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President U Win Myint returns to Nay Pyi Taw from India



President U Win Myint (Center) being welcomed by Vice Presidents U Myint Swe and U Henry Van Thio (Left), Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Soe Win and Union Minister U Min Thu at the Nay Pyi Taw International Airport as he arrives back from New Delhi, India yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

PRESIDENT U Win Myint who was in the Republic of India, returned to Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning by Myanmar National Airlines special flight.

The President and delegation were seen off at New Delhi Palam Airbase by Secretary for Consular Affairs Shri Sanjiv Arora, Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Saurabh Kumar, officials from Indian Ministry of External Affairs, Myanmar Ambassador to India U Moe Kyaw Aung and wife, Military Attache Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and other officials.

The delegation led by President U Win Myint arrived in Nay Pyi Taw in the afternoon and was welcomed upon arrival by Vice President U Myint Swe, Vice President U Henry Van Thio, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice Senior General Soe Win, Union Minister U Min Thu, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr. Myo Aung, Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Maw, Charge d'affaires a.i. of India Mr. Sumit Seth and officials at the Nay Pyi Taw International Airport. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Four ministries explain accomplishments in third-year

THE press conference on the third-year journey of the Ministry of the State Counsellor Office, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation was held at the Ministry of Information's meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Ministry of Office of the State Counsellor

Director-General U Zaw Htay said the Ministry of the State Counsellor Office (MoSCO) addressed challenges and future tasks of the national peace process, the complexity of the situation in Rakhine State, and the threats and challenges to national security.

He said the incumbent government has prioritized national reconciliation and the peace process. He said the first aim is to bring ethnic armed organizations (EAOs) who have not signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) to sign it. He said the second aim is to maintain the ceasefire agreement and ensure no more conflicts arise.

He said the third aim is to the implement the political dialogue of the Union Peace Conference – 21st Century Panglong. He said the fourth aim is to acquire a common agreement on democratic and federal principles in the Union Accord.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approves Union Supplementary Budget Allocation Bill

THE 12th day meeting of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 12th regular session was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning. After detailed explanation by union level officials Hluttaw approves Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Union Supplementary Budget Allocation Bill. Earlier, the Hluttaw was also explained about US$ 100 million IDA loan for which the Hluttaw will discuss at a later date.

Hluttaw explained about US$ 100 million IDA loan

In the first agenda of the day Hluttaw was explained about the particulars of World Bank International Development Association (IDA) loan US$ 100 million to Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement sent by the President for financial support program to expecting mothers and under 2 years old children. Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye and Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Sett Aung gave detailed explanation about the loan.

Following the explanation, Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the matter were informed to register their names.

Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Union Supplementary Budget Allocation Bill

Next, Joint Public Accounts Committee Report on Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Union Supplementary Budget Allocation Bill, principles and basis of discussions on it by the Hluttaw representatives were responded to and explained by Union Minister for Construction U Han Zaw, Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun, Deputy Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Mya Lay Sein and Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Sett Aung.

Afterwards, Joint Public Accounts Committee Deputy Chairman U Aung Min (Zalun constituency) tabled a paragraph wise motion on the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Union Supplementary Budget Allocation Bill. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker then obtained the comments of union level organization members and the Hluttaw's decision to approve it.



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is being convened in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Later, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Sett Aung tabled a motion for the Hluttaw to approve the entire Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Union Supplementary Budget Allocation Bill as discussed and approved by the Hluttaw.

Following this, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw's approval of the entire bill after obtaining the decision of the Hluttaw.

The Hluttaw was then adjourned and an announcement made that the 13th day meeting of the Second Pyidaungsu Hlutaw's 12th regular session will be held on 4 June.—Aung Ye Thwin, Aye Aye Thant (MNA) ■ *(Translated by Zaw Min)*

Myanmar Hluttaw, Hanns Seidel Foundation sign MoU on extension of cooperation



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein attends the signing ceremony on extension of the MoU on cooperation for development of Myanmar Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

MYANMAR Hluttaw and Hanns Seidel Foundation-HSF signed a Memorandum of Understanding-MoU on extension of the MoU on cooperation for development of Myanmar Hluttaw at the Hluttaw Affairs Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The signing ceremony was attended by Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw U Tun Tun Hein, who is also Chairman of the Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) on Hluttaw Development, and members of the JCC and officials of the Hanns Seidel Foundation.

The signing ceremony began with opening remarks by JCC Chairman U Tun Tun Hein and Resident Representative of the Hanns Seidel Foundation-HSF Mr. Achim Munz.

The MoU was signed by Director-General of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and JCC Secretary U Kyaw Soe and Mr. Achim Munz.—MNA ■

(Translated by GNLM)

Coord meeting discusses systemizing Chinese visits to develop sustainable tourism

The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism held a coordination meeting at its office yesterday to provide systematic travel services to Chinese travellers in Myanmar, to conduct business in line with rules and regulations, and to ensure benefits to those who work together with the nation and to the local residents in tandem with the increase in the number of visitors to the country.

The Ministry's Permanent Secretary U Brathsim and department officials, officials from Myanmar Tourism Federation, Myanmar Tourism Entrepreneur Association and Myanmar-China Tourism Development Committee, and officials from travel agencies providing services to Chinese tourists attended the meeting.

Union Minister U Ohn Maung first delivered a speech where he urged the participants to openly communicate their ideas and opinions on forming the necessary policies and strategies to implement sustainable tourism that will benefit the nation and everyone working in the tourism sector. After general discussions, the Union Minister delivered the closing speech where he said the Union Government is reviewing which restrictions to nullify and requested everyone working in this sector to conduct their business systematically and within the rules. —MNA *(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)*



Union Minister U Ohn Maung delivers the speech at the coordination meeting at the Ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

President attends the Swearing-in Ceremony of the Prime Minister of India for the Second Term

Press Release



President U Win Myint (Centre) attends the dinner hosted by Indian President Ram Nath Kovind (Right) in New Delhi. **PHOTO: MNA**



President U Win Myint (Fourth from Right) poses for documentary photo together with Indian Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi (Fifth from Right), Indian President Mr. Ram Nath Kovind (Sixth from Right) and leaders from regional countries. **PHOTO: MNA**

AT THE invitation of His Excellency Shri Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of the Republic of India, U Win Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, paid a visit to India from 30 to 31 May 2019 to attend the Swearing-in Ceremony of the Prime Minister of India for the second term.

The Myanmar delegation led by the President arrived at the Palam Airport in New Delhi in the morning of 30 May 2019. In the afternoon, President U Win Myint met with Myanmar Ambassador U Moe Kyaw Aung, staff and family members of the Myanmar Embassy and the Myanmar Military Attaché Office at the Myanmar Ambassador's Residence in New Delhi and gave guidance to them. Afterwards, the President visited the National Museum and the India Gate.

In the evening, the President attended the Swearing-in Ceremony of the Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi for the second term which was held at the Rashtrapati Bhavan (the President's House) in New Delhi. The Prime Minister and the members of the Council of Ministers of his Government swore in at the Ceremony administered by the President of India. After the Ceremony, President U Win Myint cordially greeted and congratulated the Indian Prime Minister for his landslide victory in the elections and offered best wishes for his continued success and for further consolidating friendly relations between Myanmar and India during his second term. After the Ceremony, the President attended the State Banquet hosted by H.E. Shri Ram Nath Kovind, President of India. During the course of the Banquet, the President had the opportunity of cordial talks with the Indian President and Vice President H.E. Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu on promoting bilateral ties.

The Swearing-in Ceremony was also attended by the President of the Kyrgyz Republic, the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and the President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, the Prime Minister of the Republic of Mauritius, the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Bhutan, the Prime Minister of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal and the Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of Thailand. The leaders of the BIMSTEC Member States and the current Chair of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) were invited as special guests. The Ceremony was also attended by about 7,000 invitees including the foreign dignitaries, diplomats, leaders of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) and national and regional politicians.

The President and the entourage arrived back Nay Pyi Taw by special flight in the afternoon of 31 May 2019.

