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State Counsellor participates in roundtable meeting of 2nd Belt and Road Forum

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attends the roundtable meeting of 2nd Belt and Road Forum for international Cooperation in Beijing, China yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi participated in the roundtable meeting of the Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation (BRF) in Beijing yesterday.

Upon arrival at the Yanqi Lake International Conference Centre in Beijing, the State Counsellor was welcomed by Chinese President Xi Jinjping.

She took part in the roundtable meeting entitled "Boosting Connectivity to Explore New Sources of Growth" at the Jixian Hall.

Speaking at the meeting, she said Myanmar recognized fully that enhancing connectivity, both hard and soft, would bring more benefits to all Belt and Road partner countries through improved infrastructure and people-to-people linkages.

Facilitating connectivity in regional infrastructure plans and mega-infrastructure projects contributed largely to trade facilitation, economic growth and job creation through flows of goods, services and people, she added.

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Government, businesspersons hold 26th regular monthly meeting in Yangon

VICE President U Myint Swe, Chairman of the Private Sector Development Committee (PSDC) and businesspersons held the 26th regular meeting at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) in Yangon yesterday morning.

In his address to the meeting the Vice President said the 20-members PSDC was formed in 24 October 2016 by Presidential order to effectively carry out the tasks of the private sector development framework. It had reached a life term of two and half years and had formed five work committees to coordinate difficulties faced by businesses with relevant union ministerial departments and state and region governments.

It had been holding regular monthly meetings with business persons starting from December 2016 and this was the 26th meeting. Responses to suggestions and issues raised by business persons up to the 25th meeting were being sent back to relevant businesses through the UMFCCI. Responses included matters that were resolved as well as matters that were still being resolved as it needed time.

For these matters, officials from the five work committees made arrangements for public-private dialogues among private businesses and relevant ministries to resolve the matter in stages, said the Vice President.

The Trade sector played an important role in the development of a country's economy. Private and public sectors were cooperating towards increasing annual trade volume and during fiscal year 2018-2019 (as of 12 April) trade volume reached US$ 18.612 billion which was US$ 0.312 billion more than the same period of the last fiscal year. Private sector participation in this was US$ 15.662 billion or 84 percent.

As obtaining the latest news and information played a vital role for business persons to catch up with the changing economic environment, all were urged to regularly check websites and Facebook pages of government departments.

Vice President U Myint Swe delivers the speech at the meeting of the 26th regular meeting at UMFCCI office in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

Illegal imports through the border were threatening the existence of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) and PSDC has formed illegal trade control and prevention groups in nine regions and states and during September 2019 to March 2019, 436 arrests of an estimated Ks 5.145 billion worth of illegal imports were made.

On the matter of raising the quality of the products, all need to cooperate towards long term durability of the products. Business persons in the entire Supply Chain including manufacturer, transporter, port clearance, shipping line, stores, packers, distributers and consumers need to cooperate.

Now was the final phase for this year to increase Ease of Doing Business. Index wise responsible departments need to make timely changes. Indicator wise Reforms were being made in preparation of the Doing Business 2020 Report. For business persons to know how Indicator wise Reforms were conducted by relevant government departments and where to enquire about it, the Myanmar Ease of Doing Business Website was launched starting from today in addition to the websites of the ministries.

On this website works conducted on the 10 Indicators; Call Centers where questions can be raised; frequently asked questions and answers; changes to laws, rules, work procedures; time required; fees and costs etc. were posted so everything could be learnt at a single place.

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Associations and entities participating in today's meeting were urged to discuss openly the difficulties they face with the relevant Union Ministers, Deputy Ministers and officials who were in attendance, said the Vice President.

Next, PSDC Vice Chairman and Union Minister for Commerce Dr. than Myint explained about arrangements made to export pulses, beans and rice to foreign countries.

Afterwards Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Soe Win explained about arrangements made by the ministry towards speeding up trade and flow of goods and status of establishing a Central Provident Fund (CPF) to enable retiring public servants to own homes, provide health care and monthly support.

Following this, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun explained about the ministry's work on increasing local and foreign investment, create job opportunities for the people and the ministry's response to suggestions made and issues raised by the business persons.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein then explained about works implemented and future works in Yangon Region for private sector development and preparations made to hold the Yangon Region Investment Forum to increase investment in Yangon Region.

UMFCCI President U Zaw Min Win also explained about the status of implementing decisions made at the past meetings, public-private discussions held for private sector development, increasing export and status of sector wise works.

Ministry of Commerce Department of Trade Director General U Min Min then explained about posting the Myanmar Doing Business Website.

Later Muse-Namkham Border Trade Merchant Association Vice Chairman U Min Naing Soe, Myanmar Retailers Association general secretary Daw Tin Su Hlaing and Myanmar Cosmetics Association Chairman U Kyaw Min submitted sector wise difficulties faced and suggestions

The Vice President, Union Ministers, Yangon Region Chief Minister and officials gave advice and comments to ensure coordination and effective implementation based on matters raised at the meeting.

The following officials attended the meeting:

Vice-Chairman of PSDC and Union Minister for Commerce Dr. Than Myint, Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Soe Win, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Deputy Minister U Win Maw Tun, UMFCCI President, Vice Presidents and members, officials from five work committees, departmental officials, officials from Muse-Namkham Border Trade Merchant Association, Myanmar Retailers Association and Myanmar Cosmetics Association.

The meeting came to a close after a concluding speech by the Vice President. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Our country is still in poverty with necessities in every sector;which is why we need to carry on our struggle and work hard in all sectors. In the international arena, we are facing pressure, criticisms and misunderstandings. The challenges and difficulties our country and our people are facing today are many. Although every issue cannot be solved easily, we will have to make utmost efforts to solve these issues according to each priority sector.

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

That is why in the coming year 1380, our Union Government has decided to keep in high regard the need for "collective strength" to overcome our country's challenges.

(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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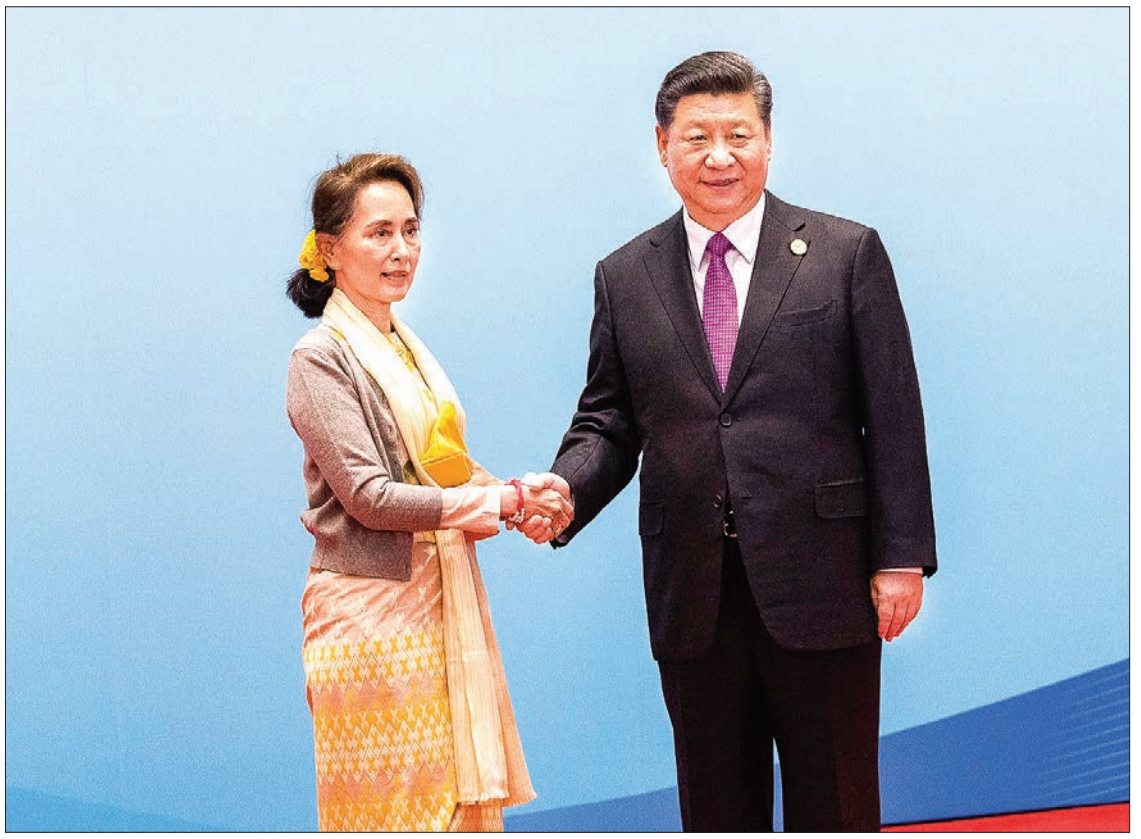
She continued to say that at the same time, they were aware of possible challenges, such as financial risks embedded in mega infrastructure projects. Comprehensive long-term financial planning, adequate investment funding and a well-equipped regional financial risk early-warning system to foster the development of sustainable and resilient infrastructure within the BRI framework would be crucial.

It was worthwhile to remind ourselves that the maintenance of big infrastructure enterprises was sometimes more challenging than their initial implementation. But some successful mega infrastructure projects could transform a country's economy and effectively improve the livelihood opportunities of local populations. Developing countries such as Myanmar were in dire need of infrastructure development, she added.

No less than facilities connectivity, People-to-People connectivity contributes to the fostering of sustainable development. In her concluding remarks, the State Counsellor highlighted a few key areas where special attention was required in the interests of enhancing people-to- people connectivity:

- First, in the field of education, especially higher education, we need cooperation and standardization, along with globalization for better quality assurance. This could be promoted through exchanges of ideas and expereinces between peoples and disciplines and we are eager to see more academic exchanges, educational cooperation and scholarship programmes to enhance people-to-people bonds and friendship.



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi welcomed by Chinese President Xi Jinjping. **PHOTO : MNA**

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meeting with Austrian Chancellor Mr. Sebastian Kurz. **PHOTO: MNA**

- Second, the field of tourism can also enhance mutual understanding and provide substantial foreign capital inflow and employment opportunities. It can also contribute to greater harmony and peace between diverse societies. We could work together to promote tourism by facilitating tourist safety and security measures, easing visa regulations for tourists, and fostering socially, culturally, and environmentally sustainable tourism.

- Third, cultural exchanges deepen intercultural understanding and bring peoples from far flung regions closer together.

- Fourth, we should keep in mind that the business sector could also play a valuable role in fostering people to people connectivity through social and environmentally responsible enterprises, said the State Counsellor.

In the afternoon, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended a roundtable meeting titled "Strengthening Policy Synergy and Building Closer Partnership" held at the Yanqi Hotel.

After the meeting, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended the third session of the roundtable meeting titled "Promoting Green and Sustainable Development to Implement the UN 2030 Agenda" at the Yangi Lake International conference Centre.

Also present at the meetings together with the State Counsellor were Union Minister U Kyaw Tin, Ambassador of Myanmar to China U Thit Lin Ohn and officials.

Following the meeting, the State Counsellor met with Austrian Chancellor Mr. Sebastian Kurz at the Yanqi Lake International Conference Centre.

At the meeting, they discussed prospects for promoting cooperation and bilateral cooperation in infrastructure, and technology for the e-Government sector.—MNA ■

Vice President U Henry Van Thio continues inspection tour of Chin State

VICE President U Henry Van Thio who was in Chin State to inspect regional development works went to Kan Pa Le elephant foot yam and hill fruit drying and value adding work at No. 2 Ward, Kanpetlet Town on 26 April in the afternoon. The Vice President was accompanied by Chin State Chief Minister Salai Lian Luai, State Hluttaw Speaker U Zo Bawi, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Than Htut and U Hla Maw Oo, state ministers and officials.

There, the Vice President was briefed about the status of planting elephant foot yam or white spot giant arum (Amorphophallus paeoniifolius), Avocado and coffee and development of MSMEs (micro, small and medium enterprises) by Myanmar Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producers and Exporters Association general secretary Daw Sanda Myo.

Vice President U Henry Van Thio observes inspects elephant foot yam or white spot giant arum production in Chin State yesterday. **PHOTO : MNA**

In response to the briefing the Vice President gave comments regarding producing and marketing elephant foot yam, avocado and coffee as value added products, the need to control the market in the best possible way, to form associations and groups to produce Chin products that meet the market requirement and arranging loans for MSMEs.

In Chin State elephant foot yam was produced in Matupi, Mindat and Paletwa townships. An acre of land can yield more than 3,000 Viss (Viss = 1.53293 kg = 3.6 lb) of elephant foot yam and if properly planted, the yield per acre can be from 5,000 Viss to 8,000 Viss earning the farmer more than Ks 8.3 million.

