves, and captivating lakes that attract adventurers and sightseers from far and wide. Travelling around in Shan State is fortunately not at all difficult, with land, sea, and air routes connecting into this mesmerizing land.

A popular choice with tourists is taking the train across Shan State and for that we have the Yangon-Thazi-Shwe Nyaung route and the Mandalay-PyinOoLwin-Lashio route. In this article, we will be highlighting two unique bridges that you will come across on the two popular train routes.

Bawa Than Tha Yar Bridge

First up is the Bawa Than Tha Yar Bridge that links a part of the railroad from Thazi to Shwe Nyaung. The bridge was immortalized in singer Maung Kyi Toe's song, 'Kalaw Alun Ta Buda' and is famous for the breathtaking scenery passengers can view along the bridge's winding curves.

In the eponymous movie directed by the late director and writer Sayagyi U Thukha around 1959-1960, and starring renowned actor U Zaya and actress Daw May Thit, a lyric from the movie's song; 'Bawa Than Tha Yar (Samsara/Cycle of life), moving slowly without rest, until you reach your final stop, people board and people leave, and you continue on your way'; stuck the bridge's current name over Bridge No. 382 over Nay Nun Creek.

The steel-framed bridge was constructed in 1927 and is 200 feet in length and 62 feet above ground level. It was built to connect Heho and Shwe Nyaung over Nat Nun Creek.

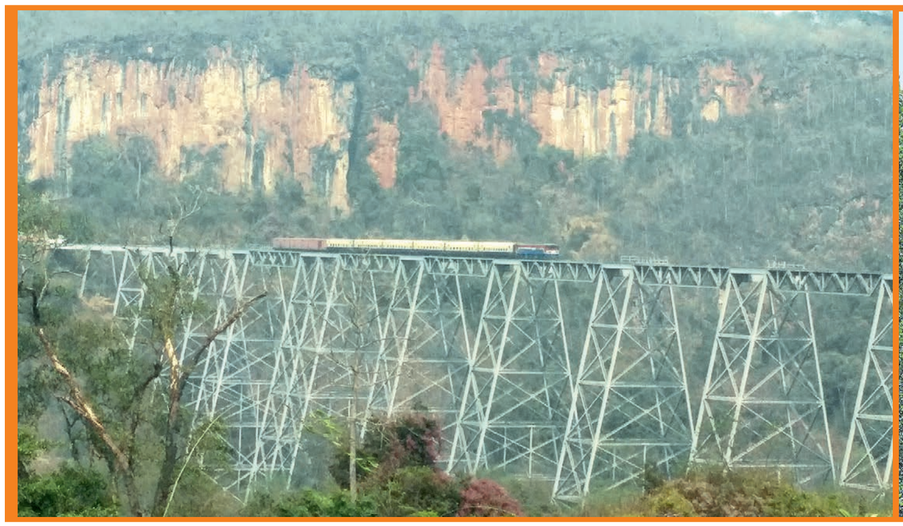
Bawa Than Tha Yar climbs up the hill from Heho along Nat Nun Creek's bank, crosses the creek and because it could directly intersect with the embankment and the Thazi-Shwe Nyaung highway, it curves back down to the creek and goes under the earlier section of the bridge. This two-tier design was also mentioned in the song to the lyrics, 'from above to below', 'from below to above', 'from down low to up high', and 'from up high to down low', with the movie garnering numerous academy awards.

The 86 year old bridge offers an attractive alternate land route to Southern Shan State and an unparalleled view of Shwe Nyaung gorge and Taunggyi mountain range from its tracks.

Goteik viaduct

Our second bridge is located on the trek from Mandalay to Lashio and passes over **Goteik** Creek (also known as Mongtin Creek) near **Goteik** Village in Nawnghkio Township, Kyaukme District and shares its name with both the creek and the village. The **Goteik** viaduct is the second highest railway trestle in the world and was constructed by the US-based Pennsylvania and Maryland Bridge Construction Company, who completed the project in 1901.

