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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi addresses departmental officials and local people in Mawlamyine, Mon State, yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

STATE COUNSELLOR Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the Chairperson of the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races accompanied by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Ye Aung, U Min Thu, Dr. Aung Thu and U Ohn Win and officials left Nay

Pyi Taw by special flight and arrived in Mawlamyine, Mon State, yesterday.

The State Counsellor and party were welcomed at the Mawlamyine airport by Mon State Chief Minister Dr. Aye Zan, State Hluttaw Speaker Daw Tin Ei, state ministers, Hluttaw rep-

resentatives, departmental officials and local ethnic nationals.

From there the State Counsellor went to Kyaikthanlan Pagoda in Mawlamyine and paid homage to the Buddha images with flower, water and oil lamps.

After the State Counsellor had inspected the repair and re-

construction works conducted on the platform of the pagoda, Deputy Minister for Construction explained about the damages caused to the pagoda platform due to strong winds and rains on 17 June 2018 inside the pagoda congregation hall. The Deputy Minister provided detailed ex-

planations of works conducted to prevent further damages, ongoing reconstruction and maintenance works. The entire reconstruction and maintenance work was estimated to be about K 2,000 million of which K 871 million donation had been received already. **SEE PAGE-2**

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The State Counsellor remarked that the damages were reviewed in five parts and of these three, concluded that the landslide of the pagoda platform occurred where the platform was extended. The extension works was not done systematically without thoroughly inspecting the strength of the land on which the platform was extended nor the geographical condition.

Maintenance was very important once reconstruction was completed. Maintenance could not be conducted without proper inspection, test and coordination with experts.

Maintenance must be done according to the suggestion of the experts. Much of the country was deteriorating and damaged due to natural disasters and now was the time when the country was facing the severe effect of climate change. The climate had changed and it could not be unchanged. Repair works could not be conducted based on the past climate condition. The way rains fell, the start and end of the monsoon were no longer the same.

As the present work was a merit-making work, the local people would donate and support for sure. The quality of the reconstruction work needed to be systematically inspected. Pagoda trustee must take the lead in ensuring this. If not it would not be effective 100 percent. Conducting reconstruction works again for damages occurring again would

mean unnecessary and wasted expenses. It was also not proper to conduct reconstruction works repeatedly on a historical pagoda. The pagoda trustee must no longer permit unnecessary construction works on the pagoda. The Pagoda trustees would need funds to maintain the pagoda. Having funds to maintain the pagoda regularly would mean less damage and the pagoda would be in a pristine condition. The Ministry of Construction would cooperate and support the best it can in this. Companies that won the tender must also conduct works according to the tender rules. Experts, pagoda trustees and officials from the Ministry of Construction must inspect and ensure this. Works that can be done throughout the rain should be the priority work to be done now and works that require conditions to be dry ought to be conducted only after the monsoon, said the State Counsellor.

Afterwards on behalf of the Union government, the State Counsellor donated K500 million for all round renovation, reconstruction and maintenance of the pagoda to the pagoda trustees.

Following the visit to the pagoda, the State Counsellor met with local people in Mon State, Mawlamyine, state hall.

At the meeting, the State Counsellor said that for a country to truly develop in a stable manner, it was important for both urban and rural areas to develop equally. As our country was a union it would be stable only when



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi visits Kyaikthanlan Pagoda in Mawlamyine yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

the states and regions develop equally. It can be seen all over the world that instability in a country rose out of unequal development and thus it was important for this to be equal and fair.

Our country was striving towards a democratic federal system. All were required to participate in the establishment and

construction works and the results needed to be maintained too. Development of a country must be done by looking at it from all sides. Basically a country would develop if the people developed. It would be meaningful to measure the development of a country through the attributes and capabilities of the people. If the people

During her travels, she had seen the challenges faced by the country. Problems were quite the same. But it was beneficial to meet face to face directly with the people and have the chance to solve it. Some rich countries of the world were not poverty free. That was why development in the country needed to be equal. As the gaps between rich and poor widened, a country's stability decreased. Therefore, a country needed to develop in a balanced way. But this was not easy. Development was not equal in states and regions. Some developed fast but some were slow. Being a union, when working for development it was necessary to look at the issues from both viewpoints, economic and political. In some regions doing something might not be economically beneficial but to provide social support, it was conducted. Things could not be done solely for economic benefits. The Mon State is where ethnic Mon people mostly live. Ethnic people are found to be living together in unity here. It was virtuous to see them living in unity. It was virtuous to see that despite differences in race, culture, language and religion, all were of the same heart and this was a wonderful image for the country. This was the sort of country we want our country to be. But this could not be achieved only with a will or a desire alone. There must be a will, persistence, moral strength and wisdom. All need to strive together.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi encourages a patient receiving treatments in Mawlamyine General Hospital, in Mon State, yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

did not have ability, riches of the country could not be maintained.

Since gaining independence, our country was heading towards a union system. The people were told about this repeatedly. A union was a country established with the collective strength of all. As it was established with the collective strength of all, all need to participate in it together. A country's affairs could not be handled by looking only at what we want to do. Priority must be given towards matters that benefitted the whole country in the long run. If we only look at self-benefit and not for the majority, it would not be beneficial in the long run. It was also not practical to look for the benefit of all only and not for self. It must be balanced.

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“ Today at this time, we are witnessing the transformation of an era and a system in accordance with democratic principles. This is just the beginning of the democratic transition. To make this transition process smooth and successful, it is very important for our peoples, government employees and civil servants to change their dogmatic mindset and habits. Those government institutions which are lagging behind in the transformation process will need to be put under tight management controls. The country's weak judiciary system would need to be strengthened. More efforts need to be exerted to stamp out corruption. More efforts need to be exerted to prevent human rights violations. More efforts need to be exerted to crack down illegal drug trade. We need to manage public funds properly so that there is no wastage. Measures need to be taken to return confiscated farmland to farmers and to give compensation to farmers for losses they have suffered in accordance with the law. We also need to improve the socio-economic life of farmers, improve the lives of workers and ensure that students gain access to higher education.

(Excerpt from the speech by President U Win Myint at the ceremony to take oath of office at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30th March 2018)

“ I would like the people to assist and support the peace efforts of our Union Government. I would especially want the youth to look to the future and join in this effort. I have observed that youth have been participating in these efforts.

(Excerpt from the speech by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on the 2nd Anniversary of NLD Government on 1st April 2018)

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Problems submitted were found to be same where we went. Now we found six basic problems. The problem of not having sufficient water was declining but still existed. As this was a basic requirement emphasis was placed towards resolving this. Second was road transportation. Road transportation had great effects on the economy, education and health. Third was electricity. The Union government had been striving towards providing electricity to the whole country. Before the end of this year it was expected that more than 50 percent of the country would have electricity. It was hoped to reach 100 percent in 3 to 4 years and efforts were being made towards that end. For this, money and expertise were needed. After electricity came the education sector. This country was found to prioritize education over health. However, education without health would greatly reduce a person's effort to struggle and live. The final issue was farmland ownership. This was very interesting. Interesting meant we were putting much thought to it. Interest in ownership was not the same as interest in agricultural land. Farmers need to think



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi poses for a documentary photo together with ethnic people in Mawlamyine, Mon State. **PHOTO: MNA**

deeply about it. If we use our right not for self alone but for all, our country would develop very quickly. There were many conflicts in farmland matters. The Hluttaw decided to resolve these conflicts by returning it to the original owners. People need to note on what basis this decision was based on.

Rule of law was taken as the back bone of a stable country. We agree to return the farmland to the original owners for rule of law, fairness and truth. We thought returning farmlands to original owners would make the agricultural sector develop more. It was a correct thing to return farmlands to their rightful owners for fairness and economic development.

The Union government would conduct the work of returning the farmlands to the original owners as decided by the Hluttaw as quickly as possible. People need to note that there were many difficulties in doing this. People also need to demand their lawful rights correctly and honestly

within the frame of law. Do not do dishonest things as it would affect our whole country.

The most developed countries in the world were the smallest in the world. These countries did not have any natural resources. But their main resources were their people of high capability. We were heading towards this. If the capability of the people was high, we would overcome whatever obstacles there may be. A system was required to have high capability. That was why rule of law was being stressed, said the State Counsellor.

Matters pre-submitted in writing covering potable water for Mawlamyine, upgrading of

the Mawlamyine Airport, construction schedule and cost of Attaran River Bridge in Kyaikmaraw Township, power supply backup arrangement for electricity supplied to Mawlamyine, silting in Thanlwin River and inundation and flooding along the river bank, opening of post graduate diploma course in the Mawlamyine University, widening and upgrading of Kayin Win Sein-Wegu-Taw Pun road in Chaungzon Township, donating farmland for road, widening and asphalt surfacing the Phanpa-Htanpingon earth road in Chaungzon Township, electricity not provided to 32 villages

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in western part of Kyaukse Township, construction of a sub-station where power lines were already laid, repairing two bridges on Kyaukseparan-Kawbwe road, construction of a bridge over Wegali creek in Mudon Township and repairing a bridge on Sathwe-Nipadaw road in Mudon Township, matters raised by two locals outside the meeting covering a forest department personnel's termination from work and termination of shop permit on Kyaukse (Golden Rock) pagoda and matters raised by five locals inside the meeting covering air pollution in the Mawlamyine Industrial Zone, pollution in Takuwai and Takuwi creeks due to rock mining, silts entering and destroying farmlands, confiscation of 50 acres of farmlands worked on by 21 farmers, farmlands being affected by planting of Malaysia Padauk trees, teaching of ethnic national language in school were responded and answered by Union Minister U Ohn Win, State Chief Minister Dr. Aye Zan and state ministers. The State Counsellor also provided additional explanations.

