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State Counsellor delivers lecture at Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi accepts Historical Medal Charles University award from Charles University Rector Dr. Tomas Zima in Prague.
PHOTO: MNA

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi who was in Prague, the Czech Republic went to Charles University in the afternoon of 3 June and was welcomed by Rector Dr. Tomas Zima and officials.

She was then shown around and explained about Charles University by the Rector.

Next, the State Counsellor delivered a lecture on Myanmar's transition period experience titled "Challenges faced in transitioning to a democratic system" after the Rector delivered an opening remark.

In her lecture she said there was a time difference of only a year between Myanmar and Czechoslovakia's transition to democracy. Czechoslovakia's transition was smooth without any bloodletting. Myanmar people's demonstration for reform in 1988 was not peaceful and smooth like the Czech Republic's Velvet Revolution. The National League for Democracy participated in the 2012 by-election and in the 2015 General Elections it won the majority vote and was able to form a government.

Similarly, the 21st Century Union Peace Conference work processes were conducted and after the National League for Democracy government took over the responsibility of the country, it also inherited the Rakhine State affairs to resolve. In the least developed Rakhine State, conflicts between two communities occurred in 2012 bringing international attention towards it.

To resolve the problem at its root, the Central Committee for Implementation of Peace, Stability and Development in Rakhine State was formed. Suggestions and recommendations from a commission led by Dr. Kofi Annan were also requested to handle the problems in the best possible way to bring peace and harmony to that region.

Due to the follow up incidents after the ARSA terrorist group's attack on police outposts in the border region and Tatmadaw's response to it, Rakhine became the sole and only focus of international attention in Myanmar. Transition to democracy, peace discussions and Rakhine affairs were only part of Myanmar's transition process, but it became the focus of international attention. There was not much interest on Myanmar people's hopes and expectation for more than half a century. The main requirements of the people were water, good road transportation, sufficient electricity, good education and health care.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw discusses EURO 29.96 mln from Netherlands, US$ 100 mln loan from IDA

AT the 13th day meeting of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 12th regular session held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning where EURO 29.96 million and US$ 100 million loans were discussed among others.



Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's twelfth regular session is being convened in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Bill amending Bar Council Act

Joint Bill Committee's findings and comments report on the bill amending Bar Council Act sent with comments by the President was first read by committee secretary Dr. Myat Nyana Soe and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the bill to register their names.

Tax Management Bill

Next, Joint Bill Committee secretary Dr. Myat Nyana Soe tabled a motion to approve paragraph by paragraph the Tax Management Bill sent by the Union Government. The motion was discussed by Hluttaw representatives and Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win after which the Hluttaw's decision was obtained and the bill approved.

Hluttaw discusses EURO 29.96 million loan

Afterwards, EURO 29.96 million loan from Netherlands' FMO (Nederlandse Finacierings-Maatschappij voor Ontwikkelingslanden or the Netherlands Development Finance Company) and ING (Internationale Nederlanden Groep) Bank to conduct water distribution project in Mandalay Region Pyigyidagun Township sent by the President was discussed by U Aung Zaw Myint of Amarapura constituency, Dr. Hla Moe of Aungmyaythazan constituency, U Soe Thein of Kayah State constituency 9, U Khin Cho of Hlinebwe constituency, Dr. Than Aung Soe of Minhla constituency, U Myo Naing of Chanayethazan constituency, Dr. Sai Hla Thein of Chamyathazi constituency, U Thaung Htay Lin of Patheingyi constituency, U Tun Tun Oo of Mandalay Region constituency 2, U Aung Min of Zalun constituency, U Ohn Khin of Palaw constituency, U Nyein Thit of Mahaaungmye constituency, U Kyaw Soe Lin of Pyigyidagun constituency and U Tin Maung Win of Seikkan constituency.

Hluttaw discusses US$ 100 million IDA loan

Following this, World Bank International Development Association (IDA) loan $ 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 were discussed by Daw Thandar of Einme constituency, U Whey Tin of Chin State constituency 11, Dr. Tin Tin Win of Bago Region constituency 5, U Myo Zaw Oo of Lewe constituency, U Yan Lin of Kyaiklat constituency. U Thet Naung of Lahe constituency, Dr. Khin Soe Soe of Pyay constituency, Dr. Soe Moe Thu of Myaungmya constituency, U Kyaw Ngwe of Magway Region constituency 10, U Saw of NyaungU constituency, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw representative Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyi, U Thein Tun of Kyaunggon constituency, U Kyaw Thaung of Sagaing Region constituency 1 and U Tun Wei of Phaungpyin constituency.

Joint Public Accounts Committee reports 9/2019 and 10/2019

Later, Joint Public Accounts Committee Vice Chairman 2 U Saw Than Htut read the committee's Fiscal Year 2018-2019 first six months National Planning report 9/2019 and then tabled a motion the Hluttaw to deliberate on it. Joint Public Accounts Committee member U Kyaw Tint also read the committee's Fiscal Year 2018-2019 first six months Union Budget report 10/2019 and tabled a motion for the Hluttaw to deliberate on it. After each report was read and motion tabled Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced for interested Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the matters to register their names and announced further that the remaining programs will be conducted in the 13th regular session.

Finally, the meeting was adjourned and announcement made for 14th day meeting of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 12th regular session to be held on Friday, 7 June.—MNA

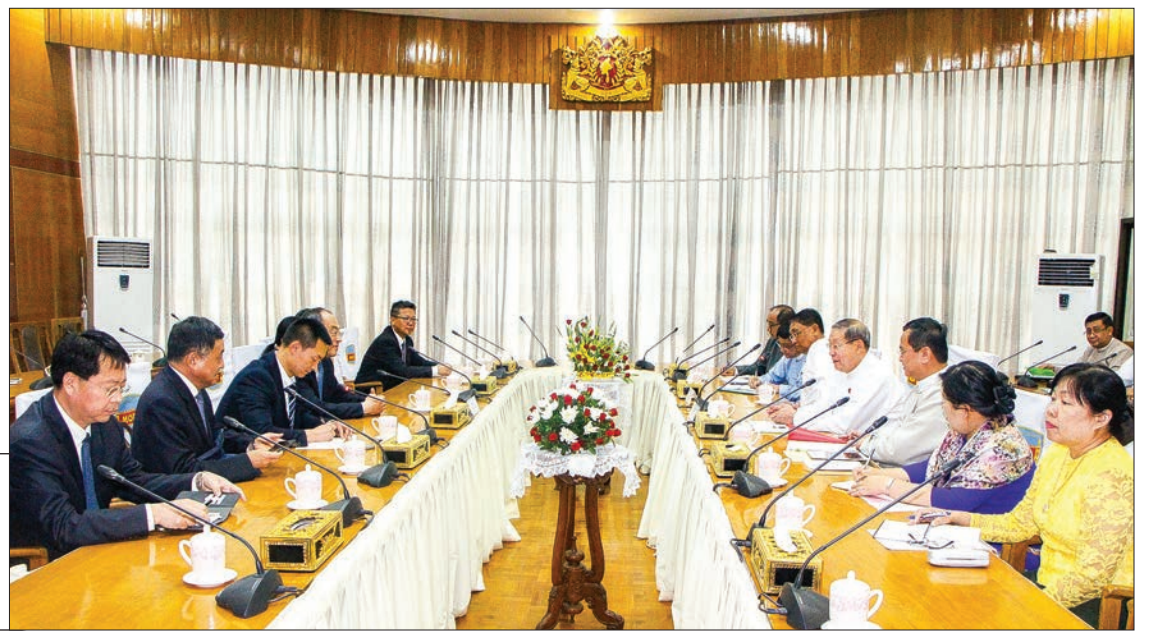
(Translated by Zaw Min)

Union Ministers Dr. Than Myint, U Soe Win receive Governor of Yunnan Province

UNION MINISTER for Commerce Dr. Than Myint and Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Soe Win received Governor of Yunnan Province, Mr. Ruan Chengfa and entourage at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Planning and Finance at 11 a.m. yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed establishing economic zone between two countries, issues such as farming product trade and banking.—MNA

(Translated by Alphonsus)



Union Minister Dr. Than Myint, Union Minister U Soe Win hold a meeting with Governor of Yunnan Province, Mr. Ruan Chengfa yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor delivers lecture at Charles University …





State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi gives the lecture on Myanmar's transition period experience at Charles University in Prague on 3 June, 2019. **PHOTO: MNA**

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These were normal matters that were of no international interest. Due to similar democracy transition processes, Myanmar and Czech Republic had mutual understanding, said the State Counsellor.

After the lecture, the State Counsellor was presented with the Historical Medal Charles University award by the Rector of Charles University.

Following this, the State Counsellor signed the visitors' book, cordially met with Myanmar students studying in Czech Republic and took commemorative photos.

Charles University was established in 1348 and it was the first university to be opened in central Europe.

