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## State Counsellor meets residents of Khamti, Lahe, Homalin townships



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meeting with local people in Khamti, Sagaing Region, yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

**S**TATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who is also Chairperson of the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races, arrived in Khamti Township, Sagaing Region by special flight from Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

She was accompanied by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw

Swe, Lt-Gen Ye Aung, U Min Thu, U Ohn Win and Dr. Myint Htwe, Deputy Minister U Hla Maw Oo, and other officials.

The State Counsellor first met with local residents in Khamti sports stadium. In her speech to the people of Khamti, she first thanked the local people of Khamti for welcoming her into their hometown. She said

she always tried to build closer relations with the people during her travels.

“Our country is a Union and our Union Spirit requires all of us to be united to swiftly succeed in our objectives and reinforce our strengths. The belief that unity will develop our nation is the same as the Union Spirit,” said the State

Counsellor.

She said the diversity of Myanmar was also a source of strength. Facilitating better communication between the different ethnic races would turn differences to sources of strength, said the State Counsellor.

“The citizens of the country have right to see the situa-

tion and thoughts of the people who have assumed the duties of the Union Government.

Everyone must take responsibility for their own country. If every citizen fulfils their civic duties then there is nothing to worry about the country’s future,” said the State Counsellor.

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## Eleventh regular session of Second Pyithu Hluttaw holds 21<sup>st</sup> meeting

By Aye Aye Thant (MNA)

A 21<sup>st</sup> meeting of the eleventh regular session of Second Pyithu Hluttaw was held yesterday morning at Pyithu Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw where questions raised were answered, decision on a bill made and a motion discussed and approved.

### Question and answer session

In the question and answer session, Daw Cho Cho of Ottwin constituency asked for arrangements made by Union Election Commission on having an accurate voters' list and whether there is a plan in order to known transparently voters about it. Union Election Commission member U Myint Naing replied. 2019-2022 strategic plan with 11 chapters was draw up and distributed it to election sub-commissions, CSOs and political parties. The plan contains details about voters' list preparation and 2019 was designated as voters' list preparation year. The plan on voters' list preparation was also distributed to all levels of election sub-commissions while trainings were also conducted.

Once the voters' list is com-



MP Daw Cho Cho.

pleted around end 2019, it will be put on a CD and distributed relevant political parties. If there were application to amend the voters' list, assessment will be made and amendments will be made if necessary. The voters' list will be announced and put up on notice boards twice in 2020 and voters in each constituency can then check the list and submit applications for amendments where necessary. Hluttaw candidates will also be provided with the voters' list so that they too can check the constituents in their respective constituency. This arrangement will ensure that voters' list will be accurate and the whole process is transparent explained the Union Elec-



UEC member U Myint Naing.

tion Commission member.

U Khin Maung Yi of Hinthada constituency then asked if there is a plan to construct a Hinthada-Letpadan Ayeyawady River Bridge to connect Ayeyawady Region and Bago Region.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Linn replied that due to budget constraint the ministry is able to construct only one priority major bridge at a time and at the moment it is constructing 7,456 ft. long Thayet-Aunglan Ayeyawady River Bridge. Once the construction of this bridge is completed there is a plan to construct two bridges over the Ayeyawady River and those bridges are Ayeyawady Bridge (Hinthada) and



Deputy Minister U Kyaw Linn.

Ayeyawady Bridge (Katha-Palwe Shwe). One will be selected and constructed as a priority bridge said the Deputy Minister.

Questions raised by U Aung Sein of Dawei constituency, U Than Aung of Ngaputaw constituency, U Toe Win of Tamway constituency, U Aung Min of Zalun constituency and U Nyan Lin of Shwepyitha constituency were also answered by Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Linn and Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo.

### Hluttaw approves a bill amending Myanmar Engineering Council Law

Following the question



MP U Khin Maung Yi.

and answer session Bill Committee member U Wai Hlaing Tun explained to the Hluttaw about bill amending Myanmar Engineering Council Law returned with amendments by Amyotha Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat obtained the approval of the Hluttaw. As there were disagreements on the bill between the two Hluttaws Bill Committee member U Sai Tun Aye tabled a motion to submit the matter to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced on following up with submitting the matter to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

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## 21<sup>st</sup>-day meeting of 11<sup>th</sup>-regular session of Second Amyotha Hluttaw held

By Aung Ye Thwin and Lu Maw

THE 21<sup>st</sup>-day meeting of 11<sup>th</sup>-regular session of Second Amyotha Hluttaw was held yesterday at the Amyotha Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting, questions and answers were raised, a bill and a motion were discussed.

### Preventing illegal paddy export through border

U Tun Tun Oo of Mandalay Region constituency 2 asked if there was a plan to prevent illegal rice export through border lines. Regarding this query, Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo replied that in preventing illegal rice trading, it was found that illegal rice exporters conducted their business as if they had carried the rice only in local areas. Arrangements were being made for the Department of Customs in order to prevent the illegal rice trading and transfer other relevant departments of agriculture while making the coordination with other relevant ministries, region and state governments to



Deputy Minister U Aung Htoo.

make approval of carrying local rice.

As for the region and state governments, special teams have been formed to curb illegal rice trading while setting up prohibited items notice at the bus terminals, harbours and security checkpoints in Bhamo, Momauk and Lwejel areas, which become the main routes for exporting agricultural products to China from the Kachin State.

The letters giving information have been sent to commodity wholesale centers for rice, pulses, grain, sesame and other farming machines, as an effort to prohibit and take legal action against it.



MP U Tun Tun Oo.

### Building a two-storey RC school with 140x30 feet

Daw Htu May of Rakhine State constituency 11 asked if there was a plan to reconstruct the two-storey school building, which are in danger of collapse, into a new two-storey RC school with 150x30 feet in the next fiscal year. The Bawdhi B.E.H.S is situated in Yanbye Township, Rakhine State. Regarding the query, Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi replied that the allotment of fund would have to spend under the authorized funds in 2019-2020 FY, which aimed at building a two-storey RC school with 140x30 feet instead of build-



Union Minister Dr. Myo Thein Gyi.

ing the Bawdhi B.E.H.S.

### Question-and-answer session

Similarly, Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi replied the queries raised by Dr. Zaw Lin Htut of Mon State constituency 9, U Zaw Hein of Taninthayi Region constituency and U Kyaw Toke of Mandalay Region constituency 7.

### The Boundary Measurement and Demarcation Bill

Then member of the Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye clarified the Boundary Measurement and



MP Daw Htu May.

Demarcation Bill, and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than sought the approval of the Hluttaw to be approved of the Boundary Measurement and Demarcation Bill sending back from the Pyithu Hluttaw with amendments.

U Htein Win of Ayeyawady Region constituency 4 put a motion to discuss some points of disagreements, between the Amyotha Hluttaw and the Pyithu Hluttaw, at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker declared that some points of disagreement should be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

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# State Counsellor meets residents of Khamti, Lahe, Homalin Tsps

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She said it was crucial to find out what were the individual duties of each citizen. The main duty of each and every citizen was towards the nation. It was necessary to work to strengthen the nation and bring prosperity, peace and success. The State Counsellor said it was necessary to first fulfil the duties to the nation before duties towards the states or regions could be fulfilled. She said this top-down approach to fulfilling our duties applies from the sub-national level to the township/village level and then to our social circles.

“Right now, we can’t call our country prosperous but there have been noticeable improvements. These developments may or may not have a uniform effect on all the states and regions. But our objective is for national development to bring equal benefit to everyone. We don’t want one place to be prospering while another place is struggling in poverty,” said the State Counsellor.

The State Counsellor said a nation’s main resource was the skills and capabilities of its people. The people must have the required skills to bring prosperity to the country so that it can travel along the correct path towards its objectives.

The State Counsellor said she saw many ethnic people when her plane landed in Khamti. She said it was Khamti’s pride and the pride of the entire Union to have diverse ethnic races living together peacefully.

“There are many different ethnic races in Myanmar with diverse ideologies but this



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi poses for documentary photo together with school children in Khamti, Sagaing Region. **PHOTO: MNA**

does not mean we cannot live in peace. It is crucial that we peacefully negotiate our different thoughts and ideas. Our Union Government does not believe in violence. We have always believed we can reach our goals through nonviolent means and have never attempted to use violence to achieve our objectives, nor will we ever. We will work hand-in-hand with the people to reach our destination by using peaceful approaches within the boundaries of existing laws,” said the State Counsellor.

“I want our ethnic brothers and sisters to adopt a similar mindset. I want everyone to head steadily towards their goals with hard work, wisdom, and perseverance. I wish to kindly request to foresee the unity of the nation

Everyone must take responsibility for their own county. If every citizen fulfils their civic duties then there is nothing to worry about the country’s future : State Counsellor

in their future as they move forward peacefully. There are still a lot of development tasks left for the people. We cannot resolve this while holding on to grudges and dissatisfactions. Everyone needs to cooperate in resolving this in-

cluding the people, civil servants, and government organizations.”

