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State Counsellor receives EU Special Representative for Human Rights

STATE COUNSELLOR and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received the delegation led by Mr. Eamon Gilmore (former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs and Trade of Ireland), the European Union's Special Representative for Human Rights, at 2:30 pm on 13 June 2019 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on matters relating to EU's continued support for the success of Myanmar's democratic transition, the peace process and development, protection and promotion of human rights and labour rights and extending support to the Myanmar Government's effort for peace, stability and development of Rakhine State, and enhancing trade and economic relations between Myanmar and the EU.

Presented at the meeting were U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor, U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation and Mr. Kristian Schmidt, EU Ambassador to Myanmar and the members of the Delegation.—MNA



State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi receives Mr. Eamon Gilmore, the European Union's Special Representative for Human Rights.
PHOTO: MNA

UPDJC, NCA signatories resolve to fix bottlenecks to peace process

SIGNATORIES to the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement and the Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee, which has been formed with representatives from political parties, held an unofficial meeting in Yangon yesterday, with both sides resolving to deal with the bottlenecks to the stalled official peace talks.

The unofficial meeting comes as official meetings of the UPDJC Secretariat have been stalled for nearly a year since July, 2018, though a monthly meeting had been agreed upon.

The two-day meeting kicked off at 10 a.m. at the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre with 10 representatives from the government, 9 from the group of EAOs, and 10 from the group of political parties in attendance.

"The unofficial meeting will help build trust between the stakeholders. But, discussions at unofficial meetings are not enough to build trust. Official meetings, that follow the procedures, are needed to be held to strengthen relations between the stakeholders," said Lt-Gen Khin Zaw Oo (Retd), the leader of the group representing the government.

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Joint Committee on amending 2008 Constitution holds meeting 21/2019



Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein delivers the speech at the Meeting 21/2019 of the Joint Committee on amending 2008 Constitution in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

MEETING 21/2019 of the Joint Committee on amending 2008 Constitution was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of the Joint Committee Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Aung @ U Tun Tun Hein, Joint Committee Secretary Dr. Myat Nyana Soe, joint secretary U Htay Win Aung @ U Pyone Cho and members who were Hluttaw representatives from political parties and Tatmadaw Hluttaw representatives and officials from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office. At the day's meeting assessments and reviews on Chapter 1 to 15 and Schedule one to five of the 2008 Constitution were made collating points to be dissolved, amended, supplemented and remain unchanged. —MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

BIMSTEC organizing committee discusses preparations ahead of July meetings

THE Central Committee for Organizing BIMSTEC Meetings held their second preliminary coordination meeting at the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Committee Chairman Deputy Minister U Hla Kyaw delivered opening remarks and Permanent Secretary U Kyaw Min Oo reported the decisions from the first coordination meeting.

Following this, U Kyaw Swe Lin, Director-General of the Planning Department, reported the completed and ongoing preparations.

Next, the various chairmen of the working committees and attendees reported on matters relating to welcoming guests, security, healthcare, transportation, protocols, hospitality, and media communication. A general round of discussion then followed.

Myanmar has assumed leadership for the agricultural sector of the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC) and will be hosting the First BIMSTEC Senior Officials Meeting on Agriculture and the First BIMSTEC Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and related Meeting in Nay Pyi Taw's Hilton Nay Pyi Taw Hotel from 11 to 12 July.—MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



Committee Chairman Deputy Minister U Hla Kyaw delivers the opening speech at the Central Committee for Organizing BIMSTEC Meetings in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
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Abolishing registration as political party

1. The Union Election Commission had permitted Arakan Patriot Party to register as a political party with Registration No. 97 on 15-7-2015 with Notification No. 36/2015.

2. The Arakan Patriot Party submitted an application to abolish their political party with Letter MaKa/PaTa (013) Admin/2019, dated 7-5-2019, to the Union Election Commission. The UEC reviewed the application during its plenary meeting No. 20/2019 held on 12-6-2019 and made the decision to allow the Arakan Patriot Party to be abolished in line with Political Parties Registration Law Section 19 (a).

3. It is hereby announced that Arakan Patriot Party has been abolished and removed from the list of registered political parties starting from issuance of this announcement on 13 June 2019.

(Hla Thein)
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Verdict on election complaint No.2/2018 passed

A hearing of election complaint lodged by Daw Nan Htway Mone of Shan Nationalities League for Democracy against U Sai Pan Sai@ U Sai Tun Sein@ U Kyaw Sein of National League for Democracy who was elected as a representative Shan nationalities at Mandalay Region Hluttaw was conducted yesterday.

It was conducted by Tribunal Board-2 chaired by U Aung Myint, member of the Union Election Commission, and members U Soe Yal and U Tun Khin.

This Election Complaint No 2/2018 was filed on 18th December 2018.