The viaduct stands 1,100 ft high, measures 2,260 ft from end to end, and includes 15 towers which span 39 ft, along with a double tower 79 ft long. It was constructed using 4,311 tons of steel and over 1 million bolts to secure it in place. The cost of construction was said to be 1,698,200 Indian rupees (around Ks 36,543,513 in today's exchange rate).



■ A train passing on Bawa Than Tha Yar Bridge.

Before passing over the landmar bridge, the train departing from PyinOoLwin will first arrive at **Goteik** station. The track descends from Nawnghkio station to Goteik station and travels around in magnificent curves down the mountain for an hour. Now from **Goteik** station, the train passes across iconic bridge, making a heart-fluttering journey for 15 minutes, before passing through tunnel 7. The tunnel is 352 ft long, 18ft high, 17.6 ft across and was burrowed into the natural rock face in 1900. The rest of the journey sees trains climbing up the mountain paths to arrive in Nawngbein station. This trip will also take over an hour to complete from start to finish.

Bent and sabotaged but still standing strong

The author was stationed at a security post on the **Goteik** viaduct during the 1990s, and carried out duties along the newly constructed diversionary route and along the viaduct from **Goteik** to Nawnghkio stations every day. It is with great joy that I am writing about the 112-year old viaduct.

The diversionary route later fell into disuse due to numerous factors, such as unsuitable earth strength to support the tracks, railway tracks curving over the designated degrees, steep climbs and descents, narrow pathways that cause wagons to collide with the rock wall, and the **Goteik** bailey over the creek not strong enough to support sustained train trips.

Arch 2/5 of the **Goteik** viaduct was bombed by Allied Forces in World War II and repaired by the Japanese but they eventually sabotaged arches 9/10/11/12 when they withdrew from Myanmar. The viaduct was rebuilt from 1947 to 1949 and railway sleepers were placed in 1991, 1995, 2000, and 2012. In March of 2013, authorities painted silver coating on towers 10 and 12 and regularly reinforce the bridge.

Summary

The two bridges we've covered in this article are between 80 to 100 years old and incorporated with colonial architecture. Furthermore, the tunnels along the Thazi-Shwe Nyaung route and Mandalay-Lashio route are historically reported to be manmade just like the bridges and train tracks along the journey. As such, they play an important role in the region's history and continue to be an indispensable part of the economic, social, and transportation sectors of Shan State. They should be further promoted as tourist destinations and vigorously safeguarded as historic cultural landmarks of our country.