In her closing speech to the meeting, the State Counsellor accepted the requirement to engage more with the people. However, an entire day would not be enough if everyone was allowed to say whatever they wanted. The matters raised were require-

ments for water, road transportation, electricity, education and farmland. The inclusion of natural resources and environment was also noted. All these would be handled with care. Matters raised in writing would also be responded. Matters raised via letters were being received and it also can be passed on to officials from the Office of the President who came along on this trip. She then thanked the people for their attendance and took a commemorative group photo with ethnic nationals and youths.

Later in the afternoon, the State Counsellor and party went to Mawlamyine General Hospital where patients receiving treatments in outpatient, surgery ward and other wards were cordially greeted and encouraged.

The State Counsellor and party then went on to the Chaungzon Hospital and inspected the wards and x-ray hall, cordially greeted and encouraged patients receiving treatments.

From there the State Coun-



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi observes the handicraft and wooden utensils during her visit to Ywalut Village, Chaungzon Township in Mon State yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

sellor went to Chaungzon Township Ywalut Village and observed the handicraft, wooden utensils and indoor decorations put on sale in shops and the manufacturing process to produce the

products put on sale.

Afterwards the State Counsellor met with the local people from Chaungzon Township, Ywalut Village.

At the meeting the State

then could their minds develop and they would become children with healthy and strong bodies. This was where the government would have to take up responsibility. Development of the villages was also conducted and the Union government had been striving towards improving the education and health conditions year by year. Local youths in the region were said to be working in Malaysia and Thailand. Job opportunities for the youths in the country need to be created. Only then could they live happily with their families. Matters such as working abroad should not happen even though creating jobs for youths could not be done overnight. However, efforts were being made towards this and the people need to take part together in this, said the State Counsellor.

After her speech, matters raised by the locals covering garbage collection vehicle, library books, counterfeit money, x-ray machine required in a station hospital and electricity were answered by the State Chief Minister and state minister. The State Counsellor also provided additional explanations.

Later, the State Counsellor went to inspect the handicrafts and souvenir shops in the Mudon village, Chaungzon Township and instructed the Mon State Chief Minister to provide support and assistance where necessary.—MNA

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi visits a shop selling slate school tablets during her visit to Ywalut Village, Chaungzon Township in Mon State yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Counsellor spoke of visiting the Mawlamyine and Chaungzon hospital earlier in the day and said the main reason people were hospitalized was because of their weak eating habits. To be healthy, living style need to be changed. For the economy to develop, changes need to be made in the economy. Locals were urged to openly raise their requirements. If there were any problems between the state government and local people, it should be resolved through discussion and negotiation. Resolution of problems through discussion and conflict must be avoided. Doctors had said that most of the patients in the hospital were there due to stress.

Children need to be educated. In addition to being educated, they need to be healthy. Only

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Australian ambassador

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat received H.E. Ms. Andrea Faulkner, Australian Ambassador to Myanmar at the Pyithu Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the meeting increasing bilateral cooperation and friendship between the governments and the parliaments, cooperation in education, economy, agriculture, investment and democracy

development sectors, capacity building of Hluttaw representatives and Hluttaw Office personnel, the role of committees in the Hluttaw's legislative process and the Constitution amendment process were discussed and views exchanged.

The meeting was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein and officials from Pyithu Hluttaw Office. —MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat shakes hands with Australian Ambassador Ms. Andrea Faulkner in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Union Minister U Kyaw Tin attends 3rd Myanmar-Switzerland Foreign Office Consultations



Union Minister U Kyaw Tin holds a meeting with Ambassador Raphaël Nägeli, Head of the Asia-Pacific Division of the Political Directorate of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Swiss Confederation. PHOTO: MNA

THE 3rd Myanmar-Switzerland Foreign Office Consultations was held on 4 April 2019 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw. The meeting was co-chaired by U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and Ambassador Raphaël Nägeli, Head of the Asia-Pacific Division of the Political Directorate of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs of Swiss Confederation.

During the meeting, the two sides discussed matters pertaining to further promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation under the new Swiss Cooperation Strategy for Myanmar (2019-2023), particularly in the areas of

agriculture, health, education, rural development, culture, tourism, trade and investment, Technical and Vocational Education and Training (TVET). The Union Minister also appraised on the Government's priorities and ongoing efforts for peace and national reconciliation and recent developments in Rakhine State. They also exchanged views on cooperation in the areas of mutual interest in regional and international fora including in ASEAN.

After the meeting, Union Minister for International Cooperation hosted a working luncheon to the Swiss delegation at the M Gallery Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA ■

Union Attorney General receives Australian Ambassador

UNION Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo received Australian Ambassador Ms. Andrea Faulkner at Union Attorney General Office guest hall yesterday morning.

During the meeting status of Union Attorney General Office posting the country's legal news on its website for it to be accessible by the people, cooperation with local and interna-

tional organisations on rule of law matters, works conducted to combat against transnational crimes, Australia's assistance in amending and enacting investment and business related laws to be in accord with the system and time, Australia scholarship program for law officers and cooperation for legal sector development were discussed.—MNA ■

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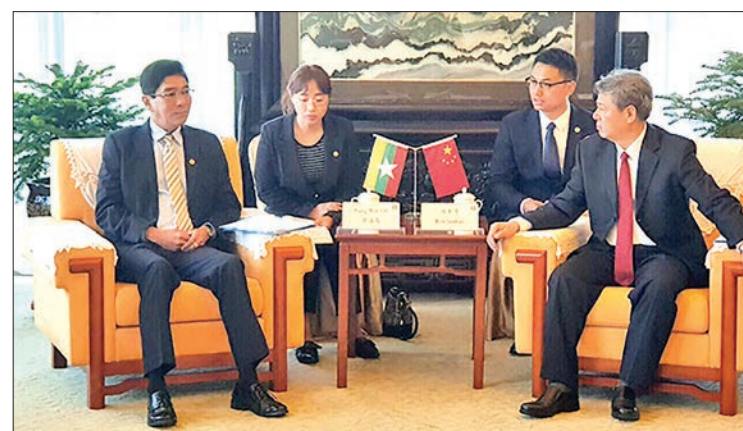


Chief of Myanmar Police Force arrives back home from China

AT the invitation of Ministry of Public Security of the People's Republic of China, a Myanmar police delegation led by Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Lt-Gen Aung Win Oo has visited Shenzhen City of Guangdong Province and Kunming City of Yunnan Province in China from 1 to 4 April. On 1 April, the Myanmar police delegation visited Shenzhen City, and met with Deputy Chairman and experts from Huawei Technologies headquarters.

On 2 April, they visited and observed the Huawei Innovation Security and Law Enforcement Center and Longgang Police Command Center of Shenzhen Police Force.

The delegation then visited Kunming in Yunnan Province,



Chief Police Force Police Lt-Gen Aung Win Oo meets with Chief Police Mr. Ren Jun Hao in Kunming, Yunnan Province. PHOTO: MNA

and met with a delegation led by the Vice Governor of Yunnan Province and Chief Police of the Province Mr. Ren Jun Hao, discussing matters related to bilateral cooperation on border security and rule of law, and

prevention of drug and human trafficking. The Myanmar police delegation arrived back home yesterday afternoon.—MNA ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

