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State Counsellor meets with people in Pyay, Thayawady

STATE COUNSELLOR Daw Aung San Suu Kyi met with local people in Pyay and Thayawady in Bago Region in separate events yesterday and answered the questions raised by the local peoples.

The State Counsellor, accompanied by Union ministers U Min Thu, Dr. Aung Thu and Dr. Myint Htwe, left Nay Pyi Taw to Pyay by helicopter.

The State Counsellor was welcomed at the airport in Pyay by Bago Region Chief Minister U Win Thein, Bago Region Minister U Nyunt Shwe, Hluttaw representatives ethnic dance troupes and officials.

Before meeting with local people in Pyay, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and entourage went to the Sri Ksetra old city in motorcades and visited Sri Ksetra Museum.

She also visited cultural heritage sites in the Sri Ksetra old city and the 500-bed hospital in Pyay.

Speaking at the meeting with the people in Pyay, the State Counsellor said the reason why she met with the people in every region and state she visited was that the government want to hear the voices of the people and to reply the people what they want to know.

Speaking about opportunity and responsibility, the State Counsellor said she has been asking people wherever she has visited not to litter.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi (upper) holds a public talk with local people in Pyay, Bago Region (below) yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



When you think others have a responsibility, you should ask yourself about yours: State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

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PYIDAUNGSU HLUTTAW

MPs discuss Report 5/2019 and Report on studying bill to amend Constitution at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

THE 15th meeting of Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw 11th regular session was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

First Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Dr. Ye Myint Swe and Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win responded and explained the discussions made by Hluttaw representatives on the Joint Public Accounts Committee report 5/2019 that covers the committee's findings and remarks on complaints made against private companies in Mandalay conducting raw jade exhibitions and the status of tax received from those exhibitions.

This was followed by Joint Public Accounts Committee Vice Chairman 1 U Aung Min of Zalun constituency who tabled a motion for the Hluttaw to approve the report 5/2019 and Hluttaw approved the report.

Next a total of 15 Hluttaw representatives consisting of 11 Pyithu Hluttaw representatives including seven Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw representatives and four Amyotha Hluttaw representatives discussed the report of Joint Committee to Study a bill to amend the Constitution for the second time.

The 16th meeting of the eleventh session of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is scheduled to be held today.—MNA ■

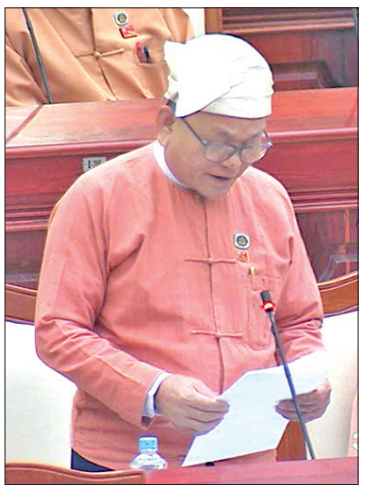
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The 15th meeting of Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw 11th regular session being convened. **PHOTO : MNA**

PYITHU HLUTTAW

Second Pyithu Hluttaw eleventh regular session concludes



U Than Aung. **PHOTO : MNA**



U Aung Hlaing Win. **PHOTO : MNA**

Aye Aye Thant (MNA)

THE 25th meeting of the eleventh regular session of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw was held at the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall of the Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. At the meeting, questions raised were answered, a report approved, a motion discussed and approved and Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker delivered a concluding speech and announced the conclusion of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw eleventh regular session.

Question and answer session

In the final question and answer session of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw eleventh regular session, questions raised by U Than Aung of Ngaputaw constituency, U Aung Hlaing Win of Mingaladon constituency, Dr. U Min Thein of YeU constituency, U Sai San Thein of Mongnai constituency, U Min Kyi of Thandwe constituency, U Pe Than of Myebon constituency and Daw Khin Saw Wai of Yathedaung constituency were answered by Deputy Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Mya Lay Sein and Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin.

Hluttaw approves Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee report

Following the question and answer session Bill Committee secretary U Kyaw Soe Lin tabled a motion for the Hluttaw to approve the Bill Committee report. Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat obtained the decision of the Hluttaw and announced the Hluttaw's approval of the report.

Hluttaw approves motion to place more emphasis on laying and upgrading inter-village roads

Next, a motion by U Ne Lin Aung of Mindat constituency urging the Union Government to place more emphasis on laying and upgrading inter-village roads in townships where development of road transport is low as well as in townships where ethnic people live was discussed by the Hluttaw.

The motion was discussed by U Saw Victor Clyde of Thandaunggyi constituency, U Arr Moe Si of Khaunglanphu constituency, U Nay Lin Tun of Bokpyin constituency, U Tun Win of Kyunhla constituency, U Nyunt Win of Kanpetlet constituency, U Sai Okkar of Laikha constituency and U Sai Thant Zin of Hsipaw constituency.

In discussing the motion, Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin explained about the ministry increasing the fund of Rural Road Development Department for least developed states while priority was being given towards upgrading border trade routes and had drawn up a Master Plan for it. Therefore the Deputy Minister recommends for the motion to be approved.

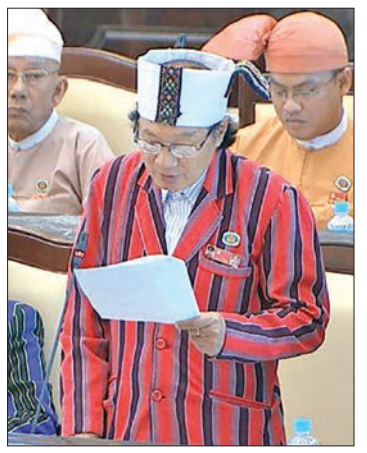
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Second Amyotha Hluttaw eleventh regular session concludes



U Lal Min Htan. **PHOTO: MNA**



U Shan Awl. **PHOTO: MNA**

By Aung Ye Thwin (MNA)

SECOND Amyotha Hluttaw eleventh regular session concludes after the 25th meeting was held at Amyotha Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning. At the meeting asterisk marked questions were raised and answered, bills approved, a bill discussed, committee reports approved, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker delivered a concluding speech and announced the conclusion of the Second Amyotha Hluttaw 11th regular session.

Asterisk marked questions

In the first agenda of the day asterisk marked questions were raised by U Lal Min Htan of Chin State constituency 10, U Shan Awl of Chin State constituency 2, U Soe Thein of Kayah State constituency 9, U Pu Gin Kam Lian of Chin State constituency 5 and Dr. Zaw Lin Htut of Mon State constituency 9 and answered by Deputy Minister for the Office of the Union Government U Tin Myint, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win and Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Nyi Tun.

Hluttaw approve bills

Following the asterisk marked question session a Bill Committee report on Civil Service (2nd amendment) bill was re-read and explained by committee member Dr. Myo Aung and after Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker obtained the decision of the Hluttaw announced the approval of the Hluttaw on the bill.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi pays homage to Baw Baw Gyi Pagoda in Pyay yesterday. **PHOTO:MNA**

State Counsellor meets with people in Pyay, Thayawady

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"Wherever I talk about the garbage issue, the attitudes to this issue are different. For example, at a meeting in Monywa, a citizen complained against the municipality for collecting garbage only when I come. So, I asked him if he put the blame on the municipality while littering wherever he wanted. The answer was not clear."