An acre of avocado yield about 3 tons per year and at US$ 1,300 per ton, an income of Ks 5.8 million can be achieved. If both avocado and elephant foot yam were planted the income for the farmer can be more than Ks 14 million it is learnt.

Yesterday morning the Vice President and party went to Mindat District, Kanpetlet Township, Khaw Nu M' Cong (Natma Taung) National Park and inspected the national park conservation and protection works. The Vice President gave advice regarding retaining cleanliness and conservation of eco-system, and departments and local people to protect and preserve scarce species as cultural heritage.

Khaw Nu M' Cong National Park was established in 1936, proposed as national park in 1997, became a national park in 2010 and finally became an ASEAN heritage park in 2012. It covers an area of 176,202 acres (71,305 hectares) and was at an elevation of 10,200 ft (3053 meter).

Next the Vice President and party went to Hornbill coffee factory in west ward, Mindat town where factory owner U Ma Hon explained about the factory, production of coffee and future expansion plan.

The Vice President commented that support and assistance would be provided to successfully produce world class coffee in Chin State. Efforts must be made toward penetrating international market with high quality coffee and quality packing system and provided advice to ensure coordination regarding the requirements with departmental officials. The factory was learnt to be producing best quality Arabica coffee with modern equipment by systematically selecting best quality natural Arabica coffee beans from Chin State.

The Vice President and party went on to Mindat Town, District People's Hospital to inspect the health care services provided, encouraged and provided cash support for the local people obtaining treatment.

From there the Vice President went to the Ministry of Construction, Construction 3, Special Building Group 9 briefing hall where Chief Engineer U Khin Maung Swe explained about construction of the hospital expansion ward and staff house undertaken by the Special Building Group 9.

The Vice President gave advice and comments to ensure coordination regarding the explanation made and inspected the construction site.

Afterwards the Vice President and party went to inspect the construction of Mindat University where District Administrator U Maung Htoo explained about works completed, future works and work requirements. The Vice President remarked on retaining existing trees in the construction site as much as possible, to speed up the construction work and to arrange for supplying clean and potable water.

The Vice President and party then went to Baw Khwee plantation and inspected the planting of avocado and medicinal orchids. Agriculture Department Deputy Director General U Aye Ko Ko explained about works to be implemented in the plantation from 2018-2019 to 2020-2021 and the Vice President and State Chief Minister gave advice to ensure coordination.

Later, the Vice President inspected the construction of Mone Chaung Bridge and Lemyo Chaung Bridge on Mindat-Matupi road. The bridges were being constructed by the Special Bridge Group 1.

Mon Chaung Bridge was 60 ft. long and the construction will be completed on 30 September 2019. Lemyo Chaung Bridge was 240 ft. long and the construction will be completed on 30 April 2020.

After inspecting the bridges the Vice President went to the Matupi People's Hospital where Dr. Talun Kyon Htan explained about patients undertaking treatment, status of providing medicines for free, construction work status in fiscal year 2018-2019, status of constructing a two-story six rooms staff house, employment of medical personnel and other personnel in the hospital, construction of Public Health Officer Office and concrete lining the circuit road around the hospital and the road to the staff house.

The Ministry of Health and Sports Director General Dr. Soe Oo then explained about fulfilling and supporting the hospital's requirements. Later the Vice President inspected the health care services provided, gave encouragement to patients and provided them with cash support.—MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

The improvised explosive device planted by AA group in Kyaukphyu Township Administrator Office compound. **PHOTO : MNA**

IED in Kyaukphyu Township Administrator Office defused by security forces

AN IED (improvised explosive device) setup by AA group in the compound of Kyaukphyu Township Administrator Office was defused by security personnel on the afternoon of 26 April.

In the incident, security personnel were informed about a suspicious object about 20 ft. from the front of the deputy district administrator's house.

The object was a 6 inch long 4 inch diameter plastic pipe made up as an IED and the security personnel deactivated it.

AA group had been setting up and IEDs on public roads as well as placing explosive devices to destroy departmental buildings.

The public was urged to report on any suspicious objects to security personnel in a timely manner and the security forces will continue to work towards defusing and deactivating mines and explosive devices, according to news released by Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.—MNA ■ *(Translated by Zaw Min)*

Senior General returns from Russia

COMMANDER-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party who were in St. Petersburg, Russian Federation arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The Senior General and party were welcomed by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice Senior General Soe Win, Chief of General Staff (Army, Navy, Air Force) General Mya Tun Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Tin Aung San, Commander-in-Chief (Air) General Maung Maung Kyaw, high ranking officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander, Russian Ambassador to Myanmar H.E. Dr. Nikolay Listopadov, Deputy Military Attaché and officials at the Nay Pyi Taw Airport.

The Senior General and party were seen off by Myanmar Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air Force) Brig-Gen Kyaw Soe Moe, Commander from the Navy of the Russian Federation Dmitry Krainov and officials at the Pulkovo-3 Airport in Russia on Friday evening (26 April). — MNA ■ *(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)*

Myanmar Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air Force) Brig-Gen Kyaw Soe Moe, Commander from the Navy of the Russian Federation Dmitry Krainov and officials see off the Senior General Min Aung Hlaing at the Pulkovo-3 Airport in Russia on Friday. **PHOTO : OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

Union Minister Dr. Myo Thein Gyi attends inauguration of empowerment training courses for private school teachers

Union Minister Dr. Myo Thein Gyi delivers the speech at the inauguration of empowerment training courses for private school teachers in Mandalay yesterday. **PHOTO : MNA**

THE inauguration of empowerment training courses for private school teachers conducting the B.E.H.S School-level courses was held, yesterday morning, at No. 6 B.E.H.S in Mandalay, where Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi attended and delivered a remark.

First, Chair of Mandalay Region Private School Teachers' Association Daw Hnin Hnin Maw presented the reports on empowerment training course for private school teachers who are conducting basic, education-level courses.

In his opening remarks at the meeting, Dr. Myo Thein Gyi said that in carrying out the changes of the educational reforms, most reforms had been made for primary education sectors since 2016. As for the Ministry of Education, efforts were being made to promote the private educational sector, which was as an effort to generate outstanding students while striving to boost the empowerment of the teachers from state-run schools, private schools and monastic education schools. In making the changes of the curriculum, all the text books, including KG and Grade 12, would be completed in 2022-2023 academic year. In this year, training courses for Grade-3 was being conducted for all the primary teachers from state-run schools, private schools and monastic education schools while carrying out to conduct the courses for Grade-6 for the middle-school teachers. Moreover training course for Grade-4 would be conducted for all the primary teachers, training course for Grade-7 would be conducted for middle-school teachers and training course for Grade-10 would be conducted for the high-school teachers in coming 2020. As for the teachers, continuous learning should be done to enhance their English and ICT skills while carrying out to train the students for their understandings and instilling the value of diversity, cooperation, extensive learning with the use of library and vast reading, developing sports, music and arts skills, responsibility, accountability, innovation, creativity for the long-term development. With the cooperation of the education and health, training courses for tobacco, drinks and betel quid-free zones, abiding by the traffic rules, reproductive health, parentless children and healthy lifestyle, would be carried out. Thus, cooperation plays a central role in fostering a higher standard of education. Then Union Minister and party took part in the discussion entitled "Survey of Improvement and Challenges in Basic Education" at the event.

Next, Union Minister Dr. Myo Thein Gyi and officials replied the queries raised by the attendees, and the event was carried out according to the procedures. On 26 April, Union Minister and party went to Automotive Technology Research Institute (ATRI) in Pyin Oo Lwin and continued to the University of Technology (Yatanarpon Cyber City) and the University of Mandalay, where Union Minister met with rector, pro-rector, professors (heads of departments), lecturers, faculty members with their families and students to discuss their educational measures, research works, difficulties, weakness, strengths and on-going process, it was learnt.—MNA ■
(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

Union Minister U Soe Win, Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye and wife pose for a group photo with Netherlands Ambassador Mr. Wouter Robert Marie Jurgen and wife. **PHOTO : MNA**

King's Day of the Netherlands celebrated in Yangon

KING'S Day (Koningsdag), the national holiday celebration of the Kingdom of the Netherlands, was celebrated at the Atlas Rooftop Bar and Longue in Sanchaung Township, Yangon yesterday evening.

The celebration began with the playing of the anthems of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Kingdom of the Netherlands, following the Union Minsters and attendees saluted the national flags of the two nations.

Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Myanmar Mr. Wouter Robert Marie Jurgen and wife hosted a dinner reception to the Union Minister and attendees.

Afterwards, the Union Ministers, together with the Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands and wife posed for commemorative group photo.

Present at the event were Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Soe Win, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye and wife, Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe, Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to Myanmar Mr. Wouter Robert Marie Jurgen and wife, officials from foreign embassies in Myanmar and invited guests. —MNA ■

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Mango festival to be held on 16-18 May in Mandalay

THE Myanmar Mango Market and Technology Development Association will sponsor the second annual mango festival near Kuthodaw Pagoda in Mandalay between 16 and 18 May, according to its secretary, U Kyaw Soe Naing.

This is part of the association's efforts to introduce locally produced mangoes to merchants and seek new markets for potential varieties of mango through festivals.

A wide variety of mangos grown in regions and states, plus value-added mango products, will be displayed for sale during the three-day festival. The number of booths is expected to increase during the second festival.

The first mango festival held in Mandalay on 20-22 May 2018, when more than 15 tons of mangos were sold through a special sale programme. **PHOTO : 002**

The first mango festival was successfully held on 20-22 May 2018, when more than 15 tons of mangos were sold through a special sale programme, which attracted people to the festival.

Market experts estimate that mango production is likely to drop this season, due to unfavourable weather conditions. Mango growers in Mandalay Region are currently facing losses due to damage at mango plantations.

Growers are expected to rely on local consumption this season, instead of export markets.

Myanmar's mangos are exported mostly to China, Singapore and Thailand. Among other varieties, Seintalone, Myakyauk and Machitsu are the most popular.—IPRD ■

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

Free rabies vaccination underway in Kyonepyaw Township

A veterinarian gives free rabies vaccines to the dog.
PHOTO : NAY WIN MYINT

THE Department of Livestock, Breeding and Veterinary in Kyonepyaw Township, Ayeyawady Region, will give free rabies vaccines to dogs and cats beginning in May.

The department will issue 300 free rabies shots across the township, including 200 rabies shots in Aungsan and Pinlong wards and the remaining 100 in Tayza and Pinlong wards.

Regarding rabies, Dr. Swe Mu Han, assistant director of the Township Livestock, Breeding and Veterinary Department, said, "Rabies can spread to all animals. The people should give vaccines to their pets, if they love them. This would amount to safeguarding the lives of humans, as rabies cannot be spread to people if pets get vaccinated. Showing the signs and symptoms of rabies is slow, when dog bites are not close to the brain. The signs and symptoms are fast when the dog bite injuries are very close to the brain.

The symptoms of rabies can appear from 14 to 15 days to more than a year after the bite happens.

Pets were required to be vaccinated in order to prevent the loss of animal and human lives.

Dr. Swe Mu Han has urged the public to give free rabies vaccines to their animals at the office on 1 May.—Nay Win Myint ■ *(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)*

32 houses destroyed as fire breaks out in Chanmyathazi

Fire breaks out at Chanmyathazi Township in Mandalay yesterday.
PHOTO : THAN ZAW MIN (IPRD)

SOME 32 houses were destroyed when a fire broke out in ward 853, Chan (South) ward, Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay yesterday.

The blaze occurred around 7:50 am at the house of Daw Khin Than Nu due to an electric short-circuit caused by overheated wires.

The fire quickly spread to other houses.

About 400 firemen and 93 fire engines worked for 42 minutes to bring the fire under control. Three people were seriously injured in the fire and 32 houses were destroyed.

The police have taken action against Daw Khin Than Nu, 45. A relief camp has been opened in Chan (South) ward, Chanmyathazi Township, for the people who lost their homes.—Than Zaw Min (IPRD) ■ *(Translated by Hay Mar)*

Myanmar's overseas trade up over $130 mln in current FY

TRADE between Myanmar and international trade partners crossed US$18.8 billion so far in the current fiscal year, an increase of over $130 million, or 0.7 per cent, from the corresponding period last FY, the Ministry of Commerce reported this Friday.

During six and a half months, Myanmar exported $8.98 billion worth of domestic products to international buyers, and imported $9.8 billion worth of commodities, resulting in a trade deficit of over $844 million, which decreased by over $656 million, as against the same time last FY, when the country recorded a trade deficit of $1.5 billion.