Later in the evening, the State Counsellor attended a dinner hosted by Czech Republic Senate Vice-President Mr. Jan Hornik. After the dinner the State Counsellor signed the Senate Visitors' Book.

Yesterday morning, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended a working breakfast hosted by Czech Republic Foreign Minister Mr. Tomas Petricek. At the working breakfast matters relating to increasing bilateral cooperation and relations, economic and investment sector, increased engagement and relations via cooperation work processes and exchanging and sharing experiences in education, health and democratic transition works were discussed.

> Due to similar democracy transition processes, Myanmar and Czech Republic had mutual understanding …

After the working breakfast, the State Counsellor and Czech Republic Prime Minister Mr. Andrej Babis attended a Myanmar-Czech Economic Forum held at the Czech Republic Foreign Ministry where the State Counsellor delivered a speech.

The Forum was also attended by Union Ministers U Kyaw Tin and U Thaung Tun, Myanmar Ambassador to the Czech Republic Daw Yin Yin Myint, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry President and members, Myanmar business persons, Czech Republic Deputy Prime Minister, Foreign Minister and officials, Czech Chamber of Commerce President and Czech business persons.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi poses for the photo together with Czech Republic Senate Vice-President Mr. Jan Hornik. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attends working breakfast hosted by Czech Republic Foreign Minister Mr. Tomas Petricek yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi looks around the Charles University in Prague, the Czech Republic yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor opens Myanmar Embassy in Prague

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From there the State Counsellor went to the opening ceremony of the Myanmar Embassy to Czech Republic.

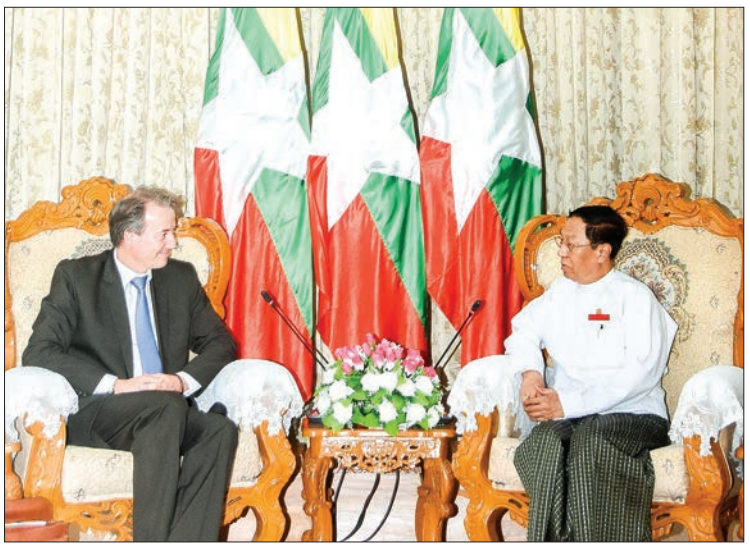
At the ceremony the State Counsellor and Czech Republic Foreign Minister Mr. Tomas Petricek cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the embassy and sprinkled scented water onto the commemorative plaque.

After the State Counsellor and Czech Republic Foreign Minister Mr. Tomas Petricek had delivered speeches they posed for a commemorative group photo with ambassadors from ASEAN countries who attended the ceremony. Later, the State Counsellor inspected the embassy and then took a commemorative group photo with Myanmar students studying in the Czech Republic, Myanmar citizens residing in that country and embassy families.

Later in the day, the State Counsellor attended a luncheon hosted by Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic Mr. Radek Vondracek. — MNA/ *(Translated by Zaw Min)*



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi (centre) and Czech Republic Foreign Minister Mr. Tomas Petricek, (4th from left) pose for documentary photo together with Ambassadors from ASEAN nations in Prague yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



Union Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein meets with EU Ambassador Mr. Kristian Schmidt yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

UEC Chairman U Hla Thein receives EU Ambassador

CHAIRMAN of the Union Election Commission, U Hla Thein received the EU Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Kristian Schmidt and delegation at the Union Election Commission Office at 3:30 p.m. yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed the implementation status of the EU EOM's suggestions on the 2015 General Elections, program to enable EU to monitor the 2020 General Elections, findings of EU Election Follow-up Mission (EU-EFM) and suggestions regarding the elections. UEC commission members and officials attended event.—MNA

(Translated by Alphonsus)

UEC Chairman receives Director of Programmes of Democracy Reporting International

CHAIRMAN of the Union Election Commission, U Hla Thein received Director of Programmes of Democracy Reporting International, Ms. Nicola Schmidt and delegation at the Union Election Commission Office at 10 a.m. yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed providing assistance in technology for the civil society organizations to monitor the election and funding matters.

They also discussed providing courses for Myanmar Democracy Fellowship, mobile applications on Election Knowledge, technology that would help enable monitoring hate speech on social media platforms and future collaboration.—MNA ■

(Translated by Alphonsus)



UEC Chairman U Hla Thein poses for a photo with delegation led by Director of Programmes of Democracy Reporting International, Ms. Nicola Schmidt yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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VP U Myint Swe receives Governor of Yunnan Province

VICE PRESIDENT U Myint Swe received Governor of Yunnan Province, the People's Republic of China, Mr. Ruan Chengfa, and his entourage at the Presidential Palace at 10 a.m. yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed the possibility of collaboration between the two countries with respect to the economy, border trade and cooperation in areas of mutual benefit.

They also talked about collaboration in matters of finance, transportation, infrastructure, electricity, minerals, technology, agriculture, livestock and fisheries sector for smooth trade and investment between the two countries.

Union Minister for Commerce Dr. Than Myint, Union Minister for Planning and Finance, U Soe Win and officials attended the event. —MNA

(Translated by Alphonsus)



Vice President U Myint Swe meets with PRC Governor of Yunnan Province Mr. Ruan Chengfa at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye holds talks with UNICEF representative to Myanmar

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye received Ms. June Kunugi, UNICEF Representative to Myanmar in the May Kha Lar Hall of the office of the Ministry yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they discussed matters relating to emergence of State-level schemes for implementation of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs), disabilities prevention measures to conduct mine risk education, continuous cooperation for the information management system, the rights of PWDs' law, drawing up the National-level Strategic Plan that had been formed with the National Committee, Work Committees and Subcommittees, PWDs registration, carrying out to render social services for the PWDs in states and regions in Myanmar, setting up schemes for Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) in 4 states and regions in addition to launching the schemes of the mine risk education for the prevention of disabilities. — MNA

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)



Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye holds the meeting with UNICEF representatives at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Illegal drugs seized in DaikU, Maungtaw, Hsenwi

A LOCAL anti-drug squad (36) searched a Vigo Hilux vehicle vehicle which has been kept as evidence in accordance with(Pa) 27/18 Section 279/202 of the Penal Code, at the Oke Shit Kone Highway Police Station, and found 780,900 stimulant tablets worth K 23,65.2 million together with 900 g of crushed stimulant tablets powder on 3 June, 2019.

Acting on a tip-off, the anti-drug squad (46) searched the house of Saw Lain situated in Ywar Thit Kay Ward, Maungtaw, where they found his mother Daw Hay Bay Tar Khar Tu and confiscated 282,750 stimulant tablets worth K 5,65.5 million from a bag putting in the Probox vehicle and in the bathroom of the house on 3 June, 2019.

Similarly, an anti-drug squad in Hsenwi Township stopped and searched a TOYATA LANDCRUISER vehicle driven by Lwin Myo Aung (a) Aikpi with Yan San on board. But the latter fled and police arrested Lwin Myo Aung (a) Aikpi with a seizure of 1,850,000 stimulant tablets worth K 37,00 million K 200, 000 and a telephone handset in the car. The police filed charges against them under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Law. — MNA ■

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)



Police seized 780,900 stimulant tablets, worth Ks 23,652 million, and Vigo Hilux vehicle. **PHOTO: MPF**

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Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
2. With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offenses up to 1 June 2019 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