"I want people to take both opportunity and responsible approach to issues. When you think others have a responsibility, you should ask yourself about yours." "You have freedom of speech. You have the right to criticize officials from the administrative sector, in accordance with democratic rights. But, I think it is our responsibility to critically analyze ourselves first," she said.

"People need to assume responsibility. Only then will the government elected by the people reach a situation where it can take full responsibility. Don't forget the fact that all high-ranking officials in the government have been elected by the people."

"I have told the responsible personnel in the executive sector not to forget the fact that they are being assigned duties because they have been elected by the people to the government."

"The executive sector has two arms: the government elected by the people and the civil service. Civil servants must work in the interest of the country along with those elected to the government, who will come and go."

"What I don't want to hear from you is that you were okay with the previous government and are not okay with the incumbent government. If you did any wrong in the past, please stop today. Forget thinking about the past. To secure the future, we need to walk on the right path in the present." The most important thing was whether it was beneficial or not. However, if the talk starts off with falsehood whatever follows wouldn't be beneficial. Nothing good will come out of anything based on falsehood.

The question to be raised when we meet was whether it was beneficial for the country. If a person was not true to himself/herself, he/she wouldn't be true to others. A person who was not truthful would not benefit the country. That was why it was important that the words of all, be it the government, public servant or the people must be truthful.

In some instances the matter was truthful and beneficial for the country so it must be said even if other persons or organisations may not be agreeable. In such cases it will depend on how the matter was spoken. We need to say such matters in a polite way. This will show the value of our country. The value of a country was judged by the way the citizens and people lived, acted, and spoke.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi visits the Sri Ksetra Museum in Pyay yesterday. **PHOTO:MNA**

Our country faces numerous challenges. We have the capacity to change all challenges into opportunities. The most important ability in facing such challenges was unity. Only through unity can we overcome the obstacles and problems the country faces. Our country had been left behind for many numbers of years. But there'll be no need for despair. We just need to strive harder. Prior to independence, my father said we'll have to run when others walk. The situation now was the same. We'll have to run when others walk.

Our country was in a dire need to run and we shouldn't avoid the pain of running. We must have the courage to face this pain and make it something natural for us. In the same way if we want our country to occupy a dignified position among the world we must bear the hardships and put in best efforts daily. All must stand united hand in hand. As the challenges faced were the same for all and as all were in same boat, all need to be united toward reaching the shore we wanted to go. This was the spirit that all must have. All have the freedom and rights to speak up and raise questions. But don't abuse these rights. Use it for the benefit of the people and the country. The most important would be to use it for the development of union spirit and this was my earnest request said the State Counsellor.

Afterwards, pre-submitted matters to the meeting covering allocation of fund from Union Government for Pyay Town beautification works, upgrading the Yupthit-Taungshwe road near South Nawin Dam in Paukkaung Township into an all-weather road along with the construction of two bridges and a box culvert, upgrading the road connecting Shwedaung Township Nyaungsaryay Village with Zigon Village Tract, Ayeyar Oo Village into a concrete road, upgrading the earth road connecting Padaung Township Htonebo and Akauk Taung and laying Paungde Township Paungde-Hmat Taing-Pauktaw all-weather asphalt road as well as matters raised by five locals outside the meeting hall and two locals inside the meeting hall were answered by Union Ministers, Region Chief Minister and officials while the State Counsellor provided additional explanations where necessary.

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The matters raised by five locals outside the meeting hall were questions on entry to primary school teacher course, developing old towns in township development, Myitsone Dam, land confiscation in Shwedaung Township, constructing a sluice gate and maintenance of South Nawin Dam. The matter raised by two locals inside the meeting hall were questions on farmlands confiscated for Shwedaung Textile Mill and farmlands confiscated by Tatmadaw in Padaung Township.

Afterwards the State Counsellor said the our people's problem were the same all over the country. All were on the same boat striving toward reaching the same goal.

It was understood that everyone wants to participate in the discussion and everything was done so that everything is fair for all. The wish was to give all equal opportunity but such equal opportunity couldn't be measured accurately with a ruler.

There were no such things as being equal in everything. When providing fair share to all more need to be provided to those who were weak. This was being fair and we'll do the best we can.

In the same way as remarked to other states and regions, the Region Government and members need to have more contact with the people. They need to conduct field visits down to the ward and village level, listen to the voices of the people and study the problems faced by the people said the State Counsellor in conclusion. After the meeting the State Counsellor took commemorative group photo with students who attended the meeting.



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

The State Counsellor and party then left Pyay by helicopters and reaches Thayawady where they were welcomed by Bago Region minister for agriculture, livestock and irrigation U Aung Zaw Naing, Hluttaw representatives, departmental officials and the local populace. There the State Counsellor attended a meeting with Hluttaw representatives, departmental officials, town elders and local populace in Thayawady Town, Saya San hall.

At the meeting the State Counsellor spoke of knowing the town folks as traditionally hardy and strong and of being active political. But the act of being politically active must be in a correct way. If the activity was in the wrong place, it wouldn't benefit the country. All were urged to retain the good tradition of Thayawady by having a correct activity. The reason our people were waiting under the hot sun was because they want to hear our answers.

There must be connection between the people and the organisations that were responsible to govern the people. One must listen to another's voice. One must be given the opportunity to explain. Sometime those who govern didn't listen to the voices of the people. They may want to say do as we say. Sometime the people themselves never listen to what the government was saying. They say what they want and didn't listen to the answer. Both side need not only listen to other but must have the will to listen. In the end, it all is based on the will. If there was a will, any problem could be overcome.

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People gather outside the hall and listen to the speech of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi from a projector screen. **PHOTO: BO BO**

Earlier, we met with people in Pyay. Before meeting them we visited Sri Ksetra Museum and saw that we were established on this land historically. We were in existence on this land for thousands of years. Much thinking was needed on whether we'll achieve peace in our country. In fact the majority of us could be traced back to this same place. If we look at where we're same, we'll be the same. If we look at the differences, we'll be different. Even differences could be turned into strength. If we could truly use our differences as strength, we'll go a long way. What one couldn't do could be done by another. A situation one didn't have would be had by another. Only when differences were combined can there be strength. I'm full confident that our country will develop fully. How fast or slow would depend on the people. It was not for a single person but for all and if it was good for all, it would be good for a person too. Fairness would be important. All must be fair toward others. There must be mutual understanding and respect. Mutual respect even existed between parents and their offspring.

It would be the same in the country. It was repeatedly said to look mainly at how much we can give. The country's progress was very slow because some didn't look at what they can give and only look at what they can get. This was in need of change. Whatever the difficulties there may be, our people had the basic ability to overcome it. We need to nurture and develop these abilities.

This was the main reason emphasis had been placed in health and education. Health develops the physical portion of the people while education develops the psychological portion of the people. When our people strive toward this, all need to participate. Government alone couldn't do it. It wouldn't be a democracy if only the government was relied upon. The belief in democracy was due to the fact that it was a system that values the people. Those who says they believe in democracy without valuing the people were not saying the truth. If the belief was in a system based on the people, it'll also believe in the people.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi poses for documentary photo with doctors, nurses and staff of the Pyay General Hospital. **PHOTO: MNA**

Meeting with the people was implementing an important part of a democracy system. There must be a connection between the people and those who were responsible to govern them. Public servants also need to be in touch with the people. They must understand the challenges and problems faced by the people. The people also need to understand the challenges and problems faced by the public servants. All need to bear in mind that these problems were to be resolved together collectively.