The President was accompanied by U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation, U Khin Latt, Permanent Secretary for the President Office, and responsible officials.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Nay Pyi Taw
31 May 2019

World No Tobacco Day 2019 held in Nay Pyi Taw

WORLD No Tobacco Day 2019 was observed at the assembly hall of Ministry of Health and Sports in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning. At the event Union Minister Dr. Myint Htwe requested Hluttaw representatives to spread the bad effects of cigarettes and tobacco to the public in states, regions, townships, rural villages and to conduct educative talks about it in their respective constituencies.

The Union Minister also spoke of the direct and indirect health effect to the smokers, their friends, families and neighbors. An appropriate strategy and work processes should be drawn up, sector wise duties and responsibilities assigned to relevant ministerial departments and organizations to reduce and eradicate the manufacture, trade and sale of cigarette and tobacco said the Union Minister. Next World Health Organization (WHO) Representative to Myanmar Dr. Stephan Paul Jost read a message sent by WHO South East Asia Regional Office director and spoke of salient points on controlling cigarette and tobacco and eradicating the usage of it.

Afterwards Department of Public Health and Medical Services Director-General Dr. Soe Oo explained about cigarette and tobacco control works and future work processes. Later the Union Minister and guest inspected the displays exhibited in commemoration of the day. The event was attended by Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo, Deputy Attorney General U Win Myint, Pyithu Hluttaw Health and Sports Development Committee chairman, Amyotha Hluttaw Health, Sports and Cultural Affairs Committee's chairman and secretary, partner organizations and the public numbering about 300. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Union Minister Dr. Myint Htwe looks around the ceremony to mark the World No Tobacco Day 2019 at the Ministry of Health and Sports in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Senior General offers condolences on the passing away of General Prem Tinsulanonda



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing pays respects to the picture of the President of the Privy Council of Thailand General Prem Tinsulanonda in Thailand. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

TATMADAW Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing left Nay Pyi Taw airport for Thailand by air yesterday morning to sign in the condolence book on the occasion of the passing away of President of the Privy Council of Thailand General Prem Tinsulanonda.

Upon arrival at the Royal Thai Air Force Don Mueang Airport (Win-6) in Bangkok, Thailand, the Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief was welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Myo Myint Than, General Peerapong Maungboonchoo of the Royal Thai Armed Forces (RTAF), Office of the Commander-in-Chief, Myanmar military attaché (Army, Navy, Air Force) Brig-Gen Khin Zaw and senior RTAF officers.

Next Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief and party arrived at the Office of the Privy Council President to pay respects to the picture of the President of the Privy Council of Thailand General Prem Tinsulanonda and signed the condolence book.

Afterwards the Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief was interviewed by a Bangkok Post reporter about his memories and remembrance on the passing away of the Privy Council President.

From there Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief went to Wat Benchamabophit and together with high ranking officers from the two armed forces paid respects to the remains of the Privy Council President.

Later in the afternoon Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief and party left Bangkok Royal Thai Air Force Don Mueang Airport (Win-6) and returned to Nay Pyi Taw airport. Upon arrival at the Nay Pyi Taw airport he was welcomed by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice Senior General Soe Win and high ranking Tatmadaw officers according to news released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.—MNA ■ *(Translated by Zaw Min)*

Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe attends 14th Jeju Forum



Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor's Office U Kyaw Tint Swe poses for the documentary photo with attendees at the 14th Jeju Forum for Peace & Prosperity 2019 in Jeju. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe attended the 14th Jeju Forum for Peace & Prosperity 2019 organized by the Republic of Korea Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Jeju Free International City Development Center at International Convention Center, Jeju, ROK from 29 to 30 May.

On the evening of 29 May, the Union Minister attended a dinner hosted by Jeju Governor Mr. Won Heeryong and then attended the opening ceremony of 14th Jeju Forum held in the morning of 30 May.

Later in the afternoon of 30 May, the Union Minister attended a private discussion titled "New Southern Policy, Achievements and Challenges over the Past Two Years: In the Aspect of Foreign and Security Policy" and delivered the keynote speech.

In his opening speech, the Union Minister spoke of the benefits of ROK's New Southern Policy, ASEAN-Korea economic and trade cooperation, Myanmar's continuous support of ROK President Moon Jae-in government's denuclearization of Korean peninsula and eternal peace process, promoting increased investment of Korean companies in Myanmar, friendship between Myanmar and Korea and increasing friendship and cooperation.

The 14th Jeju Forum was also attended by former President of Austria Mr. Heinz Fischer, former Prime Minister of Australia Mr. Malcolm Turnbull, former Prime Minister of Japan Mr. Yukio Hatoyama, former Foreign Minister of People's Republic of China Mr. Li Zhaoxing, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Republic of Indonesia Mr. Marty Natalegawa and ASEAN Secretary General Dato Lim Jock Hoi. Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe left for Tokyo in the evening of 30 May to attend the 25th International Conference on Future of Asia that will be held in Tokyo, Japan. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Heads of service organizations appointed

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each of their names on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

	Name	Appointment
(1)	Dr. Mi Mi Khin Pro-Rector Computer University, Meiktila Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education	Rector Computer University, Meiktila Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education
(2)	Dr. Kyawt Khin Pro-Rector Technological University, Maubin Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education	Rector Technological University, Maubin Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education

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Four ministries explain accomplishments in third-year

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Ministry of the State Counsellor Office, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation hold press conference on their performance in third one-year period in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

He said the fifth aim is to ensure the ethnic people residing in ceasefire regions can benefit from peace. He said the sixth aim is to implement the democratic transition and federal establishment in line with the Union Accord.

U Zaw Htay said the ministry has set three phases for interacting with non-signatories to the NCA. He said there is a need for another ceasefire agreement to end ongoing conflicts with the Northern Alliance.

He said there is a need to build trust first and that they are negotiating military agreements and the affairs of local residents and IDPs in those regions. He said the next step is to sign a bilateral agreement to discuss federal fundamental principles for finding political solutions with the NCA being the next step after that.

U Zaw Htay said there have been 206 clashes with AA resulting in nearly 100 AA members dead and 48 captured alive. He said there were 21 bombing incidents with 9 attacks on Tatmadaw convoys and columns and 9 landmine attacks on police officers and civilians from the AA.

He said there are IDP camps opened in seven townships of Rakhine State and in Chin State's Paletwa. He said there are currently 33,000 IDPs living in those camps.

The Director-General then answered to questions asking whether the Tatmadaw officers who had charges pressed against them concerning affairs of Inndin village, Rakhine State, were released or not. He also answered to questions asking about the delay in the peace process, the content of the President's speech delivered during his meeting with government staff in Nay Pyi Taw Council, the ongoing arrest for monk U Wirathu, the number of foreign advisors appointed to Union-level organizations and the appointment policy, the entry of terrorists from Malaysia and the Union Government's preparations for protection, the management process for ensuring later issues do not arise from arresting extreme nationalist movements, whether a new minister position will be expanded for governing the subnational general administration departments, the process of relinquishing confiscated lands and swiftly returning them to the original owners, whether the financial difference between the States and Regions during the change in government will be properly explained to the public, how the Union Government will address the budgets for the subnational government that are still not handed over, the discussions to be held with the Northern Alliance, the conflicts between the Tatmadaw and AA, and whether updates will be released on the Myitsone issue.

Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture

Deputy Minister U Kyi Min said the ministry organizes State-level ceremonies for donating Kathina robes and Waso robes at the Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw in July and November every year.

In addition, they confer religious titles on outstanding Buddhist monks, nuns and lay persons at home and abroad on 4th January on Independence Day every year. For 2019, the titles were conferred on 254 monks, 14 nuns and 93 lay persons on 20 March 2019.

The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture is building a pagoda namely the Eternal Peace Pagoda in Dakkhinathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw and religious objects will be fixed atop the pagoda this year to complete the pagoda. The Eternal Peace Pagoda will be built on the 1.3 acres of land and it will be 54 ft high when completed.

Meanwhile, the Myanmar delegation led by State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Chairman Sayadaw Dr. Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa and Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko attended the New Year's Eve Recitation and Vipasana Meditation Ceremony held in Bangkok from 28th December, 2018 to 2nd January 2019.