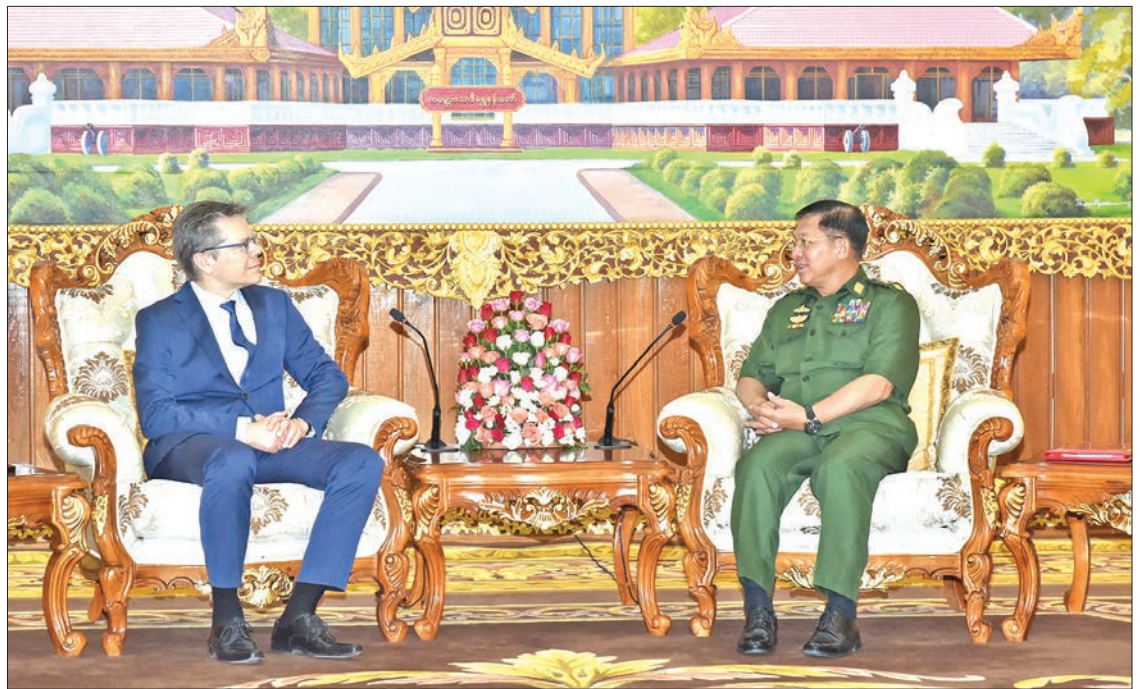
Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief receives Asia Pacific Division Head from Swiss foreign ministry

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received H.E. Raphael Nageli, Head of the Asia Pacific Division of the Swiss Foreign Ministry at the Bayintnaung Guesthouse in Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday afternoon.

They discussed Switzerland's assistance and continued assistance to the transition towards democracy in Myanmar and efforts to achieve internal

peace, the Tatmadaw's ceasefire announcement on 21 December 2018, ethnic armed organizations signing the NCA, assisting humanitarian works in Myanmar and regional development, and the need for Myanmar's true situation to be known internationally, according to news released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Switzerland Department of Foreign Affairs Asia and Pacific Division Head Mr. Raphael Nageli in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

Union Minister U Min Thu meets GAD staff of Mon State

U MIN THU, the Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government, met with staff of the Mon State General Administration Department at the Mon State Government office in Mawlamyine, Mon State, yesterday.

Firstly, the head of the Mon State GAD, U Hla Win Tin, introduced the Union Minister to everyone in attendance and explained about the State GAD's processes and performances. The Union Minister then delivered a speech.

Vision, mission of GAD

In his speech the Union Minister said a workshop was held in Nay Pyi Taw consisting of current and former GAD staff from 26 to 28 February 2019 and the results from that workshop were combined with recommendations from ministry officials and the advisory team to produce the GAD's vision and mission statements.

He said the workshop decided on assigning reforming policies, reforming regulations and managerial components, and establishing regional development and good practices as the three tasks for reform. He said a timeframe must be designed to implement these tasks. He said they are discussing with the advisory team and experts to set a six-month course for reforms with the first three months for selective reforms and the second



Union Minister U Min Thu delivers a speech during his meeting with staff of Mon State General Administration Department in Mawlamyine.

PHOTO: MNA

three months for comprehensive reforms.

The Union Minister said a manual for all levels of GAD staff and a code of conduct is under way, while a Regulatory Review Unit will be formed to assess the designated specifications. The unit will support the establishment of a people-centred, simple and effective management and service system by lessening or amending regulations and procedures where necessary.

Red tape to be reduced

The One Stop Shops (OSS) were formed in July 2015 in Nay Pyi Taw and the states and regions and provides services from 15 government departments, including the GAD, in 316 offices across the nation, said the Union Minister.

He said the public has consistently complained about the lengthy process of government services that require numerous trips to different departments and wastes valuable time. He urged GAD staff to make the OSS truly solve the difficulties of the people and prevent it from becoming an additional government office that burdens the public. The Union Minister said the OSS needs to be able to explain what services they are providing and the steps necessary for fulfilling a person's needs. He said providing the relevant service immediately if the person has all the necessary documents is the first step towards making the OSS a better system.

He said the second step is to reduce requests for unnecessary information or documents and reform the system to require only the essential documents. He said they are discussing with the advisory team and experts to accomplish this goal.

Enhancing staff skills a priority

The Union Minister said there are plans to upgrade the

skills for of GAD staff and a main part of this is reforming the Institute of Development Administration which was opened in 2003. He said this will involve restructuring the institute's organization, consulting with experts and scholars to revise the curriculum and class lessons, and to link with international institutes.

We are working with the utmost transparency with regard to staff changes and the human resource management system to make it fairer and more equitable, said the Union Minister. He informed GAD staff that they can message any suggestions directly to the ministry's social media page.

He said the Anti-Corruption Commission is also assigning Corruption Prevention Units (CPU) in ministries as a pilot project, in line with directives from the President. He said his ministry will receive a CPU in the near future to combat, prevent, and reduce corruption.

Urging GAD staff to continue hard work

The Union Minister concluded

ed by saying that the General Administration Department is the administrative backbone of the country and thus, needs to initiate exemplary change to establish itself as a public-centred mechanism for administration. He said we need to firmly build our moral character to be free from self-interest and corruption. He urged GAD staff to meet and discuss with the public, gather their suggestions, and stand together with them.

He expressed his wish for the GAD to follow existing laws, rules, regulations, and procedures without burdening the people. He urged GAD staff to improve their daily tasks, become more effective, and reform their tasks and procedures.

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)

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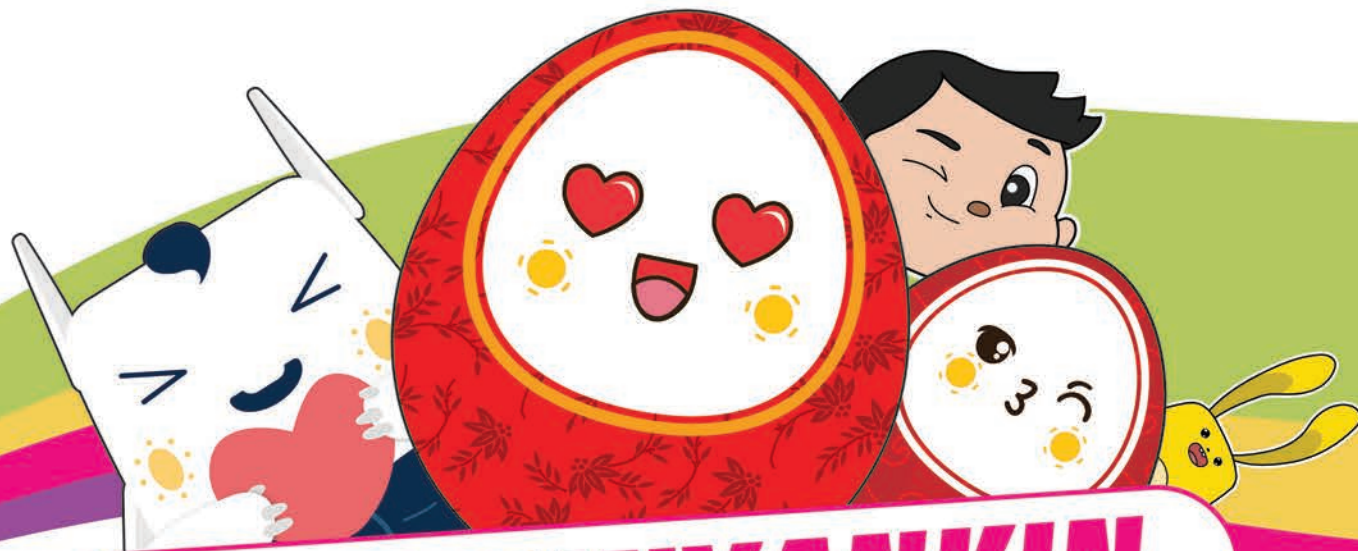
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Funds, expertise needed to overcome electricity challenges

GOOD transportation and sufficient power supply are key for attracting foreign and local investment. Roads and infrastructure are important for connecting all our ethnic people and for developing our economy.

Transportation and electricity issues are among the six main problems in our country.

We are striving to provide electricity to the whole country. We are targeting to electrify more than 50 per cent of households before the end of this year.

We hope to reach 100 percent electrification in 3 to 4 years, and we are working towards that end. To achieve that target, we need funds and expertise.

Compared to 30 years ago, the demand for electricity has increased twofold, and is expected to double yet again by 2025. This poses a great challenge for the country.

Meanwhile, the power sector is also facing losses. The electricity production sector reported losses to the tune of K322 billion in the 2016-2017 financial year alone, according to documents published by the Ministry of Electricity and Energy.

The ministry was expecting a loss of over K360 billion in the 2016-2017 FY, but the figure rose to over K422 billion. The MOEE is trying to reduce production costs for electricity as the sector reported a loss of over K600 billion in the 2017-2018 financial year.

The government is trying to expand hydropower plants as they have proven to be more profitable due to lower cost of production. Today, people are using more electricity in their homes, and factories are exceeding their quotas, leading to overloading, and causing difficulties to people. We need to upgrade power sub-stations and transformers to cope with overloading.