Sr.	Nature of report	Details on seizure and legal action taken
1.	Information received of Tha Swe who lives in 10-mile Village, Mohnyin Township, Kachin State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 31 May 2019, police searched a motorbike driven by Tha Swe, aged 45, son of U Gyi Pe, on the Shwebo-Myitkyina road near Henu Village, Mawlu Township, and seized him together with stimulant tablets bearing WY letters. A case has been opened him with NaMaSa(Mawlu)MaYa(pa)22/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2.	Information received of Kyaw Swa who lives in Tawkar Village, Kyunsu Township, Taninthayi Region, using and selling illegal drugs.	On 26 May 2019, police searched the house of Kyaw Swa, 32, son of U Ohn Kyaw, who lives in Tawkar Village, Kyunsu Township, Taninthayi Region, and arrested him together with stimulant tablets bearing WY letters. A case has been opened him with NaMaSa(Kanmaw)MaYa(pa)15/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3.	Information received of Maung Maung who lives in Innet Village, Thabeikkyin Tsp, Mandalay Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 30 May 2019, police searched the house of Maung Maung, aged 49, son of U Tun Shein, who lives in Innet Village, Thabeikkyin Tsp, Mandalay Region, and arrested him with stimulant tablets bearing WY letters. A case has been opened him with NaMASa(Dagoung)MaYa(pa)6/2019 under section 19(a) of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4.	Information received of Ko Wei who lives in Zayetkwin Village, Hlegu Township, Yangon Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 26 May 2019, police seized Myo Han Nyein, aged 21, son of U Myo Naing, who lives in Yaysin Street, Pyitawtha Ward, Hlegu Tsp, with stimulant tablets bearing WY letters. Acting on a tip-off, he bought stimulant tablets from Ko Wei (a) Phyo Wei Linn, aged 31, son of U Than Tun, who lives in Zayetkwin Village. A case has been opened them with MaMaSa(Hlegu)MaYa(pa)8/2019 under Section 19(a), 21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Police searched the house of Ko Wei (a) Phyo Wei Linn and seized him with stimulant tablets bearing WY letters. A case has been opened him with MaMaSa(Hlegu)MaYa(pa)9/2019 under Section 19(a), 20(a) of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5.	Information received of Aung Thura Phyo who lives in Yadana Street, Zaygyi(west) Ward, Kyimyindine Tsp, Yangon Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 29 May 2019, police searched the house of Aung Thura Phyo, aged 24, son of U Win Naing, and seized him with marijuana. A case has been opened him with MaMaSa(pa)9/2019 under Section 19(a), 20(a) of Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

3. Out of the information sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, so far a total of 639 cases have been opened files as of 1 June 2019. A total of 1002 people, including 840 men and 162 women had been arrested with seizures of 6142.15 g of heroin, 73.67 g of ICE, 38704.74 g of opium, 329.6 g of low-quality opium, 19399.27 g of speciosa powder, 7833.19 g of speciosa, 1.5 liters of liquid speciosa, 239264 stimulant tablets, 8284.22 g of marijuana, 0.1 liters of opium tincture, 513.26 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 23.45 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 0.001 g of crushed ecstasy powder, 16 firearms, different kinds of 257 cartridges and 1 grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the ministry will report on further exposed cases.
4. In addition to the investigations and arrests conducted on drug related complaints mentioned above, the Tatmadaw and Myanmar Police Force have also carried out separate investigations on drug complaints, search and arrests at border gates, and searches of vehicles acting upon given information.
During the previous week, multiple arrests were made in the border regions and joint-surveillance gates.
Upon on a tip-off, police searched a man with a motorbike at the mile post 6/5 on the road of Nay Pyi Taw-Tatkon, and arrested him with 580 stimulant tablets. Police arrested four men and one woman with 162 stimulant tablets. Police searched a man with a motorcycle on the road of Seikmu-Wheykha, near Kaungnan Village, Phakant Tsp, Kachin State, and seized him with 6000 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle. Police seized ownerless 3705 stimulant tablets on the road of Hmawpon-Kanse, Hmawpon Village. Police searched a house in Thamanya Village, Hpa-an Township, Kayin State, but could not find the owner and seized 600 stimulant tablets from that house. Police arrested a man with 70 stimulant tablets at No 3 Ward, Myawady Township. Police arrested a man with 455 stimulant tablets and 1.5 g of ICE in the Myoma 3 Ward, Lamaing Tsp, Mon State. Police tried to search a motor vehicle at the Methat Junction, Kanyintan Ward, Maungtaw Township, but the driver left the car and ran away. Police seized 975000 stimulant tablets in that car and a motor vehicle. And acting on an interrogation, police arrested two man. Police arrested four men with 8170 stimulant tablets and a car at the Kyikanpyin inspection gate. An ownerless 78000 stimulant tablets containing in the plastic bag were found near the fields of Ashaikjar Village. A woman was arrested with a seizure of 97500 stimulant tablets in Gonenar Village. Upon acting on a tip-off, a man was seized with 47500 stimulant tablets and one motorbike on Maungtaw-Hla Phoe Khaung road near Kwel Tar Pyin Village. A man was arrested with 1300 stimulant tablets and one motorbike on Zale-Taunggyi road near Yaythapyay Village, Taunggyi Township, Shan State. A man was arrested with 6100 g of opium and one motorbike at mile post no. 65/3 of Kalaw-Thazi road near Yayyar Village, Kalaw Township. A man was arrested with 220 g of heroin and one motor vehicle on the road of Pyeinkar Village, Kyaukme Tsp. A man was arrested with 10000 stimulant tablets and upon acting interrogation, the police found two men with 2000 stimulant tablets and one motorbike in the place. A man and a woman were arrested with 60000 stimulants, 1000 g of heroin and one motor vehicle at the Oriental Gate. Five men were arrested with 54200 stimulant tablets, 2 g of heroin and two motor bikes in Kyuntaw Village, Mabein Township. A man was seized with 6710 g of heroin and one motor vehicle at Nabar Inspection Gate, Indaw Townsip, Sagaing Region. A man was arrested with 4106 stimulant tablets, 11 g of heroin and one motorbike in Singone-Kanyutin road, near Singone Village, Kawlin Township. A woman was arrested with 72 Buprenorphine Tablets near the Myanmar-India border, Tamu Town. A man was arrested with 450 g of opium and one motorbike on Tamu-Kalay road. Police arrested a man with 100 g of speciosa, another man together with 1660 stimulant tablets. Two men were arrested with 432 stimulant tablets and one motorbike on the road of No. 11 Ward, Pakokku Tsp, Magway Region.

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A man was seized with 1507 stimulant tablets and one motorbike in Bonkan Village. A man and a woman were arrested with 540 stimulant tablets in Kankauk (East) Village, Patheingyi Township, Mandalay Region. Three men were arrested with 151 stimulant tablets, 81.6 g of marijuana and one motorbike in Ward 5, PyinOoLwin Township. Two men were arrested with 29800 stimulant tablets and two motorbikes in Mogok Township. Police seized six men together with 1434 stimulant tablets in Ward 19, Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Region. A man was arrested with 2290 stimulant tablets in Kanpyo Village, Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Region. A man was seized with 30 stimulant tablets, 280 Diazepam Tablets, 80 Tramadol Capsules and one motorbike in Ward 45, Dagon Myothit (North), Yangon Region. A man was seized with 5.5 g of crushed stimulant tablet Tsp powder in Kyimyindine Township, Yangon Region.

There has been one arrest involving foreigner. A Chinese man who illegally entered was arrested with a seizure of 200 stimulant tablets, 10 g of heroin and one motorbike at the ferry of Manthou Village, Nanhkan Township, Shan State.

There have been two seizures of ammunition; upon acting on tip-off, police searched a house and seized 74000 stimulant tablets, 54500 g of opium, 1200 g of opium blocks, 110 g of heroin, 10 liters of Acetic Acid, one percussion lock firearm, one .30 mm carbine rifle with one carbine-bullet casket, nine carbine-bullets, 750 light cartridges, 100 7.62-mm cartridges, five M-22 cartridge caskets and five grenades in Jaryan Village, Lashio Township, Shan State. A man was seized with 264 stimulant tablets and one percussion lock firearm in Panlot Village, Kengtung Township.

There have been 191 cases being opened between 26-5-2019 and 1-6-2019. The total number of 278 people, including 255 men and 23 women, were arrested with a seizure of 1471671 stimulant tablets, 7.7 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 7425.282 g of heroin, 1.9 g of ICE, 65095 g of opium, 795.29 g of low-quality opium, 100 g of speciosa, 1200.5 g of opium blocks, 130 g of marijuana, 280 Diazepam Tablets, 72 Buprenorphine Tablets, 80 Tramadol Capsules, 10 liters of Acetic Acid, three firearms, 109 cartridges, six cartridge caskets, 750 light cartridges and five grenades.

5. To seize further drugs and to arrest drugs dealers, people are urged to inform the Ministry of Home Affairs, region and state governments and to inform huge cases of drug trafficking and other suspicious cases directly to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department of the Office of the President via following contact numbers:

Contacts

Auto Telephone No.	— 067-590200
Fax Phone No.	— 067-590233
Email Address	— antinarcotics@presidentoffice.gov.mm

Twenty-six human trafficking cases reported in May, 2019

TWENTY-SIX cases of human trafficking were reported in May, 2019, which was an increase of 11, compared with last month, according to the Anti-Trafficking in Person Division.

Among 26 cases, five were reported from Yangon Region, 11 from Shan State, one from Kachin State, two in Ayeyawady Region, two cases from Mandalay Region, two from Bago Region, two in Kayin State and one case from Nay Pyi Taw.

In terms of percentages, the cases from Yangon accounted for 19 per cent of the total, while Shan was 42 per cent, Kachin four per cent, Ayeyawady eight per cent, Mandalay eight per cent, Kayin seven per cent, Bago eight per cent and Nay Pyi Taw was four per cent.