The State Counsellor asked of civil servants working in regions facing difficulties to take pride in serving the nation and to work for the people with kind-

ness in their hearts.

The State Counsellor said, “I want to deeply request our civil servants to not only perform their assigned duties but to also place full kindness on their work for the general public. There needs to be mutual respect between the civil servants and the public. Civil servants must respect the public and the public must respect civil servants. Most of the public have in their minds the civil servants as authoritative and oppressive. I want civil servants to reflect on this. Why are you seen in this way and what can you change to stop people thinking of you like this? On the other hand, the people must also understand the nature of civil servant’s duties.”

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi arrives in Homalin. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meeting with local people in Homalin. **PHOTO: MNA**

# State Counsellor meets residents of Khamti, Lahe, Homalin Tsps

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The State Counsellor said the our country's civil servants had less opportunities, lower salaries and income than those from developed countries but the combined efforts were not for any one person's wealth, it was for the prosperity of the entire nation. She asked of the civil servants to think of their work as bringing prosperity to the nation and similarly asked the public to support the civil servants in correctly performing their duties.

"Our country's education and healthcare are not at a satisfactory level yet nor unravelling in a way we want them to be. But we are still trying. I have noticed a lot of questions on healthcare and some of them should be answered by the regional government. These questions will be followed up by the Regional Chief Minister and regional ministers," said the State Counsellor.

Following the State Counsellor's speech, the local residents submitted various topics for her consideration including reacquiring confiscated lands and receiving compensation lands for losses incurred. The people of Khamti also requested the Union Government to support promotion of the Naga people's traditions and culture, prioritizing local people in staff appointments, working for people who suffered losses when lands were confiscated to live on remaining land.

## State Counsellor holds open talks with locals

They also asked the State Counsellor to address the subject of giving permission to transport timber between Homalin and Khamti, providing education, healthcare and socio-economic development to Nansibon village and ensuring the rule of law, appointing the required teaching staff, supporting subjects in ethnic languages, permitting teachers of ethnic literature to attend trainings, distributing electricity to Khamti, and requesting jade mining companies in Nansibon district to set up signboards informing the public regarding the time period of their mining permits. The Union Ministers, Regional Chief Minister and regional ministers gave explanations about what actions would be taken to address these matters.

The State Counsellor said the concerned authorities must know and understand how to systematically give back con-



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and her entourage have a documentary photo taken with the local residents of Lahe Township. **PHOTO: MNA**

fiscated lands to the people. She said the Union Government was working on policies to provide opportunities for local residents fluent in their region's languages to attain suitable government positions. She said the administrative officials were responsible for ensuring that the Naga people would be able to continue their traditional

ter to Lahe Township and met with members of the leading body for Naga Self-Administered Zone, staff, and local residents in the town's Saramayri Guesthouse.

In her speech, the State Counsellor said people living in remote areas usually have the same requirements. She said roads and transportation were

which were responded by the Union Ministers and Regional Chief Minister. The State Counsellor also replied to their submissions. She said the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw had approved of returning confiscated lands to original owners in a decision made in 2013. She said this only applied to lands confiscated after 1988. She said the delays in returning farmlands were either due to confiscators unwilling to relinquish ownership, lengthy bureaucratic procedures, or disagreements in rightful ownership but assured the residents that Vice President U Henry Van Thio was heading all processes related to this.

The State Counsellor said budget had been allotted for supplying sufficient drinking water to Lahe Township. She said unused lands from the confiscated lands would be used for expanding the town. She said officials would begin applying for funding in 2019-2020 FY for upgrading the Lahe-Yanlone road to be accessible all year round. She said this upgrade was necessary to establish a Naga trade zone. She said the regional government would assist in setting up a museum for Naga traditions. She said they would appoint local residents to education posts based on their regional language expertise. She then took a documentary photo with everyone in attendance.

Next, the State Counsellor handed over K20 million for regional development, food and other items to the local residents, and they gifted her souvenirs in return.

## To Homalin Tsp

The State Counsellor then travelled by special flight to Homalin Township from Kham-

ti. There, she met with local residents in the township's sports stadium.

At the meeting, the State Counsellor said the Union Government had been prioritizing development for remote regions since taking up office, including Homalin Township. She said people were given rights and responsibilities together. She said the Union Government was working through difficulties to ensure uniform development across the entire country. She said there had been noticeable development in education and healthcare but it was not at a satisfactory level yet. The most valuable resource for the nation was its people and the beauty of the country was enhanced from its diverse ethnic races living together, said the State Counsellor.

## Homalin residents submit reports, requests

Local residents then voiced their requirements and requests. They requested lesser restrictions on small and medium enterprises to reduce the cost of drafting IEE/EMP (Initial Environmental Examination/Environmental Management Plan). They requested listening to the people's difficulty related to using mercury in searching for gold. They asked for implementing hydropower to address the high electricity bill in Homalin, constructing a bridge over Chindwin River and roads through Homalin Ward, building an embankment in Homalin port, to fix the silted up creek in Tapataung village, returning confiscated lands, paving a concrete land between Naungpoaung and Nhamtaw, explaining how tax was levied from stalls in Homalin market, to inspect the gold-finding operations in Chaunggyi Creek, upgrading the Homalin-Bamauk road, acquiring silt sediment islands, and inspecting the damaging effects of goldmining on farmlands.

The Regional Chief Minister and officials responded to the submissions from the local residents and the State Counsellor gave suggestions as necessary. She requested the local residents to have trust in the regional government and instructed the government officials to foster better and close relations with the local people to win their trust. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

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terrace farming. She explained that the regional government was responsible for preserving and promoting the regional traditions and customs, and said she has instructed them to work swiftly in accordance with the law.

The State Counsellor then took a documentary photo with the local people and students attending the meeting. Next, the State Counsellor and entourage visited Khamti General Hospital where they gave words of encouragement and gifts to the patients.

## Meeting with residents of Lahe

From Khamti, the State Counsellor travelled by helicop-

important requirements and the ones in Lahe were improving. She said additional expenditure was needed to address the shortage of teachers and the Union Government has been increasing its education budget. She said the Union Government was working to appoint local residents as education staff and to train teachers in ethnic literature and languages. In addition, the Union Government was fulfilling the skills of healthcare staff and to construct housing for civil servants assigned to remote areas.

## Responding to locals' reports

The local residents submitted their reports and requests

# World Water Day 2019 commemorated in Nay Pyi Taw



Vice President U Henry Van Thio addresses the World Water Day 2019 ceremony at Myanmar International Convention Centre II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO:MNA**

NAY PYI TAW commemorated World Water Day 2019 at its Myanmar International Convention Centre II yesterday where Vice President U Henry Van Thio, Chairperson of National Water Resources Committee (NWRC), delivered a speech.

## History of NWRC

In his speech, the Vice President first summarized the history of the NWRC, which was formed in 2013 and organized annual celebrations for World Water Day starting from 2014. He said the committee aimed to raise the value people place on water, increase research and technology related to it, and promote connections between affiliated organizations.

## Message of 2019 World Water Day

The theme for World Water Day 2019 was 'Leaving no one behind'. Today, 1 billion people were still living without safe water; struggling to survive and thrive, so as to improve their health, education and livelihoods. 2.3 billion people live without proper flushing systems, which affected their health in the long-term.

The whole world was facing

water-related difficulties due to environmental damages and climate change. The effects of floods, droughts, typhoons and other natural disasters have affected people's access to safe water for drinking, irrigation, livestock rearing. This in turn affected people's livelihoods and the sustainable development of many nations, said the Vice President. He said Myanmar was facing the same set of water-related challenges as other developing countries.

## Myanmar, a water-rich nation

The Vice President said Myanmar had abundant water resources, holding 16 per cent of water resources among the ten ASEAN countries and 12 per cent of all Asia. However, with diversity in rainfall, increase in population and population density, the rise of industrial zones and economic zones and other changes to social systems means there would be a rapid increase in demands for water supply and new challenges for providing adequate water to every person, said the Vice President.

He said there were still areas where the basic need for safe water was not fulfilled and un-

proper dumping of wastewater and chemicals into rivers and streams were still causing water pollution. He said systematic water management processes need to be implemented to solve these issues and develop the water resource sector. He said this was one of the reasons behind forming the NWRC in 2013, which was reformed to accommodate ministry reforms in 2016.

## Cooperation with related ministries, int'l orgs

The Vice President said the NWRC was continually partnering with relevant ministries, partner countries, and international organizations to conduct observation programs and projects. Regional cooperation included partnering with ASEAN, the Mekong River Commission, and the Lancang-Mekong Cooperation. He said relevant ministries and city development committees were constructing more infrastructure for storing more water. They were conducting programs to reduce wasting water and to increase conservation.