We would like to encourage people to think about others who do not yet have access to electricity and consider saving as much energy as possible so it does not go to waste.

Also, our energy potential is yet to be utilized fully. Notwithstanding our natural gas and renewable energy resources, Myanmar remains one of the world's least electrified countries.

Myanmar relies heavily on hydropower. The Union Government is currently working to diversify into other natural resources found abundantly in the country.

Compared to 30 years ago, the demand for electricity has increased twofold, and is expected to double yet again by 2025. This poses a great challenge for the country.

To overcome the challenge, we need money, advanced technology, and expertise.

Reforms of Union Auditor General Office: Checking and Balancing for Enhancement of Public Finance Management

"Strategic Work Program (2018-2022) was drawn up to implement the aims of Union Auditor General Office. 2018 and 2019 yearly action plans of Strategic Work Program were being drawn up and implemented."

Union Auditor General U Maw Than



Union Auditor General U Maw Than.

Interviewer: Thuya Zaw
Photo by Aye Than

POLICIES of the Union Auditor General Office have been laid down for auditing works in line with the law, encouraging innovations, continuing the momentum for reforms, analysing the real situation factually and conducting effective reform processes.

Encapsulating to the motto of "A Way of Checking and Balancing for Enhancement of Public Finance Management", the Union Auditor General Office had been striving toward improving the works, increasing transparency, increasing the trust of the people, obtaining the esteem of the people, increasing the effective usage of public fund and resources for the people and assisting the government with qualified auditors with international auditing standards.

Following was the transcript of an interview conducted with Union Auditor General U Maw Than

on the works of Union Auditor General Office during the third one year period towards fulfilling the requirement of the changing time.

Q: Please explain about the audit works conducted by Union Auditor General Office during the third one year period.

A: In the past only financial auditing and compliance auditing were conducted but during this three year period performance audit was also conducted. As per the Union Auditor General Law audit findings were reported simultaneously to the President and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. Accordingly fiscal year wise audit reports of the Union Auditor General were submitted for the three years.

The audit reports include auditing the implementation of Union Budget, Union Tax and National Planning laws from the view point of spending expenses in a sensible way, conducting matters in full capacity, benefit to the people as well as government debt; findings on debts, deposits and temporary accounts conducted in relation to the union fund in addition to the audit findings on financial matters.

Q: Explain about audit on Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Regional Development Fund.

A: Systematic development of regional development works were supported by submitting annual reports up to fiscal year 2017-2018. Regional development works conducted with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Development Fund was audited



Union Auditor-General meets with State/Region Auditors General in Nay Pyi Taw in October, 2018.

starting from fiscal year 2013-2014.

During this period President Office assigned an additional duty of auditing the state/region governments and Nay Pyi Taw Council's regional development works conducted with regional development funds. Audit finding report was submitted to the President Office on 17 January 2017. This report includes the status of compliance by state/region governments.

In accordance to the changing time and era projects and works were increasingly conducted with loans and aids from foreign and international organisations. Upon the coordination and request of Union Ministries and according to the Auditor General of the Union Law, in addition to conducting normal audits Union Auditor General Office was auditing the projects

and works conducted with loans and aids from foreign and international organisations and publishing reports.

Q: Let us know about the status of strategic work program that was being conducted.

A: Strategic Work Program (2018-2022) was drawn up to implement the aims of Union Auditor General Office. 2018 and 2019 yearly action plans of Strategic Work Program were being drawn up and implemented.

As per the action plans ISSAI (International Standards of Supreme Audit Institutions) based financial audit, performance audit, law & procedure compliance audit were conducted, handbooks drawn up, workshops held and Pilot Audit conducted. To establish IPSAS (International Public Sector Accounting Standards) training materials were prepared, included in courses, expand and develop Internal Audit Division, preparations made to publish Quality Assurance Review, send personnel to foreign scholarships, workshops and courses and conduct multiplier courses, arrangements made to hold internal ICT related courses to implement e-Government system, review and re-assess to submit and prepare reports to Hluttaw in accordance to international practices and procedures. The work program also includes participating in the activities of international organisations such as ASEANSAT (ASEAN Supreme Audit Institutions), ASOSAI (Asian Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions) and INTOSAI (International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions).

stitutions) and INTOSAI (International Organization of Supreme Audit Institutions).

Q: What were the noteworthy activities conducted by Union Auditor General Office?

A: One of the noteworthy activities conducted by Union Auditor General Office was the President meeting with State/Region Auditors led by the Union Auditor General on 4 May 2018. At the meeting the President instructed Union Auditor General Office to prevent wastage of public funds, ensure

owners were properly registered by the relevant authorities, whether internal audits were formed in government departments and organisations and whether these internal audits follow the notices, guidelines and procedures, whether action was taken and reported if there were any cases of wastage and misuse of state funds. Audit duties under these instructions were being conducted with coordination between head office and regions.

Q: Speak about works conducted by Union Auditor General Office toward development of audits.

A: To support the country's economic development, public and private sector audits, Accounts and Audits Festival 2016 was jointly organised by Myanmar Accountancy Council, Myanmar Institute of Certified Public Accountants (MICPA) and Commerce Graduates' Association (Myanmar) at National Theatre, Yangon in 2016. With the aims of developing the country's economy, to smoothen and ease the public-private cooperation works for the momentous development of related works in the commerce area, to raise knowledge and information Myanmar



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the Union Budget sanctioned by the government reaches the respective entities and were used effectively and fully, check whether the set targets were reached or not, audit union level organisations, ministerial departments and organisations follow through in financial regulations and procedures, whether projects and works conducted benefits the people or not, whether state, public and cooperative owned assets were properly maintained, whether ownerless properties, legally confiscated properties, properties released by

Commerce Fair 2018 was successfully held in Yangon Convention Center.

Q: What are the plans to raise the auditing capacity?

A: As per the Strategic Plan and according to the motto of "A Way of Checking and Balancing for Enhancement of Public Finance Management", work plans and the staffs' collective strengths will be raised by increasing the auditing capacity and to be in line with international norms. As IT and technologies were playing an important role in implementing



Legal framework of Union Auditor General Office. The Law Amending the Auditor General of the Union Law, 2018

e-Government system Union Auditor General Office was conducting website upgrades, IT Audit, fulfil required IT infrastructures, setup a Knowledge Platform to share information by purchasing and establishing a Mini Data Centre (MDC) under the Public Finance Management (PFM) project, work toward practicing Audit Management System, conduct IT Audit using Audit Software, upgrading from Window Based to Web Based to use Government Accounting System (GAS) not only in Nay Pyi Taw but also in state/region audit offices, conduct work coordination meeting and other meetings through Video Conferencing System.

One of our aims was to follow and practice IPSAS. Coordinating with relevant governmental departments and organisations, forming of committees and opening of courses will be conducted step by step.

Q: Talk about works on complying with the international auditing norms.

A: So as to complying with the international auditing norms a memorandum of understanding (MOU) on cooperation was signed between Union Auditor General Office and Norway Office of the Auditor General as well as cooperating with ADB (Asia Development Bank), World Bank, German development agency GIZ and EU (European Union) toward the emergence of international norms based handbooks and guidelines, to conduct effective audit according to enactments in the Union Auditor General Law and to raise the capacity of staffs.

Action Plan for 2018 and 2019 was drawn up to implement the aims of Union Auditor General Office. As per the Action Plan handbook on ISSAI based norms

followed by international audit offices were drawn up, workshops held, Pilot Audit conducted and attended workshops and meetings conducted by ASEANSAT, ASOSAI and INTOSAI.

Q: How about cooperation with international auditing organisations?

A: As per MOU with Norway Office of the Auditor General and meetings with ADB, World Bank, GIZ and EU workshops on publishing of ISSAI based guidelines on financial audit, compliance audit and performance audit, pre-planning of Pilot Audit for Performance Audit, drawing up Financial Audit Practical Guide and experimenting according to Roll-Out plan were conducted.

Workshops were conducted in cooperation with Joint Public Accounts Committee in the legal portion for independence, mandate and legislation. 31 work processes related to work process draft for governmental departments and organisations to practice according to IPSAS norms in the four portions of conducting preliminary works, works, continuing works on preliminary works and preparing consolidated accounts will be arranged and conducted. Furthermore road map to accept and practice IPSAS was drawn up.

Q: Explain about audit works conducted by Union Auditor General Office and regional audit offices.

A: Union Auditor General Office and regional audit offices in cooperation with international organisations conducted workshops and on job courses to conduct Pilot Audit according to ISSAI, financial audit, compliance audit and performance audit.

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Parachute demonstration planned at Chindwin Thingyan Festival

A parachute demonstration will take place at the 2nd Chindwin Sand Sculpture Festival from 13 to 15 April in Monywa Township, Sagaing Region, said Ko Naung Naung, secretary, Myanmar PPG club.

The three-day demonstration has been organized as part of the Chindwin Thingyan festival, according to the club.

"Ten paramotor flyers will participate in the demonstration at the invitation of the Sagaing Region government. The club has conducted paramotor jumps all over Myanmar, and they plan to promote paramotor flying

and the tourism sector," said Ko Naung Naung.