The problems faced in this country were same in wherever part of the country. All need to bear in mind of being among ourselves. Be compassionate towards others. We want roads, electricity, health care, good school for education. There were many things that we want. But as the country was just picking up the momentum everyone's wishes couldn't be fulfilled at once. Priorities need to be drawn up and fulfilled.

For the government to determine projects to prioritize it must first look at it politically. Politically means whether it strengthen the existence of the union, strengthen the union spirit or unify the union. It also must be looked at from social and economic angles. But sometime economic calculation and political calculation does not come up the same. When this happens priority must be given toward which gave the most benefit to the country. Our ultimate and most important priority was on the existence and strengthening of the union.

Projects that support and promote the existence and strengthening of the union would be the most important projects for us. Some transport links were priorities. Why? Because only through good transport link could there be closeness between the people and become siblings. That's why some roads were a priority for us. Once the roads were laid and electricity connected, undeveloped regions develop rapidly. It'll create opportunities for locals to develop their economy. Once the road links, communications and electricity were good the locals will have the rights toward self-determination.

Due to weather condition, an emergency landing was made in Htamanthi while we were travelling by helicopter in Sagaing. A youth there raised a question about amending the Constitution. This youth certainly was politically minded. Anyone who was interested in the challenges faced by the country and considers it as their issues were true politicians. They were the people who were truly working for the good of the country. Therefore, may the people from Thayawady who had good political tradition become good politicians said the State Counsellor.

Afterwards, local people raised via letters the matter of upgrading a strategic road in Letpadan Township, constructing Ayeyawady River bridge to connect with Hinthada Township on the west bank of Ayeyawady River, constructing Monyo Township and Ayeyawady Region Myanaung Township circuit roads and river crossing bridge, asphalt surfacing of the remaining portion of 12 mile 5 furlong long Nattalin-Dhama Nge road in Nattalin Township, establishing a university in Thayawady District as there were about 4,000 students how passed the matriculation examinations yearly, conduct field survey on redeveloping Myitmakha creek to reduce flooding and inundation in six townships, five locals raised the matter of confiscating and fencing off a public pond and suing eight people, resolving the matter of lands worked on by people being confiscated by Thein Shwe Company, resolving the matter of Nattalin Township administrator U Than Hlaing and two private business persons U Zaw Lwin Oo and U Tun Tun forcefully confiscating land at a rate of K 10,000 per acre, farmers granted form 7 but not having land record map facing problems and thus to be issued form 105, Hinthada Township granted permission to provide ferry service while Letpadan Township not granted the same while both were separated by Ayeyawady River, and three locals outside the meeting raised the matter of investigating township administrator and Region Hluttaw representative who confiscated form 105 issued farmlands in Zigon Township back in the year 2014, coordinating with relevant departments to reduce traffic congestion in Thayawady, widening roads and removing railroad lands to make way to widen the roads and to provide fair and equal amount of budget for Thayawady District that had been provided with the least in Bago Region.

The matters raised were answered by a Union Minister, Region Chief Minister and departmental officials and State Counsellor provided additional explanations.

In conclusion, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said the matters of land rights were noticed to be raised when she met with the people. When she started her political voyage in 1988, people demanded matters like potable water, road transport, electricity, education and health matters. Land matters pops up only after a Hluttaw made a decision in 2012. The decision of the Hluttaw was to return the illegally confiscated lands back to the former owners. But there was a clause added to it saying the lands must be those confiscated after 1988.

> We want roads, electricity, health care, good school for education. There were many things that we want. But as the country was just picking up the momentum everyone's wishes couldn't be fulfilled at once.

Resolving these matters was very difficult. The present owner didn't want to release back the land so they draw out the matter in order not to return it. Second was in the inadequacy of the administration portion. There were corruption and being unable to do their works properly. Once there were contradictions and problems courts had to resolve it. There were matters in which the administrative portion was lacking. It was not easy to resolve everything. Vice President U Henry Van Thio was handling this matter in depth and there had been monthly progress. This was because we don't want any conflicts among people to be prolonged.

Another thing was the importance of having a clear land rights for economic reason. Based on this, efforts were being made to resolve the farmland matters as quickly as possible not only for social stability but also for economic development. All need to assist in this. Those who had illegally confiscated the land should release it back instead of holding on to it. Efforts must be made from the administrative side. In order to resolve the problems faced by the people.

People should also participate toward resolving the issue rather than trying to find way of taking advantage. All need to understand that it would be good for all only when these problems were resolved.

Support will be provided toward weaknesses in the administrative portion. Cases will be handled to reach a swift conclusion and all need to participate in it said the State Counsellor.

After the meeting the State Counsellor took commemorative group photo with students in the Saya San Hall and departed by helicopters. —MNA *(Translated by AMS,Zaw Min)*

Union Minister U Min Thu meets GAD staff of Bago Region

U Min Thu, the Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government, met with staff of the Bago Region General Administration Department at the region GAD office in the regional government's office yesterday.

Firstly, the head of the Bago Region GAD, U Khin Maung San, introduced the Union Minister to everyone in attendance and explained about the region GAD's processes and performances. The Union Minister then delivered a speech.



Union Minister U Min Thu meets with staff of Bago Region General Administration Department yesterday. **PHOTO : MNA**

Future of the GAD is staff-oriented

The Union Minister said the GAD has to make visible changes for the public to see to be in line with the changing political system and government policies. There are many theories on how to bring about change but the fundamental truth is that change is brought about by the thoughts and actions of the doers most concerned. He said every action from planning to implementation will include input from the staff every step of the way.

It was with this mindset that the workshop on reform was held in Nay Pyi Taw for GAD staff from 26 to 28 February. There, GAD staff and officials engaged in meaningful discussions on taking further steps for the future of the GAD, said the Union Minister.

Vision, mission of the GAD

The Union Minister said the workshop produced vision and mission statements, workplace standards and reform procedures for the GAD. The vision statement was chosen as 'Building good administration and mechanism based on the people'. This is the long-term objective chosen by the GAD staff.

The mission statements made at the workshop include proliferating the rule of law and community peace, implementing State Policy, establishing a good administrative system, and carrying out people-centred regional development.

These mission statements were designated by the GAD staff and thus they must undertake them with deep consideration, said the Union Minister.

Values of the GAD

He said that the GAD staff at the workshop also decided on six departmental values: be effective and skilled, be honest, be responsible and accountable, be trusted by the public, practice equality and inclusiveness, and be in line with rules and regulations. These are the standards required for all GAD staff to implement while discharging their daily duties.

Three main reform tasks

The Union Minister said the workshop also facilitated the emergence of 3 tasks for reform: (1) reforming policies, (2) reforming regulations and managerial components, and (3) establishing regional development and good practices. He said the reform tasks need to be carried out at the same time in uniformity with each other and with the One State-One Township project. The Union Minister urged GAD staff to cast away any fears or doubts concerning reform tasks and instructed them to place kindness and a willingness to help towards the public that the GAD serves. The people are mirrors that will reflect the work of the GAD. We must start reforms and changes at the smaller branches, and from each staff member, said Union Minister U Min Thu.