A total of 36 victims were involved in these human trafficking cases, including 26 females, three males and seven children.

Of the reported cases, 24 involved forced marriages with Chinese men, one involved force labour and one case involved forced prostitution.

The police have arrested 14 male offenders and 62 female offenders in these cases. In late April, Yangon led the list of human trafficking with seven cases, followed by Shan with four, Kachin with two and Ayeyawady and Mandalay with one each.

According to the 2005 Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law, people who trade women and children face a minimum 10-year imprisonment, or a maximum life imprisonment, or a fine. Money or property received through trafficking is confiscated by the government.

The government has also assigned an anti-human trafficking police force unit in the border area. The police have taken legal action against the traffickers under the Anti-Trafficking in Persons Law. — Aye Cho

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Most traffic accidents occur on village roads in Magway Region

AMONG the traffic accidents reported in Magway Region from January to April, 2019, 119 traffic accidents occurred on village roads in Magway Region, leaving 43 dead and 260 injured.

Within the towns of Magway, 106 traffic accidents were reported on the roads, leaving 18 dead and 169 injured. Among them, most of the people were injured or killed on Taungdwingyi-Natmauk road, Pakokku-Yesagyo road, Aunglan-Pyay-Magway road and Minbu-Salin road.

To reduce road accidents, the traffic police should conduct regular educational talks and distribute pamphlets. To conduct these activities, authorities discussed these issues at a Regional Traffic Safety Council meeting, which was held on 3 June at the Magway regional government office.—Region IPRD

(Translated by Hay Mar)

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Seven IEDs planted by AA explode in Myebon

SEVEN improvised explosive devices-IEDs- planted by the AA group exploded on the Yangon-Sittway Road in Myebon, Rakhine State yesterday, causing damage to a bridge and the road.

Two landmines reportedly planted by AA near Kyarchantaung Bridge at mile post 69/4, and between mile posts 62/3 and 62/4 on the Yangon-Sittway Road in Myebon Township exploded around 8 am yesterday. There were no casualties or injuries during the incident.

Also, a bus ran over a landmine planted by AA on 31 May at the same site.

Similarly, five IEDs planted by AA exploded between mile posts 62/3 and 62/4 on the Yangon-Sittway Road between Michaungtat and Taungchay villages in Myebon Township at noon.

No injuries were reported.

AA has been planting landmines on roads in Rakhine State, in an attempt to jeopardise the rule of law and cause panic among local residents, according to the Myanmar Police Force.

The MPF will take actions against the AA group for planting landmines, said the MPF in its statement yesterday.— MNA

(Translated by Tun Tun Naing)



The sites of IED blast carried out by AA on the Yangon-Sittway Road in Myebon. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Proper and secure conditions must be guaranteed for local, overseas Myanmar workers

ANY LICENSED employment agency in Myanmar liable for breaking the rules set by the Union Government, if found to have violated such rules, will be charged in accordance with the existing law.

The service fee charged by employment agencies for providing services in obtaining a local job is limited to be not higher than the salary of the job seeker.

So far, there have been few complaints received against local employment agencies for charging fees higher than the designated amount.

As for employment agencies securing overseas jobs, those who do not follow the directives and rules set by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population shall face possible revocation of their licenses to conduct business, and they will be sued, depending upon their offences.

> The overseas employment business is not a trade, but involves human beings. Overseas employment agencies are obliged to refrain from committing labour violations.

So far, 22 companies have been suspended from operating and 12 have had their licenses revoked. Also, some 40 companies shut down their businesses on their own volition. There are six cases in which managing directors and directors of employment agencies are facing charges under the 1999 overseas employment law.

This reflects how the Union Government has not neglected the life of migrant workers, and continues protecting these workers. The overseas employment business is not a trade, but involves human beings. Overseas employment agencies are obliged to refrain from committing labour violations.

A total of 23,235 Myanmar workers officially took up jobs overseas in nine countries in the month of January, according to figures released by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population in February, 2019.

Myanmar workers are being sent to Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Japan, Republic of Korea, Middle Eastern countries and other countries through 277 overseas employment agencies, including one government run agency.

The majority of these workers went to Thailand, which registered over 17,400 Myanmar workers, while Malaysia employed over 5,000 Myanmar workers. Additionally, some workers headed to Japan, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Jordan, Qatar, and Macau.

Low employment rates and low salaries in the domestic market have forced young workers in Myanmar to seek jobs overseas, with the number of migrant labourers reaching over 5 million.

The ministry is making concerted efforts to create more employment opportunities for both domestic and overseas job hunters through an online labour exchange management system.

At the same time, employment agencies are responsible for the safety of Myanmar overseas workers.

Above all, overseas labour agencies are obliged to act in a correct way and remain transparent in dealing with workers and international employers.

Developing occupational skills for youths is priority in Myanmar

By Lokethar



Trainees seen at the Industrial Training Center (Thagaya).

MYANMAR, like many other countries around the world, is facing the challenge of youth unemployment /underemployment. "Youth" is defined in the "Myanmar Labour Force, Child Labour and School-to Work Transition Survey, 2015 (Executive Summary Report) January to March 2015," as being persons of age 15 to 29. The Youth population in Myanmar was estimated in 2015 to be at 12.1 million, that is 26% of the total population. The figures will not have changed much at the present time.

The major proportion of youths, particularly in the rural areas, are unemployed or largely underemployed as unpaid family workers . For the future development of the country and lower youths unemployment/underemployed it is incumbent to train them to acquire employable skills. Young people have to be able to enter in jobs in the different economic sectors, as they become available with the increasing investment in the many sectors now being witnessed.

Relevant data regarding education attainment and employment of youth from the Report published by the Department Labour, the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population and the International Labour Organization (ILO) is presented below.

"Education Attainment of total working population",(aged 15 and above):- At the national level, 12.2% are "Not literate"; 18.7% are "Below Primary"; 34.1% are "Primary"; 21.4% are "Middle"; 0.2% are "Vocational Certificate"; 6.5% are "High School"; 1,1% are "Undergraduate Diploma"; and 5,8% are "Bachelor Degree and above".

"Educational status of Youth," (age 15 to 29):- At the national level, 5.5% are "Not Literate"; 13.9% are "Below Primary"; 32.8% are "Primary";30.3% are "Middle"; 0.4% are "Vocational Certificate"; 9% are "High School "; 2.4% are "Under Graduate Diploma"; 5.8% are "Bachelor degree and above".

According to the Report, out of the total working age population of age 15 upwards a total of 86.4% are of education attainment below High School . Also 77.4% of youth are "Literate below High School".

Youths also form the bulk of so called "general worker" in the cities and towns including the Industrial Zones. Many of them work as "helpers" of experienced skilled workers in an occupation and go on, through work experience and "Non-Formal" or "Informal" means to acquire knowledge and skills of their occupation. The report acknowledges that "Training outside the formal education system plays an important role in improving the employability of a person".

In the past "Formal" Vocational Training at the skilled worker level, could only be accessed by those who complete at least "Middle School". Fortunately the new education law makes it possible for those who complete "Primary School" to access such training. So with the implementation of the present law, those with only primary level education who took up jobs in the past as "Helpers"/"Learners" in Industrial Establishments could now have the opportunity to undergo occupational skills training (and certification) in the formal education sector prior to entering an occupation.



Nowadays most young persons are not interested in undergoing lengthy periods of training (considering not only the time but also the cost involved) to earn a "Certificate" in a broad range of related occupations . There are of course many young persons who complete High School and take the vocational training courses at "Certificate" level with the intention of continuing through, while working and if situation permits, to the Diploma Level Courses and beyond.

The occupational skills training courses for the youths completing primary school should however, as far as possible, be short and occupation oriented according to the occupation and level of competency required for meeting the emerging skills needs of all the economic sectors

Occupational Competency Standards (OCS) for over 25 common occupations at the Semi-skilled; Skilled; Advance Skilled and Supervisory levels have been drawn up, on a priority basis, by the National Skills Standards Authority (NSSA) formed by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, under the 2013 Employment and Skills Development Law. Assessment and Certification of occupational competency in line with the occupational competency standards, is being carried out for workers applying for recognition of their acquired skills.

Occupational Competency Standards Based Training could be costly as the "practice" period should be adequate and involve utilization of the required training resources, particularly consumable training materials, for the attainment of competencies as per the standard on which the training is based. Hence budget provisions for such training have to be adequate.

Training of youths for occupational skills development should be conducted, as far as possible, based on the Occupational Competency Standards, for more closely meeting the needs of the employers in the various economic sectors.

The UN Secretary-General Message on World Environment Day

5 June 2019

THE theme for this year's World Environment Day is air pollution. All around the world – from megacities to small villages – people are breathing dirty air. An estimated nine out of ten people worldwide are exposed to air pollutants that exceed World Health Organization air quality guidelines. This is lowering life expectancy and damaging economies across the planet.