Compared with last FY, the current import value declined by over $600 million from both border and non-border trade, while the current export value increased by over $740 million.

Goods are delivered mainly through by sea in international trade. As of 19 April in the current fiscal, the country's maritime trade amounted to almost $13.3 billion, whereas its external border trade was pegged at $5.5 billion.

When compared with this time last year, Myanmar's non-border trade decreased by over $300 million but its border trade increased by over $460 million.

Normally, the country exports seven major groups of commodities—agricultural, forest, marine and animal products, minerals, manufactured products and other miscellaneous items. It usually imports four major categories of commodities—capital goods, intermediate products, consumer goods and CMP raw materials.

During the 2018 mini-budget period (April-September), the country's exports reached $8.8 billion while its imports were $9.8 billion, totalling $14.2 billion.

The ministry's statistical report indicated that Myanmar-international trade exceeded $25 billion in the previous 2017-2018 FY.—Shwe Khine ■
(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

The container ship arrives at Yangon port for doing further export and import processes. **PHOTO : PHOE KHWAR**

Prices of mango fall in Myanmar-Sino market in post-Thingyan period

Mangoes seen at a market. **PHOTO : THANT ZIN (MUSE)**

THE price of mango has fallen in the Myanmar-Sino bilateral export market in the post-Thingyan period, said U Kyaw Soe Naing, secretary of Myanmar Mango Market and Technology Development Association.

The prices of exported mango decreased to 140 Chinese yuans per package, from its peak of 170 yuans during the period before Thingyan, the annual New Year Water Festival of Myanmar.

U Kyaw Soe Naing said the mango market was remaining firm. The current market prices for mango were 140 yuans. A package of mango had fetched 170 yuans in the pre-Thingyan period. The decrease in prices of the mango was linked to an increase in inflow of mangos to the market.

Regularly, China imports local varieties of Seintalone, Hintha, Yingwe and Padamyangamauk from Myanmar.

Commercial plantations of mangos are found mostly in Mandalay and Sagaing regions, as well as Shan and Kachin states.

In his view, U Kyaw Soe Naing said mango growers need to purchase insurance to protect themselves from financial losses caused by damage to mango plantations.—Myanmar Digital News ■
(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

Farmers to get land compensation after resale of confiscated lands

By Aye Yamon Oo

YANGON regional government will deliver land compensation to local farmers after reselling confiscated lands, said U Phyo Min Thein, the Chief Minister for Yangon Regional Government.

He made his announcement at the 26th regular meeting between the Vice President and the entrepreneurs held on 27 April at the Office of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI).

"We have planned to pay land compensation to the local farmers. We have heard that some local farmers only want their land back, instead of compensation. People are saying that they don't want the compensation. As for us, we will resell all the confiscated land. Then, we will offer the land compensation at the market price prevailing at the time of confiscation. Even if there are people living on the confiscated land, we will sell such occupied land to those who want to purchase land with occupancy. But the cost of the buildings will be added to the selling price," said the chief minister.

A regional-level committee has been formed to oversee the disposal of the confiscated land and payment of the compensation. Nearly K 40 billion needs to be paid to local farmers for the confiscated land.

"In fact, there are already terms and conditions which the buyers must abide by. The buyers are the entrepreneurs, and the government's objective of selling the land to them is to construct factories and conduct business, in contribution to a part of the national industrial development. But the majority of the entrepreneurs are merely holding the land ownership and the permits to implement government projects. It is quite clear that they buy land, not to take part in implementation of the government projects, but to hold the land, doing nothing, just waiting for a chance to manipulate property prices", said U Phyo Min Thein, the chief minister.

The regional government will not resell the land to those who will manipulate the land market only. They will sell the land to those who will invest in building factories and workshops, as well as in implementing low-cost and affordable housing projects.

The committee will announce the list very soon. "Investments are annually made in billions to upgrade the roads and bridges, as well as to improve the drainage system. Dagon Myothit has developed through this kind of investments in infrastructure. The land price will not increase without government building the infrastructure. We will not allow local farmers to get back their land at the prevailing prices. They will be reimbursed what they have paid only," said Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein. ■
(Translated by Hay Mar)

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Shaping a brighter shared future through high-quality cooperation

Myanmar is located in a strategic position at the intersection of two of the world's most important emerging markets, China and India.

Also, Myanmar is central to China's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative-BRI. Myanmar is in the middle of all of this because the Maritime Silk Road must pass through Myanmar.

Even before the introduction of BRI in 2013, Myanmar and China had already concluded MoUs on a number of infrastructure projects, including oil and gas pipelines connecting Myanmar to Yunnan Province in China.

Two years on, after the first Belt and Road Forum, Myanmar has completed the signing of the MoU on Jointly Building the Myanmar-China Economic Corridor, and also agreed to set up an Economic Cooperation Zone at selected border posts to assist in trade and investment.

The Myanmar-China economic corridor, a part of the Belt and Road Initiative, requires large investments. Thus, it is crucial to persuade the private sector to participate, in the form of a public-private partnership (PPP).

> We believe that high-quality cooperation can only be assured by building consensus among participating countries in adherence to agreed guiding principles, including the five principles of peaceful coexistence.

Understanding the importance of the Belt and Road Initiative, Myanmar is making the necessary investments to improve its infrastructure.

When it comes to making and receiving investments, a win-win situation is important for both sides, and all need to work together to achieve it.

The government has been making strenuous efforts to improve connectivity within our own country by placing emphasis on the improvement of our infrastructure, in particular, the constructions of roads, ports and railways, as well as electrification.

The BRI is about investments and connectivity in Asia, particularly China and, hence, Myanmar, can take advantage of that by plugging some of the infrastructure gaps that we have.

We believe that the BRI projects selected, in line with our national plan and priorities, will contribute to our endeavours for the improvement of much needed infrastructure that will not merely enhance domestic connectivity, but also improve cross-border connectivity.

For development to be sustainable, it needs to be clean and green, to ensure an environment that is conducive to healthy growth and living.

We believe that high-quality cooperation can only be assured by building consensus among participating countries in adherence to agreed guiding principles, including the five principles of peaceful coexistence.

The projects should not only be economically feasible, but also socially and environmentally responsible and, most importantly, they must win the confidence and support of local peoples.

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MoHT: Showcasing unique culture, way of life, traditions of Myanmar to the world; raising living standards of people through tourism industry

"One big advantage of Myanmar is that we are not a landlocked country and have a plethora of landscapes and culture to experience. You can enter the country through international waters or via flight or by crossing the land border. "

Union Minister U Ohn Maung

By Khin Yadana
PHOTOS: AYE THAN

Union Minister U Ohn Maung attends the ASEAN Tourism Ministers Meeting in Viet Nam. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Ministry of Hotels and Tourism is tremendously beneficial to the nation's economy both directly and indirectly. Since the new administration in office, there has been increase in the number of tourists every year into the country. The news team met with the Union Minister U Ohn Maung to inquire about the progress throughout the 3rd year of incumbent government.

Q: Can you explain to us about the Tourism Law?

A: Yes, the Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Law was passed on 17th September 2018, creating the much needed committees with the help of the Office of the Union Attorney General and several other ministries and departments. The Region and State administrations are also given more autonomy to help with further delays for businesses. Businesses can also get temporary licenses as well. With the creation of the Tourist Committees, we are working towards proper transfer of responsibilities for granting permits and licenses from the regional authorities.

Q: What about efforts towards Digital Marketing?

A: Because we are in the age of Information Technology, online promotion is crucial in trying to advertise and attract tourists. The Ministry's website is available in 10 languages which is monitored by the Digital Marketing Task Force. Digital Concierge systems are installed throughout the country at information counters in the Ministries. We are also building a Tourism Web Portal to be launched soon. The Look West Policy was introduced as well through TTG Asia. The Ministry met with Polish government officials to collaborate with their Chamber of Tourism to increase tourism between the countries. We are also launching a B2B campaign so more tourists are aware of Myanmar and all it's got to offer.

Union Minister U Ohn Maung attends the Hong Kong Trade Fair 2018. **PHOTO: MNA**

Q: Are there any restrictions that are being relaxed to attract more tourists?

A: This isn't something that can be accomplished with the Ministry's efforts alone. There are a lot of related ministries involved such as opening places tourists can access, relaxing some financial barriers for the tourists and other aspects for ease of travel. Because of the relaxed visa restrictions, we had more tourists from the ASEAN+3 countries. There were some downward trends but it got progressive further into 2018. In the first two months of 2019, we had an increase of 23% with the trend going upwards.

This is not only due to the effort of the Ministry but all respective ministries and stakeholders as well.

> The Ministry's website is available in 10 languages which is monitored by the Digital Marketing Task Force.

Q: What are some popular tourist entry points?

A: One big advantage of Myanmar is that we are not a landlocked country and have a plethora of landscapes and culture to experience. You can enter the country through international waters or via flight or by crossing the land border. We are planning to get Heho, Kawthoung and Mawlamyine airports as CIQ airports for domestic-international transfers soon. In addition to flights, there are multiple border checkpoints such as Tachileik, Kawthoung, Myawaddy, Tamu and Htee Kee where you can enter Myanmar via land. The Thilawa, Bo Aung Kyaw and Kawthoung ports also allow passengers to enter Myanmar via sea. There are also plans to get Ngapali and Kyaikame beaches for entry as well. The Ministry also sent representatives to attend the ITB Berlin 2019 in March to learn more about ways we can accommodate travelers from Europe.

Q: What about human resource development?

A: The Hotels and Tourism industry is for capability building of workers. Hence, there are training schools according to their sections in collaboration with others. Within the 3rd year, we had over 191 students graduate as tour guides from the Training school in Yangon alone with 916 more in various states and regions. For hospitality training, the ministry had over 22 cohorts with 1972 graduates in the previous year.

There were also 6832 students posted for On the Job Training at various locations Development Workshops as well as language classes with various governments. For instance, the Colombian Government had 2 training courses for 114 students on Spanish lessons and Chinese classes with the help of the Chinese Embassy. Other capability training such as the Capacity Building and Technical Assistance on Public Private Partnerships in the Tourism Sector in collaboration with GIZ was pretty successful as well as Tourism Foundation Courses with other organizations. A conference was also held in late 2018 to discuss about the improvements we can make to the tour curriculum.

Other partnerships for capability includes hospitality management trainings with Luxembourg Development Cooperation Agency, healthcare in the tourism sector with Tokyo Metropolitan Assembly Federation and Tour Hosting classes with Swisscontact. The Partnership for Change project with Norway also trained 1868 students in computing, English and other service training.

Union Minister U Ohn Maung attands the lauching ceremony for VISA Free Program for Japanese, South Korean and Chinese Tourists. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister U Ohn Maung visits the Myanmar Traditional Food Show in Lawkananda Pagoda in Bagan. **PHOTO: MNA**

Q: Any other partnerships?

A: Television Broadcast Limited from Hong Kong recently visited Myanmar to showcase various spots in Yangon, Mandalay, Bagan, Pyin Oo Lwin, Inle, Nyaung Swe and Kyaiktiyo. The Ministry made sure to support them during their travels. Wan Jing Tai is also filming all over the country from Kayin, Kachin to Taninthayi Region. ABC TV joined with the Japanese diplomat in 2018 to shoot the scenes across Bagan for tourism promotion in Japan. We are working with NGOs as well through partnerships.

Q: What are some other additional efforts to boost tourism in Myanmar?

A: In September 2018, we celebrated World Tourism Day with the slogan "Tourism and the Digital Transformation". CNN also conducted a CNN Task Nation Branding Masterclass for Myanmar. Lastly, the Adventure Bagan temple Marathon was a huge success thanks to the partnership between Myanmar Voyages International Tourism and Denmark based Albators Travel.

Translated by Myat Thu

Bago Region Government: Holding up pillars of State for people in line with national policy

The e-government practices have been established in the Bago Region and that the "Citizen's Budget" could be downloaded through e-Bago Application for the public access.

By Kyaw Thu Htet
PHOTO BY KO KO SOE NYUNT

FOLLOWING the decisive victory in the 2015 General Election in Myanmar, the incumbent government assumed the responsibility of State and now sailing through the third year period, despite rowing at rough sea, it is reasonable enough and fair to say "Striving for success of reforms".

As a nascent nation in transition, the Government sincerely endeavors with focus on state development in political, social and economical reforms since its inception.

In the pattern of proper chain of command paradigm, the regional and state governments shifted into changes in line with the policies, the objectives, and the instructions of the Union Government, moved in top gear into the third year period.

Administrative pillar

In its cruise into the third year term, the Bago Regional Government has conducted the most essential tasks for the grassroots level such as the election of the ward and village administrators in accordance with the Ward and Village Tract Administration Law. It was first enacted in February 2012, and amended in January 2016 and again, for the third time, in December 2016.