Afterwards, GAD staff in attendance submitted requirements to the Union Minister, who gave necessary suggestions and directions and then urged the staff to respect and follow the policies and procedures of the Ministry of the Office of the Union Government. —MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Fourth day of Myanma Gems Emporium continues in Nay Pyi Taw

ON the fourth day of 2019 56th Gems Emporium, 69 gems lots were reported to be sold at Euro 1.024 million. A total of 500 gems lots were put up for sale through an open tender system on the fourth day of the emporium out of which 69 lots were sold.

The 56th Gems Emporium will be held till 20 March at Mani Yadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the gems emporium, jade lot number 1 to 6973 will be put on sale through an open tender system from 15 to 20 March.

A total of 4497 gem merchants, 2905 gem merchants from China, Thailand, Australia, the US and India and 1592 local gem merchants, were registered to attend the gems emporium.—Hmwe Kyu Zin ■

(Translated by TTN)



The uncut jade seen on day four of Gems Emporium.
PHOTO : AYE THAN

Meeting on facilitation of implementation Chinese Government aid projects held in Nay Pyi Taw

MINISTRY of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and China International Development Cooperation Agency- CIDCA, jointly organized meeting on the facilitation of implementation of Chinese Government aid projects at the office (1), the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic and Relations in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The total of 35 delegates from both sides including the officials from Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Health and Sports, Ministry of Planning and Finance, Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Ministry of Construction, Ministry of International Cooperation from Myanmar side and the delegations led by Mr. Deng Boqing, Deputy Administrator of CIDCA (Deputy Minister Level) from China side attended and discussed for the facilitation of implementing of Chinese Government Aid Projects in Myanmar.

During the meeting, U Thaung Tun, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations witnessed the signing of the two exchange letters on Upgrading Project for No.(2) Industrial Training Centre (Mandalay) and the Project for Purchasing Passengers Coaches between China International Development Cooperation Agency- CIDCA and the two Ministries concerned.—MNA ■

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives US, Norway ambassadors separately

THE Deputy Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw, U Tun Tun Hein, received two separate visits from US Ambassador Mr. Scot Marciel and Norwegian Ambassador Mrs. Tone Tinnes in his office at the Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting with the US Ambassador, the two sides discussed increasing bilateral relations and diplomatic communications, peace and development, preventing and controlling narcotic drugs, and the Hluttaw's legislative process.

During the meeting with the Norwegian Ambassador, the two sides discussed Norway's active support for Myanmar's internal peace and democratic transition and the Hluttaw's ongoing process to make amendments to the Constitution.—MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein receives US Ambassador Mr. Scot Marciel in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO:MNA**

National Project Advisory Meeting held in Nay Pyi Taw

A National Project Advisory Meeting under the heading 'Safe and Fair: Realizing Women Migrant Worker's Rights and Opportunities in the ASEAN Region' was held at Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The event was jointly held by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, the International Labour Organization, and UN Women.

The Union Ministers for both participating ministries delivered speeches at the event.





Union Minister U Thein Swe delivers the speech at National Project Advisory Meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

MoLIP Minister's speech

U Thein Swe, the Union Minister for MoLIP, first delivered a speech. He said this project will be implemented in 10 ASEAN member countries and aims to end violence against women migrant workers, increase information and services provided to them, expand networks among women, and better inform the public on how women migrant workers contribute to society. He explained the tasks performed by UN Women and the ILO and requested their continued support.

SWRR Minister's speech

Next, SWRR Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye delivered a speech. He said we must all continue working together to implement the laws, bylaws and procedures needed to create a safe working environment for women migrant workers and give them full protection. He urged attendees to put in their best efforts to fully realize the rights and opportunities of women migrant workers.

Following this, Mr. Knut Ostby, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, and Dr. Johann Hesse, EU Head of Cooperation, delivered separate speeches as well.

The advisory meeting aims to discuss the dangers of possible human trafficking and setting up safe and fair migrant working processes for women, supporting strategic guidelines on prioritized areas in line with the changing state of the nation, observing change, assessing research projects, and publishing a report. —MNA ■ *(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)*

MoI, private businesses meet on progress of school text books printing



Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun addresses the coordination meeting on progress of school text books printing yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

DEPUTY Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun and private businesses who are printing 2019-2020 Academic Year school text books held a coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday focusing on timely completion of the printing. At the meeting at the Ministry of Information, the deputy minister called for completing of the printing of text books meeting set standards, pledging that the ministry would help the private printing services to overcome the challenges. Secretary of the Myanmar Printing and Publishers Association U Thurein Tun and Chairman of Mandalay Region Printing and Publishers Association U Tun Tun Soe reported on progress of work and challenges. U Aung Myo Myint, Director-General of the Printing and Publishing Department and Joint-Secretary-1 of the School Textbook Tender Accepting and Assessment Committee, and officials discussed the issues presented by the private publishers.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun.— MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin) ■

Over 125,000 take matriculation exam on eighth day

A total of 125,381 students appeared for the matriculation exam for Geography for the 2018-2019 academic year at exam centres in Myanmar and overseas yesterday.

The number of exam centres totalled 1,359, with 7 based overseas and 1,352 across the country.

On the eighth day of the matriculation exam, 125,381 of the total 135,530 students registered across Myanmar took the test, while 10,149 students remained absent.

Thus, 92.51 per cent of the students took the examination yesterday.

Of the total students, 20 are taking the exam from the hospital, 24 are blind, 4 are hearing impaired, 35 have physical disabilities, 78 are in prison, and 19 are from Myawady Township, Kayin State.—MNA ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

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The people of the nation drive its development

ONE of the most important drivers of a nation's development is continued improvement of its human capital. To put it another way, a nation must invest in its human resource in order to develop. There are three M's for achieving development - man, money, and material - and experts say human resource is the most vital among them.

To develop human capital, the quality of a nation's population has to be brought to a desired level. To achieve this, government agencies and the private sector must invest in education and healthcare, open centres for vocational education, training, and conduct capacity building workshops.

> Every citizen must believe that we all have a responsibility towards our nation, and when this belief combines with individual development, we will be able to push forward with the task of development with pluck and prestige.

The people, on their part, must make efforts for personal development. They need to invest their own time and money for this. By doing so, they will not only become a valuable resource for the nation, but also elevate their individual status.

In her speech at Khamti Township in Sagaing Region on 6 March, the State Counsellor had said: "Our objective is for national development that brings equal benefits to everyone. We don't want one place to prosper while another is struggling with poverty. A nation's main resource is 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."

Every government that accepts the crucial role active citizen participation plays in national development upholds policies and work processes that promote inclusivity.

There are still people who remember the centralized government of the past which employed different methods to rouse the people and gather their strength.

But this was limited to people acting as players, and the people participated in the centralized system in the past were merely given superficial roles.

However, the essence of a democratic system lies in the initiatives of the people and the decisions and actions taken by them. Every citizen must believe that we all have a responsibility towards our nation, and when this belief combines with individual development, we will be able to push forward with the task of development with pluck and prestige.

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A Practice that changes your Brain

By Professor Dr Maung

A brain and a computer

A brain, though more complex, is comparable with a computer.

There are as many as 80 to 100 billion neurons in a brain. Each one of them forms many connections with others by the wire-like extensions called 'axons'. In fact a brain is a huge complex of neuronal network like a computer operating through the connections between transistors.