The Vice President said ministries and stakeholders were actively working together to implement preventive measures against natural disasters. He said the National Disaster Management Committee monitored the activity of cyclone formations, floods, and ocean waves to issue warnings, conduct search and rescue, construct weather resistant buildings, organize education programs for relevant people, and negotiate between departmental organizations to provide capacity building programs.

## Water Action Decade

The Vice President high-

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lighted that water was a precious resource central to many of the people's daily tasks and national processes. As such, in order to accelerate efforts towards meeting water-related challenges, the United Nations General Assembly declared 2018-2028 as the International Decade for Action "Water for Sustainable Development", also known as the Water Action Decade.

The Vice President requested partner countries, local and foreign NGOs to continue their cooperation with the Union Government and relevant ministries to develop the water resource sector. He said managing the country's water resources was an intrinsic part of developing all of our countries and required everyone's participation in implementing the UN's Sustainable Development Goals to keep the endeavour ongoing.

## Event continues second half

Following the Vice President's speech, a documentary on NWRC's activities was shown, after which the Vice President took a commemorative photo with all the attendees, and then looked around the commemorative booths for World Water Day 2019.

Union Minister U Thant

Sin Maung, who is also NWRC's Vice Chairman, then continued the second part of the event programme.

Dr. Shwe Hlwan, Patron of Water Mothers Organization (WMO), also delivered a speech related to the theme for this year's World Water Day and then joined a discussion on the subject led by Professor Dr. Khin Ni Ni Thein together with U Tun Lwin Oo, U Hla Maung Thein and Daw Thin Nwe Soe. After this, separate focus groups engaged in various discussions on the topic of water.

## Officials attending include:

Union Ministers Dr. Aung Thu, U Thant Sin Maung, U Win Khaing, U Soe Win, U Han Zaw, Dr. Win Myat Aye and U Kyaw Tin, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr. Myo Aung, Deputy Ministers U Tin Myint and U Soe Aung, Region and State Ministers, the mayors of Yangon and Mandalay, WMO Patron Dr. Shwe Hlwan, NWRC members, Hluttaw representatives, permanent secretaries, directors-general, managing directors, university rectors, diplomats, representatives from NGOs, INGOs and UN agencies, individuals working in the water sector, and invited guests.—MNA (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

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## Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Program Manager of IPU



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat, receives Program Manager of the Inter-Parliamentary Union Ms. Norah Babic in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO:MNA**

U T Khun Myat, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, received Ms. Norah Babic, Technical Cooperation Program Manager of the Inter-Parliamentary Union-IPU, at the Pyithu Hluttaw

building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed and exchanged views on matters related with assistance and cooperation

from IPU, participation by the Myanmar Hluttaw in the meetings organized by IPU and the procedures of the Hluttaw. — MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Linn)

## Union Minister U Kyaw Tin receives Deputy FM of Czech Republic

U KYAW TIN, Union Minister for International Cooperation received Mr. Martin Tlapa, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic at 2 pm on 6 March 2019 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw. During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters pertaining to the promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation, trade and investment and issues of common interest. The Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic handed over an invitation extended from the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic to the State Counsellor to pay an official visit to the Czech Republic at a mutually convenient time. The Myanmar side also informed about the arrangements being made for the opening of its diplomatic mission in Prague in order to promote bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries.

After the meeting, U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Mr. Martin Tlapa, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic signed the



Union Minister U Kyaw Tin receives Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Mr. Martin Tlapa in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Memorandum of Understanding on Cooperation between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.

According to the MoU, annual consultations between the two foreign ministries will be conducted for the advancement of bilateral relations and cooper-

ation at the multilateral fora as well as enhancement of mutually beneficial cooperation in the areas of trade and investment, science and technology, culture, sport, education and tourism.

The Union Minister for International Cooperation hosted a luncheon to the Czech delegation at the Park Royal Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

## Senior General Min Aung Hlaing arrives in Pattaya to attend 16<sup>th</sup> ACDFM

A Myanmar military delegation led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services arrived in Pattaya, Thailand, by air yesterday morning to attend the 16<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Chiefs of Defence Forces' Meeting in Thailand.

In the afternoon, the delegation met with General Ponpipat Benyasri, Commander-in-Chief of the Royal Thai Armed Forces, at the Royal Cliff Hotel and held talks over matters related to

friendship between the two armed forces and cooperation in ASEAN.

In the evening, Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife and party attended the dinner hosted by General Ponpipat Benyasri at the Royal Cliff Hotel, according to the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.—MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



General Ponpipat Benyasri (Right) gives gift to Senior General Min Aung Hlaing. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE C-IN-C OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

## Matriculation exams begin

MATRICULATION exams began across Myanmar yesterday, with a total of 851,570 students sitting for the exams. The number of exam centres totalled 1,886, with 21 based overseas and 1,865 within the country.

Of the total students, 94 are taking the exam at hospitals, 24 are visually impaired,

15 are hearing impaired, 132 have physical disabilities, 181 are in prison, and 140 are from Myawady, Kayin State.

Instructors from Social Welfare Schools are using sign language to help hearing impaired students understand the questions.—MNA

(Translated by MNA)



School children leave an examination centre in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday after they finish the first-day of exam. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Union Minister U Thaung Tun receives Deputy FM of Czech Republic



Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun receives a delegation led by Mr. Martin Tlapa, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun receives a delegation led by Mr. Martin Tlapa, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

lic this morning, at the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations.

Matters relating to bilateral cooperation in the context of political, business and investment

were discussed.

The meeting was attended by senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations.— MNA

## Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo receives Head of Economic, Prosperity from British Embassy, Head of PWC Consortium



U Tun Tun Oo receives Ms. Claire Kirkham, Head of Economic Prosperity from the British Embassy, and Mr. Nicolas Le Moignan, the Head of PWC Consortium. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo received Ms. Claire Kirkham, the Head of Economic Prosperity from the British Embassy, and Mr. Nicolas Le Moignan, the Head of PWC Consortium, in the guest hall of the Union Attorney General's office, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, the discussed matters related to cooperation process of the

anti-money laundering after Myanmar has become a member of Asia/Pacific Group On Money Laundering (APG) in 2006, criteria for Financial Task Force (FATF), measures being taken to amend the Anti-money Laundering Law in line with the suggestions being made, works being carried out to take action against the measures of anti-money laundering as of the

Union Attorney General's office and cooperation programmes being conducted to render the technical assistance from the U.K Government.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Attorney General U Win Myint, Directors-General Daw Khin Cho Ohn and Dr. Thidar Oo. — MNA

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

## Union Minister U Kyaw Tin accepts credentials from Country Rep of UN Women

UNION Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin received Mr. Nicolas Burniat, the newly-appointed Country Representative of UN Women for Myanmar at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw at 11 am, on 6 March 2019. During the meeting, Mr. Nicolas Burniat presented his credentials to the Union Minister.

After the presentation of credentials, they exchanged views on ways to strengthen cooperation between Myanmar and UN Women and potential supportive measures by UN Women in assisting the ongoing efforts of the Government of Myanmar for the advancement of women in the country.— MNA



Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin receives Mr. Nicolas Burniat, the newly-appointed Country Representative of UN Women for Myanmar, in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

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### Setting up a single mapping system and a land registry

U Hla Myint (a) U Hla Myint Than of Mon State Constituency 11 urged the Union Government to set up a single mapping system and a land registry as part of the long-term scheme. U Aung Myo of Sagaing Region constituency 2 supported the motion, saying that it was of great importance to set up a single mapping system in order to foster land development without an argument.

U Maung Maung Latt of Sagaing Region constituency 9 took part in the discussion, saying that Myanmar has potential for growth, due to its abundance in land resources. It was also needed to allocate land for industries while recognizing the land ownership rights of the ethnic people. Therefore it was of paramount importance to set up a single mapping system while carrying out to reinforce

the land laws and its policies. Daw Shwe Shwe Sein Latt of Bago Region constituency 3, U Ba Myo Thein of Yangon Region constituency 5 and U Soe Win of Rakhine State constituency 12 discussed the motion.

### An analysis report of the Child Law 1993

Next, member of the Amyotha Hluttaw Women and Children's Rights Committee Dr. Win Myint Chit read out and submitted an analysis of the report after making the Child Law 1993 by the Amyotha Hluttaw Women and Children's Rights Committee. Following this, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than announced that the Hluttaw putting the analysis of the report on record.

The 22nd -day meeting of the eleventh regular session of the Second Amyotha Hluttaw will be convened on March 7. ■

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

# Curbing illegal wildlife trade is a must

MYANMAR is home to more than 300 endangered species, with tigers, elephants, pangolins, and golden deer topping the list. Wildlife trafficking has become one of the most profitable criminal activities globally, and its impact on biodiversity, efforts for sustainable development, and poverty eradication has been devastating.