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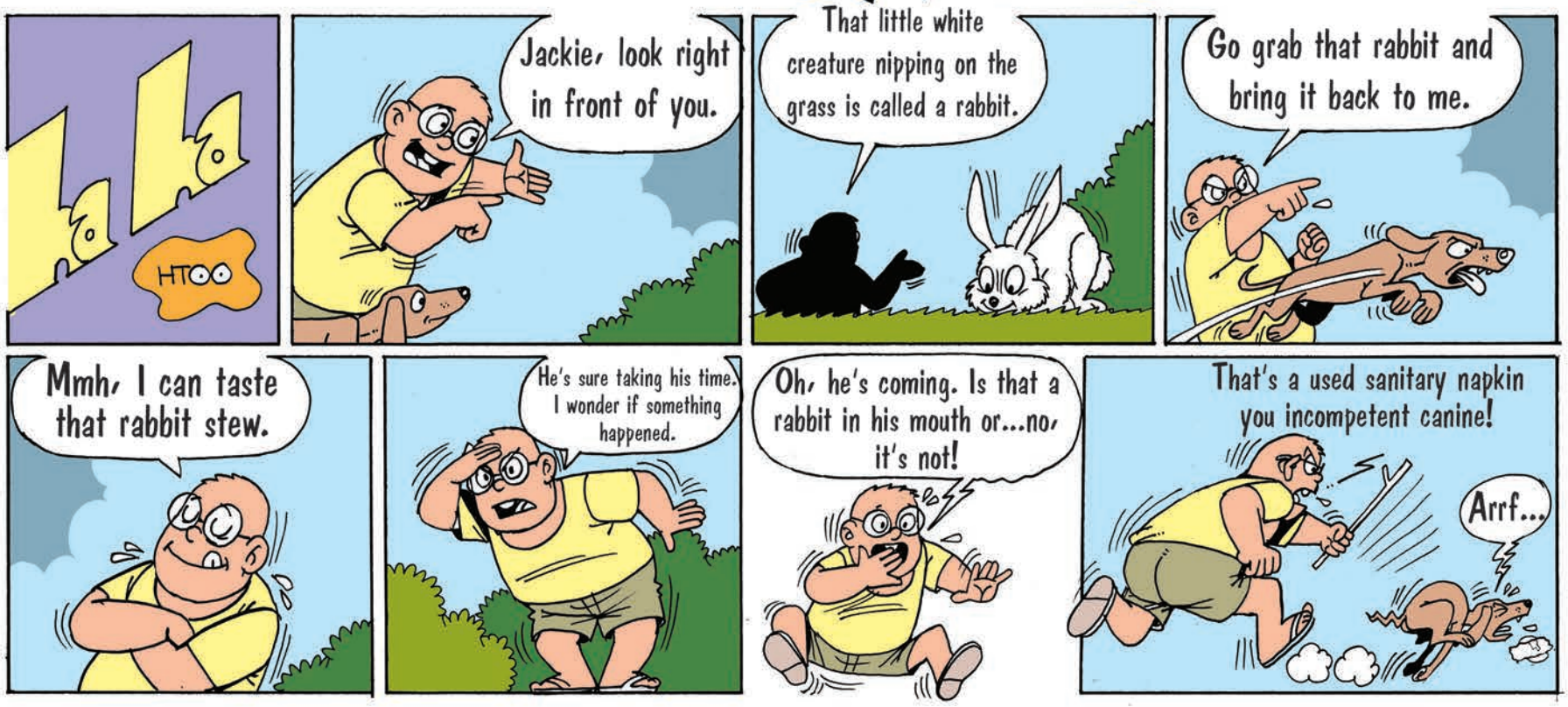