A fast speed computer with core i7 CPU has 1.7 billion transistors. In a brain there are hundreds of trillions of transistors-like connections which are called synapses. Unlike a computer in which the transistors connections (circuit) are fixed, the connections between the neurons are changing throughout the life. The brain possesses an ability to change in many aspects, such as brain activity activated with specific function, the volume of grey matters and the appearance and disappearance of synapses over the time. This ability of the brain to change in structure and activity is referred to as 'neuroplasticity'. Because of this ability, we can learn newer knowledge and habits and at the same time we can wipe out the obsolete knowledge and undesirable habits.

Emotional Brain and Rational Brain

When response to a stimulus two parts of brain react in different ways.

One is the most primitive part of the brain that reacts without thinking. The part of the brain situated at the back in the region called 'amygdala' is responsible for this. Amygdala which is also called 'Emotional brain' is the seat of basest survival instincts: feeding, mating, fighting and flighting.

The other part of the brain is more rational and is responsible for problem solving, conscious thoughts, and learning to control emotions. This region of the brain is found in Prefrontal cortex and called 'Rational brain'. Because of this brain human beings can act logically instead emotionally.

Neuroscientist Dr Mathew Lieberman (2007) found out that when amygdala (emotional brain) is active there is less activation of prefrontal cortex (rational brain) and vice vasa, meaning that the activity of two brains are conflicting to each other. When emotional brain wins, a person follows the instinct-nature of actions like selfishness, anger, anxious thoughts. On the other hand when rational brain is working, a person is doing along the line of rational thoughts and judgment.



Buddhist meditation techniques have become increasingly popular in the wider world.

However there are times when activity of emotional brain outburst and over-power the rational brain. At that moment a person acts illogically and become verbally abusive or physically violent. This state of situation is called 'Emotional hijack'. As the result the person has to face all the consequences of his bad actions.

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Research evidences

Introducing of functional MRI in 1990 allowed researchers to look more details into the brain.

Using this technology, neuroscientists are able to find out the changes in brain during and after meditation practice.

The strongest scientific evidences to date that mindfulness practice has positive benefits comes from two meta-analysis of meditation results.

The first meta-analysis of 47 trials with 3,515 participants found that people participating in mindfulness research experienced less anxiety, depression and pain. The second meta-analysis of 163 studies found that meditation practice is associated with reduced negative emotions and neuroticism.

A study done by Dr Sara Lazar in 2005 on individuals with extensive meditation experiences revealed that the brain volume increased in prefrontal cortex and decreased in amygdala.

The other 21 studies done separately on 300 participants showed that the neural connections in meditators is greater than the control counterparts.

All these research evidences are pointing towards a single fact that mindfulness practice can prevent the over-control of emotional brain and keep the emotional hijack at bay.

The way they practiced

The participants in all the research used the Buddhist way of insight meditation.

Professor Dr John Kabat-Zinn (1994) defined mindfulness as 'paying attention on purpose non-judgmentally in the present moment'.

Dr J A Brewer (2011) Yale University School of Medicine used the method which he named as R A I N. R: Recognize, A; Accept, I; Investigate, N; Note mind states, emotions and body sensation.

Dr Mathew D Lieberman (2007) University of California, Los Angeles used the method called 'Affect labelling' by which the feelings are put into words. The participants verbalized the feelings in the mind. When they experienced anger/pain, they had to say anger, anger /pain, pain in their mind.

Both methods were found to be effective in managing emotional experiences.

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Take home message

The practice of mindfulness discovered over 2500 years ago by Gautama Buddha is now regarded as a 'must do practice' rather than a 'nice to do' for everyone.

Research have found that mindfulness training alters our brain and how we engaged with ourselves, others and our work. When practice and applied, it fundamentally changes the operating system of the mind. Through repeated practice, brain activity is redirected from ancient, reactionary part of the brain, to the rational part of the brain, the prefrontal cortex.

The method by which we can prevent from the emotional hijack is just a step away from us.

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Head of Service Organization appointed

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed Deputy Director-General U Min Thein of the International Organizations and Economic Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Director-General of the Protocol Department of the same ministry on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.—MNA

U Moe Kyaw Aung presents Credentials to President of the Islamic Republic of Iran

U MOE KYAW AUNG, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Islamic Republic of Iran, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Dr. Hassan Rouhani, President of the Islamic Republic of Iran on 9 March 2019, in Teheran. —MNA

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued on Wednesday 14 March 2019)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF 15 March 2019: Light rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated in Kachin State. Degree of certainty is (60%). Weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi regions and generally fair in the remaining regions and states.

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

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

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15 March 2019: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15 March 2019: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15 March 2019: Generally fair weather.

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Jadeite forum discusses future of gems, jewellery market



The 2nd Asia Jadeite Focus Forum being convened in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO:MNA**

THE 2nd Asia Jadeite Focus Forum was held at Hotel Max in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The forum aimed to establish a business community that takes responsibility and accountability to share benefits with the public concerning the use of valuable resources. It also discussed promoting finished jade products and jewellery sector, strengthening the domestic market and penetrating the foreign market. The forum discussed increasing employment opportunities with the rise of technology contributing to the development of the finished jade products, creating an internationally-competitive market, increasing foreign direct income, reducing the national trade deficit, and developing Myanmar's online marketing system that can tap into the rapidly growing global e-Commerce.

Union Commerce Minister Dr. Than Myint first delivered the opening remarks, followed by separate speeches from Deputy Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Minister Dr. Ye Myint Swe, Chairman of Myanmar Gems and Jewellery Entrepreneurs Association U La Phai Khunsar, and the President of Guangdong Institute of Diamond, Jade & Jewelry Mr. Ouyang Yongjun.

Following this, U Lai Phai Khunsar and representatives of the Guangdong Institute signed a Memorandum of Understanding on cooperating on the development of the jade, finished gems products and jewellery sector.

The forum then commenced with discussions held under various topics including transitioning China-Myanmar jade, gems and jewellery to an online marketing system, assessing the changes to Myanmar's jade and gems resources, evaluating the artistic innovations of finished products towards development, international investment trends in gems and jewellery, and tax policies on gems and jewellery trade through the China-Myanmar border. —MNA (*Translated by Zaw Htet Oo*)

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Second Pyithu Hluttaw eleventh regular session concludes

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The motion proposer reiterated his request to approve the motion and as there was no objection toward it Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw's approval of the motion.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker delivers concluding speech

Finally Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker delivers a concluding speech outlining the works concluded in this Hluttaw session as well as works remains to be done in the forthcoming Hluttaw session. He then urges the Hluttaw representatives who entered into the Hluttaw from all walks of life representing various parties to understand the different stands and views, to remember that all were representing the people of the union, to represent the legislative sector by playing their respective roles, become representatives relied upon by the people and to uplift the dignity and honor of the Hluttaw.

After delivering his concluding speech Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat announced the conclusion of the 25th meeting of the Hluttaw and the eleventh regular session of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw. ■ *(Translated by Zaw Min)*

Second Amyotha Hluttaw eleventh regular session ...

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Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker also obtained the decision of the Hluttaw on the second bill amending Penal Code returned with amendments by Pyithu Hluttaw and announced the approval of the Hluttaw on this bill too.

Hluttaw discusses bill amending Bar Council Act

After the approval of the bills a bill amending Bar Council Act returned with amendment by Pyithu Hluttaw was discussed by U Hsan Myint of Ayeyawady Region constituency 3.