This will be the second time the festival will feature paramotor flyers. Five paramotor flyers took part in a demonstration in the previous Chindwin Thingyan festival.

Professional parachutists from Thailand and locals flew over popular places in Myanmar in the previous months, with the cooperation of the ASEAN Paramotoring Club (FLY ASEAN) and the Myanmar Parachute Federation, to promote the local tourism sector.—Ko Min (Indaw) ■ (Translated by La Wonn)



Paramotors demonstration to give at the 2nd Chindwin Sand Sculpture Festival from 13 to 15 April held in Monywa. **PHOTO: KO MIN (INDAW)**

61st Kay Hto Boe festival to be held in Kayah State

THE 61st Kay Htoe Boe, or sacred totem, festival will be held from 5 to 9 April at the Dawkhalinlin village in Dimawhso Township of Kayah State.

Kay Htoe Boe is a Kayah term. The word 'kay' means a state, 'htoe' means accomplished, and 'boe' means sacred pole. At the festival, a tree will be cut down for the Kay Htoe Boe

totem pole and will be brought and planted at the venue, and worshippers will dance around it, according to the festival implementation committee. The festival will also have an ethnic dance competition, a costume contest, and other entertainment programs, said the committee.

The Kay Htoe Boe festival is

the Kayah ethnic people's traditional festival and is held in April every year. It has been organized 60 times so far. The main objective of the festival is offering prayers for good weather, plentiful crops, peace, and protection from natural disasters and epidemics.—Riral (Dimawhso) ■ (Translated by La Wonn)



Kayah ethnic people hold a festival called the Kay Htoe Boe, celebrating the sacred pole in Dimawhso. **PHOTO: RIRAL (DIMAWHSO)**

Japan Foundation office opened in Yangon, to exhibit world heritage site photos

THE Japan Foundation office was opened with the launch of a photo exhibit on Japan's world heritage sites at 5 p.m. on 1 April on Natmauk street, Bahan Township, Yangon. The exhibit will be open from 2-27 April, except Mondays and Saturdays, from 9 a.m to 5 p.m.

At the inauguration ceremony, Mr Koji Sato, Director, Japan Foundation (Yangon) explained the objectives of the

foundation. At the opening, Japan's world heritage sites, films, music, books on sports, and Samurai swords and costumes were displayed.

Music shows will be organized and Japanese films will be screened a projector at the office once a month.

Among Japan's 22 UNESCO World Heritage Sites, 18 have cultural and four have environmental value, and show-

case efforts to preserve the country's history, culture, and environment.

The photographs of the world's heritage places were taken by a well-known photographer, who won the gold prize for ForeWord magazine's 'House and Garden' themed photo contest in 2012 and has published 140 photo books.—Thitsar ■

(Translated by La Wonn)

Jetties to be opened at Mingun, Kyaukmyaung

JETTIES will be opened at the Mingun harbor in Sagaing Region and the Kyaukmyaung harbor in Shwebo District for the convenience of both local and foreign travelers using the harbors, according to the Sagaing Region government.

The construction of these two jetties has just been completed at the Kin shipyard in Sagaing Region.

"Jetties will be constructed in Mingun and Kyaunkmyaung each. One jetty was constructed in Mingun region in December, 2018 for the development of the tourism industry.

In 2018, the construction of the two jetties was completed," said U Soe Oo, the Sagaing Regional Minister for Planning and Finance.

Previously, local and foreign travelers on board ships had to use wooden planks for embarkation and disembarkation. So, the Sagaing Regional government constructed the two 50-feet-long and 20-feet-wide jetties for the convenience of local and foreign travelers. The construction of the jetties has been completed and they will soon be opened at the Mingun and Kyaunkmyaung harbors.

Most tourists who come to the Sagaing-Mingun cultural zone take the river cruise from Mandalay. Only a few tourists go round by car.—Ko Min (Indaw) ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Value of trading on YSX lowest in March in Q2

DURING the January-March quarter, the value of shares traded on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) dropped to the lowest level in the month of March with 90,572 shares worth an estimated K396 million traded on the exchange, according to the monthly report of the YSX. Although the volume of trades was higher in March compared with January and February, the value of trades slipped on account of a slight fall in share prices. Stocks of five listed companies were traded on the exchange in March.

In February, 80,179 shares worth K409 million were traded on the exchange, while 89,576 shares worth K526 million were traded in the month of January.

At present, shares of five listed companies — First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB),

First Private Bank (FPB), and TMH Telecom Public Co. Ltd. — are being traded on the YSX.

In March, shares of FMI closed at K8,700, MTSH at K2,850, MCB at K7,100, FPB at K20,500, and TMH at K2,650. “The capital market infrastructure is still lacking. Only 15 per cent of the 36,000 securities accounts are active. Stock trading this year is on the low side. For the stock market to pick up momentum, government support is of vital importance. With the support of the government, more public companies will be encouraged to participate in the stock market and more institutional investors such as financing companies, investment banks, and insurance companies will emerge,” U Thet Htun Oo, the executive senior manager of the YSX had told the Global New Light of Myanmar last year. Last year, the YSX increased the stock



Visitors seen at Yangon Stock Exchange in downtown Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAH

trade matching time from two to four per day. In addition to this, it had organized a promotional event for investors to attract new

investors and encourage existing investors to trade more actively by outlining financial reviews and future prospects of YSX listed

companies. Amid promotion events for investors, trading on YSX is still lackluster.—Htet Myat ■ (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

ROK firms eye setting up industrial zones in Bago

A delegation of Korean businessmen, led by Mr. Lee Hyung Jin, the vice president of the Republic of Korea-based Taekwang Myanmar Development Co. Ltd, met Bago Region's Chief Minister yesterday to discuss the establishment of industrial zones.

“We have run our business in Myanmar for 10 years. We would like to execute industrial zones and housing projects in Bago Region,” said Mr. Lee Hyung Jin. Afterwards, Bago Region Chief Minister U Win Thein said the region welcomes the investment businesses. The regional government will provide necessary infrastructure such as roads and electric supply, he said. He also

urged the companies to strictly follow the rules and regulations. Since January, 2017, the Bago Region Investment Committee has endorsed three domestic businesses and 13 foreign businesses with a capital of nearly K5 billion and around US\$32.5 million, respectively. The investments are primarily in the manufacturing business. More than 80 foreign businesses being executed in the Bago Region. Myanmar Investment Law allows the region and state Investment Committees to endorse local and foreign proposals with an initial investment not exceeding K6 billion, or \$5 million.—Hein Htet/ Ko Khant ■ (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

About 2 mln tons of rice pile-up in domestic market due to drop in border exports

By Nyein Nyein

A drastic drop in rice exports through the border gates has resulted in a pile-up of about 2 million tons of rice in the domestic market, said U Aung Than Oo, the chair of the Myanmar Rice Federation.

“China has closed all the border trade. The rice stocks have reached about 2 million tons,” said U Aung Than Oo.

Myanmar exports rice to its trade partners through the maritime routes and border gates. China has been clamping down on illegal trade, prompting its dealers to halt trade, resulting in a decline in rice exports through the Myanmar border channels.

“The Chinese market accounts for 46 per cent of Myanmar's rice exports. As China is the largest buyer of Myanmar rice, the market situation is positively related to demand,” said U Aung Than Oo.

From 1 April, 2018 to 31 March, 2019, Myanmar exported more than 2.3 million tons of rice and broken rice. The country shipped 3.68 million tons of rice in the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

“In the last financial year, 3.68 million tons of rice were exported.

In the past year, only 2.3 million tons were exported, which is a decline of over 1 million tons compared with the previous financial year. Rice has piled

up owing to a drop in exports through the border trade channel. Another reason for stocks piling up is EU's tariff on long-grain rice with 90-day yield,” said U Aung Than Oo.

At a meeting with Vice President U Myint Swe and entrepreneurs on 15 March at the UMFCCL, the MRF asked the government to help farmers get a decent price during harvest. They also requested that a G-to-G agreement be reached to help small and medium rice enterprises conduct trade smoothly, the quota for rice and broken rice exports to China be raised, and the MoU be implemented soon. ■ (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)



File photo shows freshly harvested ginger in Aungban.

Volume of ginger exports on the rise

THE volume of Myanmar's ginger exports is currently increasing, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar exports kitchen crops such as garlic and onion to India. Onions are exported to China and Thailand through the border gates, while garlic is sent to India through the Tamu border gate. Ginger is shipped to India, Bangladesh, Indonesia, and South Korea through the maritime routes. Turmeric is exported to India and Yemen by sea.

“The ginger market has good

potential. The weekly export volume is around 980 tons,” said Ko Sai Ye Lwin, manager, Aungban Commodity Depot.