All the administrators are imparted and embedded with motley assortment of courses including financial management in the approach of theory and practise through the concept of capacity building in each and every township.

Moreover, the Offices of One Stop Service (OSS) are being established in 28 townships, and offered services to the public with many relaxations of rules and also on red tapes from simple common matters to complicated land grant certificate issuances.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with local people in Bago on 15 May, 2019. **PHOTO: MNA**

Former President U Htin Kyaw, centre, Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint, left, and Union Minister Dr. Myo Thein Gyi cut ceremonial ribbon to open the Children's Literary Festival at the Bago University in Bago. **PHOTO: MNA**

Bago Region Chief Minister U Win Thein receives the delegation led by Mr. Tu Guo Ding from Myanmar Zhejiang Chamber of Commerce on 11 May, 2019. **PHOTO: MNA**

Judicial Pillar

Easy access to information for the public has been facilitated at 33 courts and law offices with the opening of separate divisions such as that of the Information Counter and that of the Intake Counter.

Furthermore, the Case Management Program (CMP) has been administering at Bago District Court and Law Office, and Courts and Law Offices at township levels. The offices are providing that of the services of negotiating of settlements system; that of assisting legal aids to vulnerable and marginalized clients especially women and children; and that of the establishment of legal aid associations and teams.

System on the Case Management Program (CMP) has resulted with transparency, relieving the unnecessary huge burdens on the clients and witnesses, and reduced waste of time and energy.

Legislative Pillar

Putting into law, the Bago Regional Hluttaw has enacted the Regional City Development Law, and the Regional Freshwater Fisheries Law, creating job opportunities.

In line with the policy laid down by the Union Government, the Bago Regional Government has been implementing the relevant tasks such as that of the ceasefire agreement to have stability in the region; that of the emergence of democracy federal union; that of the elevating of socio-economic development of the people; that of the prevention of drug abuse; and that of the balanced development of urban and rural areas.

Peace Making

Tasks with regards to fostering pleasant relations among the national brethrens in Bago Region, many discussions and dialogues in the political sphere has been implemented and that cultural seminars are being held for Mon, Kayin, Shan, Pa-O and Kayah ethnic peoples.

With a view to have transparency and smooth functioning of the departments, the e-government practices have been established in the Bago Region and that the "Citizen's Budget" could be downloaded through e-Bago Application for the public access.

During the third year term of the Bago Regional Government, K8660.45653 millions has been spent in 2018-2019 fiscal year on the village roads and bridges; the roads and bridges for the production sphere; the water supply projects; and the electricity generating projects.

Mya Sein Yaung village development projects remained the hot agenda in the rural areas, and that each project village has been injected with K30 millions, hitting the amount of K14,100 millions in 2018-2019 fiscal year in Bago Region.

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Programs for the interests of the people

In the interest of the people, K40 millions has been spent in providing vocational trainings to 700 trainees in the first six month of 2018, and moreover, courses on bamboo handicraft arts, on motorcycle repair course, on basic sewing course, on basic electric wiring course, and household goods manufacturing course, for a total of 11 separate classes from April to September in 2018.

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Similar courses and other basic courses have been imparted for 29 separate events in 2018-2019.

Ongoing short courses on vocational nature are provided in connection with the textile, fabric and weaving professions in Shwedaung Township. Total of 16 buildings and 320 apartments are in the process for the staff members and officers.

For the convenience of the people, total of 313 miles have been stretched out as appropriate and suitable roads for rural and urban population in three years period at the cost of K 26,402 millions. Other work programs totaling 1,211 projects have been utilized for K2654 millions. Water supply projects numbering 117 has been allocated with K602.68871 millions.

Reinforcement and strengthening river embankment tasks have been carried out on Kwayma Waterway (Ayeyawaddy); Sharbinkone Village Waterway (Ayeyawaddy); Ledi Village Waterway (Myitmakha River); Hlayswemyaing Village Waterway and Chaungkyoe Village Waterway (Sittaung River); Mahlwabin Village Waterway (Sittaung); Sinywar Village Waterway (Thaing Chaung) during 2018-2019.

GDP is the final value of the goods and services produced, and that K 8572 billions has been earmarked for 2018-2019 fiscal year and estimated at the GDP growth rate of (7.8) per cent based on 2015-2016 statistics.

In Bago Region, various economic sectors have been estimated in their own terms of GDP growth rate at different circumstances and conditions in 2018-2019.

In the first quarter of 2018-2019 fiscal year, K2995 billions has been spent on development projects at the implementation target of (34.9) per cent, showing improvement of (2.1) per cent than the previous year.

Linking up programs

Member Cards have been issued to 1,706 small enterprises and 247 medium-sized enterprises, totaling 1,953 cards. Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) have been formed into 47 clusters, and that they have been facilitated with JICA two step loans in terns of ODA assistance.

Road Transport Administration Department is making progress in road building and construction tasks in Bago Region with the asphalt and concrete roads; the tar roads; the gravel rock roads; the designed measured double layer asphalt roads; the sand stone roads; the bridges; the box culvert construction; the bailey bridge construction; the stone embankment; the drainage; the platform; and road related tasks.

With regards to electricity supply and distribution at substations, many small MVA [MVA stands for Mega Volt Amp or Volts X Amp /1000, 000] substations have been upgraded into larger capacity units in Bago Region in 2018.

The Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department (IWUMD) is under taking 126 tasks such as that of reform in irrigation system; that of making drainages; that of making embankment in water distribution, spending K2277 millions.

In Bago Region, a Master Plan for tourism development strategy has been in process looping in historical sites such as Kaytumadi Royal Palace and Kambawzathadi Palace.

Dams, reservoirs, large freshwater lakes and waterfalls in Bago Region are earmarked to transform into recreation resorts with the coordinated works through a committee by inviting interested investors.

There are 8 sanctuary and elephant camps in Bago Region, and that an elephant museum is on the plan to be build in Nathmawsin Valley Elephant Camp.

Electricity for the villages

Township Department of Rural Development and the people joined hands along with Talent Technology Company in providing electricity through "Solar Mini Grid" in some villages of Daik-U Township in 2018. The NEP Project is also successful in providing electricity in Tayetlane Village in Pandaung Township.

Bago Region Government also successfully carried out prevention of environment and disaster management tasks by placing sand bags in soft and breakable areas and blocking and patching the holes by spending K570 millions.

Victims of flood due to damage of Swar Chaung Dam Spillway's have been assisted cash and kind including rebuilding of 36 houses and 76 land plots have been allocated.

Local and foreign experts have inspected a crack at the earthen embankment of the Taungnawin Dam in Paukkaung Township, and that necessary renovation has been done.

All the irrigation systems of North Nawin Dam, South Nawin Dam, Weigyi Dam, Taung Nyo Dam, and Swa Chaung Dam are being renovated with the soft loan from JICA ODA Program.

Moreover, the irrigation systems of Bawnee Dam, Taekaw Dam would also be renovated with World Bank soft loan in collaboration with Korea Rural Community Corporation.

With a view to better, proper and systematic management of irrigation system, the plan for the formation of Water User Associations (WUA) and Water User Groups (WUG) is underway, and the work is in progress. When they are functioning well, the social-economic lives of the farmers and cultivators would be elevated.

Reviewing again over the implementation of e-government, it would provide more information to the public on the works of the government; it would make the functioning of the government much swifter; it would have access to citizen's budget through e-Bago application resulting with transparency.

Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME) are showcasing the local produce exhibition; the contests; the knowledge sharing; the development seminars; the innovation of products and enhancing quality; and the quest for international market.

All in all, the ward and village administrators have been systematically provided and injected with practise and theory on administrative laws and the relevant laws on land management.

It is worth mentioning to praise and welcome the current functioning of Bago Regional Government during the third year term as most promising and hopeful as the entire workforce are being closely inspired and motivated to work for the greater good of the country.

Translated by UMT (Ahlon)

Bago Region Chief Minister U Win Thein, Hluttaw Representatives and departmental officials inspect the upgrading of the Daik U- Sittaung Road on 24 November, 2018. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Bago Region Chief Minister U Win Thein and officials pose for a group photo at a ceremony to mark the initiation of electricity by using the micro solar system at Thatit Chun Village on 22 December, 2018. **PHOTO: MNA**

Eternal Peace Pagoda's religious objects stopped over in Pyay for public obeisance

Public pays obscience to the religious objects to be fixed atop the Nay Pyi Taw's Eternal Peace Pagoda and Buddha images to be housed at the Pagoda yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

RELIGIOUS objects to be fixed atop the Nay Pyi Taw's Eternal Peace Pagoda and Buddha images to be housed at the pagoda, were conveyed from Hinthada to Pyay yesterday for public obeisance.

The religious objects were stopped over at the Shwesandaw Pagoda in Pyay and Sayadaw Ashin Sandadhika delivered a sermon on peace at the Independence Pillar ground in Pyay yesterday. Earlier in the day the religious objects and Buddha images that were at the Saehtatgyi Pagoda, Hinthada Town since the day before were conveyed to the Shwesandaw Pagoda on a motorcade by Bago Region Minister for Planning and Finance U Nyunt Shwe, departmental officials from region, districts and townships, and religious associations, local populace and devotees pay homage and made donations along the road.

The Buddha Images carved from marble stones and golden religious objects will be stopped over in Magway on 28 April, Bagan on 29 April, Mongwa from 30 April to 1 May, Mandalay from 2 to 6 May, Kyaukse on 7 May, Thedaw (Wundwin) on 8 May, Taunggyi on from 9 to 11 May, Loikaw on 12 May, Taungoo on 13 May, Nay Pyi Taw from 14 to 18 May for public obeisance and Sayadaw Ashin Sandadhika will deliver a sermon on peace in every town.—Han Lin Naing

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

Haka gets community centre, mobile library

Under the leadership of Ministry of Information and under the management of Chin State Government, an opening ceremony of a mobile library jointly organized by Information and Public Relations Department (IPRD) and Daw Khin Kyi Foundation was held at Haka District IPRD Office yesterday morning.

First Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint, state minister for agriculture, livestock, forestry and mines U Man Hin Darl, state minister for social affairs U Paung Loon Min Htan, IPRD Director General U Ye Naing, Daw Khin Kyi Foundation executive director U Moe Zaw Oo cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the public based Community Centre and mobile library while students entertained with a band and pom pom dances.

Next, the Union Minister, state ministers and officials sprinkled scented waters onto the sign board of the Community Centre and the mobile library and inspected the mobile library.

Afterwards, they inspected the library and children reading room in the Community Centre and presented gifts to children participating in a coloring competition. They then inspected a training course held in the computer training hall.

When the second part of the opening ceremony was continued at the temporary pandal Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint said the ministry was conducting the works of distributing information and news, sharing knowledge and providing entertainments. In addition to conducting video/audio broadcasting Myanmar Radio and Television was drawing up rule for development of audio broadcasting. Once this was completed more works like Community Radio works can be conducted. Printing and Publishing Department (PPD) was publishing Myanmar gazette, presenting literature awards, printing school text book, printing Sarpay Beikman books in addition to publishing Myanmar encyclopedia in cooperation with Tun Foundation. In addition to publishing the three daily newspapers Myanma Alin, Kyaemon and the Global New Light of Myanmar the Ministry of Information was also publishing regional development matters, Yangon and Mandalay pages, ethnic affairs and new blood platform, cartoon for children in supplementary issues.

Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint, Chin State ministers U Man Hin Darl and U Paung Loon Min Htan, Director-General of IPRD U Ye Naing and U Moe Zaw Oo, Executive Director of Daw Khin Kyi Foundation, formally open the community centre plus mobile library in Haka, Chin State, yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Children enjoy painting in the community center in Haka. **PHOTO:MNA**

As for IPRD's direct contact works with the public in addition to adding children reading room and mini-museum in the IPRD offices and libraries, it was cooperating with Daw Khin Kyi Foundation to add computer training hall and mobile library works to upgrade the people based community centres. In addition to holding reading circles, public talks and training courses, sports equipment were placed to make it a place where the public gathers. Public talks were held on subjects that were appropriate for the time and place so that the public become more acquainted to democracy practice of systematic analysis and assessment. As efforts were made toward benefiting the people, the people should also participate in the drive, said the Union Minister.