Hluttaw approve reports

Later Amyotha Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee member Mahn Tun Kyaing and Amyotha Hluttaw Government Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee member U Win Aung tabled motions for Hluttaw to approve the committees' reports. After each motion was tabled Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw's approval of each motion as there was no objection toward it.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker summarizes the Hluttaw session

Finally Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than delivered a concluding speech and summarizes the works conducted in Second Amyotha Hluttaw's eleventh regular session. Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker said a total of 25 meetings were held from 21 January to 14 March where 121 asterisk marked questions and 303 non-asterisk-marked questions were raised by Hluttaw representatives for the benefit of the people and members of union level organisations replied to the questions verbally and in writing in the Hluttaw. Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker summarizes the motions and bills discussed, approved, returned to Pyithu Hluttaw, bills approved by both Hluttaws and enacted as laws, Hluttaw committee reports discussed and approved and committee meetings held by Amyotha Hluttaw committees. Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker concludes his speech by wishing Hluttaw representatives a pleasant journey back to their respective constituencies and to serve the constituents, people, region and the country increasingly. After delivering his concluding speech Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker announced the successful conclusion of the 25th meeting and the Second Amyotha Hluttaw's eleventh regular session. ■ *(Translated by Zaw Min)*

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Invitation for Bids

Date:	18th, March ,2019
Loan No. and Title:	Loan 3748-MYA Power Network Development Project
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Deadline for Submission of Bids:	16th, May, 2019, 12:30:00 hours (local time)

1. The Republic of the Union Myanmar has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of the Power Network Development Project. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the contract named above. Bidding is open to bidders from eligible source countries of ADB.
2. The Department of Power Transmission and System Control (DPTSC) ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the Design, Supply, Installation and Commissioning of 230kV Mawlamyine-Ye- Dawei Transmission Line (the Facilities). The Facilities are all located within Mon State and Thaninthayi region.
3. International Competitive Bidding will be conducted in accordance with ADB's Single-Stage: One-Envelope bidding procedure and is open to all Bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding Document.
4. Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in this bidding:
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   - Financial resources, less its financial obligations for its current contract commitments, meet or exceed US$10 million. Joint Venture must meet the requirement, in which each partner must meet at least 25% of the requirement, and one partner at least 40% of the requirement.
   - Participation in at least two (2) contracts of Overhead Transmission Line of 220kV or higher that have been successfully completed within the last ten (10) years, where the value of the Bidder's participation in each contract exceeds US$50 million.
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Remains of suspected WWII American service members returned to USA

THE remains of a suspected American service members killed in Sarlingyi, Sagaing Region during World War II were returned to the United States on 12 March.

Members of the US Armed Forces, dressed in formal white uniforms, loaded a flag-draped coffin bearing the remains onto a C17 aircraft, following a ceremony at Mandalay International Airport.

The remains of 14 US soldiers have been found during seven operations to search the area, held between 2013 and 2019.

The remains will be brought to the Defense POW/MIA Accounting Agency (DPAA) laboratory in Hawaii for DNA testing.



The remains of suspected American service members killed in Sarlingyi, Sagaing Region during World War II were repatriated to the United States on 12 March. **PHOTO : AUNG PHYO KYAW**

"This ceremony is a reminder of the deep, enduring, historical connections between our two countries that date back to even before Myanmar's independence," said US Ambassador to Myanmar Scot Marciel. The remains are believed to be connected to a B-25 G aircraft carrying seven soldiers that crashed in Myanmar in February 1944.— Min Htet Aung ■ *(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)*

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Century old bullock cart to be showcased in Shweminwun Park

OVER 100-year-old traditional bullock cart will be displayed to public to see and observe its art according to Sagaing Region Development Affairs Committee.

This cart has been maintained by the monks resided at the Thukhawady monastery in Natkyun Village, Yesagyo Township. U Win Naing, Chairman of Sagaing Region Development Affairs Committee, called upon donation of the antique cart and the residing Sayadaw from Thukhawady monastery approved to hand over to the committee to be showcased at the Shweminwun Park.

"It took so long to find an antique cart to be showcased in Shweminwun park. When I paid homage to my grandparents who live in Natkyun village, I found this cart and a boat at the monastery in Natkyun village, Yesagyo township. The current residing Sayadaw is maintaining the heritage from the previous monks. So, I asked for contribution of the traditional cart", said U Win Naing.—Ko Minn (Indaw) ■ *(Translated by La Wonn)*



100-year-old traditional bullock cart. **PHOTO : KO MINN (INDAW)**

Number of travelers to Zalone Mountain declines



Number of local travelers to Zalone Mountain declines these days compared to previous years. **PHOTO : KO MIN (INDAW)**

The number of travelers visiting Zalone Mountain in Bamauk Township, Katha District, Sagaing Region has declined since January, according to the Zalone Off-road Passenger Transporation Service Association.

"Over 2,000 locals visited Zalone daily in December, 2018. However, there have been only 1,000 local visitors since January," said U Win Naing, the head of the association.

"The number of local travelers has declined these days compared to previous years because of the hot weather as well as school examinations. People mostly visit the mountain on Saturdays and Sundays," he added.

The team currently has about 160 vehicles plying to Zalone mountain. They take 15 passengers per trip, and charge K6,000 per passenger for a round trip. In 2018, more than 200,000 local and foreign travelers visited Zalone.—Ko Min (Indaw) ■ *(Translated by Hay Mar)*

Yangon Criterium bike race to be held in Yangon on 16 Mar

YANGON Criterium bike race, open to all cyclists, will be held in Yangon Region on 16 March, according to the Myanmar Cycling Federation (MCF).

The 1.3-km race route will run along University Avenue Road between the Hledan intersection and Inya Road.

"The first criterium bike race was held in Mandalay in November, 2018. We are grateful to the Ministry of Health and Sports and the Yangon Region government for their support. The race will be held with the aim to promote cycling as a sport. We also want to draw public attention to this race. Long distance races need more preparation and effort, and traffic control is one thing we have to consider," said U Khin Maung Win, the chairman of the MCF and Myan Shwe Pyi (MSP CAT).

The race will start at 7 a.m. with participants competing under six categories: men road bike race (30 laps), men mountain bike race for the U-19 age group (20 laps), and men mountain bike race for the 19-25 age group (20 laps), men mountain bike race for the 25-40 age group (20 laps), men mountain bike race for the above 40 age group (20 laps), and women mountain bike race (open category, 20 laps).

The freestyle road bike race has been held since 2015, and features national-level players as well as amateur cyclists. Participants are expected to race on road bikes. The MCF will provide sports gear to those who participate in the road bike race. The federation will also give out awards to winners.