Illegal wildlife trade has completely changed the biodiversity, fauna, and flora of Myanmar. The number of valuable species in the country is witnessing a rapid decline. If this downward trend continues unchecked, some of our iconic national treasures — elephants, tigers, bears, pangolins, and birds — will become extinct.

The authorities recently destroyed 219 pieces of ivory, 527 fragments of tiger and leopard bones, 800 horns belonging to different animals, 134.72 kg of pangolin scales, 5.5 kg of turtle shells and dried elephant trunks, valued at K1,700 million or US\$1.1 million, for the second time, at the opening ceremony of Myanmar's first-ever elephant museum in Yangon on 3 March.

In the first such public event in October last year, ivory and parts of endangered animals, with an estimated value of \$1.3 million, were incinerated in Nay Pyi Taw.

Myanmar has developed policies, laws, rules, and regulations to ensure the protection and sustainability of the country's rich biodiversity, wildlife, habitats, and ecosystems.

Both events sent the message that illegal trade of animal parts as well as bush meat is not acceptable, and we will step up efforts to fight poaching and illegal wildlife trade.

While raising awareness on the role of law enforcement in curbing illegal trade of fauna and flora, we must act against illegal traders and poachers, and promote international cooperation on the subject.

Myanmar has developed policies, laws, rules, and regulations to ensure the protection and sustainability of the country's rich biodiversity, wildlife, habitats, and ecosystems. To monitor and combat poaching and illegal wildlife trade, the role of the public is key. Public support is especially important in wildlife protection and conservation efforts.

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# INTEGRATING TRADITIONAL MEDICINE INTO PRIMARY HEALTH CARE OF MYANMAR

By Dr.Moe Swe, Dr.Than LwinTun, Ministry of Health and Sports

THE Union Government has been seriously encouraging Traditional Medicine (TM), considering it a traditional heritage and a profession which can provide full health care to the people together with modern western medical science to ensure sustainable development and systematic progress, and in the right way. Besides, The Union Government, on its parts, has been working to raise the standard of Myanmar traditional medicine and provide better health care to people through use of traditional medicine practices. (Excerpt of Message from the President, H.E U Win Myint to 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference, on 28 Dec 2018)

We will also give strong support and upgrade our traditional medicine field. Here the role of research is very important if we really want to promote safe use of traditional medicines by the population. (Ref: Inaugural speech delivered by the Union Minister for Health and Sports, H.E Dr Myint Htwe to professionals and staff members of MOHS on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2016)

Traditional Medicine (TM) and Herbal Medicine (HM) are widely used in countries of South



Emergency Traditional Medicine kit

East Asia Region (SEA). Herbal medicine forms a substantial part of TM. According to definition of World Health Organization, HM includes herbs, herbal materials, herbal preparation and finished herbal products that contains as active ingredients, parts of plants, other plant materials. There is increasing demands for medical plants both in the developing and developed countries.<sup>[1]</sup>

Primary Health care is defined as an essential care based on practical, scientifically sound and socially acceptable methods and technology made universally accessible to individuals and families in the community through their full participation and at a cost that community and country can afford to maintain at every

stage of their development in the spirit of self-reliance and self-determination.<sup>[2]</sup> The identification of locally available and commonly used medicinal plants and herbs would have to be effected and a list compiled. The use of medicinal plants and traditional medicine could make people become more self-reliance. Across the world, TM is either the mainstay of health care delivery or serves as a complement to it. In some countries, TM or non-conventional medicine may be termed complementary medicine (CM). TM & CM is an important and often underestimated part of health care. TM&CM is found in almost every country in the world and demand for its services is increasing. TM of proven quality, safety and efficacy contrib-



Hot Fermentation Treatment at Traditional Medicine Clinic

utes to the goal of ensuring that all people have access to care. Many countries now recognize the need to develop a cohesive and integrative approach to health care that allows governments, health care practitioners and most importantly, those who use health care services, to access TM&CM in a safe, respectful, cost-efficient and effective manner.<sup>[3]</sup>

Every country in the world possesses their own conventional medical practices depending on their topography and culture. Similarly, the practice of traditional medicine in Myanmar dates back thousands of years, and still stands as an ancestral medical practice. Myanmar traditional medical practice means any form of medical treatment that belongs to any

one of the four methods; Desana Method, Bhesijja method, Nakhatta Method and Vijjadhara Method. Desana Method is a form of medical practice to examine and remedy the negative effect anatomy and physiology have on health on account of action, mind, weather and food in such a way as is mentioned in the great discourse the Lord Buddha preached. Bhesijja Method is a form of medical practice based on Ayurveda medical practice to examine and remedy the malfunction in the body which is composed of three dosas, seven elements and twelve malas resulting from time, one's self and one's past deeds. Nakkhatta Method is based on calculations of zodiac of stars, planets and time of birth and age. These calculations are

linked to prescribe dietary practices. Vijjadhara Method is a form of medical practice that is concerned with the making of nine properties each of analogy and physiology as a medicament by means of special techniques and with the use of the parittas preached by the Lord Buddha as well.<sup>[4]</sup>

Primary Health care includes health promotion, illness prevention, health maintenance & home support, community rehabilitation, pre-hospital emergency medical services, co-ordination and referral to other areas of health care.

The Department of Traditional Medicine, under Myanmar Ministry of Health and Sports, is taking harmonious measures for such tasks as health care, herbal plantation, production of traditional medicine and research so that both rural and urban people will be able to receive medical care with traditional medicine.

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## Yangon University Gangaw Village Pearl Jubilee Art Exhibition

By: Tommy Pauk

IN order to hail the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Yangon University, Gangaw Village Pearl jubilee Art Exhibition was held on 18-23 February, 2019 at the Recreation centre, Yangon University.

Yangon University, formerly known as Rangoon Arts and Sciences University (RASU), is one of the prestigious Universities in the world and it has been in existence for nearly a hundred years. It had been founded in 1920. The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Yangon University is just around the corner. Yangon University provides not only knowledge but also extra curricula activities to all students during academic years.

The students studying different majors can also study or participate or join Music Association, Art Club, Sports Club, Hiking and Mountaineering Association, University Boat Club, University Singing Club, UTC (University Training Corps). Under the management and arrangement of the faculty members, the clubs or associations are opened for the students to join and take part in the said clubs and associations in accordance with their hobby or interest.

Among them, Yangon University Art and Culture Association is also included. The association contributes to the University students those who have hobbies and talents of singing, dancing, art of performance and painting. This Association gave birth to the Yangon University Painting Club. Thus, the Yangon University Painting Club and the Gangaw Village Art Group are intertwined. They are inextricable because the painting teachers of Yangon University and other colleges

produced the amateur artists of University students. Even then the painting teachers and students sponsor the activities of the Gangaw Village Art Exhibition.

Gangaw (Mesua ferrea : ကံဘော့ပန်း) represents Yangon University (formerly known as RASU) as the compound is abundantly filled with



Gangaw village Pearl jubilee Art Exhibition at Yangon University.



The paintings drawn by alumni and students of Universities are being displayed.

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### Head of Service Organization appointed

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Deputy Director-General Daw Thida Tun of the Budget Department under the Ministry of Planning and Finance as Director-General of the same department on probation from the date she assumes charge of her duties. —MNA



### Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued on Wednesday 6 March 2019)

**SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS RECORDED AT 09:30 hrs MST:** During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Sagaing and Mandalay regions, Kachin, Northern Shan and Chin states, scattered in Southern State and isolated in Magway Region and Rakhine State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining regions and states. Day temperatures were 8°C below March normal temperatures in Upper Sagaing Region and Northern Shan State, 7°C below March normal temperatures Lower Sagaing Region and Kachin State, 5°C below March normal temperature in Chin State, 4°C below March normal temperature in Mandalay Region and 2°C below March normal temperatures in Magway and Yangon regions and about March normal temperatures in the remaining regions and states. The significant day temperatures were 39°C in Magway, 38°C each in Chauk, Minbu, Taungdwingyi and Bawlahe. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Maungdaw 1.81inches, Kyauktaw 0.98inch, Matupi 0.94inch, Paletwa 0.91inch, Muse 0.63inch, Kunglong 0.59inch, Bhamo 0.55inch, Pinlaebu 0.51inch, Tongzong 0.47inch, Ramthlo 0.43inch and Katha 0.39inch.

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

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF 7 March 2019:** Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Sagaing and Mandalay regions, Kachin, Northern Shan and Chin states, scattered in Magway Region, Southern Shan and Rakhine states and isolated in Nay Pyi Taw and Eastern Shan State and partly cloudy in the remaining regions and states.