After the hearing by the board, it was found that U Sai Pan Sai@ U Sai Tun Sein @ U Kyaw Sein was legitimately elected as a representative for Shan nationalities for the Mandalay Region Hluttaw , and subsequently, Daw Nan Htway Mone complaint was overruled yesterday. It was also decided that she was to pay compensation of K200,000 to U Sai Pan Sai@ U Sai Tun Sein @ U Kyaw Sein. ■ *(Translated by Alphonsus)*

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Senior General receives Filipino Lt-Gen, EU Special Rep separately

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Lt-Gen Rozzanod Briguez, Commanding General, the Philippines Air Force at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they openly discussed increasing friendship and cooperation between the two militaries, exchanging news and information related to anti-terrorism works, exchanging experiences on air force and natural disasters, training matter and exchanging rank wise visits.

Similarly, later in the morning Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services received European Union's Special Representative for Human Rights, Mr. Eamon Gilmore, at Bayintnaung Guest House in Nay Pyi Taw.

At this meeting, matters relating to possibilities for cooperating in Myanmar's internal peace process were discussed according to news released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. —MNA



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, centre Left, holds talks with the Commanding General of the Philippines Air Force, Lt-Gen Rozzanod Briguez, centre Right in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

UPDJC, NCA signatories resolve to fix bottlenecks to peace process

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"The decisions made at official meetings are important to overcome challenges and to keep the negotiation process on," he said adding, "We must confess that the negotiation process could not move forward because official meetings have been stalled."

He also said assistance from foreign countries must remain just enough to meet the actual need, to avoid outside influence on the peace process.

The retired senior military officer also stressed the need to maintain stability when negotiations are on to avoid any hindrances to the process. Maintaining stability while agreements have not yet been reached at the negotiating table can help build confidence that both sides will not back out of the peace process, he added.

As the national reconciliation and peace-making process takes shape, all stakeholders are urged to follow the NCA, which guarantees the strengthening of the ceasefire and political dialogues, he said.

U Sai Ngin, the Secretary of the RCSS, the representative of the group of EAOs, and a member of the UPDJC Secretariat, said ways to resume official peace talks, matters related to the Union Peace Conference-21st Century Panglong, and implementation of previous agreements must be discussed at the unofficial meeting.

An inflexible position on policies at the negotiating table is the main bottleneck in the peace process, said U Sai Ngin. He urged all stakeholders to work towards implementing the basic principles of a federal system and a democracy before 2020 as the time is limited for the government to implement the peace process.

On behalf of the stakeholders, he acknowledged the efforts of the government to open the door to the non-signatories to the NCA.

Speaking at the opening of the meeting, U Myint Soe, the Secretary of the Union Solidarity and Development Party and a representative of the group of political parties, called for taking a constructive approach to the peace-making process and deciding on a common interest.

"If we all accept a common interest, our negotiation would be okay. But, if we continue the negotiation with the policy of self defence, we will be far away from giving a legacy of peace to the next generation," said U Myint Soe.



Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee (UPDJC) and NCA signatories hold unofficial meeting at the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre (NRPC) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

(Translated by GNLM)



Union Minister for Information holds separate meetings with Korean Commissioner of KCC, Managing Director of Chinese based Star Time Group

UNION MINISTER for Information Dr. Pe Myint received Mr. Ko Sam-seog Commissioner, Korea Communications Commission, Republic of Korea at Sokha Siem Reap where he was attending the 16th Asia Media Summit. The meeting took place in Bokor Hall of the resort at 9 am yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed collaboration between the two countries with respect to TV programs, sharing technology and information and making policy in digital era.

Then, the Union Minister met with Managing Director Mr. Gu Xun and entourage of Star Time Group from China and discussed new technologies concerning TV Broadcasting which they are developing with international collaboration. —MNA



Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint and Korea Communications Commission Mr. Ko Sam-seog pose for a documentary photo with their delegations at the 16th Asia Media Summit in Siem Reap. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister for SWRR receives EU Special Representative for Human Rights

UNION MINISTER for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye received European Union's Special Representative for Human Rights Mr. Eamon Gilmore and party at the ministry's Maykhalar Hall yesterday morning.

At the meeting, status of forming a national committee on preventing six grave violations against children during an armed conflict, status of implementing a joint communiqué on violence against women in armed conflict, coordination among Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine State (UEHRD) as well as relevant committees, Union government and state government towards stability, peace and development in Rakhine State, latest status of receiving returnees from Bangladesh, status of cooperation by ASEAN countries in the repatriation process, status of drawing up and completing a national level strategy to close relief camps for displaced persons from all over Myanmar, coordinating with Kachin Humanitarian Concern Committee (KHCC) after forming work group to close relief camps in Kachin State and for resettlement and matters relating to peace process were discussed. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye shakes hands with Mr. Eamon Gilmore, EU Special Representative for Human Rights. **PHOTO: MNA**

Deputy Minister inspects TV relay station, IPRD offices in Pyay, Thayawady



Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun inspects broadcasting equipment inside the TV retransmission station of Pyay District yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

U Aung Hla Tun, Deputy Minister for Information, inspected the TV retransmission tower in Pyay and the Information and Public Relations Departments (IPRD) of Pyay and Thayawady districts yesterday.