“At present, there are two kinds of ginger in the local market — highland ginger and lowland ginger. The quality of ginger depends on the geographical location. Ginger from Kalaw region is compact and has a strong smell, while lowland ginger is mushy and has a mild scent and is the most demanded ginger in the local market,” he said. “At present, individual export licenses are not

needed for dried and wet ginger and trade can be performed in the regular way. So, ginger demand is rising in foreign markets,” according to merchants. “Onions are fetching a better price in the export market compared to the local market. In the local market, customers can buy onions at a cheap price,” said merchants. The prevailing prices of Myitthar and Kyaukse onion varieties are between K400 and K500 per viss (3.6 pounds) at the Mandalay Commodity Depot.—MYANTRADE ■ (Translated by La Wonn)

Union Minister for Information meets CPC Political Bureau member, head of Publicity Department

UNION Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thit Lin Ohn met with Mr. Huang Kunming, a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC), members of the Central Committee and also Head of the Publicity Department of the CPC Central Committee, at the Great Hall of People in Beijing yesterday morning.

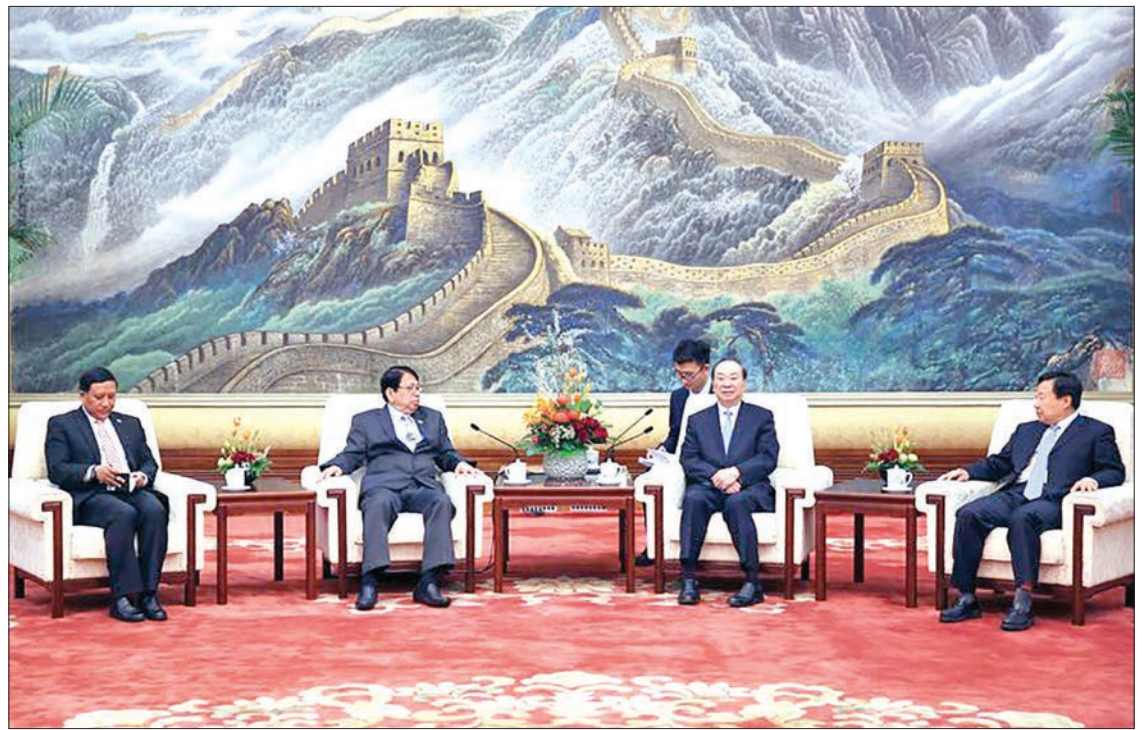
At the meeting, increasing friendship, establishing mutual trust and understanding, eradicating illiteracy and increasing reading rate as well as cooperation in education sector, weather and natural disasters, science and technology and movies were cordially discussed and views exchanged.

This was followed by a meeting with a group led by a member of CPC Central Committee and Deputy Minister of the Central Propaganda De-

partment Mr. Wang Xiaohui in which history of movies in the two countries, arrangements made in Myanmar for movie development, establishment of movie schools and studios in Myanmar as well as movie production, investment in movie cinema, shooting of movies and joint shooting and production matters were cordially discussed.

Later in the afternoon, the Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint arrived at Beijing Film Academy where officials explained about the history, faculty wise subjects taught at the academy and practical works of courses, status of opening courses, producing outstanding artistes, degrees, post-graduate degrees and Ph.D courses conducted. Union Minister and delegation members raised questions of interest.

In the evening, the Union Minister and the delegation went to CITIC Group in Beijing



Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint holds meeting with Mr. Huang Kunming, Head of the Publicity Department of Communist Party of China Central Committee, in Beijing. **PHOTO: MNA**

and visited the various works conducted including book publishing and were explained about the group investing in fifty coun-

tries including Myanmar in line with the international norms. The Union Minister and delegation raised questions on matters

of interest, discussed and invited about investing in Myanmar motion picture sector.—MNA ■
(Translated by Zaw Min)

Myanmar Own Satellite System Establishment Work Committee holds meeting 2/2019



Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung addresses the coordination meeting for Myanmar Own Satellite System Establishment Work Committee in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

AS per the guideline of the steering committee on establishing Myanmar satellite system Myanmar Own Satellite System Establishment Work Committee held a coordination meeting in Ministry of Transport and Communications in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting Myanmar Own Satellite System Establishment Work Committee Chairman Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung spoke of Myanmar Sat-2 starting its services in September 2019, ef-

fective use of it, sub-committee to launch a Myanmar own low orbit satellite was formed and to implement works as soon as possible and to implement the formation of a Space Agency.

Next, Myanmar Own Satellite System Establishment Work Committee members and various sub-committee members discussed status of works conducted, coordination required for implementation and other relevant matters.—MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Deputy Minister U Soe Aung receives Co-Chairs of CTFMR

DEPUTY Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, U Soe Aung, received the Co-Chairs of the Country Task Force on Monitoring and Reporting (CTFMR), Mr. Knut Ostby, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator, and Ms. June Kunugi, UNICEF Representative, at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they

discussed how the Committee for Preventing Grave Violations against Children in Armed Conflicts has formed working committees to draft prevention programmes for the six big crimes during armed conflicts, amending the Child Rights Law and the expected upcoming adoption of it, and cooperating with CTFMR.—MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



Deputy Minister U Soe Aung meets with Co-Chairs of the Country Task Force on Monitoring and Reporting in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

UEC holds training on mainstreaming gender in electoral administration

A training titled: 'Gender Mainstreaming in Electoral Administration: Its Meaning, Framework and Steps' was held the training room of the Union Election Commission in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. The training is jointly facilitated by the UEC and Gender and Development Institute.

UEC Chairman U Hla Thein delivered a speech at the opening ceremony. He said Myanmar has signed The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) in 1997. He said the UEC continuously strives to fulfil Article 7 of CEDAW to ensure women have equal participation with men in electoral administration and to promote women's affairs. He said



Union Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein addresses the training for mainstreaming gender in electoral administration at UEC office in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

they are implementing gender equality and Advancement of Women Policy 2019-2022 by forming working committees.

The UEC also collaborates with all relevant ministries to implement the National Strategic Plan for the Advancement of Women (2013-2022). He

told the training participants to utilize the skills they will learn from this training in ensuring gender equality and inclusivity in electoral administration.

Following this was an explanation of the training by the technical advisor of Gender and Development

Institute, Salai Isaac Khin, after which everyone took a documentary photo together.

UEC members, officials and 50 participants from the UEC office attended yesterday's training.—MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY HOLIDAY NOTICE

As the wharves, warehouses and chellan Offices of Yangon Port will be closed on the 13th APRIL 2019 to 17th APRIL 2019 Thingyan Water Festival (New Year Public Holiday), Loading, Unloading and delivery for Goods will be received on Payment as Holiday Fees.

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Tatmadaw forces clash with AA, kill six

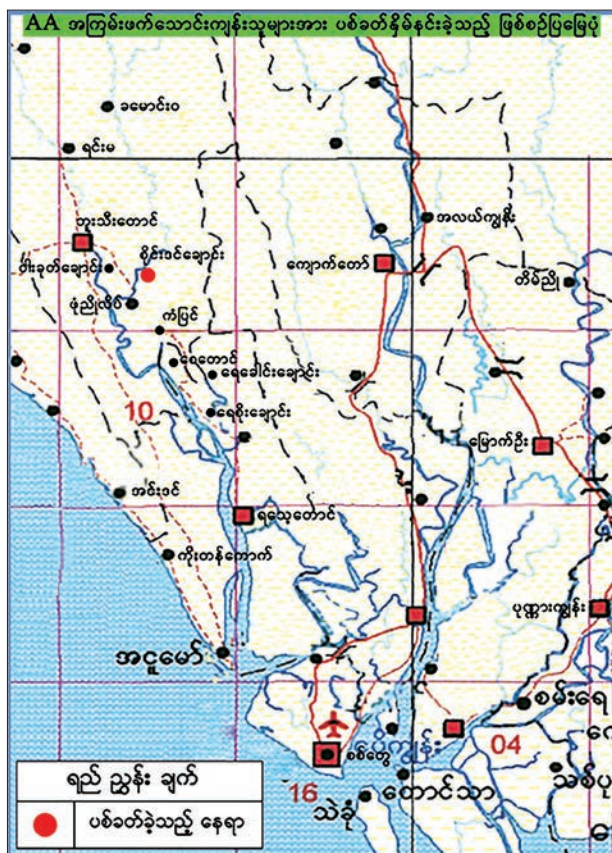
THE Tatmadaw forces fought with AA group on 3 April near Wakoatchaung Village in Buthidaung Township of Rakhine State, killing six, according to the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

On Wednesday afternoon, the security forces received a tip that about 150 AA members were camping near the Saidin Creek close to the village, following which, they carried out security operations in the area.