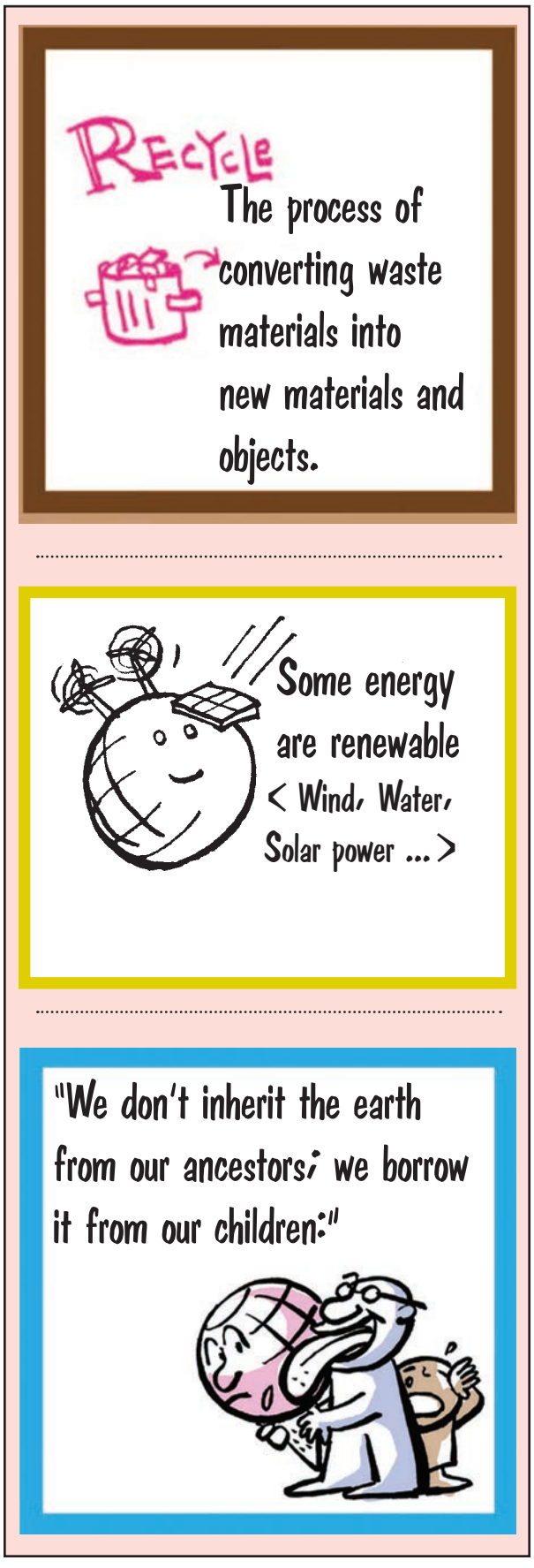
Next state minister U Paung Loon Min Htan spoke of increasing the reading rates of youth and to use the force of these learned youth in regional development works.

Afterwards, Daw Khin Kyi Foundation executive director U Moe Zaw Oo explained about the work process of the mobile library and arrangements made for the public to lend and read book easily and the works of Daw Khin Kyi Foundation. On behalf of Haka town folks, town elder U Ngun Wun spoke words of thanks for opening the community centre and mobile library.

Daw Khin Kyi Foundation was established in 2012. Hospitality and Catering Training Academy was founded and humanitarian works of constructing roads, bridges, houses, teachers accommodation and school, help and assist in acquisition of solar lighting and electrical lighting, digging of ponds and wells were conducted as well as setting up of 15mobile libraries. One was set up in cooperation with Haka public based community centre while 14 mobile libraries were set up in cooperation with IPRD.

After the event, the Union Minister and party visited the Chin ethnic national tradition home museum in Haka, view point tower and the construction of Surbung Airport in Falam Township. — District IPRD

(Translated by Zaw Min)



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Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun inspects Township IPRD Offices, Film Studios in Yangon

DEPUTY Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun inspected the IPRD Offices in townships and Yangon Region, and studios from the Film Development Centre situated in Golden Valley, Bahan Township, Yangon, yesterday morning.

The Deputy Minister inspected training halls, libraries, mini museums, reading rooms and children's libraries from the Yangon Region's office, offices in West Yangon District, including Kyauktada, Seikkan, Ahlone, Hline townships, and offices in East Yangon District, including Yankin and South Okkalapa townships. With a view of promoting sports initiatives on employee wellness, the Deputy Minister observed the availability for building and plot of land, and possible ways of cooperation between Ministry of Information and Ministry of Health and Sports.

Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun visits the Township IPRD office in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO : MNA**

He discussed arrangements for the readers to read comfortably in the libraries, preparations for readers to get easy access to newspapers, journals, magazines, books, tabloids, strengthening security of the offices, preventing natural disasters and fire hazard, conducting courses, holding talk shows and discussions in cooperation with other ministries and CSOs at the IPRD offices, and supporting for providing sports equipment for the local populace.

In the afternoon, the Deputy Minister inspected the studios of the Film Development Centre.—MNA ■

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

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Ghosn's trial to be delayed possibly until next year: media

TOKYO (Japan)—Former Nissan chief Carlos Ghosn's trial, which was expected to begin in September, will be delayed, local media said Saturday, hinting that it may not start this year.The 65-year-old tycoon, currently on bail, is preparing for his trial on four charges of financial misconduct ranging from concealing part of his salary from shareholders to syphoning off Nissan funds for his personal use.

The Tokyo District Court had proposed to start his trial in September during its pre-trial meetings with his defence lawyers and prosecutors, news reports said, quoting unnamed sources. But the court told the lawyers and prosecutors on Friday that it had retracted the plan without proposing a new time frame, Kyodo News said, adding that the move could mean the trial will not start this year.—AFP ■

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Four major bridges contribute to fast commodity flow and commuter traffic in Rakhine State

Hset Yoekya Creek Bridge. **PHOTO: TIN TUN (IPRD)**

By Tin Tun (IPRD)

WITH the positive intention of ensuring fast commodity flow and commuter traffic in Rakhine State, the western part of the country, the government is not only upgrading but also newly building essential facilities such as roads and bridges linking regions with states, townships, towns, and roads and bridges spanning villages.

The four major bridges namely Hset Yoekya Creek Bridge, Kyetsin River Crossing Bridge, Teinnyo Bridge and Darlet Creek Bridge contributing toward smooth and secure flow of commodities and commuter traffic in Rakhine State have been already commissioned into service.

With regard to these bridges, U Khin Maung Myint, the director of Rakhine State Road Department, said, "The construction of Hset Yoekya Creek Bridge began in December in 2016 with the funds of Rakhine State Governemnt and it was terminated in February in 2019. It was built across Hset Yoekya Creek. It links Lanmadaw Ward in Sittwe with Hset Yoekya village in Shwemingan on other side. It is 1,642 feet long. It is a reinforced concrete type. There are a 240-foot-long main steel beam room, eleven 100-foot-long rooms and ten 30-foot-long rooms on the bridge.

"The lower structure of the bridge is a reinforced concrete type. Its foundation is a type of reinforced concrete bole pile. Hset Yoekya Creek is just 200 feet wide. There is navigation traffic in the creek. There is also a traffic light on the side of Sittwe. The bridge has to be considered to be free from the ships sailing in the creek and the traffic light on the side of Sittwe. Therefore, the clearance height is 11 meters. Due to these reasons, the length of the bridge becomes 1,642. Slowdowns are needed to reduce the speed of the car near the traffic light."

Hset Yoekya Creek Bridge links Lanmadaw Ward in Sittwe with Hset Yoekya village in Shwemingan on other side. Therefore, a great number of new land plots can be extended in Sittwe, Hset Yoekya and Shwemingan. There is a jetty in Shwemingan. There is also a plan to build a new highway bus terminal. Commodities can be easily transported to Sittwe via Shwemingan jetty. Local people can easily go to Sittwe crossing Hset Yoekya Creek Bridge through the highway bus terminal. It is an advantage of Hset Yoekya Bridge. Local people from Sittwe can go to the highway bus terminal in an easy manner. The bridge contributes much toward flow of commodity

Kyetsin River Crossing Bridge. **PHOTO: TIN TUN**

Darlet Creek Bridge. **PHOTO: TIN TUN (IPRD)**

and commuter traffic in Rakhine State, said U Khin Maung Myint.

A 1,642-foot-long Hset Yoekya Bridge linking Lanmadaw Ward in Sittwe with Hset Yoekya village in Shwemingan on other side was built at a cost of Ks 8,823 million. The people and the vehicles are now using the newly-built bridge on which they can be seen crossing. New businesses will florish around this area as trading activities can be carried out in a short time. Trade will enormously increase because commodities can be transported to Sittwe through Shwemingan jetty. For these reasons, it is a bridge capable of contributing much toward trading activities of Rakhine State.

Similarly, a 1,920-foot-long Kyetsin River Crossing Bridge linking Myaybon with Minpyar Townships was built at a cost of Ks 11,324.487 million. Now the local people and the vehicles are crossing the newly-built bridge.

It is a major bridge for Myaybon. Myaybon previouly had to rely on water transportation and the town had a difficult access to transport. Now it is easy for Myaybon residents to move from one place to another without difficulty. The construction of the bridge began in 2014 and it was over in February, 2019. It is 1,920 feet in length and it was built with the combination of Union funds and Rakhine State funds. It was built spanning Kyetsin River. Myaybon will rapidly develop from a town of difficult access to transport to a town of thriving business center, said U Khin Maung Myint.

Likewise, located at mile post numbers between 26/7 and 27/0 on Minbu-An-Sittwe road section in An Township, Kyaukphyu District, a 960-foot-long Darlet Creek Bridge was constructed at a cost of Ks 7,070.00 million of Union funds. It is situated on Union Road and also a very important bridge. The construction of the bridge was initiated in 2016 and ended on January 30 in 2019.

The bridge was previously a bailey bridge and it was narrow in width. Vehicles had to wait in a line to cross the bridge. Now the bridge has turned into the concrete one with a two-lane concrete road. It is unnecessary for the people, the visitors and the commodities to wait in a queue. It can save much time. The bridge can bear 75 tons of commodities.

In the same way, situated at the place between the mile posts 120/3 and 120/4 on Minbu-An-Sittwe-Union Road in MraukU Township, MraukU District, a 360-foot-long Teinnyo Bridge was built at a cost of Ks 2,280 million. The bridge is very useful to local people and for vehicles.

The bridge is located on Minbu-An-Sittwe-Union Road and its constrcution was initiated in 2017 and ended in December in 2018. It is of vital importance as it is a part of Union Road. The bridge was previously made of RPT steel beam and it was a one-way bridge. The vehicles had to wait in a queue to cross the bridge. It can withstand 16 tons of commodities. The bridge is now a differet matter. It is a reinforced concerte type on which two cars can drive in the opposite direction at the same time. Local people can travel crossing the bridge any time for the time being, U Khin Maung Myint said.

The Road Department is upgrading existing roads and bridges and also building new ones where necessary in Rakhnine State. The roads in Sittwe, Ponnakyun and Yathedaung are now being upgraded to concrete ones. Also in Maungtaw, four roads are under construction to cross over MayU mountain.

Furthermore, extensive measures of tarmacked roads and concrete ones are being taken on Minbu-An-Sittwe road and inner roads in Rakhine State are being upgraded.

The Road Department is maintaining existing roads and bridges to keep them in a good condition by checking and repairing them regularly apart from the roads and bridges that are under construction. Only if the local people using roads and bridges join hands with the Road Department in maintenance work on a regular basis, can they last longer in the future.

Tanslated by Htut Htut (Twantay)

Teinnyo Bridge . **PHOTO: TIN TUN (IPRD)**

Aung La N Sang in running for two World MMA Awards

AUNG La N Sang, Myanmar's sports icon and two division ONE Championship World Champion, is running in the lists for two World MMA Awards, including Charles 'Mask' Lewis Fighter of the Year and International Fighter of the Year according to the World MMA website.

Voting is underway starting from Wednesday at https://www.worldmmaawards.com/vote/ and will run for four weeks, according to the website.

Anyone who want to vote for their favorites needs to select him or her and vote under the two MMA Awards titles.

The Voting is underway for the 11th Annual World MMA Awards, and Khabib Nurmagomedov, Gegard Mousasi, Dustin Poirier, Daniel Cormier and Aung La N Sang are up for the top honor.