The ministry launched the project to renew the gold plates on the Shwedagon Pagoda and opened the machinery for making gold plates at the pagoda on 13 December, 2018.

The pagoda will be covered in scaffolding during the six-month project and about 3,000 gold plates will be screwed on it.

For 2018-2019 Shwedagon Pagoda gold plate renovation works, a central committee, work committee and ten sub-committees were formed and assigned different duties and responsibilities.

As part of efforts for unity of all interfaith in Myanmar, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture formed the Interfaith Friendship and Unity Group (Myanmar) with representatives from different religions in Myanmar. There are 130 township-level committees under the group. The interfaith group carried out 32 activities for unity and friendship of the interfaith in Myanmar in three years.

The ministry is working together with religious organizations. At the invitation of the Cardinal Charles Maung Bo, the delegation of the Religions for Peace led by Bishop Gunnar visited Myanmar from 22 to 28 May last year and visited Sittway during the visit.

Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko and officials of the ministry visited Rakhine State from 29 to 30 September last year and handed over K1.33 billion equivalent to US$100,000 donated by His Holiness Pope Francis through Cardinal Charles Maung Bo.

The ministry formed the national level committee to review the human rights situation in Myanmar under the Universal Periodic Review of the UN Human Rights Council. At the first meeting the committee, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture was tasked to implement the friendship of all interfaith and freedom of expression, which is suggestion No. 10 of the 166 suggestions of the UN Human Rights Council.

The ministry has been collecting antiques offering cash prizes to the people. About 3,615 kinds of antiques have been collected from 96 people at the cost of over K233 million. So far, 1471 kinds of antique have been collected by the ministry and displayed the tangible and intangible cultural heritage at the museums.

Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation

Deputy Permanent Secretary U Hla Tun said this year, 7,137 acres of rice were planted and yielded 5,805,620 baskets of paddy. In relation to Good Agricultural Practices (GAP), the ministry managed to advertise 15 different crops and this year they will open training courses and build capacity.

As GAP priority land, they planted 1,558 acres of rainy season peanuts, 325 acres of rainy season sesame, 325 acres of winter peanuts, 65 acres of winter sesame and 83 acres of winter sunflowers. The MoALI gave 1,538 GAP training classes, 1,383 seed production classes, 1,075 seed protection technology classes, 1,383 other technical classes, and conducted 26,280 cultivator discussions.

The ministry has issued 253 GAP certificates as of February and successfully developed one village per township as a role model using advanced technologies. The Vegetables and Fruits Research and Development Centre announced the Myanmar organic standards on 26 January 2019 and organized a horticultural fair. The Fertilizer Committee issued 1,197 registrations.

As of now, the ministry has issued Form-7 to 6,028,090 farmers for a combined land area of 25,206,274 acres, said U Hla Tun. He said they have issued Form-7 for 246,309 acres belonging to 59,548 farmers this year. Over the three years, the ministry has issued 967,101 Form-7 to 215,190 farmers.

U Hla Tun said the ministry has submitted the Bill Amending the 2012 Farmland Law to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw. The Bill Amending the 2012 Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 24 and they are working to amend its related bylaw.

The Department of Irrigation and Water Utilization Management facilitated irrigation from dam water for 1.392 million acres of summer crops and other crops and for 1.23 million acres of monsoon crops in 2017-2018. In this summer, they have provided dam water to 1.41 million acres of summer crops and other crops.

U Hla Tun said they will complete the water system and irrigation channels from South Nawin, North Nawin, Wae Gyi, and Taung Nyo dams in eastern Bago Region within this year. This will provide enough irrigation to 216,285 acres of farmlands.

U Hla Tun said the ministry has cooperated with UNICEF to provide access to clean drinking water in rural areas. They drew a programme for rural water supply and investment and conducted 1,051 water access projects in 989 villages. This has benefitted 708,000 people. We will continue about 2,209 water access projects in the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

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Thanakha association plans drive against fake cosmetics

THE Myanmar Thanakha Association will call for laboratory testing of cosmetics that claim to have thanakha as an ingredient, in a move to curb the sale of fake cosmetics, said U Kyaw Moe, the chairman of the association.

The drive against spurious cosmetics will be launched with the cooperation of the Myanmar Competition Commission and the Consumer Affairs Department, he said.

"The Thanakha Conference will be held in Monywa in October. During that month, we will demand that cosmetics which claim to have thanakha as an ingredient be tested in the laboratory. We will demand the tests so fake cosmetics which have been imported or produced locally can be identified. Our association will make utmost effort in cooperation with the Myanmar Competition Commission and the Consumer Affairs Department. Perhaps, action cannot be initiated against the manufacturers of fake cosmetics as it may not be legally binding. Even though we cannot demand legal action, our association will denounce the cheating of customers," said U Kyaw Moe.

"We will take samples of cosmetics which do not have any thanakha to the Thanakha Conference. Our plan is to make this kind of unethical activity known to the authorities. They should be aware that such fake cosmetics are being distributed in the market. Our association will put a clearance label on genuine thanakha cosmetics, which have either been imported or produced within the country. Our association will protect consumers. And, we will tell consumers to buy only thanakha cosmetics bearing our clearance labels," he said.



Thanakha is a cosmetic paste made from ground bark.
PHOTO: MYO WIN TUN (MONYWA)

"Women are attracted to cosmetics that are packaged well. But, they are not aware that some cosmetics may not contain thanakha, even though they claim to do so. If a cosmetic has thanakha, producers must provide its samples for laboratory testing. Then, the association will issue clearance labels," he added.

The Myanmar Thanakha Association has more than 300 members. Thanakha festivals and competitions have been held twice at the Kyauktawgyi pagoda in Mandalay. Such festivals have also been held in Ayadaw, Shwebo, Yesagyo, and Myaing towns.—Myo Win Tun (Monywa)
(Translated by Hay Mar)

Bus drivers to be issued smart cards in June: YRTA

By Nyein Nyein

THE Yangon Region Transport Authority will issue smart cards to drivers engaged with the Yangon bus service lines in June, said YRTA Managing Director U Aung Nyi Nyi Maw.

"The process has begun to provide smart cards to YBS drivers which will contain the drivers' information. The smart cards are expected to be issued in June," he said.

"The smart cards will have a QR code and barcode, which is important not only for bus drivers, but for the entire transportation industry. All drivers in the YBS network will receive smart cards. The smart cards will help inspectors scrutinize driver information easily. The YRTA maintains a database of all YBS drivers. The smart card system will make it easier to solve problems, including cases related to the termination of drivers and complaints against bus drivers," he added.

At present, the transport authority is examining the smart card issuance processes, starting from the basic level, said U Hla Aung, joint secretary, YRTA.



This photo shows YBS buses on a busy road in downtown area of Yangon.
PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

"There have been some delays in issuing smart cards to bus drivers. We are now scrutinizing the process from the basic level, including a careful examination of driver's licences at the Road Transport Administration Department. This is why some processes are facing a delay. The YRTA is now trying to issue smart cards as quickly as possible in order to maintain all records of bus drivers, which is also vital in case of road accidents. In some road mishaps, drivers flee the scene of the accident, which makes it difficult to identify them," he added.

Thanks to the smart card system, the YRTA will be able to track drivers and it will become easy to know drivers' employment history, such as which bus company they have worked at before and which company they have moved to, and their work experience.

According to data from the YRTA, the number of traffic-related cases this year was 982. Of these, 48 cases involved buses. 688 cases involved breaking of traffic rules, and 246 pertained to complaints against drivers.

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

Sale of gems in local currency to be held in Nay Pyi Taw

A sale of gems and jewelry in the local currency will be held at the Maniyadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw from 8 to 13 June.

The sale will take place through an open tender, and only Myanmar businesses would be allowed to participate in it, said Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Ohn Win yesterday at a meeting on conducting the sale in Nay Pyi Taw.

The local currency sale is aimed at helping local jewelry businesses get raw materials to produce finished products, create jobs, prevent illegal sales to foreign countries, and financial regulation of miners.