The upcoming event will feature 200 local amateur cyclists competing under six different categories. An entertainment program is also scheduled to be held at the Race Village, in which spectators can rest, in front of the University hospital during the race event.—GNLM

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Illegal timber seized in Muse

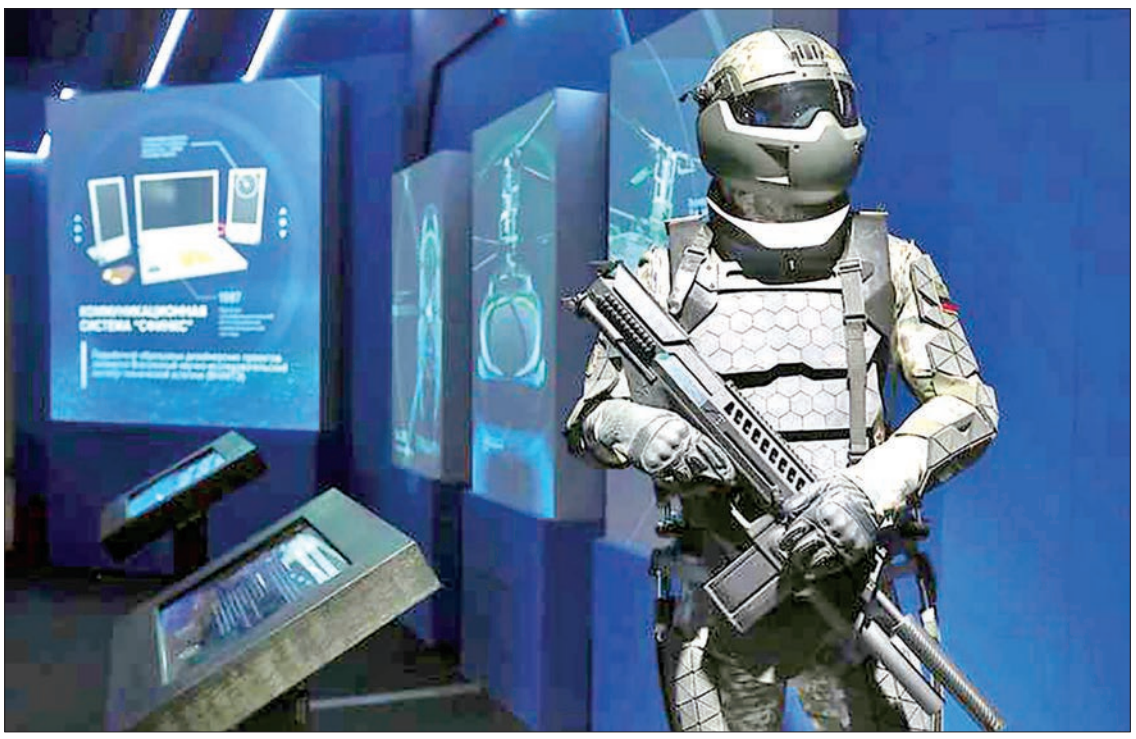
Authorities on Tuesday seized a consignment of illegally harvested Padauk lumber near the 105th mile trade zone in Muse Town of Shan State (North). Officials with the Customs Department found the lumber, weighing 0.2530 tons and worth K600,000, beside the bypass road in Man Maw village near the 105th mile trade zone. They seized it as 'ownerless' timber and handed it over to the township's Forest Department. The Forest Department will investigate the case in accordance with the law.
—Sai Phyu (Muse)

Suited up for battle: Russia's army, navy get outfitted with Ratnik combat gear

MOSCOW—Russia's Ground Forces and the Navy's coastal brigades are practically fully equipped with the Ratnik combat gear, Russian Defence Minister Sergei Shoigu said at a meeting of the State Duma (the lower house of parliament) Defense Committee on 11 March, 2019.

"Almost all Ground Forces units, as well as the Navy's motorized rifle brigades and marine brigades—35 units in total—have been provided with the Ratnik-2 modern combat gear," Shoigu said.

The serial deliveries of the second generation "soldier of the future" Ratnik gear to the Russian Armed Forces began in 2017. It includes modern small arms, efficient protection package, reconnaissance and communication means, and is designed to operate in various weather conditions on a 24-hour basis.

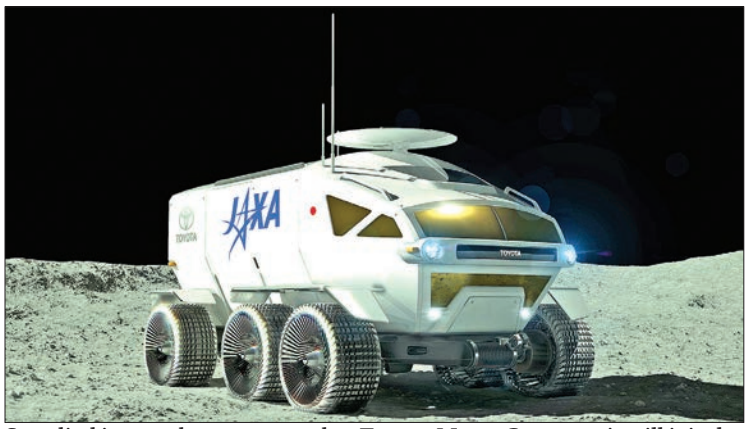


Ratnik combat gear. **PHOTO: TASS**

Research is currently underway to create the third generation (Ratnik-3) combat gear, which will include a helmet with an integrated control system, a combat exoskeleton, anti-mine shoes and some other elements.—Tass ■

Researchers develop new type of flexible solar cells

BEIJING—Researchers have developed a type of flexible solar cell with high efficiency, according to China Science Daily on Wednesday. The perovskite solar cells have high efficiency, low cost and a simple manufacturing process. "The current wearable devices are comparatively heavy," Wu Zhaoxin, professor of Xi'an Jiaotong University, told the paper. The flexible perovskite solar cells are the same size as business cards, and can be unfolded into the shape of A4-sized paper. The ultra-thin and light flexible solar cells can be used in aerospace industry, drones, upper air detection equipment and electronics, the paper said. "Crystalline silicon solar cells and flexible perovskite solar cells might become the development direction in the field of solar cells," Wu said.—Xinhua ■



Supplied image shows a rover that Toyota Motor Corp says it will jointly develop to be sent to the Moon in 2029. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

Toyota plans to send space rover to Moon in 2029

TOKYO—Toyota Motor Corp said on Tuesday it will jointly develop a rover to be sent to the Moon in 2029, amid fierce competition among countries in exploring Earth's natural satellite. Toyota unveiled the project with the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency to build a rover that can be powered by fuel cells and enable astronauts to live inside it for a certain period without wearing space suits, the first such development in the world.

JAXA is planning to send manned missions to the Moon between 2029 and 2034. "It is the greatest joy for engineers to be involved in projects on the surface of the Moon. I'm really excited," Shigeki Terashi, an executive vice president of Toyota, told a symposium held by JAXA in Tokyo. The rover will be 6 metres in length, 5.2 metres in width and 3.8 metres in height, and has a living space of 13 square metres for up to four people, according to their study. The tie-up comes at a time of growing international competition in lunar explorations.

The United States is planning to build an outpost high above the Moon, while China announced in January it had successfully landed an unmanned probe on the dark side of the satellite for first time ever. Last month, Israel launched its first lunar lander in a privately-funded mission. JAXA, which succeeded in February in having the Hayabusa2 probe touch down on a distant asteroid, is now focusing on using the technology to achieve a controlled touchdown on the Moon's surface.—Kyodo News ■

China is overtaking US in artificial intelligence: researchers

WASHINGTON (United States)—China is poised to overtake the United States in artificial intelligence with a surge in academic research on the key technology, an analysis published on Wednesday showed.

The analysis by the Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence showed China has already surpassed the US in published papers on AI—although many of these were considered "medium-quality" or "low-quality."

But the researchers said China is likely to top the US in the most-cited 50 per cent of papers this year, the most-cited 10 per cent of papers next year, and in the top one per cent by 2025.

The findings highlight concerns in Washington and Silicon Valley that China is racing ahead of the US in key areas of technology such as autonomous vehicles, virtual reality and fifth-generation wireless networks.

Allen Institute researchers Field Cady and Oren Etzioni said the surge in AI investment in China began more than a decade ago, well before the 2017 announcement by Beijing that it planned to become the world leader in the sector by 2030.