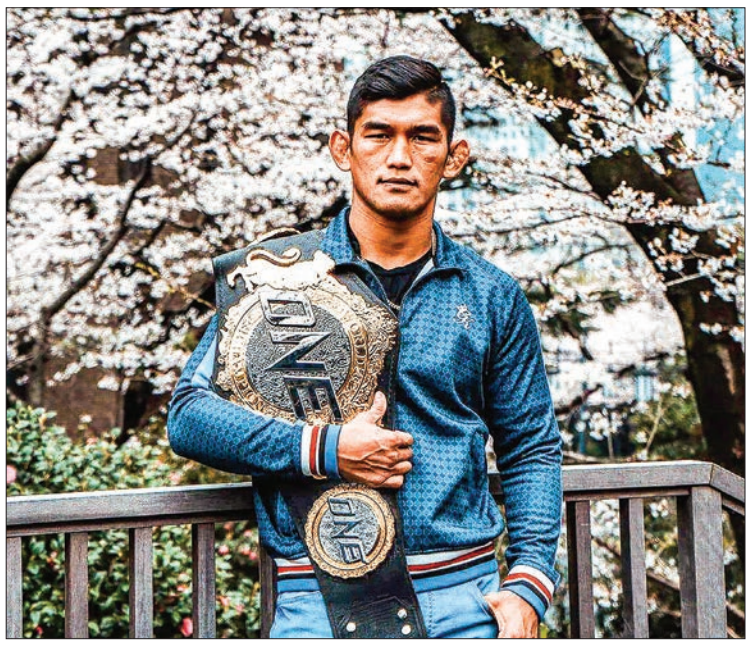
The Charles "Mask" Lewis Fighter of the Year nominees include Nurmagomedov, Mousasi, Poirier, Cormier and Aung La N Sang.

The International Fighter of the Year nominees include Khabib Nurmagomedov, Kamaru Usman, Isreal Adesanya, Gegard Mousasi and Aung L N Sang. Female Fighter of the Year finalists include Valentina Shevchenko, Tatiana Suarez, Jessica Andrade, Ilima-Lei Macfarlane and Amanda Nunes.

Fight of the Year include Robert Whittaker vs. Yoel Romer (UFC 225), Thiago "Marreta" Santos vs. Jimi Manuwa (UFC 231), Rory MacDonald vs. Douglas Lima (Bellator 192), Dustin Poirier vs. Justin Gaethje (UFC on FOX 29) and Tony Ferguson vs. Anthony Pettis (UFC 229).

Knockout of the Year include Yair Rodriguez vs. Chan Sung Jung (UFC Fight Night 139), Amanda Nunes vs. Cris Cyborg (UFC 232), Mandel Nallo vs. Carrington Banks (Bellator 207), Lyoto Machida vs. Vitor Belfort (UFC 224) and Brian Ortega vs. Frankie Edgar (UFC 222).

Fighters Only Magazine is hosting the annual awards, which will likely take place in July in Las Vegas, according to the statement on the World MMA website. —Lynn Thit(Tgi) ■



ONE Middle Weight and Light Heavy Weight World Champion Aung La N Sang seen in Tokyo before defending his Middle Weight title against Ken Hasegawa last month. **PHOTO : AUNG LA N SANG'S FACEBOOK PAGE**

Yangon United's young striker Aee Soe (No.27) seen during training. **PHOTO : YUFC**

Striker Aee Soe: Dagon FC is one of the toughest teams

YANGON United forward player Aee Soe stated that Yangon United has prepared well for this week's match and it is one of the strongest teams, in terms of their improvements.

Yangon United will meet with Dagon, described as one of the toughest teams among the newcomer teams in the league.

Yangon United will face Dagon FC today in Thuwunna stadium at 4:00 pm.

Yangon United's youth striker Aee Soe expressed his feeling about the newcomer team Dagon FC, according to Yangon United FC.

"Every team plays hard whenever they face our team, and Dagon is one of them. They have beaten Southern Myanmar in the last match. So we need to make sure to beat them".

"We are now preparing for the coming match and want to enjoy three points, together with our fans", he said.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

MWF selects wrestlers for 30th SEA Games

PRIOR to the 30th SEA Games in the Philippines, the Myanmar Wrestling Federation (MWF) selected outstanding or qualified wrestlers during a wrestler selection competition and the MWF Cup at Thein Phyu Indoor Stadium in Yangon yesterday.

The ceremony included the opening speech, given by chairman of the MWF, U Ye Tun. Following the speech, the wrestlers recited the four Oaths of Sportsmanship.

A total of 39 wrestlers from Yangon Sports Science, Mandalay Sports Science plus the Ministry of Health and Sports teams from Taninthayi Region, Kayah State and Kayin State, are participating in the MWF Cup plus selection for the SEA Games.

The three categories included in the competition include Men (Free Style), Men (Greco Romon and Women (Free Style).—MNA ■ *(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)*

Two wrestlers competing in the Women Free Style Category at the MWF Cup plus athletes selection for a place at the 30th SEA Games at Thein Phyu Indoor Stadium in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO : MNA**

Durant nets 50 as Warriors advance to NBA second round

LOS ANGELES (United States) — Kevin Durant scored a playoff career high 50 points as the Golden State Warriors blasted their way into the second round of the NBA playoffs by clobbering the Los Angeles Clippers 129-110 on Friday.

Durant made history by equalling the most points scored in the first half of a playoff game with 38 of his 50 coming in the opening half. He tied former Phoenix Sun star Charles Barkley who scored 38 of his 56 points in the first half of a series clinching win over Golden State 25 years ago.

"That was one of the great performances I've ever seen in my life," Warriors coach Steve Kerr said. "He's the ultimate weapon because there's no defense for Kevin." Durant was at a loss to explain his masterful performance on Friday.

"I am just out there playing. I was so lost in the game I am not really thinking about anything else but winning the possession. It is tough to explain. I am just in it," he said.

The Warriors advance to face the Houston Rockets, beginning on Sunday in Oakland. Houston was already in Oakland waiting for the Warriors to finish the series so they can start the second round on Sunday. Durant said the Rockets are going to be a whole new challenge.

"They are a talented ball club with a lot of high IQ players that shoot well and penetrate well so we got our work cut out for us," he said. Draymond Green had 16 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists, Stephen Curry scored 24 points and Andre Iguodala contributed 15 points off the bench for the Warriors, who won three road playoff games in the same series for first time in franchise history.—AFP ■

SUNDAY SPECIAL

The Global New Light of Myanmar

SWEET ARE THE USES OF ADVERSITY

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LITTLE are we aware that, often in life, our very fears are capable enough to bring out our greatest strengths to limelight. Only in the face of the mightiest obstacles can we discover our fortes. Life is full of ups and downs, and there really is no man who can outwardly claim that life for him has been a bed full of roses. Consequently, it is wise to keep in mind that the most beautiful flowers have concealed underlying pricks and thorns. Indeed, it is wistful thinking to wish for a life free from hardships. However, "Sweet are the uses of adversity, which, like the toad, ugly and venomous, wears yet a precious jewel in its head," and so the great playwright William Shakespeare had suggested. One can firmly say that dreadful they may be, adversities actually turn out to be blessings in disguise.

In Darwin's theory of evolution, it is stated that there takes place a struggle for existence, and through the process of 'survival of the fittest', the dominating party of our planet is ultimately determined. Surely, a man is who he can be due to the difficulties he has duly encountered and overcome. Perhaps, if he were to give up midway, he would only be left with the bitter taste of defeat as a result.

Who doesn't experience the setbacks in life? Rather, these innumerous failures are simply stepping stones for those bound to grasp higher success. People are not famous for trifling matters. The world's heroes are born out of trials of adversity. Take Abraham Lincoln, Mahatma Gandhi and General Aung San for instance. Lincoln was shot dead, Gandhi was assassinated and the same goes for General Aung San. However, they become martyrs that will forever be ingrained in the hearts of their nations and the world.

Undeniably, these so-called adversities give us yet another chance to try. Being intellectual creatures, humans learn from their mistakes. They battle against the odds and strive forward. Take a look at Japan! A country that had gone through tremendous effects of the Second World War is now brimming with prosperity. Through much blood and tears, sweat and sacrifices, Japan is no longer is a small nation at the mercy of the World War and has become an affluent country with a main say in the development of today's global affairs. What of the island-country Singapore? It really is wonderous how in a matter of decades, Singapore has changed into one of the most influential nations in the world.

In days of prosperity and pleasure, we are inclined to remain ignorant of these struggles. Peaceful moments are also as fleeting as they come. True tranquility is established once one stands steadfast to their principles and fearlessly undertakes this great tribulation. After bright days come dark ones. Naturally, a gloomy sky promises a colorful rainbow when the shower has come to pass. A will is eternal. No mountain is too tall to overcome. Let us turn the tides and live gloriously!

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(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

G. Past Perfect Tense

(a) He signed the agreement after he had read it twice.
(b) Mother had already laid the table when Father came back.
(c) He said that he had already been punished for the crime he had committed.
(d) The fish were left in the sun after they had been rubbed with salt.

H. Past Continuous Tense

(a) I took a piece of cake while she was not looking.
(b) She was still studying her lessons when I went to bed at about midnight.
(c) His house was still being built when he came back from London.
(d) I stood waiting while my essay was being corrected by the teacher.

I. If-clause

(a) If he fails, he will try again.
(b) If she married him, she would never become a film actress.
(c) If he had met her, he would certainly have told her the news.
(d) If she does not take the medicine, Mother will beat her.
(e) If today were Sunday, they would go on a picnic.
(f) If she had taken my advice, she would have gained more distinctions.
(g) Unless she eats less, she will get fatter.
သူ လျှော့မစားလျှင် ပိုဝလာလိမ့်မည်။
(h) Unless you leave now, you will miss the train.
သင် ယခု မထွက်ခွာလျှင် ရထားလွတ်သွားလိမ့်မည်။

J. WHEN

(a) Ko Ko went to her house when he heard the news.
သတင်းကြားသောအခါ ကိုကို သူမအိမ်သို့ သွားသည်။
(b) The bell had already rung when we arrived at the school.
ကျွန်တော်တို့ ကျောင်းသို့ ရောက်သောအခါ ခေါင်းလောင်းမြည်ခဲ့ပြီး ဖြစ်သည်။
(c) Father was still sleeping when Mother came back from the market.
အမေဈေးက ပြန်လာသောအခါ အဖေအိပ်နေတုန်းပင် ရှိသေးသည်။
(d) When he returns, he will take us to the cinema.
သူပြန်လာသောအခါ သူ ကျွန်တော်တို့ကို ရုပ်ရှင်ခေါ်သွားလိမ့်မည်။
(e) He visits the Shwemawdaw Pagoda whenever he goes to Pegu.
သူ ပဲခူးသို့ သွားသောအခါတိုင်း ရွှေမော်ဓောဘုရားသို့ သွားလေ့ရှိသည်။
(f) She will take a bath when she has done her homework.
အိမ်စာလုပ်ပြီးသောအခါ သူမ ရေချိုးလိမ့်မည်။
(g) He will buy a camera when he has saved enough money.
သူ ငွေလုံလောက်အောင် စုပြီးသောအခါ ကင်မရာတစ်လုံး ဝယ်လိမ့်မည်။

K. General

(a) The doctor let the patient have a little food.
ဆရာဝန်သည် လူနာအား အစာအနည်းငယ်စားခွင့်ပြုသည်။
(b) The teacher made the boys fill the pot with water.
ဆရာသည် လူကလေးများကို ရေအိုးကို ရေဖြည့်ခိုင်းခဲ့သည်။
(c) He saw the man snatch the purse from her hand.
သူသည် ထိုလူ သူမ၏ပိုက်ဆံအိတ်ကို ရုတ်တရက် ဆွဲယူလိုက်သည်ကို မြင်ခဲ့သည်။
(d) He saw his pupils sitting under the tree and drawing pictures.
သူသည် သူ့တပည့်များ သစ်ပင်အောက်တွင် ထိုင်၍ ပုံဆွဲနေသည်ကို မြင်ခဲ့သည်။
(e) I am proud of being a collegian.
ကျွန်တော် ကောလိပ်ကျောင်းသားတစ်ယောက် ဖြစ်ရခြင်းကို ဂုဏ်ယူသည်။
(f) She took my book without asking for my permission.
ကျွန်တော်၏ ခွင့်ပြုချက်တောင်းခံခြင်းမရှိဘဲ သူမ ကျွန်တော့်စာအုပ်ကို ယူသွားသည်။
(g) Most animals know how to swim with out being taught.
တိရစ္ဆာန်အများစုသည် သင်ကြားပေးခြင်း မခံရဘဲ ရေကူးတတ်ကြသည်။
(h) He came in after knocking on the door twice.
တံခါးကို နှစ်ခါ ခေါက်ပြီးနောက် သူအထဲသို့ ဝင်လာသည်။
(i) After being selected, the players were given training.
အရွေးခံရပြီးနောက် ကစားသမားများကို လေ့ကျင့်ပေးခဲ့သည်။
(j) The girl talking with the headmistress is one of the Luyechuns (outstanding students) of our school.
ကျောင်းအုပ်ဆရာမကြီးနှင့် စကားပြောနေသော မိန်းကလေးသည် ကျွန်တော်တို့ ကျောင်းမှ လူရည်ချွန်တစ်ယောက်ဖြစ်သည်။
(k) He has many books published before the war.
သူ့မှာ စစ်မဖြစ်ခင်က ထုတ်ဝေခဲ့သော စာအုပ်များစွာရှိသည်။
(l) She has a son attending the Worker's College.
သူမမှာ လုပ်သားများကောလိပ် တက်ရောက်နေသော သားတစ်ယောက်ရှိသည်။
(m) The postcards sent by Ko Ko from Japan are very beautiful.
ဂျပန်မှ ကိုကို ပို့လိုက်သော ပို့စကတ်များသည် အလွန်လှသည်။
(n) He said that he was digging a hole in the garden then.
သူသည် ထိုစဉ်က ဥယျာဉ်ထဲတွင် ကျင်းတစ်ကျင်းတူးနေသည်ဟု ပြောခဲ့သည်။
(o) She told me that she would bring my notes next Monday.
သူမက ကျွန်တော့်မှတ်စုများကို နောက်တနင်္လာနေ့တွင် ယူခဲ့မည်ဟု ကျွန်တော့်ကို ပြောခဲ့သည်။
(p) He told her that had been waiting for her since noon.
သူသည် သူမကို မွန်းတည့်ချိန်ကတည်းက စောင့်နေခဲ့သည်ဟုသူမကို ပြောခဲ့သည်။