Local gem mining and production companies working with official permission; local licensed finished gem (cut and polished) producers, traders, and merchants; registered gem companies, and local members of the Myanmar Gems and Jewellery Entrepreneurs Association will be allowed to attend the sale.

Only licensed or permitted buyers under the Myanmar Gem Law and rules will be allowed to attend the sales.—MNA ■

(Translated by GNLM)



Gem merchants checking quality of ruby stones. **PHOTO: MNA**



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Myanmar-Thailand trade exceeds $2.6 bln in October-March

TRADE between Myanmar and neighbouring Thailand topped US$2.6 billion between October and March in the 2018-2019 fiscal year, with exports totalling $1.57 billion and imports reaching $1.075 billion, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

The total figure included trade of commodities from both border gates as well as non-border points of entry.

In the month of March, bilateral exports stood at $293 billion, while bilateral imports were pegged at $184 billion, totalling $478 million.

Myanmar delivers goods to neighboring Thailand via the maritime routes as well as border points of entry. In border trade, goods are delivered mainly through seven border gates, namely, Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthoung, Myeik, Htikhee, Mawtaung, and Maese.

The products traded by the two countries include watermelons, pineapples, avocados, and other fruits, onion, garlic and other kitchen crops, dried tea leaves, manganese dioxide, jellyfish, eel, cement, construction equipment, leather, iron and steel products, soaps, medicines, cosmetics, food and beverages, stationery, footwear, clothing, and machinery.

According to the ministry's annual statistical report, Myanmar-Thailand bilateral trade was registered at $5 billion in the 2017-2018FY, $4.3 billion in the 2016-2017FY, $4.8 billion in the 2015-2016FY, $5.7 billion in the 2014-2015FY, $5.6 billion in the 2013-2014FY, $4.7 billion in the 2012-2013FY, and $4.5 billion in the 2011-2012FY.

During the 2018 mini-budget period (April-September), Myanmar-Thailand trade topped $2.9 billion, with exports worth $1.6 billion and imports pegged at $1.4 billion. Total trade in October-March has increased by more than $500 million compared with the same period in the previous FY, when Myanmar-Thailand trade stood at $2.5 billion.—Shwe Khine ■

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

Myanmar's maritime trade slides to $15.8 bln in October-May

MYANMAR'S maritime trade declined to $15.8 billion in October-May in the current financial year from $16.3 billion in the corresponding period of the 2017-2018FY, the Ministry of Commerce reported on Friday.

Between 1 October and 24 May in the current fiscal, the country's exports were registered at $5.9 billion, while imports were valued at over $9.9 billion. During the same period in the previous FY, Myanmar's maritime trade totalled $16.3 billion, with exports of $5.7 billion and imports worth nearly $10.6 billion. Compared with the previous FY, maritime trade has declined by $447 million in the current FY.

In the week from 18 April to 24 May, the country shipped goods worth $211 million to trade partners by sea, and imported goods worth $305 million, with total trade pegged at $516 million.

Approximately 80 per cent of Myanmar's total trade is conducted through the maritime routes. Myanmar imports four major groups of products—capital goods, intermediate goods, consumer products, and CMP raw materials. The country predominately exports seven groups of commodities, namely, agro, animal, fisheries, and forest products, minerals, manufactured goods, and other miscellaneous products.

During the six-month mini-budget period (April-September, 2018), the country shipped goods worth $14.231 billion via sea. According to the Commerce Ministry, Myanmar's maritime trade stood at $25.019 billion in the 2017-2018FY, $21.432 billion in the 2016-2017FY, $20.56 billion in the 2015-2016FY, $22.369 billion in the 2014-2015FY, $20.375 billion in the 2013-2014FY, and $14.6 billion in the 2012-2013FY.—Swe Nyein ■ *(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)*

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Develop R&D to ensure market for agro, livestock products

MYANMAR'S agricultural sector is a key pillar of the economy and provides employment to about 53 per cent of the labor force. Additionally, it is a source of livelihood for about 70 per cent of the rural population.

With abundant land and water resources, agriculture is an area where Myanmar has a significant advantage.

Farmers in rural areas of Myanmar practice both agriculture and livestock breeding. However, they have not achieved the level of socioeconomic development they should due to lack of reliable research on the market, technology, capital, and inputs.

It has been found that farmers have enough farmland for agriculture, but they are facing obstacles when it comes to rearing livestock as there are limitations on livestock breeding on farmland under the law.

> To improve the socioeconomic conditions of our farmers, we need to encourage research on marketable crops in the regions, while providing assistance for mass production of crops for export.

Meanwhile, lack of knowledge about agriculture, especially in use of pesticides, can lead to produce being rejected in the international market due to high levels of chemical residue. Agricultural experts from the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Fisheries are conducting training for villagers and raising awareness about agricultural inputs. But, lack of staff and budget constraints have limited the progress of the work undertaken by the Ministry.

To improve the socioeconomic conditions of our farmers, we need to encourage research on marketable crops in the regions, while providing assistance for mass production of crops for export.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation has encouraged farmers to use the good agricultural practices (GAP) protocol in cultivating staple and export crops, and good farming practices for animal breeding, in an effort to improve the farmers' livelihoods and develop Myanmar's agriculture sector, which will contribute to economic growth.

To achieve quick results in the sector, the Ministry is focusing on pragmatic approaches such as research on soil, seeds and inputs, distribution of agricultural inputs, provision of agricultural machinery to farmers, loans to farmers, and supply of water for irrigation.

Boosting the productivity of farmers through sustainable farming to produce safe and quality products is required. Quality agricultural inputs will elevate industry productivity and quality, raising incomes and creating jobs along the value chain.

But, research and development are inseparable. The situation today demands market research.

We believe that current efforts for short-term and long-term farmer-centric projects, which include ensuring local and foreign markets for agricultural and livestock, would bear fruit, and would contribute to the socioeconomic development of our farmers.

Let us strive to eradicate child labour

By Mayu Myo Aung (MANA)



THERE are 152 million children aged between five and seven worldwide; among them 7.4% work in Asia and Pacific regions. And about 73 million have to toil in poor and dangerous working conditions. Developing countries worldwide have been facing child labor problems. Although the eradication of these problems cannot be tackled completely, reduction in child labor is under way depending on the economy of the respective countries.

In 2013 in Myanmar, ILO provision No. 182 concerning child labor abuse was signed and child labor issues have been tackled in collaboration with ILO and UNICEF.

Low socio-economy and child labor

Reduction in child labor is closely related to economic developments, standards of living, and educational levels of the countries concerned. Poverty and migration owing to internal conflicts, natural disasters and insufficient food resulting from climate changes and tight socio-economic conditions compel children who have not finished formal education to join a workforce.

> Developing countries including Myanmar are facing various kinds of natural disasters, lack of food and water, poverty and migrations due to internal conflicts, loss of schooling due to tight economic conditions,

In Myanmar there are 12 million children; out of them 600,000 happen to be engaged in child labor. About 400,000 children have to work in poor and dangerous working conditions, according to a report released on 8 January, 2018 by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population.

The number of children aged between 5 and 17 is 12.4 million; 30% of them are rural child workers and 20% are urban children, outnumbering the latter by the former. Among them, children aged 15 to 17 are the most who have just finished a primary education, continued by the report. Most of the child workers have to work in teashops, restaurants and agricultural fields due to poverty and no chance of education to support their families. Settling debts is burdensome for the children indeed.



Teens at work in a farm. **PHOTO : PHOE KHWAR**

Developing countries including Myanmar are facing various kinds of natural disasters, lack of food and water, poverty and migrations due to internal conflicts, loss of schooling due to tight economic conditions, thereby forcing them to work in teashops, restaurants and dangerous places. In Myanmar, children under the age of 14 are not allowed to do anything rather than running errands for their families. Poverty compels them to join a workforce.

Children as innocent victims

There are many children worldwide kept like a hell in a quarantine. Human trafficking businesses popularly known as businesses in the dark are worth $ 150 billion a year, pushing them to become housemaids and prostitutes. As many as 90 million people in the world have become part-time or full-time slaves since 2011. They have been exchanged for money as well as for drugs and arms. The United Nations has designated 12 January as the World Children's Day and 30 July as Anti-Human Trafficking Day to bring knowledge about these evils.