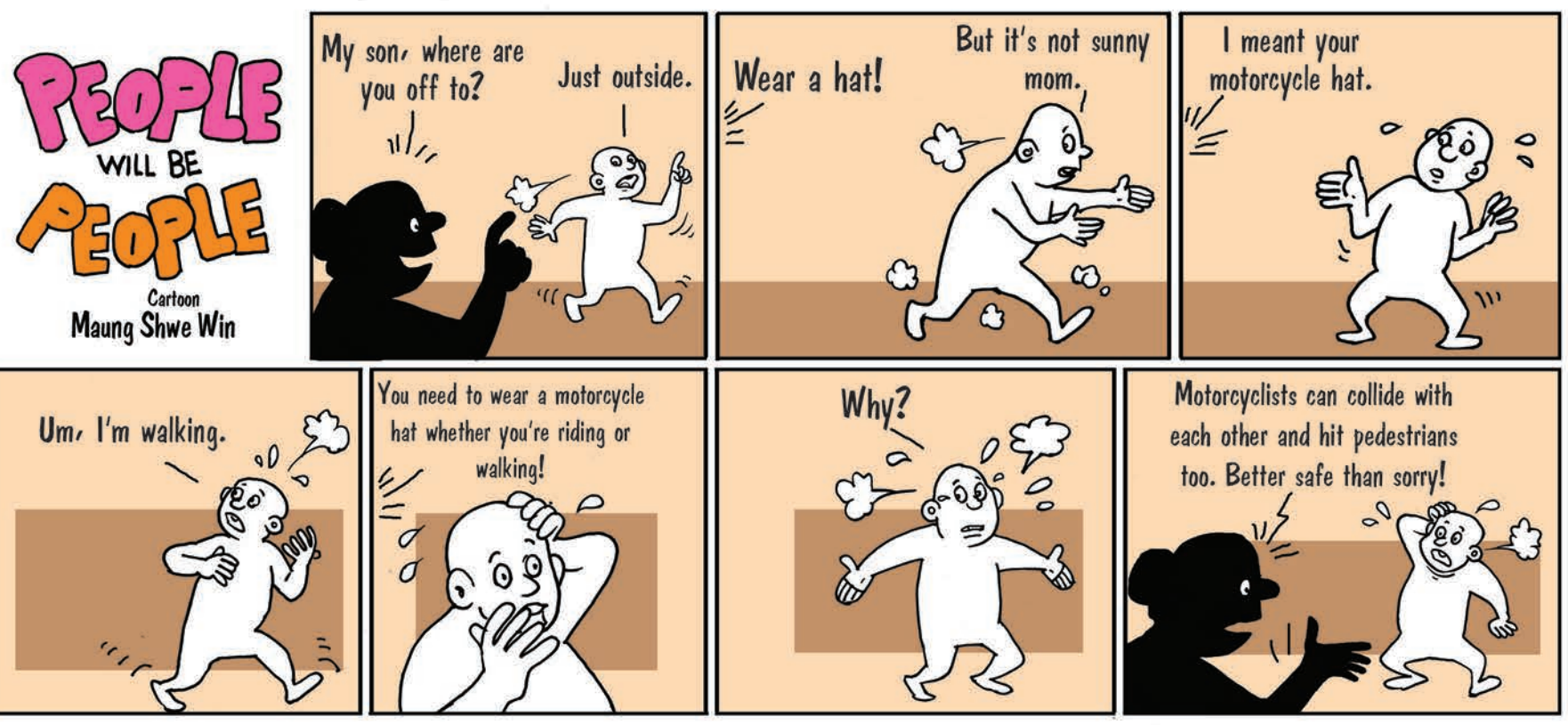

The importance of the management of money

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TODAY, the latest version of devices and other luxurious things can be available in everywhere. As a result, everyone has to earn money from his or her incomes to buy such kinds of things. So, money becomes important for everybody. We cannot get everything without money. Besides, there is a saying, "money makes everything." According to this saying, most people believe that money can solve every problem. And then, it can lead into a Peaceful and prosperous life. Actually, it is not true at all. Time,parents, health, true love and genuine friendship cannot be purchased with money. In fact, money is an item of value between two parties used for the exchange of goods or services.

It is known that money will destroy everything like an evil unless we manage it beneficially. So, we have to spend money in the necessary sector. Otherswise, it will transform into wastes and lead to corruption. Another point I would like to highlight is that parents should manage their children to spend money systematically since their childhood.

There are many people who are in trouble due to the mismanagement of money in our surrounding. We should take it as a lesson. Moreover, everyone should not spend the amounts of money in the funds of the finance as his or her own benefits in all the associations because there woll be conflicts between each other. These conflicts can spread everywhere and finally, it can be seen on trials. Hence,every leader of a team or on organitation must announce the list of the funds to other members or authorities unbiasedly transparently. This leader must also earn the necessary incomes for the funds in a legal way. If not, action will be taken against him or her. Furthermore, we have to manage these funds not to spend wastefully.

Nowadays, in the most developed countries, most of people can stand without any problem because of the good management of money. According to Chuck Freeney, the reason why he earns money is just to work hard, not to be well-off. He also urges not to spend money on things. This is extremely true. All of the readers can see in the article named "The secret Billionaire." Hence, we must emulate this way. The right and effective management in the monetary sector shapes us into a better future.

All in all, money is a favourite substance by various kinds of walks of life but it cannot occupy every sector. In addition, money cannot men. Only men can control and manage it. Next, all we must understand about the value of money and how it is very difficult to earn money. Thus, I would like to urge all of you to build a well-developed atmosphere by spending money effectively.

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Is setting plan B in advance is good or not?

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WHEN we have things to get done, most of us likely to set plans in advance. A sequence of events are made in those plans. But some people also set extra plan in addition to the original one,which we called Plan B. Plan B is an alternative solution in case the original plan fails. So, it becomes interesting to wonder whether setting plan B is good or not.