LESSON 22

အပိုင်း (က) အဖြစ် Patterns များဖြင့် စာကြောင်းများပြောင်းလဲပုံကို တင်ပြပါမည်။
(အချို့သော စာကြောင်းများကို word form ပြရာတွင် နမူနာအဖြစ် ပေးခဲ့ဖူး သည်။)

A (Succeeded in + ing)

1. He killed the tiger with a dagger.
သူသည် ကျားကို ဓားမြှောင်တစ်ချောင်းဖြင့် သတ်ခဲ့သည်။ (ကျားတစ်ကောင်ကို လူတစ်ယောက်သည် ဓားမြှောင်တစ်ချောင်းဖြင့် သတ်ရန် လွယ်ကူသည်မဟုတ်။ ထို့ကြောင့် ခဲခဲယဉ်းယဉ်း မရမနေသတ်ခဲ့ရသည်ကို ပေါ်လွင်အောင် အောက်ပါပုံစံ Pattern ဖြင့် ရေးရသည်။)
He succeeded in killing the tiger with the dagger.
2. He climbed to the top of the mountain.
He suceeded in climbing to the top of the mountain.
3. They passed through thick forests.
They succeeded in passing through thick forests.
4. She married the richest man in town.
She succeeded in marrying the richest man in town.

လေ့ကျင့်ခန်းလုပ်ကြည့်ပါ။ အခြေကို အောက်တွင် ပေးထားပါသည်။
1. She saved K 10,000 last year.
2. Ko Ko bought plane tickets to Taunggyi.
3. Our troops defeated the enemy in no time.
4. The whole army crossed the river during the night.
5. She caught forty birds yesterday.

Answers

1. She succeeded in saving K 10,000 last year.
2. Ko Ko succeeded in buying plane tickets to Taunggyi.
3. Our troops succeeded in defeating the enemy in no time.
4. The whole army succeeded in crossing the river during the night.
5. She succeeded in catching forty birds yesterday.

B. အထက်ပါ ပုံစံကဲ့သို့ပင် တစ်ခုတစ်ခုကို မဖြစ်မနေ ခဲခဲယဉ်းယဉ်းပြုလုပ်ခဲ့ရသည်ကို ဖော်ပြသည့် အခြားပုံစံမှာ Managed to ဖြစ်သည်။ Manage မှာ စီမံခန့်ခွဲသည်ဟု အဓိပ္ပာယ်ရသော်လည်း ဤပုံစံတွင်မူ ခဲခဲယဉ်းယဉ်းမဖြစ်မနေ ပြုလုပ်ရခြင်းကို ပြသည်။

1. He pulled the log out of the river.
သူသည် သစ်တုံးကို မြစ်ထဲမှ မရမနေဆွဲတင်ခဲ့သည်။
He managed to pull the log out of the river.
သူသည် သစ်တုံးကို မြစ်ထဲမှ မရမနေဆွဲတင်ခဲ့သည်။
2. She sold the old car after being painted.
သူမသည် ကားဟောင်းကြီးကို ဆေးသုတ်ပြီးနောက် ရောင်းခဲ့သည်။
She managed to sell the old car after being painted.
သူမသည် ကားဟောင်းကြီးကို ဆေးသုတ်ပြီးနောက် မရမနေ ရောင်းခဲ့သည်။
3. She sent her son to the Rangoon University.
သူမသည် သားကို ရန်ကုန်တက္ကသိုလ်သို့ ပို့ခဲ့သည်။
She managed to send her son to the Rangoon University.
သူမသည် သူ၏သားကို ရန်ကုန်တက္ကသိုလ်သို့ မဖြစ်မနေ ပို့ခဲ့သည်။

လေ့ကျင့်ခန်း
(အဖြေကို အောက်တွင် ပေးထားသည်)
1. Ko Ko won the love of the prettiest girl at the College.
2. She sold a lot of birds yesterday.
3. At first they were losing but at last they won again.
4. He became a seaman.
5. She won the Academy Award.

Answers

1. Ko Ko managed to win the love of the prettiest girl at the College.
2. She managed to sell a lot of birds yesterday.
3. At first they were losing but at last they managed to win again.
4. He managed to become a seaman.
5. She managed to win the Academy Award.

C. Spend (Spent) .... + ing

ပုံစံ

ဤပုံစံ Pattern ကို အင်္ဂလိပ်လူမျိုးများ များစွာအသုံးပြုလေ့ရှိသည်။
1. Ko Ko watered the plants in the garden for two hours this morning.
ကိုကိုသည် ဥယျာဉ်ထဲမှ အပင်ငယ်များကို ယနေ့ နံနက်နှစ်နာရီကြာ ရေလောင်းခဲ့သည်။
Ko Ko spent two hours this morning watering the plants in the garden.
ကိုကိုသည် ဥယျာဉ်ထဲမှ အပင်ငယ်များကို ရေလောင်းခြင်းဖြင့် ယနေ့နံနက် နှစ်နာရီ ကုန်ဆုံးစေခဲ့သည်။
2. She washed the clothes the whole afternoon yesterday.
သူမသည် အဝတ်များကို မနေ့က တစ်နေ့ခင်းလုံး လျှော်ခဲ့သည်။
She spent the whole afternoon yesterday washing clothes.
3. Ko Ko travelled in the Shan Stated, last January.
ကိုကိုသည် ရှမ်းပြည်တစ်ခွင်ကို ပြီးခဲ့သော ဇန်နဝါရီက ခရီးသွားခဲ့သည်။
Ko Ko spent last January travelling in the Shan State.

လေ့ကျင့်ခန်းလုပ်ကြည့်ပါ
(အဖြေကို အောက်တွင် ပေးထားပါသည်)
1. I read that book in three hours.
2. They fought for their independence for over 20 years.
3. He tried to buy a train ticket to Mandalay for three days.
4. He saved money for 12 years to get enough to buy a car.
5. He swam in the lake for over three hours this morning.

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Stalker–a short story

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THE Moon glistened at my face when I glanced up to take a look at the starry sky. The clouds had dispersed to reveal an extraordinary view. It was just a mere fifteen minutes of walking from the office building, and thus, I was glad in mind that in another ten minutes, I would be back inside the comforts of my home.

The street lights glowered in the dark. There was not a single soul around. A van passed by and I took notice of something peculiar. It was the same van that I saw at the office building. I didn't catch the number plate, so I dismissed it as a mere coincidence and continued my journey. The van took a right turn and disappeared from my field of view.

I kept walking and at the end of the road, I took a curious glance at the right side of the crossroad. The van was subtly parked at a corner. I had a strange feeling of someone following me. A cold breeze brushed past my neck. I then noticed another shadow behind me. I was spooked out but I tried to shrug off the nagging feeling.

I reached my house promptly, searched for my keys, opened the front door and went straight into the kitchen. With hot cocoa in hands, I was ready to kick off my shoes and relax. I went towards the glazed window. I just realized that it had started snowing. A feeling of melancholy sank in as I sipped my hot cocoa.

What I saw next brought me out of daze. A dark figure was standing outside. A second of stillness overwhelmed the atmosphere. Then, the figure dashed away. Without hesitation, I went for the telephone on the table and contacted the police. After informing the police about the suspicious figure, I looked up again to see no one outside. Gloom loomed over me.

Sirens wailed and the police arrived. They told me that the front door was open. It then hit me that I had left the door ajar. I was then informed that there was not a single footprint in the snow. I looked up at my reflection in the window. Realization dawned upon me. I shuddered at the thought. He had never been outside. He had been right behind me the whole time.

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A toddy palm farmer carrying pots of toddy juice.

PHOTOS: Nay Aung

A farmer baking the earthenware pots to be used in collecting the toddy juice.

A woman in her workplace to produce the sugar lumps made from the palmyra or toddy palm near Bagan.

A toddy palm collector climbing a palm tree in a toddy forest in Kyaukpadaung Township.

Farmers prepare to pack the palmyra palm sprouts to sell them in the market during the winter time.

A shop selling traditional toddy palm baskets. **PHOTO: Kyaw Zin Tun**

Beautiful small baskets weaved from toddy leaves by local farmers.

PHOTO: Kyaw Zin Tun

The beauty of Anyar (Upper Myanmar) and the life of Toddy plam trees farmers

By Nay Aung (IPRD)

ROWS of toddy palm trees or toddy forests are a symbol of the beauty and serenity of the rural life of Anyar (Upper Myanmar). Kyaukpadaung, a town close to the Mt. Popa and Bagan, has offered travellers to Bagan a stop over to enjoy food made from toddy.

There are over 417,200 toddy-palm trees on 4,127 acres in Kyaukpadaung Township. Of these, over 250,000 trees can produce sap for drinking and making jaggery.

Palm trees have a lifespan of 150 to 200 years, with their average height being 60 to 80 feet. Starting from the age of 20, a today-palm can produce sap and fruits.

According to statistics from 20 years ago, there were over 7,100 farmers and their families relying on the toddy-palm trees for their livelihoods.

The hard work and less lucrative business has resulted in declining number of toddy farmers, reaching just about 1,200 in the town today.

Why? A whole family of toddy farmers had to work for eight months per year. That means they had no jobs in the rainy season.

Due to their hand-to-mouth lives, the older generation was not willing to pass down their family business to their next generation. This situation has resulted in decreasing the number of toddy-palm farmers, reaching just 1,200 today.

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Heating toddy palm juice to make traditional sugar.

Family members of a toddy farmer chopping the full-grown toddy fruits into pieces for cattle feed in summer time.

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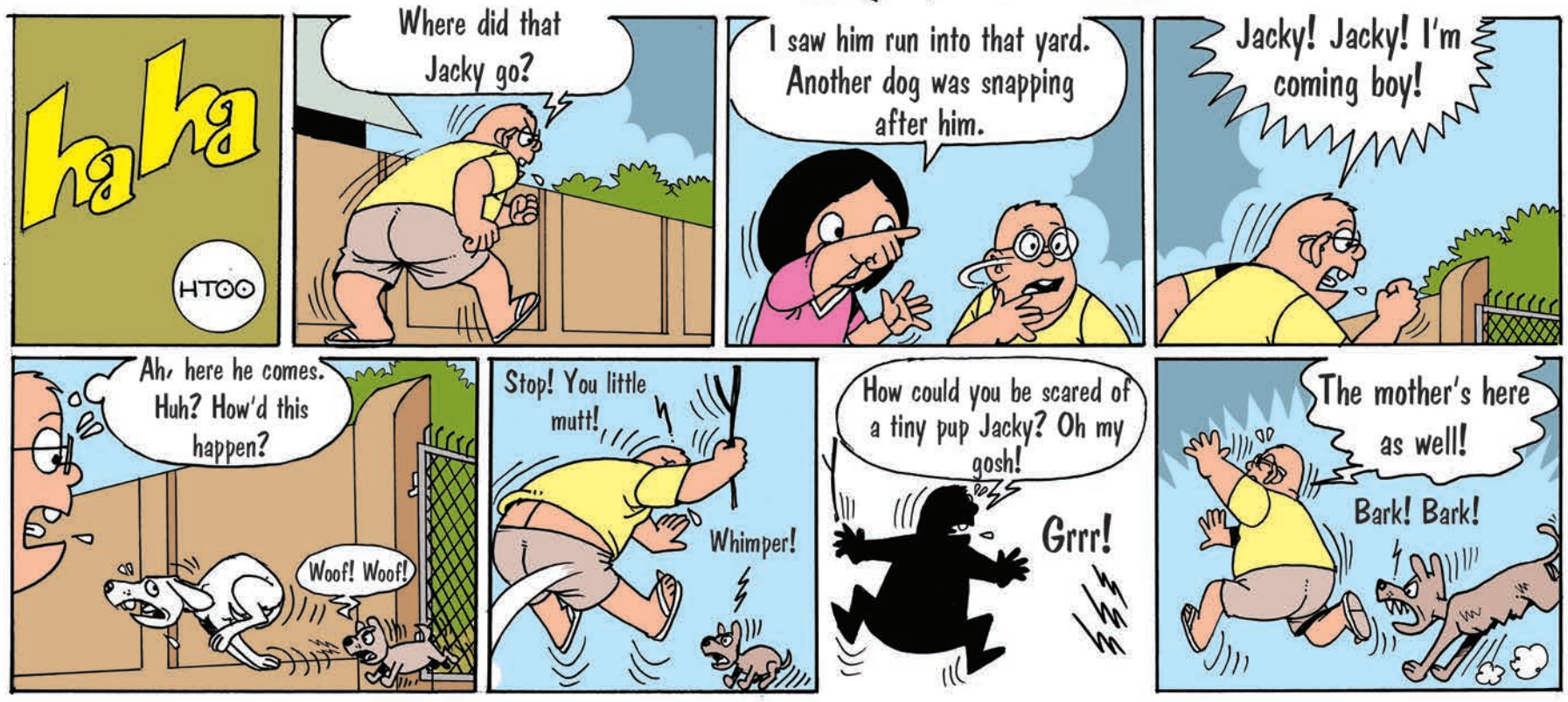