There are an estimated 170 million children worldwide; about half of them are working in rough and dangerous conditions. Some have gone into slaves since childhood; one-third of them are employed because of trafficking in human beings. Girls among them are much to be pitied. They are in exchange for sex slaves. As many as 25 million children have been under duress since 2016. Among them about five million have become sex slaves. Young men and girls are exchanged for sex slaves, creating one of the big businesses in the world.

Modern Slavery

Modern slavery system is a frightening prospect. Activities have been carried out to abolish slavery since 1800. 16 million girls have been forced to get married;but forced marriage cannot be termed as slavery. Most of them have not reached puberty; they are forced into agreement under duress. Modern slavery has existed in different fashions. It is found on trawlers, mines, brothels and farms. Human beings trapped in these businesses in various ways are treated like beasts.

Anti-slavery group (ASI) wants first of all to eradicate the common traditions concerning gender issues. Women are given inhuman and degrading treatment by some human societies, compelling them to drag into dark age. Human traffickings spread like a virus which causes infectious diseases. Girls and children happen to be a prime target in most human trafficking.



Children work at a pier. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

Market emerges for internal organs

Worst and inhuman act of the modern era is purchase people alive and extract their internal organs; it emerges as the most frightening business. Yearly human trafficking for removal of their kidneys are in their thousands. More than 7000 people come to the black market to remove their kidneys. The kidney substitute demands generate a market.

(Translated by Arakan Sein)

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Friday 31st May, 2019)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is weak to moderate over the Andaman Sea, South Bay and East Central Bay of Bengal and weather is partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.
FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 1st-June, 2019: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyarwady Regions, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States, fairly widespread in Naypyitaw, Mandalay and Taninthayi Regions and Shan and Rakhine States, scattered in Magway Region and Kachin State and isolated in the remaining Regions and States and isolated heavyfalls in Bago, Yangon ,Ayeyarwady Regios. Degree of certainty is (80%).
STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4 - 6) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.
OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of advancement of Southwest monsoon into the Central Myanmar areas.
FORECAST FOR NAYPYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 1st June, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).
FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 1st June, 2019: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).
FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 1st June, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. **Degree of certainty is (80%).**
WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND: Rain or thundershowers will bescattered to fairly widespreadin Naypyitaw and Mandalay Region and widespread in Yangon Region.

Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their work to the **Global New Light of Myanmar** at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, in person, or by email to **ce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com** with the following information: **(1)** Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), **(2)** Own name and (if different) your penname, **(3)** Your level of education, **(4)** Name of your School/College/University, **(5)** A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, **(6)** A color photo of the submitter, **(7)** Copy of your NRC card, **(8)** Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.).— **Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar**

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Four ministries explain accomplishments in third-year

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Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population

U Myo Aung, Permanent Secretary for Labour Affairs, said between 1 April 2018 and 28 February 2019, there were over 9054 additional positions open in the government offices with 216,391 openings in the private sector. There is a total of 269 agencies that help employ people from Myanmar abroad legally. Last year, Myanmar sent up to 228,162 workers abroad. He said the ministry also helped establish 251 new worker unions, 10 job fairs in over 3 regions and states and helped filled 2210 positions.

The Ministry is issuing Certificate Of Identity to workers currently in Thailand with no proper documentation. There were 9 mobile centers that issued these certificates with over 66,000 certificates issued between 11 March 2018 to 30 June 2018 and a total 263,135 OWIC cards issued from 1 April 2018 to 28 February 2019.

For workers who hold the TR-38 cards, the Myanmar embassy is now allowing Myanmar passport holders to renew their passwords with proper documentation.

Myanmar has also signed respective MOUs with the Republic of Korea and Japan to allow workers from Myanmar to have access to employment and training centers the countries.

U Myo Aung said the ministry is trying to train their Labour Exchange officers, general administration officers and ward and village administrators to be able to provide accurate and relevant information on safe migration to potential migrants and their families. He said this will hopefully help them make more informed choices and avoid traffickers and other illicit agencies.

Within the 3rd year of the current administration, there were over 1,239,229 people who were reimbursed medical costs from 32,119 offices. Over K391 million covered medical costs for 8,359 cases and K10,709 million more paid for 221,859 cases as damages. The ministry is trying to reform its IT system to makes things more stream — lined and efficient in addition to the medical reform to create a provider-purchaser split system for healthcare.

There is also a 2018-2023 project roadmap to eradicate child labor and the ministry is currently drawing up a step-by-step plan to achieve the objectives in the roadmap, said U Myo Aung. There is currently a draft regarding child labor in over 20 industries and 108 sub categories and is expected to come out in early 2019.

U Myo Aung said the ministry added two additional types of visa for family and guests of diplomats and added two more countries (Ukraine, Russia) to 53 countries eligible for Visa on Arrival. The VOA is available in Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw international airports for different types of visa.

Since the implementation of visa on arrival, Myanmar have received over US$19 million from 398,213 world travelers. E-visas are available for tourists from 100 countries and 55 countries for business visas from 3 international airports and Myanmar-Thai and Myanmar-India international checkpoints. Express e-tourist visas are available as well within 24 hours. Myanmar have received over US$42 million from over 1.1 million visitors.

Afterwards, the officials replied to questions from the media. —Tun Nanda

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Website launched to resolve exporters' difficulties at regional level



Deputy Director-General of Department of Trade Promotion Daw Naw Muta Kapaw delivers the speech at the awareness workshop on ASEAN Website in Yangon. **PHOTO: ZAW MIN LATT**

By Aye Yamone

AS PART of efforts towards the complete implementation of the national export strategy, a website — ASEAN Solutions for Investments, Services, and Trade (ASSIST) — was launched on 31 May in Yangon. ASSIST will allow exporters to file complaints about trade-related issues at the regional level.

The website, which will be supervised by the Ministry of Commerce, was officially launched at an awareness workshop for traders which was held at the headquarters of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry. At the workshop, traders were educated about filing complaints at the regional level through the ASEAN website.

Through the ASSIST website, exporters will be able to register complaints arising from the export of goods and services as well as investing in other ASEAN member states.

Daw Hay Man Thein Oo, the head of the Regional Economic Cooperation Department under the Trade Department, said: "The website will not accept complaints from individuals. It will only accept complaints filed by a company or an enterprise registered in an ASEAN member country. The website will entertain complaints only from the ten ASEAN member states."

The ASSIST will be available free of charge, and will have two main home contact points for trade and investment. If a complaint is valid as per the ASEAN regional agreements, the Destination Contact Point (DCP) of the partner state will cooperate in resolving the issue. Complaints will be resolved within 40-60 days from the day they are filed.

Daw Thida Win Htay, assistant director, Department of Trade Promotion, said: "There is no complaint from Myanmar entrepreneurs on the website. This is a regional-level consultative mechanism for finding effective solutions to operational problems encountered by ASEAN enterprises. We just introduced this website for local exporters."

The ASSIST is modelled after the SOLDIC website used in the European Union.

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

Myanmar, Bangladesh conduct coordinated patrol

THE Myanmar Border Police and Border Guards Bangladesh conducted coordinated patrols along the Naf River on 30 May.

Two high-speed water crafts from area-7, Maungtaw, and two water crafts from Bangladesh side participated in the patrol along the river, according to the press release from the Myanmar Police Force.—GNLM

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



Myanmar Border Police and Border Guards Bangladesh conducting coordinated naval patrols in the Naf River. **PHOTO: MPF**

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Passenger bus runs over landmine planted by AA in Myebon, Rakhine State

A passenger bus ran over a landmine planted by AA on the Yangon-Sittway Road in Myaybon, Rakhine State, yesterday but no one was injured in the accident.

The blast between the Mile Post No. 69 and 70 occurred at 4:45 pm and caused damages to the bus which was en-route from Sittway to Yangon.

Authorities arranged for the passengers onboard to be transported with another bus.