An argument in favour of setting plan B in advance is that it really helps the planner to save face. As we have already known, future is unpredictable and things can turn out to a different situation. To illustrate it in teaching, suppose that a teacher wants to make an experiment and he or she has already planned the equipments. But unexpectedly, the equipments do not work when students start working with them. At that time, teacher who made a plan B in advance will find ways to move on to another planned activity like observation or nature walk around the school while teacher who did not set a plan B in advance will be lost in chaos in front of the students. Besides, at work, supposed that you have presented a project but the superiors give no favour of it, then at that time, the one who has prepared a plan B will surely have a second chance to try while the one without plan B will end up frustrated. Many other examples can also be found at hospital, court and so on where having a plan B works. A further advantage is that plan Bs can raise the planners' confidence. The awareness of having planned a plan B will definitely increase our levels of confidence in that we do not have to worry about whether things can go wrong or not.

In contrary, it can be argued that setting plan B in advance by thinking of `what if´ situation is not an easy job actually. It can bring more stress, more worries and be more time-consuming. For example, it surely will make you to be more confusing of thinking about a plan B if you just race against the clock with loads of things to do and the deadline is tomorrow. Apart from this, a commitment to the original plan could be lost by plan B. The sense that you have a plan B will, in some cases, force you to give up easily on the original one.

All things considered, I think setting plan B in advance is a good habit that we should develop. It is better to have a plan B than with no choice left in hand. It can give us the sense of secureness and make us to develop confidence. It can be said that plan Bs are like quick-relief inhalers for asthma attack. Just like such inhalers save asthmatic from difficulties of breathing, plan Bs help us free from a series of frustrations when things get wrong.

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INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SCHEDULE

YANGON TO BANGKOK

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG706	5:45	8:10	Daily
8M335	7:30	9:15	Daily
UB-019	7:50	9:20	1,3,5,6,7
TG304	9:50	11:45	Daily
PG702	10:30	12:30	Daily
TG2302	11:45	13:40	Daily
PG708	15:30	17:30	Daily
8M331	16:30	18:15	Daily
UB-017	18:00	19:30	Daily
PG704	18:35	20:35	Daily
TG306	19:50	21:45	Daily

BANGKOK TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
TG303	8:00	8:45	Daily
PG701	8:40	9:40	Daily
TG2301	10:00	10:55	Daily
8M336	10:15	11:00	Daily
UB020	10:20	10:50	1,3,5,6,7
PG707	13:45	14:40	Daily
PG703	16:50	17:45	Daily
TG305	18:05	18:50	Daily
8M332	19:20	20:05	Daily
PG705	20:30	21:50	Daily
UB018	20:30	21:00	Daily

YANGON TO DON MUEANG

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
DD4231	8:00	9:50	Daily
FD252	8:45	10:30	Daily
SL201	9:00	10:50	Daily
DD4235	11:55	13:40	Daily
FD254	17:35	19:25	1,3,5,6,7
SL207	19:00	20:55	Daily
DD4239	21:00	22:45	Daily
FD258	21:40	23:30	Daily

DON MUEANG TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
DD4230	6:30	7:15	Daily
FD251	7:30	8:15	Daily
SL200	7:35	8:25	Daily
DD4234	10:35	11:20	Daily
FD253	16:10	17:05	1,3,5,6,7
SL206	18:55	19:45	Daily
DD4238	19:25	20:15	Daily
FD257	20:30	21:10	Daily

YANGON TO GUANGZHOU

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
8M711	8:40	13:15	2,4,5,7
CZ3056	11:35	15:55	3,6
CZ8472	17:40	22:20	1,5

GUANGZHOU TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
CZ3055	8:35	10:25	3,6
8M712	14:15	15:50	2,4,5,7
CZ8471	14:35	16:40	1,5

YANGON TO SINGAPORE

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
UB001	7:15	11:45	Daily
8M-231	8:20	12:40	Daily
SQ997	10:25	15:10	Daily
3K582	11:30	16:05	1,3,4,5,7
MI533	12:30	19:30	2
MI510	14:55	19:30	6
UB003	16:00	20:30	Daily
MI519	17:35	22:10	Daily
MI521	18:30	22:55	3,5,7
3K584	19:35	0:10	1,2,3,5,6,7