To improve air quality, we must know our enemy. Deaths and illnesses from air pollution are caused by tiny particles that penetrate our defences every time we fill our lungs. These particles come from many sources: the burning of fossil fuels for power and transport; the chemicals and mining industries; the open burning of waste; the burning of forests and fields; and the use of dirty indoor cooking and heating fuels, which are major problems in the developing world.

This polluted air kills some 7 million people each year, causes long term health problems, such as asthma, and reduces children's cognitive development. According to the World Bank, air pollution costs societies more than $5 trillion every year.

Many air pollutants also cause global warming. Black carbon is one such example. Produced by diesel engines, burning trash and dirty cookstoves, it is extremely harmful when inhaled. Reducing emissions of such pollutants will not only improve public health, it could alleviate global warming by up to 0.5 degrees Celsius over the next few decades.

Tackling air pollution therefore presents a double opportunity, as there are many successful initiatives that both clear the air and reduce greenhouse gas emissions, such as phasing out coal-fired power plants and promoting less polluting industry, transport and domestic fuels. With investments in renewable energy sources outstripping those in fossil fuels every year, the rise of clean energy is helping globally. Cleaner transport is also growing around the world.

It is in such initiatives, designed to improve air quality and fight climate change, that hope lies. I urge everyone attending the Climate Action Summit that I am convening in September to draw motivation from such examples. There is no reason why the international community cannot act. Precedent exists in the Montreal Protocol. Scientists identified a grave threat to public and planetary health, and governments and businesses acted to successfully protect the ozone layer.

Today, we face an equally urgent crisis. It is time to act decisively. My message to governments is clear: tax pollution; end fossil fuel subsidies; and stop building new coal plants. We need a green economy not a grey economy.

On World Environment Day, I ask each of us to act so we can breathe more easily. From pressuring politicians and businesses to changing our own habits, we can reduce pollution and beat climate change.

United Nations Information Centre, Yangon



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 4th June, 2019)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is weak to moderate over the Andaman Sea, South Bay and Eastcentral Bay of Bengal and weather is partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 5th June, 2019: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Southern Shan and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Bago Region, Eastern Shan and Rakhine States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

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 NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5thJune, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 5thJune, 2019: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

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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Market research to focus on highly competitive sectors

By Aye Yamone

NEW market research will focus on highly competitive sectors in the local market, according to the Myanmar Competition Commission (MCC).

MCC is conducting the research, in cooperation with entrepreneurs.

"Currently, we are conducting the market research. Our research may be different from that of other countries. For example, as everyone knows, in our country the telecommunications sector is a highly competitive sector. So, we should know which sectors are more competitive in the market, and how unfair competition can adversely affect the market," said U Min Min, the Secretary of MCC.

MCC is seeking to determine what problems are facing entrepreneurs in the market in their competing, as well as which sectors have more difficult competition in the market. The market research is being conducted in cooperation with GIZ.

Moreover, letters of complaint for unfair competition in the local market can be sent to the Myanmar Competition Commission.

The Competition Law was enacted on 24 February, 2015, but the law came into effect beginning in February 2017. The Myanmar Competition Commission was formed in October 2018 with eleven members.

"We will initially conduct the market study. And the study will reveal which sectors can be harmed by unfair competition. Then, we will focus on the sector in which there is the tougher competition. Currently, we are conducting the survey, with the assistance of entrepreneurs," he added.

The objective of the Competitive Law is to provide protection and prevent acts that injure the public interests through monopolization or manipulation of prices by any individuals or groups, with the intention to endanger fair competition in economic activities, for the national economy to develop and to be able to control unfair market competition in internal and external trade and economic development.

Any businessman who violates the prohibitions will be imprisoned for a term not exceeding three years, or be required to pay a fine not exceeding K 15 million, or be given both a jail term and a fine.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Myanmar Competition Commission to look into complaints of unfair competition

By Aye Yamone

THE Myanmar Competition Commission will investigate complaints of unfair competition in the domestic market, in accordance with the Competition Law. While an investigation is being conducted, businesses under scrutiny may be allowed to apply for leniency from the investigation committee.

These remarks were made at a ceremony held by the competition commission at the office of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Yangon on 3 June.

"The main thing is to ensure fair competition in the local market. When we receive a complaint letter, our commission will conduct an investigation and reach a decision. Businessmen need to know the rules and regulations so that they can decide whether there is fair competition or not. Additionally, they need to practice fair competition," said Dr. Than Myint, the Union Minister for Commerce and the chairman of the Myanmar Competition Commission. "Nowadays, local entrepreneurs have to compete with foreign entrepreneurs investing in Myanmar. They need to compete with their foreign counterparts in the local market in accordance with the Competition Law," he said.

The Competition Law prohibits the sale of goods or provision of services at a price less than the production cost, sale or purchase of goods or services at an unreasonable price compared with the rest of the market to the detriment of consumers, controlling the production and distribution of goods and services, laying down non-uniform commercial terms and conditions in the market for an unfair advantage, and putting unfair terms and conditions on other businesses while drawing up contracts for goods and services.

The law also prohibits preventing the entry of new competitors into the market by unfair means, and refusing or discriminating on the use of the main infrastructure or rare resources owned or utilized by oneself to prevent the entry of new competitors. In addition, businesses are not allowed to persuade induce any person or business to breach a contract signed with other businesses before the expiry of the contract term.

"We will issue warnings, impose fines, close the operations of businesses temporarily or permanently in coordination with the Ministry concerned. Those who are dissatisfied with the decision passed by the commission can submit their appeal within 60 days. The Law includes many restrictions for small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs)," said U Than Maung, the Vice Chairman of the Myanmar Competition Commission. Upon receiving a complaint, the commission will form an investigation committee. Those who refuse to be inspected by the commission may face three years'imprisonment and a fine of K100,000, under Section 43 of the Competition Law. Any businessman who violates the lawcan be imprisoned for a term not exceeding three years, or be made to pay a fine not exceeding K15 million, or be awarded both.

The Myanmar Competition Commission was formed in October, 2018. It has received two complaint letters so far. One complaint is concerned with a car rental service and the other with nutrition, according to thecommission.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

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Over K3.7 bln in illegal drugs seized in Lashio District

AUTHORITIES seized 1,850,000 stimulant pills on Monday night at 11:30 p.m in Hsenwi Town, Lashio District in northern Shan State.

Operating at Muse-Lashio Pyidaungsu Road, a combined team of officers from the township police station and anti-narcotic drug squad detained and searched Land Cruiser UZI-100 being driven by Myo Aung (aka) Eike Pee, 33, and included a passenger, Ko Yan San, 50, en-route from Kutkai to Lashio.

The team discovered the tablets, weighing 166.5 kg, inside a bag. The tablets were valued at K2,000 per pill, or over K3.7 billion. While the vehicle was searched, suspect Ko Yan San fled the scene.

Action is being taken against the two suspects, Myo Aung and Ko Yan San, under Section 19(A), 20(A) and 21(A) of the Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substance Law by Hsenwi Township Police Station. — IPRD

(Translated by La Wonn)



Myo Aung (a) Eike Pee seen together with illegal seized drugs. **PHOTO: IPRD**

Over 100 domestic enterprises invest during current fiscal year



File photo shows ariel view of Yangon's real estate, which draws in a considerate way of investment from local people. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

ONE hundred seven domestic enterprises received permission to invest K821.5 billion between 1 October, 2018 and 29 May, 2019, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

Overall domestic investments made by Myanmar citizens exceeded K1,039 billion in the current fiscal year, including capital expansion by the existing enterprises.

The domestic investments were concentrated in real estate, manufacturing, hotels and tourism, construction, industrial estate energy, mining, livestock and fisheries, agriculture and other service sectors, according to the DICA.

Under the Myanmar Investment Law, region and state investment committees are authorized to endorse investment proposals with capital of not more than $5 million (K6,000 million), in order to simplify the verification of investment projects.

While some projects no longer need MIC's approval, businesses that are strategic to the government require an MIC permit. Businesses with large capital investments exceeding $5 million and projects which can impact the environment and the local community need to receive approval from the DICA proposal assessment team. Such projects usually involve State-owned land or are designated by the Government.

In order to fast-track the setting up of businesses in Myanmar, the government is currently allowing investors to apply to the MIC, or State and Regional investment committees, for endorsing their investment proposals, depending on the business type. — GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

MIC approves proposals by 14 foreign investors, 16 domestic enterprises

THE Myanmar Investment Commission, at a recent meeting, approved investments of US$44.8 million by 14 foreign enterprises, and endorsed 16 domestic investment projects with estimated capital of K132.3 billion including $55.39 million, during a MIC meeting held on 29 May.