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

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Continuation of likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Sagaing Region, Kachin and Chin states.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 7 March 2019:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 7 March 2019:** Generally fair weather.

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 7 March 2019:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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# Mandalay takes steps for safety of passenger vessels

AN awareness talk on safety of vessels, their systematic operation, and regulatory compliance was held at the meeting hall of the Department of Marine Administration in Mandalay on Monday. It was organized by the Mandalay Region's Marine Administration Department and the Mandalay Maritime Police.

At the event, officials covered the Inland Vessel Law, Myanmar Coastal and Inland Water Transport Service License Law, and rules and regulations for sailors and passengers.

"Last year, one passenger was lost during a vessel collision on the Bagan-Nyaung U route. Four cases of non-compliance with rules were reported, wherein unskilled sailors were used, no life jackets were found on board, and vessels were found carrying more passengers than their capacity. To ensure the safety of passengers, ferries must have life-jackets and fire extinguishers. Additionally, sailors must not be allowed on duty if they are under the influence of alcohol. Passengers must also avoid climbing on the roofs of ferries," said U Thant Sin Myo, the head of the Mandalay Re-



PHOTO: AUNG THANT KHAING

gion's Marine Administration Department.

Before ferries depart from their jetties, the department checks the licences of sailors, safety operations of the vessels, compliance with safety management code for passengers, in accordance with the prescribed rules and policies. Moreover, the Maritime police also conducts surprise checks on vessels. There were 34 instances where

vessels were found violating the rules, as of October, 2018.

"We prioritize the safety of passengers and so, awareness campaigns are carried out. If we find vessels are not complying with rules, the related department meets with their vessel association and asks them to strictly adhere to the rules. The move is not aimed to hurt water transport businesses," said Police Lt-Col Aung Zaw Myint of

Mandalay Maritime Police.

Between 2014 and 2017, Mandalay Region's DMA office issued licences to 37 vessel associations for operating 115 vessels. All shareholders in the water transport industry have been advised to abide by the rules and regulations and people can contact the Department of Marine Administration for queries, said officials. —Khaing Set Wai  
(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

## Illegal wildlife trade threatens biodiversity in Greater Mekong

ILLEGAL wildlife trade is threatening biodiversity in Greater Mekong, which has emerged as a huge market for unlawful trafficking and sale of animal parts, according to a research sponsored by the European Union.

According to the report, 'Larger than Tiger', there are 795 endangered species around the Greater Mekong region, of which 123 are facing extinction because of indiscriminate hunting and trade. With China and Viet Nam turning into the largest markets for wildlife products globally, countries in the Greater Mekong region also stand as

huge markets for illegal trade in wildlife parts.

An EU delegation in Myanmar, in collaboration with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), presented the main findings of the report to commemorate the World Wildlife Day on 3 March.

At the ceremony, Mr. Kristian Schmidt, the EU Ambassador to Myanmar, said: "We are determined to conserve wildlife across the Greater Mekong countries, including Myanmar. The report has to be adopted which works with all parties, the government, civil society organ-

izations, and the private sector, and goes beyond the national boundaries of Myanmar because these issues are regional, and I would even say, global. In addition, one of Myanmar's largest neighbors represents 70 per cent of global demand for wildlife products."

According to the latest Red list issued by the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), there are more than 331 endangered species in Myanmar. They include some bird species, apes, bulls, Asian elephants, Eld's deer, freshwater turtles, pangolins (Manis),

and tigers.

Illegal wildlife trade covers over 1,000 specials of animals and trees, which are used to make traditional medicines, exotic food, clothes, and other personal products.

Part of the European Union Biodiversity for Life initiative, 'Larger Than Tigers' is the product of two years of intensive, collaborative research, involving 28 authors, and conducted in consultation with 382 experts from over 150 organizations across more than 25 Asian countries.—GNLM

(Translated by Hay Mar)

## Mandalay to host international trade fair, business forum

A three-day international trade fair and business forum is scheduled to begin on 23 March at the Mandalay City Hall in Mandalay. The event is being jointly organized by the Ministry of Commerce, the Myanmar Investment Commission, and the Mandalay Region Chambers of Commerce

and Industry (MRCCI).

The event is aimed at boosting investment by matching local and foreign businesses, showcasing Mandalay Region's potential for business, and helping small and medium enterprises develop.

At the forum, U Aung Naing Oo, the Secretary of the

MIC, economist Dr. Aung Tun Thet, and other businessmen will hold a discussion on the topic — 'Why Mandalay is Strategically Important to Myanmar'.

At the event, there will be 269 stalls of international and domestic companies, showcasing items such as consumer

goods, food, sale of condominiums, electronic appliances, motor vehicles, traditional handicrafts, gems and jewelry, and banking services, according to a press conference held at the MRCCI hall at 1 p.m. on 5 March. —Maung Pyi Thu (Mandalay)

(Translated by La Wonn)

# UK says Brexit talks at 'critical point'

BRUSSELS (Belgium)—Britain's Brexit negotiators returned to Brussels on Tuesday vowing to "get a deal over the line" as they seek European Union support to break the deadlock in London as this month's divorce deadline looms.

UK attorney general Geoffrey Cox and Brexit minister Stephen Barclay began talks with EU chief negotiator Michel Barnier, an EU official told AFP amid conciliatory signals from both sides. Barnier

said Saturday the European Union was ready to give further guarantees to help the Brexit deal it struck with Prime Minister Theresa May in November get through the British parliament. Barnier also suggested European leaders would be amenable to a short "technical" delay in Britain's departure from the bloc scheduled for 29 March, to give parliament time to formally ratify a final accord. "We are determined to get a deal over the line

and deliver on Brexit," Barclay tweeted as he and Cox, the government's top lawyer, departed for Brussels. Barnier's small overture to Britain has raised some hopes that both sides can find a solution, including to the so-called "backstop" plan for the Irish border, a major sticking point for pro-Brexit MPs.

The two sides are at a "critical point" in these negotiations, a spokeswoman for May said on Tuesday. Cox's presence is seen as



Britain's Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union (Brexit Minister) Stephen Barclay (r) and Britain's Attorney General Geoffrey Cox (l) leave after the weekly cabinet meeting at 10 Downing Street in London on 5 March, 2019. PHOTO: AFP

central to the meeting, as he will ultimately offer a legal opinion on the Brexit deal and the Irish backstop that could determine

whether key lawmakers will approve the withdrawal agreement. The EU sees the backstop as an insurance policy to keep open the

border between EU member Ireland and British Northern Ireland—and to preserve the island's peace process.—AFP ■

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#### Discussion and approval of motion on rural road and bridge construction works

As a final agenda of the day a motion tabled by U Zaw Min Thein of Laymyethna constituency urging the Union Government to fulfil more requirements when implementing rural road and bridge construction works was discussed by U Hla Tun Kyaw of Maungdaw constituency, U Nay Heat Win of Sinbaungwe constituency, Daw Mya Khwa Nyo Oo of Shwedaung constituency, U Than Aung of Ngaputaw constituency, U Soe Aung Nang of Kyonpyaw constituency, U Kyaw Gyi @ U Ohn Khin of Minhla constituency, Daw Khin Than Nu of Mindon constituency, Daw Cho Cho of Ottwin constituency, U Nan Mon Htin of Machanbaw constituency, U Myint Oo of Thanatpin constituency, U Win Htut of Pyapon constituency, U Zaw Min Lwin of Madaya constituency, U Arr Moe

Si of Khaunglanphu constituency, U Kyaw Myo Min of Moenyo constituency and U Thein Tun of Kyaunggon constituency.

In discussing the motion Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Linn said the ministry will keep on record the suggestions and comments made, conduct a departmental re-assessment, change where necessary, form quality inspection groups in states and regions to assure the proper usage of funds to develop rural road and ensure systematic implementation. The motion is supported to be put on record said the Deputy Minister. As the proposer of the motion wanted the motion to be approved and there was no dissent toward it Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw's approval of the motion.

The 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting of eleventh regular session of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw will be held on 7 March it is learnt. ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

### Sun Outage might interrupt TV, Radio transmission from 6 to 17 March

A sun outage occurs when the apparent path of the Sun across the sky it directly behind the line of sight between an earth station and a satellite.

All satellites can be affected by sun outages.

A sun outage is a natural phenomenon and occurs every year. Sun outages usually occur one time in March, one time each in late September and early October.

The time for sun outage and signal interruption can vary depending on a satellite, size of TVRO receiver and location.