The Myanmar Police Force announced that the destructive actions of AA group on the main road has caused trouble for the people using it, and actions will be taken against them in accordance with the law for their destructive acts.—MNA ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



The damages on the passenger bus that hits the landmine planted by AA group on the Yangon-Sittway Road. **PHOTO: MNA**

Seminar on blood storage, transportation held at National Blood Center

THE Seminar on Verification Survey for disseminating Japanese Technology for Blood Storage and Transportation Services was held at the National Blood Center in Yangon yesterday morning.

Union Peace Commission Chairman Dr. Tin Myo Win first addressed the seminar, followed by remarks from Dr. Zaw Than Tun, the Director-General of the Department of Medical Research, which is under the Ministry of Health and Sports, Mr. Kazuyuki Takimi, Counsellor of the Japanese Embassy, and Mr. Shunichi Ogiri, Senior Managing Director of Daido Industries.

Next, Mr. Ogiri explained about the importance of proper blood storage for promoting safe blood transfusion, the report displaying findings of using Japanese technology and services, and the challenges for Myanmar's blood transfusion services including proper equipment and developing the required human resources.

Following this, Mr. Hideto Ogawa of the Japan Red Cross Society's blood donation center explained about the blood storage management of blood centers in Japan, Dr. Takehiro Kohno of Osaka Medical College explained how medical professionals in Japan are increasing the usages of blood, Prof. Akira Kokununji of Hiroshima International University explained the role of Japanese technicians in the blood transfusion system, and Ms. Mayumi Matsumoto, a certified transfusion nurse, explained about the blood transfusion skills related to nurses in Japan.



Union Peace Commission Chairman Dr. Tin Myo Win addresses the seminar for Japanese technology in blood storage. **PHOTO: MNA**

Next, the head of the National Blood Center, Deputy Director-General Dr. Thida Aung delivered the closing speech.

Attending yesterday's seminar were Mr. Kazuyuki Takimi, Counsellor of the Japanese Embassy, officials from JICA and JETRO, rectors from medical universities, hospital superintendents, and officials from the Myanmar Medical Association, Myanmar Medical Professional Association, Myanmar Medical Council, Myanmar Nurse Association, and government departments. —MNA ■ *(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)*

Trash Hero volunteers clean litter in Minbu Tsp

As part of MRPL E&P Pte Ltd.'s CSR programme, the company cooperated with local residents of Mann Oil Field and Trash Hero Minbu to clean up the area from Ma Kyee Chaung Quarter to Mann Oil Field Main Gate in Minbu Township, Magway Region, yesterday.

Hluttaw representatives, officials of Township Administration, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise's General Manager and Heads of Departments, and MPRL E&P's Field Operations and CSR staff, Myint & Associates Co. Ltd.'s field personnel, community volunteers, Heroes from eight communities, staff of Minbu Municipal and Fire Services Department as well as Trash Hero Myanmar's Country Coordinator actively participated in the event. The 484 Heroes picked up a total of 5.89 metric tons of waste. —MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



Trash Hero Minbu volunteers and local residents pick up litter in Minbu yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Major film studios threaten to boycott Georgia over abortion law

LOS ANGELES — WarnerMedia, Sony Pictures and NBCUniversal on Thursday joined a growing number of major studios threatening to pull their productions out of Georgia should a controversial abortion law in the southern US state go into effect.

"We will watch the situation closely and if the new law holds we will reconsider Georgia as the home to any new productions," WarnerMedia, which encompasses HBO, Turner and Warner Bros., said in a statement to AFP.

"As is always the case, we will work closely with our production partners and talent to determine how and where to shoot any given project."

NBCUniversal, Sony Pictures Entertainment and AMC Networks also warned that should the abortion bill go into effect, that would impact their choice for filming locations.

"We fully expect that the heartbeat bills and similar laws in various states will face serious legal challenges and will not go into effect while the process proceeds in court," NBCUniversal said in a statement to AFP.

"If any of these laws are upheld, it would strongly impact our decision-making on where we produce our content in the future."

A spokesman for Sony said the company would keep an eye on legal challenges to the abortion law and act accordingly.

Major production hub

"We will continue to monitor that process in close consultation with our filmmakers and television showrunners, talent and other stakeholders as we consider our future production options," the spokesman said. — AFP ■

China's US tariff hike to target condoms, wine, pianos

BEIJING — Condoms, perfume, wine and pianos are among a cocktail of American products that will be hit by a steep increase in Chinese tariffs on Saturday as Beijing retaliates in an escalating trade war.

The move will cap a week that was marked by a heated war of words and Chinese threats to curb exports of rare earths, which are key to US tech industries, after President Donald Trump blacklisted telecom giant Huawei.

Washington and Beijing resumed their tariffs battle earlier this month after trade talks in Washington ended without a deal, with the US side accusing Chinese negotiators of reneging on previous commitments.

The countries have exchanged tariffs on $360 billion in two-way trade so far.

Trump more than doubled punitive tariffs on $200 billion in Chinese goods to 25 percent, and launched the process to hit nearly all remaining imports from the Asian country.

China responded by announcing that it would increase tariffs on $60 billion in American products on June 1, giving some room for a potential resolution which has not materialised.

Since then, China has warned that the US must show "sincerity" if negotiations are to resume and angry officials accused Washington this week of engaging in "naked economic terrorism."

The US tariffs appear to have already had an impact on Chinese manufacturing activity, which contracted more than expected this month, official data showed on Friday.

Now China is hitting back Saturday with tariffs ranging from five percent to 25 per cent on 5,410 products.

Those facing the 25 per cent hike include:

- Beauty products such as perfume, eye makeup and lipstick.

- Kitchenware such as ovens, microwaves and coffee machines.

- Sports equipment including tennis table balls, badminton rackets and footballs.

- Pianos and string instruments.

- Liquor including gin, wine and tequila.

- Other items include condoms, diamonds, industrial robots, tires, fabric, wood and toys.



China will increase tariffs on $60 billion in American products on 1 June. **PHOTO AFP**

Tariffs are not the only weapons in the trade war.

The Trump administration has issued orders to curtail Huawei's access to American components it needs for its equipment — though a 90-day reprieve was issued.

Chinese state media suggested this week that Beijing could hit back by stopping exports of rare earths to the United States, cutting off key materials used to make everything from smartphones to televisions and military equipment.

Chinese mines accounted for 71 per cent of the world's rare earths production in 2018, according to the US Geological Survey, down from 80 per cent in 2017 and 95 per cent a decade ago.

Cutting off exports to the US could give Beijing leverage in trade talks as China supplies 80 per cent of the rare earths imported by the United States.

But analysts say China may be reluctant to target the materials because it could hasten a global search for alternative supplies of rare earths.— AFP

US to hit Mexico with tariffs over 'illegal migrants'

WASHINGTON — Washington will impose a five percent tariff on all goods from Mexico — increasing to as much as 25 per cent — until "illegal migrants" stop coming through the country into the US, President Donald Trump said Thursday.

"On June 10th, the United States will impose a 5% Tariff on all goods coming into our Country from Mexico, until such time as illegal migrants coming through Mexico, and into our Country, STOP," Trump tweeted.

"The Tariff will gradually increase until the Illegal Immigration problem is remedied, at which time the Tariffs will be removed," he wrote.

According to a White House statement, the tariff will rise to 10 per cent on 1 July, then increase by five percent increments each month until topping out at 25 per cent on 1 October.

"Tariffs will permanently remain at the 25 per cent level unless and until Mexico substantially stops the illegal inflow of aliens coming through its territory," the statement said.

"If the illegal migration crisis is alleviated through effective actions taken by Mexico, to be determined in our sole discretion and judgment, the Tariffs will be removed," it said.

The announcement came the same day that Trump kick-started the process of ratifying the new North American trade pact with Mexico and Canada — an agreement that now may be under threat.



A US Customs and Border Protection photograph of the US-Mexico border. **PHOTO: AFP**

Mexico responds

The tariffs would have severe consequences on Mexico, which sends 80 percent of its exports to the United States.

Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador struck a conciliatory tone in a letter to Trump on Thursday following the tariff announcement.

"I express to you that I don't want confrontation," he wrote. "I propose deepening our dialogue, to look for other alternatives to the migration problem."

Earlier, Mexico's top diplomat for North America had harsher words on the move, describing it as "disastrous" and vowing to respond "vigorously" if it is implemented.

Trump's announcement came a day after border agents in El Paso, Texas detained the largest single group of migrants they had ever encountered — 1,036 people.—AFP ■

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Tokyo shares close lower after Trump announces Mexico tariffs



The threat of the fresh tariff hike overwhelmed the positive impact on the Tokyo market of rallies on Wall Stree. **PHOTO:AFP**

TOKYO — Tokyo stocks closed lower Friday, after US President Donald Trump announced a five per cent tariff on all goods from Mexico, prompting the yen to strengthen against the dollar.

The benchmark Nikkei 225 index fell 1.63 percent, or 341.34 points, to end at 20,601.19. It dropped 2.44 per cent over the week.

The Topix index was down 1.29 per cent, or 19.70 points, at 1,512.28. It fell 1.88 per cent over the week.

Trump abruptly announced the tariff plan on Twitter, saying Washington would impose it from June 10 until "illegal migrants" stop coming through Mexico into the United States.

The move sent shares in Japanese automakers with plants in Mexico down sharply, with Honda dropping 4.26 per cent to 2,651 yen, Mazda plummeting 7.13 per cent to 1,061.5 yen, Nissan down 5.31 per cent to 734.6 yen, and Toyota slipping 2.84 per cent to 6,384 yen.

Trump said the tariffs "will gradually increase until the Illegal Immigration problem is remedied, at which time the Tariffs will be removed."

"Details from the White House to follow," he added.

Hiroaki Hiwata, strategist at Toyo Securities, said many Japanese carmakers would be negatively affected by the decision.

The dollar traded at 108.92 yen in Asian trade, against 109.61 yen in New York late Thursday.

Trump's move to impose a five percent tariff would be "disastrous," Mexico's under-secretary for North American affairs at the Mexican foreign ministry said, vowing to retaliate.

The threat of the fresh tariff hike overwhelmed the positive impact on the Tokyo market of rallies on Wall Street, analysts said.—AFP ■

Changing Distributor For Registered Pesticides

Distribution of pesticide registered by Sinamyang Group Pte Co.,Ltd is changing from Close Friend Co.,Ltd to Myanmar Agrigreen Group Co.,Ltd. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Co-Sevretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein within two weeks.

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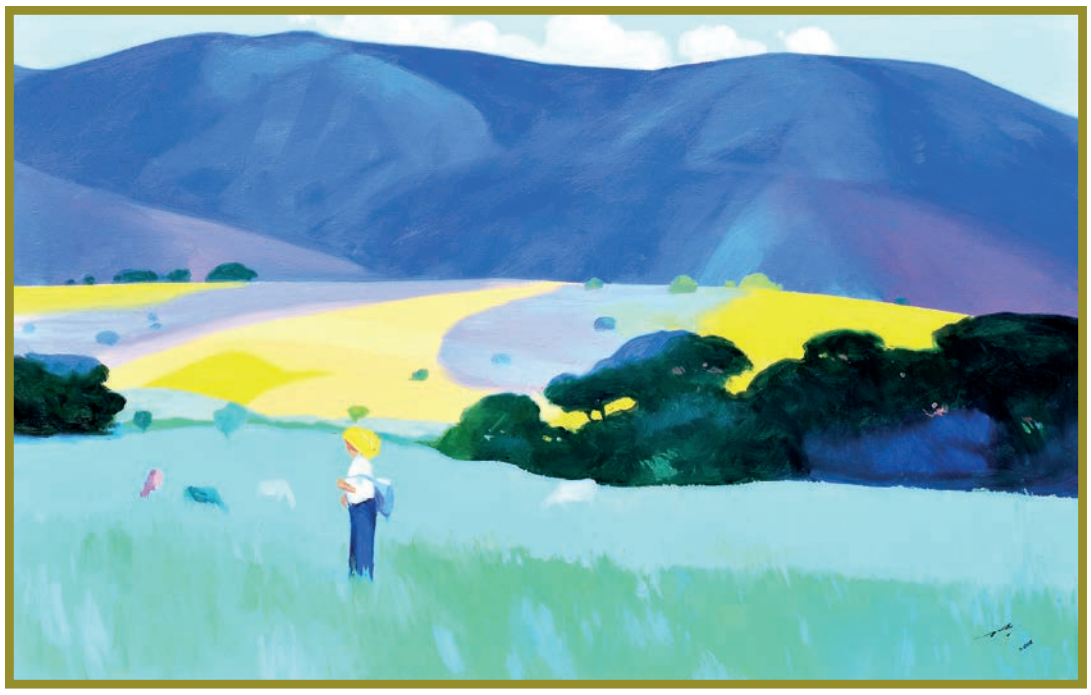
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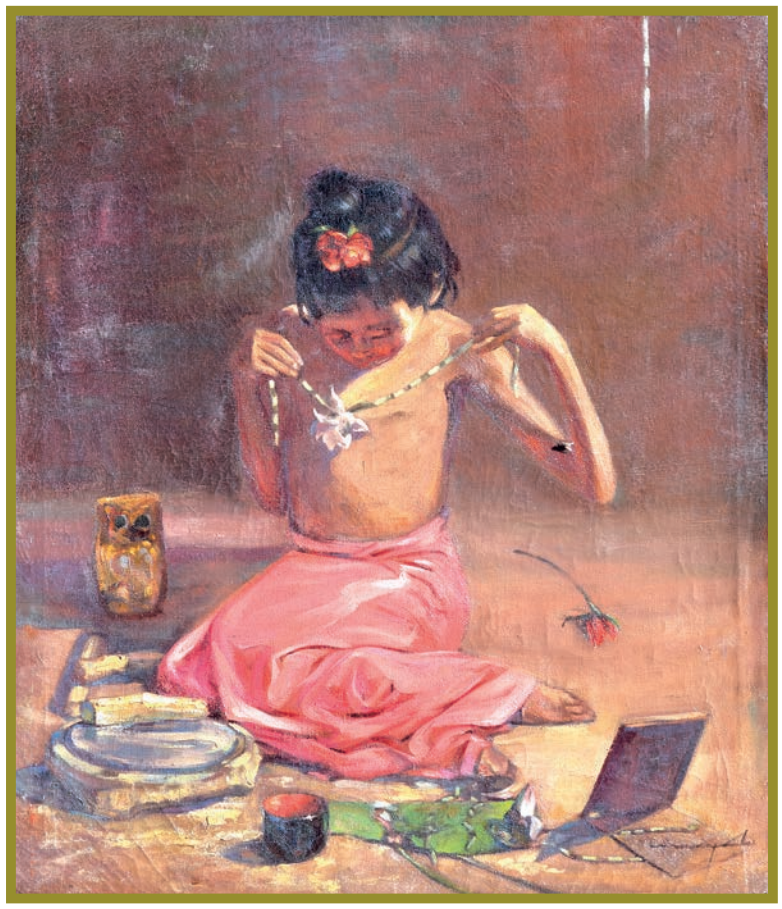
By Aye Min Soe

Maung Aw is considered "the master who sells colour" by Myanmar artists, because of his paintings, which display colours that are unique to Maung Aw.

One year after his graduation in 1970, where he majored in Myanmar literature at Mawlamyine University, Maung Aw studied art under the late Grand Master of arts U Thein Han, who is, himself, a student of famed Myanmar artist U Ba Nyan. Maung Aw stayed with the master for five years, until he married.

In his early work, he created mostly still-life paintings.





His knowledge of art, gained under U Thein Han, allowed Maung Aw to be courageous enough to find alternative ways of creating art. Through the period from 1987 to 2000 he deviated from the accepted forms of realism, as promoted in the academic approach, and stepped into one uniquely his own, described as "a simple way, minimizing colours and shapes." But, he has kept on his trajectory of capturing light, along with his eagerness to place colours on canvas, while changing the style of drawing. In those years, he captured light with his brush and painted a series of landscapes of Myanmar onto his canvas.