The foreign enterprises will invest in Yangon, Mandalay, Magway, Bago regions, and Mon State. Prior to being approved by the MIC, their proposals were endorsed by the Investment Committees of the respective regions and state. A majority of the investments will flow into the manufacturing sector. Two of the foreign projects are engaged in the transportation and hotel sectors. Those permitted 16 foreign enterprises are expected to create 7,789 jobs for local residents.

Meanwhile, 16 domestic enterprises will invest in Yangon, Mandalay, Sagaing, and Taninthayi regions, and Kayin and Mon states. Their proposals have been endorsed by the MIC and the Investment Committees of the respective regions and state. The domestic projects will be involved in the transportation, manufacturing, real estate, livestock and fishery, and other service sectors, creating over 1,277 jobs.

The Myanmar Investment Law allows the Regions and States Investment Committees to endorse local and foreign proposals, where the initial investment does not exceed K6 billion, or $5 million, with the aim to simplify the verification of investment projects. — GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

29 Yangon industrial zones to be upgraded: Yangon Region Chief Minister

By Nyein Nyein

THE Yangon Region government will upgrade 29 industrial zones, said U Phyo Min Thein, Yangon Region Chief Minister.

The Yangon Region chief minister made his remarks at a ceremony held on 3 June organized by Yangon Region Young Entrepreneurs Association (YRYEA), which disclosed future plans for Yangon Project Bank.

"Yangon Region has 29 industrial zones. We will endeavor to upgrade and develop all the zones", said U Phyo Min Thein.

Upgrading plans include providing utilities, purified water, electricity, transportation, sewage and waste management. The regional government will work with private entrepreneurs, he added.

Additionally, squatters dwelling in industrial zones are to be found new accommodations, he added.

Plans call for Thilawa Special Economic Zone to be developed to international standards with improved infrastructure. This should become a role model in upgrading the zones, U Phyo Min Thein continued.

Earlier, those zones were taken over by the Ministry of Construction and are to be supervised by the Yangon Region government.

Yangon Region is seeking to shape itself as a livable commercial capital through sustainable development and the conservation of its heritage.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Japan white sesame hits highest price in Mandalay market

WHEN Japan white sesames were freshly harvested at the end of May in the Mandalay and Sagaing regions, the Japan white sesame will reach the highest price in the market, according to the Mandalay sesame merchants.

Previously, the Japan white sesame fetched K143,000 per bag, but now the price increased to K185,000 per bag. During the last three years, the highest price was only K150,000 per bag but now sesame prices have seen a record price for this year, said U Soe Win Myint, a merchant from Mandalay Commodity Depot.

At present, the Japan white sesame market is at a record high due to China's large demand and low stocks in the market. According to the current market research, there are only a few sesame consumers in the local market. China uses the white sesame not only for consuming, but also for manufacturing cosmetic products and medicine, according to U Soe Win Myint. In the Mandalay market, white sesame fetches K178,000 per bag, black sesame prices are K260,000 per bag and brown sesame fetches K165,000. Ninety per cent of Myanmar sesames are currently exported to China. Any variety of sesame can be cultivated in any season, and can be harvested within 100 days of cultivating. Sesames are mainly cultivated in Mandaly, Magway and Sagaing regions. —Aung Phyo Kyaw

(Translated by La Wonn)



Two female workers sort out white seasame at a brokerage in Mandalay. **PHOTO: AUNG PHYO KYAW**

At least 30 killed as Sudan forces try to clear protest site

CAIRO — At least 30 people were killed in the Sudanese capital Khartoum on Monday as security forces tried to crush a pro-democracy protest, a local doctors' association said, sparking international condemnations.

After the incident outside military headquarters, protest leaders announced they are suspending negotiations with the military regarding the creation of a transitional government.

In New York, U.N Secretary General Antonio Guterres said in a statement that he "strongly condemns the violence" and "the use of force to disperse the protestors at the sit-in site." "The secretary general urges the parties to pursue peaceful dialogue and to stay the course in the negotiations over the transfer of power to a civilian-led transitional authority, as required by the African Union," the statement added.

Separately, U.N High Commissioner for Human Rights Michelle Bachelet called the peaceful demonstrations in Sudan "an inspiration" as the protesters worked to engage with the military rulers.

"I utterly deplore the apparent use of excessive force in the protest camps," she said. "I urge the security forces to immediately halt such attacks, and to ensure safe, unimpeded access to medical care for all." — Kyodo News ■



Sudanese protesters burn tyres and set up barricades on roads to army headquarters after the intervention of Sudanese army, during a demonstration in Khartoum, Sudan on 3 June 2019. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

India issues health advisory as heat wave continues

NEW DELHI — The Indian government has issued a health advisory for people to stay safe in view of the intense heat-wave conditions prevailing in some parts of the country.

"Heat-waves can cause adverse effects on human health, including other sectors," the advisory issued by the Ministry of Health said late on Monday evening.

The Health Ministry suggested the "do's and don'ts" for the citizens to follow, for instance, it advised people to stay indoors and in shaded places, use umbrella, cap or towel when outside, wear thin loose cotton, light-colored garments and frequently drink water and salted drinks such as lassi, lemon water, fruit juices, ORS (Oral Rehydration Solution) and eat fruits such as watermelon, cucumber, lemon and orange.

It also advised people to avoid drinking alcohol, tea, coffee and carbonated drinks. It also asked people not to go out in the sun, especially between 12:00 and 15:00 hours.

"Person feeling unwell, especially old aged, young children, pregnant women, those with pre-existing medical conditions, and outdoor workers, should be immediately shifted to a cooler place, put on minimum clothing, be sponged with cold water, applied ice packs wrapped in cloth, and transported to nearest health facility," the advisory said.

At present, heat wave conditions are prevailing over many states of India. Maximum temperature has crossed the 50 degrees Celsius in the Rasjasthan state's Churu district, whereas it has crossed 46 degrees Celsius in several places in north India, including Delhi. —Xinhua ■

2 Philippine eagles 'fly' to Singapore for conservation

MANILA — Two Philippine eagles, a critically endangered species regarded as the country's national bird, "flew" to Singapore on Tuesday on a renewable 10-year "conservation breeding loan," according to conservationists.

The eagles, named Geothermica, 15, and Sambisig, 17, took Philippine Airlines flights from the southern city of Davao, where they were captive-bred, to the capital Manila, and then to Singapore.

Their new home for the next 10 years will be the Jurong Bird Park, Asia's largest bird park that is home to nearly 3,500 birds across 400 species, of which 20 per cent are threatened.

Philippine Airlines Inc., which has partnered with the Philippine Eagle Foundation to help preserve the national bird, said it is hoped the eagle loan program "can help secure a gene pool...as insurance against natural calamities that can wipe out the only captive Philippine eagle population."

It was referring to the Philippine Eagle Center in Malagos, Davao City, which has produced 28 captive-bred eagles, including Geothermica and Sambisig, since 1992. —Kyodo News ■

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Trump vows 'phenomenal' trade deal with outgoing British PM

LONDON — US President Donald Trump promised a "phenomenal" post-Brexit trade deal with Britain as he met outgoing Prime Minister Theresa May Tuesday to boost their frayed alliance against a backdrop of political turmoil.

As protesters angered by his state visit flew a huge balloon of a naked baby Trump and blocked traffic in central London, the US leader heaped praise on May and scorn on opposition Labour chief Jeremy Corbyn.

He dismissed thousands of protesters rallying nearby as "fake news" and said he turned down a meeting with Corbyn -- who himself took part in the protest -- branding him a "somewhat negative force".

Trump's state visit began on Monday with a meeting with Queen Elizabeth II and a state banquet, but behind the pageantry, Britain is in political upheaval.

His meeting with May comes just weeks before she is scheduled to quit after failing to get her island nation out of the EU, despite focusing on little else for the past three years.

Trump and May looked stony-faced walking up to their joint press appearance and did not shake hands before going into formal talks at the prime minister's Downing Street headquarters.

Nearby, noisy activists took to the streets to protest everything from Trump's dismissive views on climate change to his embrace of anti-abortion groups.

"Everything Trump stands for — misogyny, climate denying — everything about him is wrong," one demonstrator, marble restorer Steve Gray, told AFP. —AFP ■



File photo taken in June 2017 in Aichi Prefecture, central Japan, shows the Japanese Air Self-Defense Force's F-35A stealth jet that crashed into the Pacific off the coast of northeastern Japan on 9 April 2019.
PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

Japan to end search for crashed F-35A, resume F-35A flights

TOKYO — The Japanese government has decided to end search operations for an Air Self-Defense Force F-35A that crashed in the Pacific some two months ago, a government source said Tuesday.

The search involving the US-chartered deep-sea search vessel Van Gogh has so far found only pieces of the cutting-edge stealth fighter which went down on April 9 off the northeastern prefecture of Aomori.