TV Channel and Radio programs of the MRTV which uses Thaicom-6 can be affected by the sun outages from 6 to 17 March for three minutes to 15 minutes, according to the Myanma Radio and Television.— MNA

## Yangon University Gangaw Village Pearl Jubilee Art Exhibition

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bition, one of the members is usually nominated as an organizer and all the members cooperate with him or her to conduct smooth and successful exhibition. They (the members) use to call the organizer of exhibition as The Gyee (သုကြီး) and the group members as Ywar Thu Ywar Thar (ရွာသူရွာသား). The Gyee means village headman and Ywar Thu Ywar Thar means villagers in English. The activities of Gangaw Village Art Exhibition were held from 1979 till 2019 annually. However, the exhibitions were not held in some particular years within 40 year due to unfavorable circumstances. Nevertheless, Gangaw Village Art Exhibition could have been conducted for 30 times within 40 years. Gangaw Village Art Group has marked this year's exhibition as Pearl Jubilee. Then, Gangaw Village Pearl jubilee Art Exhibition was held at Recreation Centre in the vicinity of Yangon University on 18-23 February, 2019. In previous years, the Gangaw Village Art Exhibitions had been held at the Institute of Medicine (1) Dome (leik-khone Khanma : Turtle shell-shaped hall), Judson Centre, Lokanat Art Gallery and in the vicinity of RASU respectively.

In 1979, its first Art Exhibition with the title of Gangaw Village ( Literal meaning; A village filled with Mesua ferrea trees- ကွဲတောင်ပင်) was held at the Institute of Medicine (1) Dome (leik-khone hall လိပ်ခန်းခန်းစာ: Turtle shell shaped Hall ). Since then the Gangaw Village Art Exhibition has been conducted annually by the alumni of Yangon University those now being professional artists learned from Yangon University Painting Club. They learned from it and now they teach the new generation of the University students who have painting hobby. The painting teachers are from inter-institute such as YIT (Yangon Institute of Technology), Institute of Economics and Art and Fine Art Institute of Yangon. They voluntarily teach the selected and talented University students in the University Painting Club situated on the premises of Yangon University.

Significantly, Gangaw Village Art group got an opportunity to hold a Gangaw Village Art Exhibition in Chiang Mai, Thailand and the Art exhibition was held in February 2007. It was sponsored by Suvannabhumi Art gallery in Thailand. This was for the first time Gangaw Village Art Exhibition had ever been held in a foreign country. In 2012, with the name of 'Freedom in Blossom Gangaw Village and Experimental Art in 1980s Burma ,the Art exhibition had been held at Fukuoka Asian Art Museum, Fukuoka in Japan. This was the second exhibition of Gangaw Village Art group held abroad. The

said Art exhibition had been held from December 2012 to March 2013 which lasted for three months.

Whenever the Art Exhibition is held, the talented University and College alumni and the University Students put up their paintings in the Gangaw Village Art Exhibition. In addition, the paintings as well as sculptures on the exhibition are drawn or created by the alumni or Painting Club member students of University and colleges from Yangon. Actually, this Gangaw Village Art Exhibition is held independently. This means that every Gangaw Village Art Exhibition is sponsored and funded by the art group members. They do arrange by themselves for conducting the art exhibition at the specific places and ask permission for holding the art exhibition from the authorities concerned and the University faculty members concerned.

The work of art and the good intention of Gangaw Art group for generating the new generations to become brilliant artists from Yangon University are undoubtedly honored. Since Gangaw Village is a group of artists only from University level, they try to brighten or maintain the prestige, image and standard of Yangon University by producing their excellent art products. In other words, the respective Gangaw Village Art Exhibitions reflect or remind the people to be proud of the Yangon University known as RASU which is the invaluable institute of higher education for the tertiary students to learn various arts and sciences subjects indeed.

Many outstanding artists were originated from this Yangon University Painting Club and many more outstanding artists of Yangon University will appear if Gangaw Art Group make continuous efforts to encourage and teach art of painting to the new generation of Yangon University. Hopefully, the state, parents and the lovers of painting will support the activities of Gangaw Art Group assisting in Yangon University Painting Club voluntarily .

We should give credit to the Art / Painting teachers of Gangaw Art Group who contribute their voluntary services to University Painting Club with goodwill and enthusiasm. The Gangaw Village Pearl Jubilee Art Exhibition was successfully held and the foreigners, people and all levels of students have enjoyed viewing the paintings with much enthusiasm. !

*Credit; U Bar Bar Kyaw (Yangon University Painting Teacher), U Myo Myint (The Gyee; Organizer for Gangaw Village Pearl Jubilee Art Exhibition ) and U San Min ( Gangaw Art Group Artist )*

## Japan ranks lowest among G20 in 2018 women parliamentarians ratio

GENEVA—Japan ranked the lowest among members of the Group of 20 major economies in a 2018 global ranking on representation of women in parliament, coming 165<sup>th</sup> among 193 countries, an annual report by an international organization showed on Tuesday. Japan fell seven places from a year earlier despite Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's policy of pushing for women's empowerment, with many female politicians having pointed to difficulties in balancing political activities and family.

Japan's ratio of female lawmakers in its lower house, at just 10.2 per cent, compares with a world average of 24.3 per cent, up 13 percentage points from 1995, according to the Geneva-based Inter-Parliamentary Union, which compared the share of women in lower or single chambers in 2018. Japan was the only member of the Group of Seven major industrialized countries that ranked lower than 100th, it said.

By country, Rwanda topped the list with women occupying 61.3 per cent of seats. Latin American countries rose in the rankings, with Cuba and Mexico coming second and third, respectively. By region, the Americas continued to be at the top, with the proportion of women in parliament surpassing 30 per cent for the first time, backed by advances in Latin American countries such as Grenada and Costa Rica, which ranked fourth and sixth, respectively. The Americas were followed by Europe at 28.5 per cent, Sub-Saharan Africa at 23.7 per cent, and Asia at 19.6 per cent. More than 130 countries have introduced a quota policy guaranteeing women a certain level of representation, the report said, adding evidence from elections held in 2018 demonstrates well-designed quotas can pave the way to greater gender parity.—Kyodo News ■

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## WWF orders probe into allegations of abuse by rangers



In this file photo taken on 28 November, 2006 World Wildlife Fund hotair balloon flies over the Amazonas river and the surrounding rain forest in Manaus, north of Brazil. Conservation group WWF has said it will commission an independent investigation into a media report alleging it backs anti-poaching units responsible for murder, torture and other serious rights abuses. According to an in-depth BuzzFeed investigation into anti-poaching practices across six countries, which was published on 4 March, 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**

GENEVA (Switzerland) — Conservation group WWF has said it will commission an independent investigation into a media report alleging it backs anti-poaching units responsible for murder, torture and other serious rights abuses.

According to an in-depth BuzzFeed investigation into anti-poaching practices across six countries, which was published on Monday, the World Wide Fund for Nature funds “vicious paramilitary forces” who have killed and tortured people in national parks in Asia and Africa.

Such anti-poaching units have shot and murdered dozens of people, attacked indigenous villagers with machetes and beaten

them unconscious as well as carrying out other violations, including sexual assaults. BuzzFeed said WWF equipped and worked with such guards, and accused the conservation group’s staff of turning a blind eye to abuses carried out during their crackdown on poaching. In a statement released on Monday, WWF said it took such allegations “seriously” and would commission “an independent review to look into the cases raised in the story”.

“We have asked BuzzFeed to share all evidence it has obtained to support these claims, to help inform and strengthen this review,” it said.

WWF stressed it had stringent policies in place

“to ensure both we and our partners are safeguarding the rights and well-being of indigenous people and local communities” in the places where it was working.

“Any breach of these policies is unacceptable to us and, should the review uncover any, we are committed to taking swift action,” it said. It is not the first time the charity has faced allegations that its work has fostered rights abuses.

In September 2017, British rights group Survival International alleged that WWF-funded “ecoguards” had systematically abused the hunter-gatherer Baka people and other rainforest tribes in Cameroon. —AFP ■

## North Korea food production lowest in over a decade: UN

SEOUL (South Korea)— North Korea recorded its worst harvest for more than a decade last year, the United Nations said Wednesday, as natural disasters combined with its lack of arable land and

inefficient agriculture to hit production.

Last year’s harvest was just 4.95 million tonnes, the United Nations said in its Needs and Priorities assessment for 2019, down by 500,000 tonnes.

It was “the lowest production in more than a decade”, the UN’s Resident Coordinator in the North Tapan Mishra said in a statement. “This has resulted in a significant food gap.”—AFP ■

## Invitation to Chin State Investment and Product Fair

1. To promote investment in Chin State more effectively, Chin State Investment and Product Fair to be held on 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2019 in Myanmar Convention Center, Yangon Region which is jointly organized by Chin State Government (CSG), Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) and Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations (MIFER), Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) with the supports of Chin State Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CSCCI), DaNa Facility and VDB Loi Co., Ltd.
2. At the Fair, senior officials from concerned ministries and representatives from private sector will join as speakers and panelists that will cover investment opportunities in Agriculture and Livestock Sector, Hotel and Tourism Sector, Electric Power Sector and Small and Medium Enterprise Development Sector in Chin State.
3. For more information, please contact the following address;

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Compound Office,  
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Myanmar Investment Commission  
Directorate of Investment and  
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## Moomin-themed amusement park to open on March 16 near Tokyo

SAITAMA (Japan) — An amusement park themed on the world of Finland's Moomin fairytale characters will open on 16 March in Saitama Prefecture near Tokyo, its operator said on Tuesday.