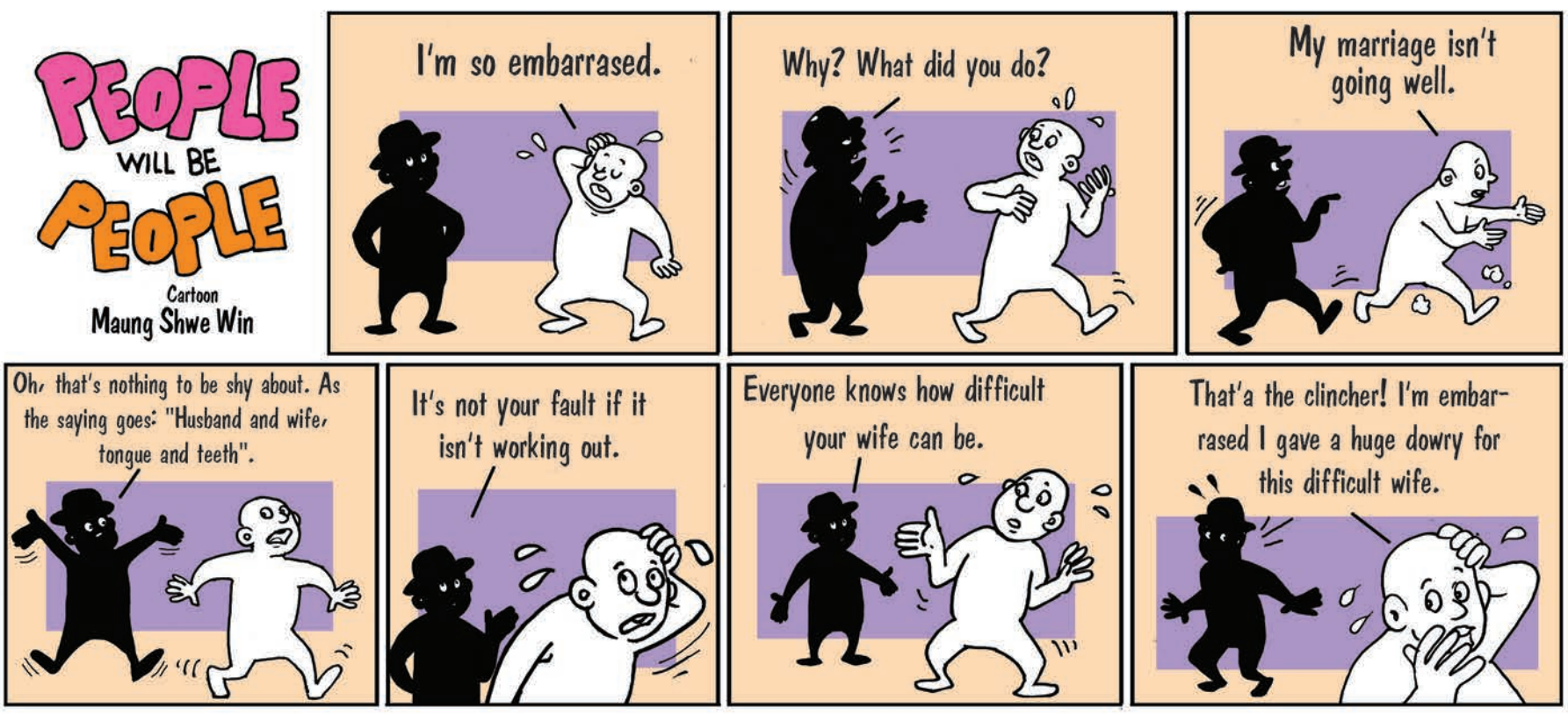

A change in my perspective on literature & the impact of literature on me

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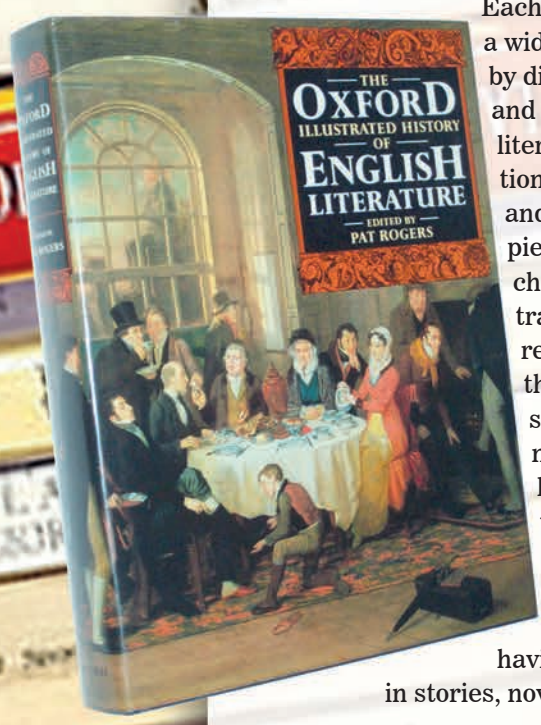
ACCORDING to Oxford Advanced Learner' Dictionary, Literature is defined as `` pieces of writings that are valued as works of art, especially novels, plays and poems (in contrast to technical books and newspapers and magazines, etc.). Many people tend to assume that reading books of knowledge is more fruitful than appreciating aesthetic values embedded in literary works. I used to be one of those people before my journey of majoring in English at University of Yangon.

When I was young, reading literature was not my cup of tea. I used to be skeptical about the importance and values of literature. I even thought that those who are enjoying pieces of literature are wasting their precious time. Ninety-nine times out of a hundred, I used to pick up books that are thought to enrich my knowledge and assist my intellectual development. I rarely appreciated literary works, and underestimated the benefits of reading literature. As a negative consequence of not reading literature, I didn't know much about the world or human beings. So, I used to lack social skills, having no idea how to communicate with different types of people effectively.

However, when I attend university specializing in English, I have to study not only English Language but also English Literature. It is compulsory for me to read English poems, proses, stories, novels and plays as part of English literature.



Each and every day, I have to deal with a wide range of literary works created by different poets, novelists, authors and playwrights. I have to analyze those literary works in terms of characterization, themes, messages, moral lessons and so on. Here, in those different pieces of literature, I witness various characters with different personality traits and diverse backgrounds, their reactions towards each other, how they struggle and overcome hardships in life. Reading literature gives me insights into ups and downs of life as well as trials and tribulations that can be encountered in our lifetime. Furthermore, I come to understand the nature of human beings through the actions and behaviors of the characters I come across in stories, novels and plays. Such understanding

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The beauty of Anyar (Upper Myanmar) and the life of Toddy plam trees farmers

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Today, toddy palm wood is used as a substitute for other hardwoods and bamboo. Toddy palm wood is used in restaurants, tea shops and hotels, and also in village houses to erect posts, beams and bars, as a substitute for other hardwood. Even 70-year-old palm trees are felled for this purpose.

We should find ways to improve the lives of rural folk so that we can save palm trees.

(Translated by Nat Ye Hla)

A Change in My Perspective on Literature & the Impact of Literature on me

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helps me deal with assorted people in my social circle and build up amicable relationships with them. In this way, I am not nervous to meet the new people like I used to be in high school. I am now confident to make friends with anyone. Reflecting on improvements in my social skills, I find out that I happen to unconsciously acquire interpersonal skills while reading various pieces of literature.

The more I devote my time to studying English Literature, the more I come to see the importance and values of literature. It arouses my interest to read Myanmar Literature as well. Now, I can't help but appreciate literary works in both Myanmar and English languages. I even feel like I am missing out on something on the days when I cannot make time to enjoy Literature. In short, Literature has become what I cannot live without in my life.

YANGON TO BANGKOK

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
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8M335	7:40	9:25	Daily
UB-019	7:50	9:20	1,3,5,6,7
TG2304	9:50	11:45	Daily
PG702	10:30	12:30	Daily
TG2302	11:45	13:40	2,3,5,7
PG708	15:30	17:30	5,6,7
8M331	16:30	18:15	Daily
UB-017	17:25	19:20	Daily
PG704	18:35	20:35	Daily
TG306	19:45	21:40	Daily

BANGKOK TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
TG2303	7:55	8:50	Daily
PG701	8:45	9:40	Daily
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8M336	10:40	11:25	Daily
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PG707	13:45	14:40	5,6,7
PG703	16:50	17:45	Daily
TG305	18:05	18:50	Daily
8M332	19:10	20:00	Daily
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UB018	20:20	21:15	Daily

YANGON TO DON MUEANG

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

DON MUEANG TO YANGON

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

YANGON TO GUANGZHOU

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

GUANGZHOU TO YANGON

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

YANGON TO SINGAPORE

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

SINGAPORE TO YANGON

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

YANGON TO HONG KONG

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
KA275	17:20	21:45	5
KA251	1:05	5:25	1,2,3,4,6,7
UB8027	7:15	11:45	1,3,5,7

HONG KONG TO YANGON

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

YANGON TO KUALA LUMPUR

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
AK505	8:25	12:40	Daily
MH741	11:20	15:45	Daily
OD551	12:25	16:45	1,4,7
MH743	16:10	20:30	1,4,6,7
AK503	19:30	23:45	1,5,6,7
OD553	23:55	4:20+1	2,3,5,6

KUALA LUMPUR TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
AK504	6:45	7:55	Daily
MH740	9:10	10:15	Daily
OD550	10:15	11:30	1,4,7
MH742	13:55	15:05	1,4,6,7
AK502	17:50	19:00	1,5,6,7
OD552	21:45	22:55	2,3,5,6

YANGON TO SEOUL INCHEON

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

SEOUL INCHEON TO YANGON

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

YANGON TO TAIPEI

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
CI7916	10:45	16:15	Daily

TAIPEI TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
CI7915	7:00	9:45	Daily

YANGON TO KUNMING

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

KUNMING TO YANGON

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

YANGON TO BEIJING

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

BEIJING TO YANGON

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

YANGON TO HANIO

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

HANOI TO YANGON

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

YANGON TO HO CHI MINH

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

HO CHI MINH TO YANGON

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

YANGON TO TOKYO

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

TOKYO TO YANGON

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

YANGON TO DOHA

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

DOHA TO YANGON

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

YANGON TO CHIANG MAI

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

CHIANG MAI TO YANGON

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

YANGON TO DHAKA

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
BG061	14:15	16:00	1,3,6

DHAKA TO YANGON

FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
BG060	10:45	13:30	1,3,6

YANGON TO DUBAI

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

DUBAI TO YANGON

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

MANDALAY TO BANGKOK

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

BANGKOK TO MANDALAY

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

MANDALAY TO DON MUEONG

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

DON MUEONG TO MANDALAY

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

MANDALAY TO KUNMING

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

KUNMING TO MANDALAY

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

NAY PYI TAW TO BANGKOK

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

BANGKOK TO NAY PYI TAW

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

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CI = China Airlines	SL = Thai Lion Air
CZ = China Southern	SQ = Singapore Airways
DD = Nok Airline	TG = Thai Airways
FD = Air Asia	TR = Tiger Airlines
KA = Dragonair	UB = Myanmar National Airlines
KE = Korea Airlines	VN = Vietnam Airlines

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