In the fighting, six Muslims, who were with the AA group, were killed.

The slain members were from the Thayatpyin, Daphyuchaung, Kintaung, Htaiktupauk, and Phoneyoleik villages.

Nine other insurgents were also injured in the clash, and are receiving treatment at the Tatmadaw Hospital in Buthidaung. They are being interrogated, the



release from the military stated.

The Tatmadaw forces are continuing security operations to ensure the rule of law prevails in

the area, according to the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.—MNA ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

In the matter of the Myanmar Companies Law and

MYANMAR UPTRON HOLDINGS CO., LTD

[Under Sections 345 & 348]

The Special General Meeting of Myanmar Uptron Holdings Co., Ltd duly held and convened on 30-3-2019, at 9:00 a.m. at Peninsula Plaza, 111 North Bridge Road #10-04/05, Singapore 179098, Singapore, the following resolutions were passed unanimously as Special Resolutions and were approved by the Creditors' Meeting subsequently held on the same day:

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

- (1) Resolved that the Company be and is hereby wound up voluntarily under Creditors' Voluntary Winding up.
- (2) Resolved that Daw Thaung Mya Wai, LL.B, DA, DCA, holder of Citizenship Scrutiny Card No. 12/Tha Ga Ka (Naing) 143470, Manager of WIN Consulting Limited, situated at Room No. 2D, Rose Condominium, No. 182/194, 1st Floor, Botahtaung Pagoda Road, Pazundaung Township, Yangon Region, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar be and is hereby appointed as Liquidator of the Company for the purpose of such winding-up and be authorized to carry on the business of the Company to such extent and for such period as may be necessary for the beneficial winding up thereof and be granted such other powers as may be deemed fit or proper.

By order of the Board,

Mr. Sameer Singh Purain
Director
Myanmar Uptron Holdings Co., Ltd

In the matter of the Myanmar Companies Law and

ITALIAN - THAI DEVELOPMENT (MYANMAR) CO., LTD

[Under Sections 345 & 348]

The Special General Meeting of Italian - Thai Development (Myanmar) Co., Ltd duly held and convened on 29-3-2019, at 9:00 a.m. at Room No. 2D, Rose Condominium, No.182/194, 1st Floor, Botahtaung Pagoda Road, Pazundaung Township, Yangon Region, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the following resolutions were passed unanimously as Special Resolutions and were approved by the Creditors' Meeting subsequently held on the same day:

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By order of the Board,

Mr. Premchai Karnasuta
Managing Director
Italian - Thai Development (Myanmar) Co., Ltd

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Maubin-Pyapon-Kyaiklat road upgrade project conducted by Ministry of Construction with ADB loan and development of electricity distribution system project conducted by Ministry of Electricity and Energy were audited and audit reports published.

In cooperation with Norway Office of the Auditor General compliance audit and performance audit on Ministry of Electricity and Energy Myanmar Oil & Gas Enterprise head offices receiving Royalties for fiscal year 2015-2016 and 2016-2017, financial audit on organisation of management committee/joint management committee, sub-committees and sub-contracts were conducted. On publishing of reports, report on compliance with agreement and with the support of EU, audit reports on eight union level organisations' fiscal year 2017-2018 financial accounts were published. Under the technical support agreement with Norway Office of the Auditor General Performance Audit on Ministry of Health and Sports conducting works in accordance to ISSAI and Pre-Planning to conduct Pilot Audit on irrigation water distribution works of Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation were conducted.

Q. Explain about plan to conduct environmental auditing works.

A. To conduct preliminary audit on environmental policy projects and work processes of relevant ministries implementing Goal 5: Natural Resources & the Environment for Prosperity of

the Nation under Pillar 3 People and Planet of Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (2018-2030) enacted in 2108 August an Environmental Audit Workshop jointly organized by Union Auditor General Office and Norway Office of the Auditor General was held in February 19 and 20 this year. Based on the knowledge gained the workshop an Environmental Audit works will be conducted.

Arrangements were made to setup a Knowledge Platform to share information by purchasing and establishing a Mini Data Centre (MDC) under the Public Finance Management (PFM) project, work toward practicing Audit Management System, conduct IT Audit using Audit Software.

Q. Were there any changes to the law amending Myanmar Accountancy Council Law?

A. The law amending the Myanmar Accountancy Council Law was enacted as Pyidaungsu Hluttaw law no. 5 on 30 January. There'll be changes in Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law no. 31 and technical words in Myanmar Accountancy Council Law (2015) enacted in 5 June 2015 will be in line with International Federation of Accountant (IFAC) word usage. There'll be more complete audit types, opening of more vocational subjects on audit, transferring of the works of the Council to relevant committees, registration of course teachers and changes to be in accord with enacted laws.

During the three year period guidance for development of the works conducted by MICPA, permission to register audit works, expanding the arrangement to

increase the number of certified public accountant, increasing the number s of private schools and teachers, preparation to comply to international accounts organisations and IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards) norms starting from 2022-2023 were conducted while works on aligning to the enacted laws will be conducted increasingly.

Myanmar Accountancy Council being an organisation managing private account sector and account experts conducted transitions and reforms to be in line with the time and era and supported the establishment and development of accountancy in Myanmar business sector, tax and financial management.

Q. What was done about human resources development for generating excellent auditors?

A. The staffs were sent to Net

As per the Strategic Plan and according to the motto of "A Way of Checking and Balancing for Enhancement of Public Finance Management", work plans and the staffs' collective strengths will be raised by increasing the auditing capacity and to be in line with international norms.

Working Course, Microsoft Office Training Course and Web Design Course conducted by Ministry of Transport and Communications to increase their capability in Information Communication Technology (ICT). They were also



A Myanmar delegation led by U Maw Than, Auditor General of the Union, signed an MOU between the Office of the Auditor General of Myanmar (OAGM) and the Office of the Auditor General of Norway (OAGN) in Oslo, Norway on 3rd October, 2016.

sent to courses related to Mini Data Centre conducted under the arrangement of Myanmar Public Financial Management Modernization project (MMPFMp),

Q. Please speak about courses conducted to produce experts in accounts.

A. To provide account knowledge service for personnel in other ministries and organisations basic account and office work courses were held not only in Nay Pyi Taw but also in four state/region audit offices. Mid and higher level accounting course was held in Nay Pyi Taw. Accountancy Diploma Grade 1 and Grade 2 courses were conducted by Myanmar Accountancy Council in Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon and were producing more than a thousand personnel every year. Certified Public Accountant Part 1 and Part 2 courses were conducted in Yangon producing more than 300 personnel every year.

Q. Is there anything you would like to add?

A. Union Auditor General Office was striving under the motto of A Way of Checking and Balancing for Enhancement of Public Finance Management" to improve and develop the works of the Union Auditor General Office, to have better transparency, responsible and assume responsibilities, eradicate corruption, increasing the respect and esteem of the people, to become qualified personnel who can conduct works according to international norms and raise the effective utilisation of public funds, assist and support the government with qualified personnel.

Union Auditor General Office and all levels of regional offices were conducting audit works according to Union Auditor General Law for the benefit of the country and the people and will report to the people.

(Translated by Handy Tips)



Activities for capacity building for excellent auditors.

MoE's Capacity Development Management Committee holds meeting

MINISTRY of Education held a coordination meeting of the Capacity Development Management Committees of the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the third meeting of the committee, Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thien Gyi expressed thanks to the Embassy of Denmark for providing assistances by the Kingdom of Denmark in implementing the National Education Strategic Plan (2016 - 2021).

With the use of the capacity development fund, the ministry is conducting capacity building trainings for civil servants of the departments, said the Union minister, adding that the ministry is also cooperating with related ministries and organizations for the development of basic education, technological education, vocational education, training and higher education sectors.

A plan is underway to estab-

lish a Research and Innovation Central Centre at the University of Yangon, he said.

A new university curriculum is being drafted to be met with standard of the 21st century education system, he said.

The ministry is also conducting the School Industry Partnership (SIP) program and National Vocational Foundation Certificate (NVFC) program and implementing the Communication for Management - C4M App for providing accessing information timely and improving management tasks among the heads of the education departments of regions, states, districts and townships.

Director-General Dr. Sai Kyaw Naing Oo of Monitoring and Evaluation Team (Research) reported on matters related to the implementation of resolutions made at second meeting of the Capacity Development Management Committees,



Union Minister Dr. Myo Thien Gyi delivers the speech at the meeting of Capacity Development Management Committee in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

accomplishments of second six months' CDF Budget & Work plan, CDF Budget & Work plan of third six months (1 April to 30 March 2019) and budget spent till March 2019.