The 7.3-hectare Moominvalley Park — the first Moomin-themed amusement park in Japan — is located within Metsa

Village, a Nordic-centric attraction in the city of Hanno, according to the operator Moomin Monogatari Ltd.

Visitors will be able to watch shows that feature the characters from the stories and visit an exhibition that provides insight into the series' creator, Tove Jansson.

The Moomin characters,

created by the Finnish author-illustrator, boomed in popularity in Japan when an animated television series starring the white hippopotamus-like creatures debuted in 1969.

Tickets cost 1,500 yen (\$13) for junior high school students or older people and 1,000 yen for children 4 years old to elementary school age. —Kyodo News ■



Moominvalley Park, Japan's first Moomin-themed amusement park, in Hanno, Saitama Prefecture, throws open its doors to the media on 5 March, 2019, ahead of its public opening on 16 March.

PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

## Bezos, Gates and Buffett still top the world's ultra rich: Forbes



This combination of file images shows L-R in order of wealth: Microsoft founder Bill Gates, Spanish clothing retailer Amancio Ortega, business investor Warren Buffett, Mexican telecom magnate Carlos Slim, Amazon CEO and founder Jeff Bezos and Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg. The billionaires are the top six on Forbes Magazine's new list of the planet's richest people announced on 1 March, 2016. PHOTO: AFP

NEW YORK (United States) — Jeff Bezos remains the world's richest person, ahead of Bill Gates and Warren Buffett, according to the latest Forbes list of the ultra wealthy, while far behind President Donald Trump jumped 51 spots in the ranking.

While things are largely stable up on top of the list, Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg dropped three spots and former New York mayor Michael Bloomberg rose by two.

According to the list an-

nounced on Tuesday by Forbes, the riches of Bezos, 55, have swelled by \$19 billion in one year and he is now worth \$131 billion.

Bezos, who holds 16 per cent of Amazon and whose wealth now makes him a target of the left wing of the US Democratic Party, has widened the money gap between himself and Gates, the philanthropist and co-founder of Microsoft.

Gates, 63, has seen his wealth grow to \$96.5 billion, up from 90 billion last year, said Forbes.

Third place is held by Buffett, 88 and long considered an investment guru, although he did get stung in late February by a deep plunge in shares of US processed food maker Kraft Heinz, in which he had a large stake.

Buffett's fortune slipped by \$1.5 billion to \$82.5 billion, the magazine estimated.

It is more or less after this trio that things start to get shaken up on the Forbes list.

The CEO of French luxury good company LVMH, Bernard

Arnault, held on to fourth place. But Zuckerberg lost \$9 billion in net worth and slipped from fifth to eighth.

Ahead of Zuckerberg now are Mexican tycoon Carlos Slim, Zara and Inditex founder Amancio Ortega of Spain, and Oracle co-founder Larry Ellison.

Bloomberg rose from 11<sup>th</sup> to ninth place as his fortune increased to \$55.5 billion, from \$50 billion, said Forbes.

Americans still dominate the list with 14 of the top 20 billionaires from the US.

Non-Americans among the top 20 include India's Mukesh Ambani, chairman of Reliance Industries, in 13<sup>th</sup> place, and China's Ma Huateng, head of the Chinese internet giant Tencent, who rounds out the top 20.

### Donald Trump 715<sup>th</sup> richest

Forbes estimates Trump's wealth at \$3.1 billion, unchanged from last year.

While 994 people from last year's ranking saw their wealth drop — a record, according to Forbes — Trump rose in the Forbes ranking from 766 last year to 715 this year.

Trump's nine New York skyscrapers, including the famous Trump Tower on Fifth Avenue, account for nearly half of his wealth, while his clubs and golf courses are valued at \$550 million. However, one of Trump's Florida golf clubs, the National Doral Miami, took a hit and has been depreciated by \$26 million following a sharp drop in bookings attributed to disagreements with the president's policies, Forbes said.

Trump is not the richest US elected official: that honor goes to JB Pritzker, a Democrat who took office as governor of Illinois in January. Pritzker, heir to the Hyatt hotel fortune, was estimated to be worth \$3.2 billion. —AFP ■

## Hello Kitty to make Hollywood debut in Warner Bros film

TOKYO — For the first time in her 45-year history, the world's most beloved feline character Hello Kitty is headed for her Hollywood debut.

Warner Bros Entertainment Inc and Sanrio Co said on Wednesday Hello Kitty will debut in a feature film to be produced by FlynnPictureCo's Beau Flynn. Details on the type of film, such as whether it would be animated or live action, and the expected date of release were not yet disclosed.

"Hello Kitty has long been a symbol of friendship and we hope this film will only serve to grow that circle of friendship around the world," said Shintaro Tsuji, Sanrio founder, president and

CEO. The partnership between Warner and Sanrio was reached after a five-year quest by Flynn and New Line Cinema, the Warner Bros unit that produced the Oscar-winning *The Lord of the Rings* Trilogy, for film rights to the Japanese pop culture icon.

"Hello Kitty and her friends have been part of our shared culture for decades, and we look forward to exploring where her newest adventure will take her," New Line Cinema presidents Richard Brener and Carolyn Blackwood said in a joint statement.

Other popular Sanrio characters included in the deal are Gudetama, a melancholy lazy egg yolk; My Melody, a girl rabbit with



Hello Kitty poses for photos with visitors at the Japan Pavilion of Expo Milano in August 2015. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

iconic pink or red ear warmers; and Little Twin Stars, a pair of angel-like siblings, among others.

Hello Kitty debuted in 1974 and has attracted generations

of fans worldwide — she can be found on 50,000 different products in 130 countries. The kitty with a red bow on her left ear has starred in Japanese film

and TV anime, and an animated television series made by a US company, but has never hit the global big screen before. —Kyodo News ■

## Arata Isozaki of Japan wins Pritzker architecture prize

NEW YORK (United States) — Japanese architect Arata Isozaki has been awarded the Pritzker Prize, considered architecture's highest honour, for a lifetime of work that found global resonance while mining local traditions.

The 87-year-old's over 100 built works range from the Palau Saint Jordi, built in Barcelona for the 1992 Summer Olympics, to the Museum of Contemporary Art in Los Angeles, his first

international commission.

His hometown of Otai, Japan is a showcase of his early work, including a medical hall and annex, and a prefectural library.

"Isozaki is a pioneer in understanding that the need for architecture is both global and local — that those two forces are part of a single challenge," the chair of the jury, US Justice Stephen Breyer, said as the prize was announced on Tuesday.

"For many years, he has been trying to make certain that areas of the world that have long traditions in architecture are not limited to that tradition, but help spread those traditions while simultaneously learning from the rest of the world," he said.

Isozaki is the 46<sup>th</sup> Pritzker laureate and the eighth Japanese architect to receive the honor. Winners receive a bronze medallion and \$100,000. —AFP ■

## OBITUARY

### U SEIN LIN (EDWIN SINCLAIR) Colonel (Rtd.)

Director General (Rtd.) Road Transport Administration

Aged : 99 Years

U Sein Lin, son of (U Sinclair & Daw Tun Shwe), beloved husband of (Daw Hla Sein), father of (U Thayne Soe) & Daw Swanti, U Soe Aung & Daw Lily Han, Dr. Kyaw Thein, Dr. Ohmar Moe Myint & U Moe Myint; Grandfather of Sandy Soe, Saw Marlar Soe, Dr. Suu Myat Soe, Su Pyae Sone Soe, Aung Zaw Lin, Yu Lei Aung, Sithu Moe Myint, and Phone Kyaw Moe Myint; Great Grandfather of Six; peacefully passed away at No. 77 (A), University Avenue on 06 March 2019 at 09:50 pm and his remains will be cremated at Yeway Crematorium on 08 March 2019 (Friday) at 08:00 am.

Bereaved Family

## Cave of relics found under Mayan ruins of Chichen Itza

MEXICO CITY (Mexico) — Archaeologists have discovered a cave filled with hundreds of artifacts beneath the ruins of the Mayan city of Chichen Itza in Mexico, the lead researcher on the project said on Monday, calling the find "incredible."

The massive cave is a "scientific treasure," Mexican archaeologist Guillermo de Anda told a news conference.