The ASDF's other F-35As, deployed at Misawa Air Base in Aomori, have been grounded since the accident, but will resume flights soon, the source said. — Kyodo News ■

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V BOX ENDEAVOUR VOY. NO. (922W/923E)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V BOX ENDEAVOUR VOY. NO. (922W/923E) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 05-06-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T/T.M.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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M.V PACITA VOY. NO. (037 W/E)

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M.V KOTA HARTA VOY. NO. (KHAR 0057N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V KOTA HARTA VOY. NO. (KHAR 0057N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 05-06-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES

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CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V FILOTIMO VOY. NO. (921S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V FILOTIMO VOY. NO. (921S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 05-06-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V MINO

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V MINO VOY. NO. (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 5-6-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.I.P.T-2 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Corporate governance and business entities in Myanmar

By Aung Naing Oo



The Fifth Meeting of OECD-Southeast Asia Corporate Governance Initiative was held at Pan Pacific Yangon Hotel on 28 March 2018 with the collaboration of the Directorate of Investment & Company Administration, Ministry of Planning & Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission of Myanmar (SECM), OECD and the Government of Japan. **PHOTO: DICA**

IN 2013 Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) took more than a year to study Myanmar's policies on investment. It included Corporate Governance in all the studies and reviews conducted in each sectors. Unfortunately it pointed out that Myanmar has almost no policy framework on Corporate Governance. OECD said the Companies Act of 1914 (The Burma Companies Act 1914), the Myanmar (Burma) Companies Rules 1940 and the Myanmar (Burma) Companies Regulations 1957 in effect at that time does not include internationally accepted and recognized basic principles on Corporate Governance. While the majority of the ASEAN countries were implementing Corporate Governance frameworks based on OECD's basic principles, Myanmar has yet to do any of those.

Private businesses and companies almost disappear completely after Myanmar went through socialist economic system for more than 26 years. The country was no longer in touch with international practices and accepted norms in the private economic sector. After 1988, market economy was revived but citizens engaging in businesses were more occupied with survival and existence of the companies they formed rather than following international practices and norms. There was lack of knowledge in Corporate Governance in Myanmar.

Anyhow, at a time when Myanmar was trying to enter into international business community and when efforts were being made toward development of capital market now is the time when the government and private sector need to make a concerted effort toward establishing a good Corporate Governance.

What is required in Corporate Governance?

Of the basic principles of Corporate Governance the most important were the rights of the shareholders and equitable treatment of shareholders. All shareholders should have the opportunity to obtain effective redress for violation of their rights. The basic rights of shareholders were systematic registration of shareholding, ability to buy, sold or transfer shares, obtaining regular information about the company, electing and removing board of director members and to participate in the profit of the company. Shareholders also have the right to know, approve and participate in matters like amending the company's Memorandum and Article of Association, issuing of new shares and unusual transfer of shares.

Another important requirement in Corporate Governance is the role of the stakeholders. The rights of the stakeholders were established by law or through mutual agreements but there must be active co-operation between corporations and stakeholders in creating economic development, jobs, and the sustainability of financially sound enterprises. In some countries the rights of stakeholders were established by laws such as labour, commercial and environmental.

Disclosure and transparency is also another requirement in Corporate Governance. Timely and accurate disclosure must be made on all matters regarding the corporation including the financial situation, performance, ownership and governance of the company.

This is the sector where the majority of companies in Myanmar were weak and failing. Most of the companies kept news about their companies in the dark. They were very weak in transparency and openness. A good Corporate Governance is measured at the minimum by the timely disclosure of all material information. Material information is any information about a company or its products/services that is likely to change the perceived value of the company or its products/services when it is disclosed to the public. In other words, these are information that was vital for a shareholder or investor to decide on investing in the company or to vote at the general meeting and thus it must be disclosed in a timely manner.

The duties and responsibilities of the board of directors is part of Corporate Governance. The board is responsible for guiding corporate strategy, monitoring performance of the company personnel, achieving an adequate return for shareholders while preventing conflicts of interest and balancing competing demands. Another important board responsibility is to oversee the risk management system and systems designed to ensure that the corporation obeys applicable laws, including tax, competition, labour, environmental, equal opportunity, health and safety laws. In our country, we still lack boards of directors that had these fundamental capabilities.

What was done in Myanmar?

Efforts were made starting from 2013 to fill in the gap on Corporate Governance in Myanmar and to establish the necessary ground for it. In his trip to OECD in France during 2013 Directorate of Investment and Company Administration Director General had requested support for Corporate Governance matter in Myanmar.

In 2014 OECD drew up an OECD-Southeast Asia Corporate Governance Initiative program and Myanmar hosted the first OECD-Southeast Asia Corporate Governance meeting. Subsequent meetings were held in Viet Nam, Lao and Cambodia annually from 2015 to 2017. The fifth and final meeting was held in Yangon on March 2018.

In addition to these meetings Myanmar also participated in OECD Corporate Governance Round Tables and requested assistance toward establishing a firm Corporate Governance in Myanmar and consistently made preparations under the guidance and instruction of the government.

Myanmar Companies Law and Corporate Governance

Myanmar Companies Law was enacted on 6 December 2017 and came into effect starting from 1 August 2018. The weaknesses of Companies Act of 1914 were reviewed and starting from the drafting stage matters relating to Corporate Governance was included systematically in accordance to the time, international norms and practices.

The nature, rights and powers of shares were included in Section 60 and 61 of the Myanmar Companies Law. Section 83 to 88 contain enactment on transfer of share and Section 99, 157, 186, 188, 260 and 261 describe the rights of shareholders to view, inspect and acquire company's information. Section 146, 148 and 150 to 154 prescribe the rights of shareholders to attend meetings. Section 17, 25 (d), 116, 121, 146, 151, 173 and 345 prescribe the rights of shareholders to vote on the decision made by the company. Through these, the rights of shareholders were fully protected.

Myanmar Companies Law Section 192, 193, 194, 196, 200, 201, 289 (f) and 302 protects the rights of shareholders and ensures equitable treatment of all shareholders, including minority shareholders.

As the old law didn't fully de-

scribe the duties of the directors, this was included in the new law. The new law includes powers and duties of directors, restrictions on power of directors as well as taking legal actions for inappropriate actions of the director(s).

Section 90 to 95, 97, 99, 189 and 241 prescribe details about disclosing information about the company. In addition to supporting Myanmar's standing in the World Bank's annual Doing Business Report enacting the new law help ease local business persons to do businesses. More importantly it was an important foundation stone toward establishment of a good Corporate Governance in Myanmar.

Company directors' guide

The role of company directors is very important whenever the word Corporate Governance is mentioned. The main weaknesses of the majority of companies in Myanmar were not fully understanding the Companies Law and directors' ignorance or not fully understanding the dos and don'ts. As these may not be fully comprehensible by reading the law alone, DICA had posted a Company Directors Guide at its websites www.dica.gov.mm and www.myco.dica.gov.mm in both Myanmar and English.

Myanmar Institute of Directors

With the aims of establishing Corporate Governance and raising capacity of individual directors in Myanmar companies, Myanmar Institute of Directors was formed in March 2018 with the support of International Finance Corporation.

The Institute conducted workshops, courses and other programs to raise the capacity of the directors in Myanmar companies. Myanmar's first licensed (certified) director course was jointly conducted with Singapore Management University from 1 to 3 April 2019 producing 36 licensed (certified) directors. As more programs will be conducted it will establish good foundation for Corporate Governance in Myanmar.

OECD Corporate Governance Frameworks in Myanmar: A Fact-Finding Survey

OECD sent an expert group to Myanmar to assess the actual situation of Corporate Governance in the country and a Fact-Finding Survey report was published in September 2010. The report said the main weaknesses of Myanmar companies were found to be shareholders not knowing their rights including the right to vote, ignorance and misunderstanding about the information published by the company, directors not knowing their duties and responsibilities and not giving access to company information.

Corporate Governance Code

OECD started a Corporate Governance Reform Project in January 2018 to support the development of Myanmar capital market. DICA, SECM (Securities and Exchange Commission of Myanmar) and OECD signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in Yangon for Cooperative Activities on 2018 November for the project. As per the MOU a Corporate Governance Reform Advisory Committee was formed with OECD experts, officials from DICA, SECM and Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), local and foreign experts.

Corporate Governance Reform Advisory Committee coordinated on meeting programs, prepares discussion points for the committee meeting, provides meeting hall and required supports to hold committee meeting and distributed news and information to the public.

Work processes were started in February 2019 and by 2019 November OECD's draft report on Myanmar Corporate Governance will be submitted to the Advisory Committee. DICA and SECM were jointly striving toward publishing a final report by end 2019 to draw up a Corporate Governance Code.

What is important?

For the establishment of an effective Corporate Governance, a strong law frame, procedure frame and organizational frame are required. Only when the economic sectors depend on those frames can there be benefit to the private sector. The government had been systematically conducting matters for widespread acceptance and practice of Corporate Governance in Myanmar. Before 2020 a Corporate Governance practice appropriate for Myanmar's situation will be setup.