Again, in 2007, he simplified his use of colors by extracting colours from nature, while keeping them as simple as possible.

"The simplest way is the most effective," said Maung Aw, displaying his "Turban Kid", a painting of a series in which he introduced the beauty found in ordinary children.

In earlier years, his revolution in his own art brought pain to him, when some artists told him that his paintings were not yet finished.

Simplification

In 2012 he brought about another revolution when he combined three to four landscapes to create just one, describing this, in his own words, as "simplification". This simplification satisfied him, allowing him to to create his best paintings. But, he had to change his method of painting. Along his journey of simplification, he has continued using his typical "colour of Maung Aw."

In 2014 he created a series of paintings, entitled, "In the Dressing Room". These paintings displayed abstract designs, but were without local colour, and they caught the attention of local and international art collectors, who eagerly sought out his paintings at exhibitions, both abroad and at home.



It was in 2016 and 2017 that Maung Aw brought decorative motifs found in Asian countries to his abstract paintings, declaring his new creation as the "Decorative Way". He developed this technique when he discovered floral designs and patterns, mostly found in the backdrop of Burmese thrones and temples in Bagan. While he tried adopting floral designs and motifs in his abstract paintings, he did not copy the same designs he had seen. Instead, he created his own motifs to attract viewers. "I have been working on decorated arts for more than one year, and I am waiting to see my new creation," he said.

Maung Aw was born in 1945, and has participated in international shows for more than 25 years.

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Htokekanthein Stupa : Rakhine's Cultural Heritage

By Aung Kyi Moe (Sittway)

AMONG Myanmar's precious cultural heritage, Htokekanthein stupa in Mrauk-U is one of Rakhine Cultural Heritage. Built in AD 1571 and worshipped by King Phalaung and Queen Shinlatt, 17th king Mrauk-U Dynasty. Htokekanthein stupa is one of the prestigious architectural designs of ancient Rakhine people.

Htokekanthein stupa is situated atop 30-feet small hill, west of Shytethaung Pagoda. It is somewhat like a stupa. Big ordination hall is surrounded by four small ordination halls. Floors paved with stone slabs; ceilings roofed with stone slabs and arched with stone slabs. 190 feet long from south to north and 200 feet wide from east to west, the height of the stupa is 60 feet. The stupa is surrounded by walls from all sides. There is a single entrance to a cave with spirally clockwise two-storied circular paths. There are small 146 cave temples with square bases on the cave walls. Cave circular paths and a room where monks held ceremonies at ancient times at the end of the Buddhist Lent. That room leads to the central chamber for the use of the Buddha. Along the cave pathway, the Buddha statuettes are sculpted in small caves. At the end of the circular path are halls for prayers and big Image of Buddha. At the back of the Stupa is adjacent to meditation hall. Inside the Stupa, there are labyrinthine small and big caves in which Rakhine traditional clothes are sculpted. That is why Shytethaung and Htokekanthein in Mrauk-U vividly describe how ancient Rakhine people's styles of dresses, musical instruments, styles and gestures of dancing are highly beneficial for researchers. These ancient structures can be regarded as cultural museums where one can study ancient Rakhine traditions and customs.

There is a wonderful view from Htokekanthein Stupa; Andaw Pagoda, Yadana Manaung Pagoda, Shytethaung Stupa, Yadanabon Pagoda and Laymyitngar; Pagoda come into your views for worshipping. After Thingyan Water Festival, Shytethaung and Htokekanthein Stupas and Andawthein and five Pagoda have held successive pagoda festivals yearly. Therefore Buddhist devotees are strongly urged to pay a visit to Mrauk-U , a land rich with Rakhine Cultural heritage.

Translated by Arakan Sein

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30th SEA Games: Athletes to be selected for track and field events

UNDER the supervision of the Myanmar Track and Field Federation, selections of athletes for track and field events for the 30th SEA Games in the Philippines will be conducted soon.

The ceremony to select athletes will be held at the Wunna Theikdhi Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw on 7,8,12,14,15, and 19.

A marathon event will also be held on 21 July at the same venue.

Interested athletes need to contact: 09-5026324, 09-771555569, 09-781422506, or email myanmar-athleticsfederation@gmail.com for detailed information, according to the Myanmar Track and Field Federation.—Aung Thura ■ *(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)*

Yangon United Academy to start football course for children

WITH the aim of developing Myanmar's football standards, the Yangon United Academy will start a four-month football course for children under 18 years of age from 5 June, according to officials from the academy.

The course will be led by talented Australian coach Marciel and AFC licensed trainers, according to the academy.

The course will have theoretical as well as practical sessions, and will also include friendly games and matches.

The course will be conducted thrice a week on Wednesdays, Saturdays, and Sundays early in the morning, according to officials.

The course will end in September, they said. Sports kits and other supplies will be provided by the academy, they added.

Youths can enrol their names for the course at the Yangon United Sports Complex in Hlaing Township during office hours, said officials. For further details, officials can be contacted on: 09 431 88 585 and 09 7777 88 409.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■



Youths taking part in a training session during the previous special football course at Yangon United's Sports Complex. **PHOTO : YUSC**



Midfielder Win Htay Kyaw (R) receives the Yadanarbon F.C.'s jersey after signing the contract with the team. **PHOTO: YADANARBON F.C.**

Midfielder Win Htay Kyaw returns to Yadanarbon F.C.

DEFENDER Win Htay Kyaw has signed with Yadanarbon F.C. ahead of the second round of the MPT Myanmar National League 2019, according to the football club.

Win Htay Kyaw started his football career with the Yadanarbon F.C. and then moved to Southern Myanmar F.C. and Ayeyawady United. Now, he has returned to his first club.

Speaking about rejoining Yadanarbon F.C., Win Htay Kyaw said: "I am so happy to be returning to my former club, Yadanarbon F.C. I started my professional career with the team, so I will do my best to serve the team."

Yadanarbon is aiming to win the MPT Myanmar National League 2019, and is making special preparations and recruiting players for the team.

The club has signed local football stars. Before Win Htay Kyaw, the team also recruited defender Thein Than Win from Thai League Club, Ratchaburi Mitr Phol F.C.

Yadanarbon F.C. is placed fourth in the standing table with 20 points in the first round of the national league.

The team is scheduled to play an away match with the Hantharwady United F.C. in the upcoming opener of the second round of the tourney. —Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Origi and Wanyama put Kenya on Champions League map

NAIROBI — Liverpool striker Divock Origi and Tottenham Hotspur's Victor Wanyama are the talk of Kenya ahead of Saturday's European Champions League final in Madrid.

In football-mad Kenya, a nation of 50 million in East Africa, there is hope the two players can shine a positive spotlight on it as fans relish the prospect of a key Kenyan role, even if Origi is Belgian born.

While Kenyan fans already have the feast of the Africa Cup of Nations to look forwards to in June, the Champions League final is dividing opinion on the training ground at Nairobi club Ligi Ndogo.

"This is the first time two players of Kenyan origin will take part in a Champion's League final," says 28-year-old youth coach Kenneth Amolo.

"Wanyama and Origi will represent Kenya on the world stage, it's great."

Another youth coach taking a break from action, Lawrence Omondi, tells AFP he'll be supporting Spurs.

"Wanyama is the captain of our national side, and he is our best player, so we have to back him."

"We have to back the captain of the national side, right," he insisted of Wanyama, who won his first Kenya full international cap at 15.

Wanyama is a solid central midfielder but is also the first Kenyan to score in the European Champions League back when he starred for Celtic, netting in an unforgettable win over Barcelona.

The stocky Wanyama has only started 13 Premier League games this season but has turned out six times so far in the Champions League and is highly thought of by the Spurs faithful.



Liverpool's Divock Origi (R) celebrates after scoring against Barcelona. **PHOTO AFP/FILE**

Origi, for his part, has already made a huge Champions League impact at Anfield, scoring two goals in Liverpool's sensational comeback against Barcelona in this year's semi-final.—AFP ■