"By most measures, China is overtaking the US not just in papers submitted and published, but also in the production of high-impact papers," the researchers said in a blog post.

They added that new US measures that tighten immigration could make it harder for the US to keep up.—AFP ■



China's massive investments in artificial intelligence is helping the country overtake the United States in research on important AI-related technologies. **PHOTO: FP**



Liverpool's Cameroon defender Joel Matip (r) and Bayern Munich's Polish forward Robert Lewandowski vie for the ball during the UEFA Champions League, last 16, second leg football match Bayern Munich v Liverpool in Munich, southern Germany on 13 March, 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**

Klopp says Liverpool 'back at the top' after Bayern triumph

MUNICH (Germany)—Jurgen Klopp said his Liverpool side proved they are "back on the European stage" after an impressive 3-1 win at Bayern Munich on Wednesday put them into the Champions League quarter-finals.Sadio Mane scored twice at the Allianz Arena to put last season's finalists Liverpool through with a 3-1 aggregate last-16 win.

"It's a big step to get this club back on the European stage and I am really happy," said Liverpool's German manager.

"If Barcelona, if Real Madrid come here, they know this is a hard place to win.

"It's a big step for us, let's see what we can do with it, but we have a set a bar for this wonderful club that we really are back on the landscape of top international football. "We think that is where this club should be, but let's carry on, we have a lot to learn, a lot to improve, but we're back."

Having missed the goalless first leg at Anfield three weeks ago through suspension, Virgil van Dijk's long pass led to Mane's excellent first-half goal.

"His first goal was ridiculous, the calmness with how he's finished it off," Liverpool midfielder James Milner told BT Sport.

"He's on fire at the minute and let's hope it continues for the rest of the season."

Dutch centre-back Van Dijk then headed Liverpool into a 2-1 lead from a Milner corner on 69 minutes after Joel Matip's own goal had handed Bayern a first-half equaliser.Mane made sure of Liverpool's place in the quarter-final draw by nodding in six minutes from time.

Liverpool's victory means they join Tottenham Hotspur, Manchester City and Manchester United in the quarter-finals, completing a clean sweep of English sides reaching the last eight for the first time since 2008/09.

"It is good for English football—that's what you want," added Milner.

"We have good feelings from last year, so hopefully we can carry that on and go as far as we can."It is a bleaker picture in Germany as Bayern's exit leaves no Bundesliga club in the quarters for the first time since 2005/06, as Borussia Dortmund and Schalke also bowed out in the last 16 —to Tottenham and Man City respectively."Both teams were very cautious for a long period, but the second goal took the belief out of us," said Bayern defender Mats Hummels.

"Jurgen Klopp is good at neutralizing the opponents' strengths and he did that once again."We didn't play well enough to create enough clear chances at this level."

This is the first time since 2011 that Bayern have failed to make the quarter-finals.

"We have the right to be bitterly disappointed, it's tough not being part of the Champions League anymore," said Bayern head coach Niko Kovac.

"We have to be positive, we have a good run in the Bundesliga and we have to focus on that."

Milner was preferred to Fabinho in Liverpool's midfield, but Klopp was forced into an early change when captain Jordan Henderson hobbled off on 12 minutes.Brazilian Fabinho made an early entrance and Milner took the skipper's armband.

"It doesn't look so serious for Jordan's ankle, but it's always a bad sign when you have to make a change, especially in midfield," said Klopp.Klopp had urged his side to "be brave on the ball" and it was that, combined with an amazing piece of skill by Mane, which gave them the lead.—AFP ■

Nadal cruises into Indian Wells quarter-finals

INDIAN WELLS (United States)—Three-time champion Rafael Nadal cruised into the quarter-finals of the ATP Indian Wells Masters on Wednesday with a 6-3, 6-4 victory over Serbian qualifier Filip Krajinovic. World number two Nadal saved the only break point he faced in a match lasting one hour and 26 minutes on a sun-splashed stadium court. He will face either eighth-seeded American John Isner or 12th-seeded Russian Karen Khachanov for a place in the semi-finals.—AFP

Myanmar to compete in int'l football tourney in Viet Nam

MYANMAR will take part in the U-19 International Football Tournament 2019 at the Nga Trang stadium in Nga Trang City, Viet Nam. The tourney will start on 23 March.

U-19 teams from China, Myanmar, Thailand, and Viet Nam will compete in a single round-robin format for a place in the semi-finals and finals. The tournament will be free for spectators, according to the football federation of Viet Nam.

The opening match of the tourney between Thailand and China PR will be held at 2.30 p.m. (local standard time). Myanmar will face Viet Nam at 5 p.m. the same day. On 25 March, Myanmar will play against China PR at 2.30 p.m., while Thailand will take on host Viet Nam at 5 p.m.

In the next match, Myanmar will play against Thailand at 2.30 p.m., while host Viet Nam will take on China PR at 5 p.m.

The two best teams will advance to the final, while the remaining teams will fight for the third place. The final match will take place at 4.45 p.m. on 30 March, and the match for the third place will be held at 2.30 p.m., before the final match.—Lynn Thit(Tgi) ■

VUC, GV Athletics rout opponents in Week-21 of futsal league

THE VUC and GV Athletics futsal teams notched double-digit overwhelming victories in the Week-21 matches of the MFF Futsal League on Wednesday at the Thuwunna National Indoor Stadium in Yangon.

This week's matches were worth watching, with VUC F.C.beating Pyay United F.C. 16-0 and GV Athletics notching up a 19-4 score against White Colour F.C. Crowds of futsal fans who turned out to support their teams were treated to more interesting victories and draws.

In another match,MIC drubbed Shwe Myawady F.C. by 13-2.

The match between Comrade F.C.and Titan XII F.C. ended in a draw, with a score of 2-2.

AMM F.C. lost to UPT F.C. by 3-5, and in the last match of the day, Myoma YTD F.C. won a narrow 4-3 victory over Myanmar Football Federation's U-19 team.

After the Week-21 matches, MIC F.C.is leading the scoring table with all 21 winsand 63 points. VUC F.C.is trailing them by 3 points, with a total score of 60.

Week-22 matches will be held on 20 March at the Thuwunna National Indoor Stadium in Yangon.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Bernardo Silva extends Man City deal to 2025

LONDON (United Kingdom)—Manchester City midfielder Bernardo Silva's stunning form this season was rewarded with a new six-year deal on Wednesday.

The Portuguese playmaker has arguably been the English champions' player of the year so far, scoring nine goals in 40 appearances."It's an honour to extend my deal with Manchester City," Silva said in a club statement. "This club offers everything a player needs to fulfil their ambitions and there's nowhere else I want to be.

"As soon as I heard City wanted me to stay longer, my mind was made up. I love the club, the manager, the players and the fans."The style of football we play here excites me, and I am determined to win more trophies. City gives me the best chance of doing that."Silva has already won a Premier League title and two League Cups since joining from Monaco for a reported £43 million ($56 million) in 2017.

And more could soon follow as the 24-year-old was on target in City's 7-0 thrashing of Schalke on Tuesday as they progressed to the quarter-finals of the Champions League.Pep Guardiola's men remain on course for an unprecedented quadruple of trophies this season as they also lead the Premier League by a point from Liverpool and face Swansea in the FA Cup quarter-finals on Saturday.—AFP ■