Afterwards, attendees discussed matters related to imple-

mented works and the tasks to be implemented with capacity development funds at the meeting.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister U Win Maw Tun, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Denmark Mr. John Nielsen, Development

Counsellor Ms. Hanne Carus, Directors-Generals of the departments of Ministry of Education, members of Capacity Development Working Committee and related officials.—MNA ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



Bagan In Our Heart photo exhibition opens till 6 April

THE Bagan In Our Heart photo exhibition was opened yesterday at Junction City in downtown Yangon and will remain open till tomorrow.

The exhibition showcases 120 photos that highlight

the captivating sceneries of ancient Bagan, its historic pagodas, classical artwork and murals.

In addition, the murals of Bagan will be displayed using light boxes, souvenir shops from

Bagan will be open, and artistes will talk about the wonders of Bagan two times a day – once at 11 am and again at 2 pm. — Zaw Gyi ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

IDPs in Rakhine provided with aid

MINISTRY of Social Welfare, Relief of Resettlement provided aid to over 26,000 people from over 6,000 households displaced by the armed conflicts in Rakhine State from 8 December, 2018 to 2 April, 2019.

The IDPs from six townships are sheltering in 102 camps following the armed conflicts between the Tatmadaw and AA group.

Delegations from the ministry, including a team led by Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye went to the IDP camps in the state in January, February and March and provided aid including food and household utensils and cash assistance the families of the victims.

The value of aid provided by

the ministry has reached K400 million so far. The ministry has also arranged to provide aid to the displaced once they call the ministry in an emergency.

Meanwhile, Under the Red Cross Movement programme and the World Food Programme, about 20,000 people displaced by the armed conflicts have been provided with aid including food, family kit, hygiene kit and kitchen sets in the state. World Food Programme also provided food and provisions to over 2,000 IDPs from Minbya Township.

Measures being taken by the ministry in cooperation with the Union Government and the Rakhine State Government to distribute seeds to the people before the rainy season.—MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

Farmers compensated for crop loss in Bago region

THE authorities on 3 April compensated farmers for loss of perennial crops on account of the construction of the circular road near the Hanthawady International airport in Bago region.

The compensation presentation ceremony was held in the meeting hall of the Bago regional government office.

At the ceremony, Planning and Finance Minister U Nyunt Shwe said that the Hanthawady International Airport is a national-level project.

“For deciding on the compensation, experts from the Rubber Production Association, related departments and village administrators meas-

ured the crops and evaluated them, based on their lifespan and size,” he said.

Advocate General U Ohn Myint then explained the terms and conditions of the contract, and the method by which the compensation was calculated.

Thereafter, compensation was presented to individual

farmers after they signed a contract with the government.

A total of 16 local farmers were to be compensated for perennial crops, which they were required to destroy as they are located within the area of the airport circular road.

However, the authorities presented compensation,

amounting to K1,55,548,766.3, to 13 local farmers.

The ceremony on 3 April was attended by officials from related departments at the region, district, and township level, and local farmers.—Hein Htet (Bago) ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Victory over Nepal result of hard work: Head Coach U Win Thu Moe

THE Head Coach of the Myanmar women's national football team, U Win Thu Moe, said the team's win over Nepal in the Olympic qualifiers yesterday is the result of their "all-out effort".

Myanmar beat Nepal 3-1 in the group match of the second round of qualifiers for the football Olympics at the Mandalay Thiri Stadium in Mandalay.

"The win is the result of the all-out effort made by my players. There were some miscalculations in the match against Nepal, and I will point out the weaknesses to my players. But, they tried hard for a victory and managed it. They kept their strength up for the entire 90 minutes. The Nepal team is very good at defense, and they are great at blocking deliveries. We will try harder and take care of misjudgements in the team's



Head Coach of the Myanmar women's national football team, U Win Thu Moe. **PHOTO: MFF**

play. We will play better in the coming matches," said U Win Thu Moe.

Myanmar striker Yee Yee Oo who scored the opening goal at the match also shared her thoughts on the team's victory.

"I'm glad that we could shape a victory. Nepal is a good team. We would not have won

had we not concentrated hard on our game. As the tournament is the second round of the qualifiers for the upcoming Olympics, each and every team is strong. For the next victory, we need to keep our focus. We will try to advance to the final round of the Olympics," said Yee Yee Oo.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Myanmar to take part in friendlies to prepare for SEA Games

IN preparation for the 2019 Southeast Asian Games (SEA Games) in the Philippines, the Myanmar U-22 men's football team will play international friendlies in May and June, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.

At the invitation of the Viet Nam Football Federation, Myanmar will play an exhibition match against Viet Nam on 7 June, said a source with the MFF.

Myanmar will also compete in the International Football Tournament 2019 in Taebaek, the Republic of Korea, from 23 May to 2 June.

The tourney will be held under the supervision of the Asian University Football Federation (AUFF).—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

More than ten teams will be competing in the tourney, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.

Team Myanmar is now preparing hard to succeed in the upcoming SEA Games.

According to the organizers of the Southeast Asian Games, Myanmar has been placed in Pot 3 with Singapore for the drawing ceremony that will decide the group play line-up for the men's U-22 football matches at the SEA Games.

Meanwhile, the Philippines, the host team, is in Pot 1 with defending champion Thailand. Indonesia is in Pot 2 with Malaysia. Pot 4 has Viet Nam, Laos, Cambodia, Brunei, and Timor Leste.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Man City back on top as Spurs party in style

LONDON (United Kingdom) — Manchester City brushed aside struggling Cardiff to leapfrog Liverpool at the top of the Premier League on Wednesday as Tottenham opened their glittering stadium in style.

City's 2-0 victory over Cardiff took Pep Guardiola's quadruple-chasers to 80 points — one clear of Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool, with both sides having six matches to go.

Tottenham marked their long-delayed move into their state-of-the-art new home with a 2-0 win against Crystal Palace, while Chelsea thumped Brighton 3-0.

Kevin De Bruyne put City ahead in the sixth minute at the Etihad Stadium, firing in from a tight angle and Leroy Sane doubled the lead for the defending champions with a sharp finish just before half-time.

Guardiola, whose team take on Brighton at Wembley in the FA Cup semi-final on Saturday, made seven changes to his starting line-up, handing teenager Phil Foden his first Premier League start.

Despite the win, Guardiola said his side, who had 11 shots on target, needed to be more clinical.



Kevin De Bruyne (centre) celebrates scoring Manchester City's opening goal against Cardiff. **PHOTO: AFP**

"We played really well," he said. "We started really well. A magnificent goal from Kevin De Bruyne. Unfortunately we missed a lot of chances, we need to score more goals."

"Phil Foden played excellent. He did everything, arriving in the right positions with the right tempo. He always has chances, has a sense of goal. He's ready, we know it, to play any game in any position."

The defeat leaves Neil Warnock's Cardiff third from bottom, five points from safety, with only relegated Huddersfield and Fulham below them.

Spurs, who were on the

edge of the title race for a large chunk of the season, started their match at home to Palace in fourth spot, behind north London rivals Arsenal.

Spurs back on winning track

But Son Heung-min and Christian Eriksen made sure the celebrations did not fall flat, scoring second-half goals that enabled Spurs to end a wretched run of four defeats in five league games.

Spurs boss Mauricio Pochettino said it was a "special night" as they re-energised their bid to finish in the top four.

"The emotion was amazing from the beginning," he told Sky Sports.

"To win was so important to us. Today we touched the glory. Now we need to touch the glory of lifting trophies. Now is the start of a chapter. We close one chapter and open another chapter and bring victory to our fans."

Chelsea boss Maurizio Sarri made multiple changes from the team that started Sunday's tense 2-1 win at Cardiff, with Eden Hazard and N'Golo Kante back in the starting XI.

But the main talking point was a first Premier League start for 18-year-old Callum Hudson-Odoi, who has already impressed for Gareth Southgate's young England side.

Sarri has angered Chelsea fans with his refusal to start the winger and they vented their feelings at Cardiff on Sunday.

Hudson-Odoi was in the thick of the action at Stamford Bridge, setting up Olivier Giroud for just his second Premier League goal of the season in the first half.

Hazard doubled Chelsea's lead in the 60th minute and midfielder Ruben Loftus-Cheek put the game beyond doubt just three minutes later.

Sarri said his team had returned to the good form they showed at the start of the season and praised Hudson-Odoi.

"Callum played very well and defended very well," he said. "He has improved during the season a lot. He's ready to play 90 minutes in very important matches."

City's victory against Cardiff was their eighth consecutive Premier League win and puts them back in pole position in the Premier League.

With the League Cup already in the bag, City are struggling to quell growing talk of a historic quadruple even as Guardiola attempts to keep his players' feet on the ground.

After this weekend's match against Brighton at Wembley, they will take on Tottenham in the first leg of the Champions League quarter-final, with a maximum of 13 games to make history. The race for the top four is tight, with just three points separating third-placed Spurs from Manchester United, in sixth position.

Ole Gunnar Solskjaer's team suffered their second Premier League defeat in three games on Tuesday, losing 2-1 to Wolves.—AFP ■