SINGAPORE TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
SQ998	7:55	09:20	Daily
3K581	9:10	10:35	1,3,4,5,7
MI510	10:15	14:10	6
MI533	10:15	11:40	2
UB002	13:00	14:30	Daily
8M232	13:45	15:15	Daily
MI518	15:15	16:40	Daily
MI520	16:10	17:35	3,5,7
3K583	17:30	18:55	1,2,3,5,6,7
UB004	21:15	22:45	Daily

YANGON TO HONG KONG

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
KA275	17:20	21:45	5
KA251	1:5	5:25	1,2,3,4,6,7
UB8027	7:15	11:45	1,3,5,7

HONG KONG TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
UB8028	12:45	14:15	1,3,5,7
KA250	21:50	23:45	1,2,3,5,6,7
KA252	22:20	00:10+1	4

YANGON TO KUALA LUMPUR

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
AK505	8:30	12:45	Daily
MH741	11:20	15:45	Daily
OD551	12:25	16:45	1,4,7
MH743	16:10	20:30	1,4,6,7
AK503	19:10	23:30	Daily
OD553	23:55	4:20+1	2,3,5,6

KUALA LUMPUR TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
AK504	6:50	8:00	Daily
MH740	9:10	10:15	Daily
OD550	10:15	11:30	1,4,7
MH742	13:55	15:05	1,4,6,7
AK502	17:20	18:30	Daily
OD552	21:45	22:55	2,3,5,6

YANGON TO SEOUL INCHEON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
KE472	23:30	7:15	Daily

SEOUL INCHEON TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
KE471	18:15	22:10	Daily

YANGON TO TAIPEI

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
CI7916	10:50	16:10	1,2,3,4,6

TAIPEI TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
CI7915	7:00	9:50	1,2,3,4,6

YANGON TO KUNMING

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
CA416	13:00	16:30	Daily
MU2012	13:10	20:05	3
MU2032	16:00	19:50	Daily

KUNMING TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
MU2011	8:20	12:10	3,7
CA415	11:20	12:00	Daily
MU2031	14:30	15:10	Daily

YANGON TO BEIJING

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
CA906	23:50	5:50+1	1,3,5

BEIJING TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
CA905	19:30	22:50	1,3,5

YANGON TO HANIO

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
VN956	18:55	21:15	Daily
VJ918	18:55	21:20	2,4,5,6,7

HANOI TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
VN957	16:30	18:00	Daily
VJ917	16:30	17:55	2,4,5,6,7

YANGON TO HO CHI MINH

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
VN942	12:10	15:05	Daily

HO CHI MINH TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
VN943	7:20	9:55	Daily

YANGON TO TOKYO

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
NH814	21:10	6:45+1	Daily

TOKYO TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
NH813	11:00	16:30	Daily

YANGON TO DOHA

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
QR919	7:40	11:55	1,3,4,6,7

DOHA TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
QR918	20:00	5:30	2,3,5,6,7

YANGON TO CHIANG MAI

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG724	13:40	15:30	Daily

CHIANG MAI TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG723	12:05	12:55	Daily

YANGON TO DHAKA

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
BG061	17:00	18:45	1,3,6

DHAKA TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
BG060	13:30	16:15	1,3,6

YANGON TO DUBAI

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
EK389	2:10	5:55	Daily

DUBAI TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
EK388	9:10	16:55	Daily

MANDALAY TO BANGKOK

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG710	14:30	16:55	Daily
PG714	19:15	21:40	Daily

BANGKOK TO MANDALAY

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG709	12:15	13:40	Daily
PG713	17:00	18:25	Daily

MANDALAY TO DON MUEONG

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
FD245	12:55	15:20	Daily

DON MUEONG TO MANDALAY

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
FD244	11:10	12:25	Daily

MANDALAY TO KUNMING

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
MU2568	10:20	13:25	1,3,5,7
MU2030	16:10	19:25	Daily

KUNMING TO MANDALAY

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
MU2567	8:55	9:20	1,3,5,7
MU2029	14:55	15:10	Daily

NAY PYI TAW TO BANGKOK

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG722	20:00	22:50	1,2,3,4,5,7

BANGKOK TO NAY PYI TAW

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG721	17:25	19:20	1,2,3,4,5,7

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