The most important will be the need for public companies that were not public listed companies and big companies in Myanmar to strengthen and put in place Corporate Governance. All need to note that companies that were weak in Corporate Governance will disappear in the future market.

—(*Translated by Zaw Min*)

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Successful cultivation of agarwood attracts foreign travellers' attention

By Pwint Thitsar

THE interest of foreign travellers in value-added agarwood is more than that of the past since it can be successfully cultivated and produced in Myanmar and agarwood purchase is on the increase.

Agarwood, aloeswood or gharuwood is a fragrant dark resinous wood used in incense, perfume, and small carvings. It is formed in the heartwood of aquilaria trees when they become infected with a type of mould.

When the stem of aquilaria tree is done to get wounds using sticks, daggers and iron rods, a bulbous growth will appear around the place of wound as a reaction. Later its stem has to be injected with Phaeoaerimoniun parasitica. When it takes three months, its stem has to be chopped and aquilaria can be seen in the shape of strip on the upper and lower parts of the whole tree.

Four-year or five-year aquilaria tree's stem with 16-inch in circumference has to be injected with Phaeoaerimoniun parasitica from one foot distance above the ground. Aquilaria oil can be produced when it takes one and half years or two years following the injection. Previously, aquilaria oil came into existence only at the place of the injection. Now it is a different matter and it comes into existence along the stem. If aquilaria oil produces less, its price is low. If it produces much, its price is high. Agarwood is a medicinal herb and so foreign travellers take great interest in it. Agarwood purchase is on the increase now. One kg price of agarwood is about US$ 1,000.

The quality of Myanmar's agarwood is higher than it is in other countries. Singapore, Twiwan, Japan, Thailand and China are the main importers of agarwood from Myanmar. One kilo of first-grade agarwood can fetch between US$ 4,000 and $ 20,000. Since 1995, Aquilaria malaccensis, the primary souece of agarwood, has been listed among potentially threaterned species by the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Floara. Myanmar has banned illegal trade on agarwood since 1947. The Ministry of Environmental Conservation and Forestry is planning to reduce the tax on agarwood produced by agarwood farms, according to Myanmar Agarwood Entrepreneurs Association.

If the people who have health problems drink boiled agarwood flowers just like we do plain tea, it does good things for nerve and it adjust blood pressure and it protects us from suffering stroke. Diabetic patients should drink boiled agarwood flowers daily. Aquilaria oil can be used in the making of traditional medicines and it can be used in offering lights to Buddha image. The fragnance of aquilaria ensures good health and longevity.

Now the government officially allows national entrepreneurs to establish agarwood plantations to ensure conservation of valuable Myanma agarwood and sustainable development and the growers are on the increase. Aquilaria trees are being cultivated in regions and states.

"I am selling agarwood sapplings and species seeds. Some growers are worried about whether or not who are buyers and it is attracted by the international community. In real, anyone can grow and officially sell agarwood if official tax payment is given to the government. I would like to invite those wishing to grow agarwood," said U Aung Zaw Shein who is running Pwint Oo agarwood growing and production in Phaunggyi, Hlegu, Yangon Region.

Visiting Japanese travellers in Yangon primarily bought samples of some aquilaria trees including aquilaria flower from Pwint Oo agarwood growing and production in Yangon on 26 March. Cultivating agarwood trees attracting foreign travellers without hurting ecosystems, we can expect to earn foreign exchanges and provide job opportunities for the people.

(Translated by Htut Htut (Twantay))



Japanese tourists observing usage of agarwood. **PHOTO: SOE MYINT AUNG**

Myanmar Judo Federation holds president's cup for Junior, U-20 levels

TO mark 2019 Olympic Day, the Myanmar Judo Federation hosted its president's cup for Junior and U-20 levels at Aung San Stadium in Yangon yesterday.

President of Myanmar Judo Federation U Tun Tun attended the judo competition and also delivered a speech.

In his speech, U Tun Tun said the president's cup of the Myanmar Judo Federation is part of the Myanmar Judo Federation's long-term programme to sustainably produce new generations of judo athletes.

While promoting judo in Myanmar, holding such competitions for the new generation plays a crucial role, and the athletes in the competition are aiming to become the country's heros in international events, U Tun Tun said.

The Myanmar Judo Federation is devoting great efforts to win gold medals at the 30th South East Asian Games, which is only 6 months away, hiring Shuji Ohshima Sensei, champion of 2010 World Judo Kata Championship, to train Myanmar's Judo athletes.

At the 30th Southeast Asian Games, Myanmar's judo team will take part in the three judo competitions: single, team and Kata.

The President of the Myanmar Judo Federation then urged athletes to prepare for the upcoming judo competitions, the All Universities Competition in July, States and Regions competitions at the end of July, and Japan Cup competition in September.

A total of 130 judo athletes from institutes of Sports and Physical Education of Mandalay, Yangon, Monywa, Taunggyi, Loikaw, and judo teams from Shwepyitha, Aung San, Dagon Seikkan, Yangon University, Mon State, Ayeyawady, Yangon National Swimming Pool and Dagon University took part in the event. — Saw Thien Win

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



Judo athletes compete in the Myanmar Judo Federation President's Cup competition at Aung San Stadium on 4th June 2019. **PHOTO: SAW THIEN WIN**

China to host 'launchpad' 2023 Asian Cup



Asian Football Confederation (AFC) president Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim al-Khalifa welcomes China's hosting of the 2023 Asian Cup. **PHOTO: AFP**

PARIS (France) — Asia's football chief Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim al-Khalifa said Tuesday that China's staging of the 2023 Asian Cup would serve as a "launchpad" for the country's teams of the future.

China was confirmed earlier Tuesday as host at the AFC's Extraordinary Congress in Paris after all the other countries in the running dropped their bids, giving the Chinese a possible dry-run for organising a future World Cup.

"This is an important moment for football in Asia and beyond," said Sheikh Salman, FIFA's second-in-command, who was reelected to a fresh four-year term as AFC president in April.

"Football has the chance to unlock the potential that exists in the world's most populous country.

"We have seen the rise of the game under the direction and investment of the Chinese government.

"Now, we have the chance with this Asian Cup to develop a sure legacy for the global game.

"The Asian Cup can provide a launchpad for the great Chinese football teams of the future and more importantly can place football as the number one sport in the country."

Last month South Korea abandoned their bid to stage the tournament, leaving China as the sole candidates with a free run to become hosts.

Thailand and Indonesia had also previously expressed interest in hosting the 2023 event, but had dropped out earlier.—AFP

Meeting on football rule amendments held

A MEETING to discuss football rule amendments, jointly organized by the Myanmar Football Federation and department of scheduling Myanmar National League-MNL, was held at Thuwanna Stadium in Yangon yesterday.

The meeting was attended by MNL Chief Executive Officer U Soe Moe Kyaw, MNL Chief Management Officer U Suu Aung, MFF's referee committee chairman U Win Cho, an official from the referee department, managers, chief coaches and captains of the clubs in the Myanmar National League.

Speaking at the meeting, MNL Chief Executive U Soe Moe Kyaw said the meeting is very important for Myanmar's football teams and fans. New amended rules must be learned by players and officials of the teams. When the new rules are better known, the rules will become accepted in local competitions and national teams. Newly amended rules will be in place from MPT Myanmar National League I & II 2019 and General Aung San Shield's knockout competitions. The new rules will be distributed to players and team officials, according to the Myanmar National League Facebook Page. — Kyaw Khin

Results of first round of 2019 MPT Myanmar National League issued

THE 2019 MPT Myanmar National League is the 10th season of the Myanmar National League. The MPT Myanmar National League season continues for 22 weeks. Yangon United is the defending champion.

In the 2019 MPT Myanmar National League season, 12 teams took part in the league. The season began on 12 January 2019 and is to conclude on 24 September 2019.

The first round of the 2019 MPT MNL was held over 11 weeks, as of 12 May.

The results during the first round are as follows:

Top scorers

Win Naing Soe of Yadanarbon F.C. stands in first place of the top scorers' list, along with Maycon of Shan United F.C. , garnering nine goals each, and followed by Sekou Sylla of Yangon United F.C. and Donald Bissa of Sagaing United F.C. in second place with eight goals each.

Win Naing Tun from Yadanarbon is in third place with six goals.

Best Attacking and Defensive Teams

The best attacking team is Sagaing United FC in first place with 23 goals, followed by Shan United F.C. and Yangon United F.C. with 22 goals each.

The best defensive teams are Shan United F.C., Hantharwady F.C., Ayeyawady United F.C. and Rakhine United F.C., conceding only 10 goals each.

The highest scoring match was between Dagon F.C. and Shan United F.C. with a 2-5 score in Week 3.

Shan United F.C. was the only unbeaten team in the first round of the 2019 MPT MNL.

There were 186 goals in the first round of the 2019 MPT MNL. —Kyaw Khin