He said it could help scientists better understand the origins, lives and beliefs of the residents of Chichen Itza, a stunning city of stone in the Yucatan peninsula that was founded sometime around 750 AD.

The cave was found about two kilometres (1.2

miles) from the Temple of Kukulcan, the giant stepped pyramid that dominates the centre of Chichen Itza.

It sits about 24 metres (80 feet) underground, and contains multiple chambers connected by narrow passages — often so narrow that researchers had to crawl or drag themselves through them, De Anda said.

His team has explored about 460 metres of the cave so far, and does not know how far it stretches, he added. The relics found include seven incense burners shaped like the Mayan rain god Chaac, which researchers believe were offerings meant to bring rain. De Anda said

locals had actually discovered the cave more than 50 years ago.

But the archaeologist sent to explore the site at the time by the National Institute of Anthropology and History decided for unknown reasons to seal the entrance with stones, and filed only a brief report.

De Anda had seen the report, but did not give it much thought — until he happened upon the entrance to the cave last year while exploring another site nearby.

"What we found there was incredible, and completely untouched," he said.

The residents of Chichen Itza probably considered the cave "the bow-



Archaeologists have discovered a cave filled with hundreds of artifacts beneath the ruins of the Mayan city of Chichen Itza in Mexico. **PHOTO: AFP**

els of the gods," he added.

His team believes the largest incense burners date from around 700 to 1000 AD.

The indigenous Mayas who inhabit the area today warned his team that a venomous coral snake guarded the site. And researchers

did in fact find just such a specimen, which blocked their access to the cave for four days, De Anda said. — AFP ■

## Israel's first spacecraft to moon sends selfie

JERUSALEM (Undefined) — An Israeli spacecraft on its maiden mission to the moon has sent its first selfie back to Earth, mission chiefs said on

Tuesday.

The image showing part of the Beresheet spacecraft with Earth in the background was beamed to mission control

in Yehud, Israel — 37,600 kilometres (23,360 miles) away, the project's lead partners said in a statement.

The partners, NGO SpaceIL and state-owned Israel Aerospace Industries, launched the unmanned Beresheet — Hebrew for Genesis — from Cape Canaveral in Florida on 22 February.

The 585-kilogram (1,290-pound) craft took off atop a Falcon 9 rocket from the private US-based SpaceX company of entrepreneur Elon Musk.

The trip is scheduled to last seven weeks, with the Beresheet due to touch down on 11 April.

So far, only Russia, the United States and China have made the 384,000-kilometre (239,000-mile) journey and landed on the moon.

The Israeli mission comes amid renewed global interest in the moon, 50 years after American astronauts first walked on its surface.

China's Chang'e-4 made the first-ever soft landing on the far side of the moon on 3 January, after a probe sent by Beijing made a lunar landing elsewhere in 2013.

For Israel, the landing itself is the main mission, but the spacecraft also carries a scientific instru-

ment to measure the lunar magnetic field, which will help understanding of the moon's formation.

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

After China earlier this year, and now Israel, India hopes to become the fifth lunar country in the spring with its Chandrayaan-2 mission. It aims to put a craft with a rover onto the moon's surface to collect data.

Japan plans to send a small lunar lander, called

SLIM, to study a volcanic area around 2020-2021.

As for the Americans, who have not been back to the moon since 1972, a return is now the official policy of NASA, according to guidelines issued by President Donald Trump in 2017. NASA, which has installed equipment on Beresheet to upload its signals from the moon, says it is inviting private sector bids to build and launch the US probes.

The US space agency plans to build a small space station, dubbed Gateway, in the moon's orbit by 2026, and envisages a manned mission to Mars in the following decade. — AFP ■



A handout picture released by SpaceIL and Israel Aerospace Industries (IAI) on 5 March, 2019, shows a picture taken by the camera of the Beresheet spacecraft. **PHOTO: AFP**



Jurgen Klopp. PHOTO: AFP

## Liverpool staying positive despite blip, says Klopp

LONDON (United Kingdom)—Jurgen Klopp has vowed that Liverpool will remain positive as they battle for the Premier League title despite a wobble that has enabled Manchester City to seize the initiative. Liverpool's destiny is no longer in their own hands after a goalless draw in Sunday's Merseyside derby allowed Pep Guardiola's City to regain top spot with a one-point advantage. Despite criticism over a lack of creativity, the club have notched five successive clean sheets in all competitions and a Premier League-best 17 shut-outs this season, with just 15 goals conceded in 29 matches.

Liverpool, who have not won the English top-flight since 1990,

have drawn four out of their past six league games, leading to suggestions that may be feeling the nerves.

However, with nine matches left to play, Klopp insists his side are not willing to give up hopes of a successful finale to the campaign. "We are positive—how couldn't we be positive?" he told liverpoolfc.com. "There is a lot to come and a lot of games to play. What brought us here was the stability the boys showed. We are difficult to beat, which is very important in football. And we created, still, in difficult games, which is very important in football.

"Then you have to finish them off, which we did very often but not (at Everton).—AFP ■

## Myanmar U-19 to play Albirex Niigata today

MYANMAR'S U-19 men's football team will play a friendly match against Albirex Niigata Singapore F.C., the Singapore Premier League champions, at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.

Team Myanmar will comprise 24 players who have been selected randomly for the match. They will be led by head coach Soe Myat Min.

The friendly match will

help Myanmar players hone their skills ahead of upcoming international football tournaments, said an official.

Albirex Niigata Singapore F.C. mainly comprises talented Japanese players and has just four Singaporean players. The main team, Albirex Niigata F.C., is based in Japan, while the satellite team is playing in the Singapore Premier League. The Singapore team claimed three consecutive championship titles in the

league in 2016, 2017, and 2018.

The team has garnered four titles in the knock-up cup and another four in a local league cup. The Singaporean football club will leave for Myanmar on 6 March and arrive in Yangon on 7 March, said a source with the MFF.

Myanmar's U-22 national football team is also scheduled to play a friendly match against the Singapore team on 9 March, according to the MFF.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

## MFF to hold women's football camp on 8, 9 March

THE Myanmar Football Federation will hold a camp on 8 March to commemorate the AFC Women's Football Day and to promote the sport among young girls and women. The camp will open at 7.30 a.m. on the artificial turf at the National Football Academy.

After the camp, a workshop for referees will be held

on 9 March, said a source with the MFF.

Girls who are interested in playing football can join the camp, the source added.

Qualified coaches and trainers will showcase their football skills to participants at the event, said an official.

To mark the AFC Women's Football Day on 8 March,

similar camps will be held at the Bahan Sport ground, Insein (Ywama) Sports Ground, and Kyeikasan Sports Ground, according to the MFF.

On 9 March, camps will be conducted on the BEHS (1) Sports Ground and the Padetha Sports Ground, according to the federation.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

## Dortmund lose 1-0 to Tottenham in UEFA Champions League

BERLIN—Harry Kane's sole goal of the game was enough for Tottenham Hotspur to knock out Borussia Dortmund 1-0 (4-0 on aggregate) at the second leg of the Champions League last 16 on Tuesday.

The "BVB" took the reins from the kick off and staged lively opening period as Paco Alcacer was flagged offside from promising position before Jan Vertonghen's vital challenge inside the box denied Marco Reus from very close range in the 15th minute.

Dortmund continued powerful and set the visitors under pressure as Marco Reus' deflected effort tested Tottenham's goalkeeper Hugo Lloris in the 21st minute.

Tottenham had a good chance to shock the hosts in the 31st minute but Son Heung-Ming's low shot went just wide.

However, it were the hosts



Davinson Sanchez (1st l) of Tottenham Hotspur Paco Alcacer (2nd r) of Dortmund during the UEFA Champions League round of 16 second leg soccer match between Borussia Dortmund and Tottenham Hotspur FC in Dortmund, Germany on 5 March, 2019. PHOTO: XINHUA

who remained on the front foot and pressed the visitors into the defence, as Lloris had to tip Mario Goetze's shot over the bar

with 34 minutes into the game.

After the restart, Tottenham punished Dortmund's wastefulness with four minutes

played in the second half as Harry Kane finished off Moussa Sissoko's through ball to break the deadlock against the run of the

game.

Dortmund tried to respond and continued offensively minded but it seemed like the Tottenham opener took the wind out of the host's sails. Christian Pulisic and Paco Alcacer came close in the closing period but Tottenham goalkeeper Lloris was once again on guard to save the 1-0 victory on the road. "We knew if we got a chance we had to take it. Moussa put a great ball through and I finished it off. They had a couple of chances in that first half but that's what the Champions League is about," Tottenham's top striker Kane said.

"We created six or seven great chances and we didn't convert them despite a dominating first half. We didn't reward ourselves and that made the difference. We all believed we could pull this off. It's a bitter pill to swallow," Dortmund's midfielder Marius Wolf said.—Xinhua ■