The Deputy Minister visited the Pyay retransmission tower in the morning where he inspected the towers and gave instructions to the keep proper maintenance on the lightning rods installed on the buildings, disseminate awareness on the dangers of lightning strikes, repairing NEC machinery that has been in use for long periods and utilizing them systematically, and maintaining vigilance on fire safety. He then coordinated reports from the staff and gave suggestions as necessary.

Later in the afternoon, the Deputy Minister inspected the IPRD offices and libraries in Paungde, Zigon, and Gyobingauk townships of Pyay District, and inspected the ones in Thayawady District in the evening.

During these meetings, the Deputy Minister gave instructions to keep the community centres clean and maintain the structural integrity of the buildings in order to allow people to access the centre freely.

He also instructed to install exercise equipment on the free spaces within and in front of the centres if possible, to systematically stock and maintain books and manuscripts in the library, attract more people to read, to supply books and toys for the children reading rooms, to construct playgrounds for children where possible, and to actively collaborate with regional departments and civil society organizations in activities that benefit the public. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

National Seminar on Strengthening Health Promoting School continues



Union Minister Dr. Myint Htwe delivers the conclusion speech at the health promotion school seminar in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

NATIONAL Seminar on Strengthening Health Promoting School continued its second day at Myanmar International Center II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

In the morning, experts from the Ministry of Health and Sports and Ministry of Education discussed reducing traffic accidents, incorporating sexual and reproductive education in the school curriculum, building a hygienic society, and eradicating students' game addiction. They discussed in accordance with their area of expertise.

Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Health and Sports, Dr. Thar Tun Kyaw, and Rector of Yadanabon University Dr. Maung Maung Naing acted as facilitators of the seminar. This was followed by a question and answer session.

In the afternoon section, Deputy Minister of Education Dr. Win Maw Tun and Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Health and Sport Prof. Dr. Thet Win Khine took over as facilitators.

Next, the Department of Public Health, Department of Basic Education, department of Education Research, Planning and Training had a round of discussion and the attendees asked questions related to the discussion.

Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi delivered key note speech at the closing ceremony of the seminar in the evening. Similarly, Union Minister of Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe delivered a conclusion speech.

He said that the questions and suggestions by the experts, teachers, students, student union representatives and parents are of high quality and will be of great help in drawing up grand strategies and roadmaps.

He added that this will bring about good health for students in mind and body and that the seminar is held to instil health consciousness in students to pick up the pace of health related work for their own good. —MNA ■

(Translated by Alphonsus)

Bar Council meeting 2/2019 considers advocate nominations



Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo addresses Bar Council meeting 2/2019 in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Bar Council Meeting 2/2019 was held in Nay Pyi Taw on 12 June, with an opening remarks by Attorney-General of the Union U Tun Tun Oo.

Speaking at the meeting, the U Tun Tun Oo, in his capacity as the Chairman of the Bar Council, asked the Bar Council to give nomination for 11 advocates who would be elected in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Bar Council Law enacted by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 10 June.

The Bar Council is obliged to give recommendations to the Union Supreme Court to release the rules of the law, he said.

At the meeting, 438 applications for advocates were scrutinized.

Participants of the meeting discussed the matters related with amending the Bar Council Law, recommendations for codes of the advocates and submitting the nomination for advocates.

The meeting was also attended by deputy chairman of the council and members.—MNA ■

Erratic weather cuts mango yield by half in Magway Region

MANGO yield has declined by half in Magway Region because of erratic weather, said mango growers.

Heavy rains destroyed mango flowers in December and March, and mango production is expected to continue its decline due to unfavorable weather conditions, they said.

"We have grown six Sein Talon mango trees.

Last year, we earned K250,000 from selling mangoes. But, we may not even earn K150,000 because mango production has declined by half this year," said Daw Than Wai, a mango grower.

"We have to make 200 earthen pots of sour mango for the whole year. We have never encountered such a scarce supply of mangoes like this year. We are also finding it difficult to buy mangoes from other regions," said a local sour mango maker.

Around 2,225.60 acres of land is under mango cultivation in 25 townships of Magway Region. Of this land, about 56.40 acres is being used for cultivating Sein Talon mangoes, according to the Agriculture Department of Magway Region.—Aye Cho ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Timor-Leste Foreign Minister tours Nay Pyi Taw

A goodwill delegation led by Timorese Minister for Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, Mr. Dionisio da Costa Babo Soares, visited the Uppatasanti Pagoda and Gems Museum in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The Foreign Minister and delegation visited the pagoda first and presented offertories to images of the Buddha inside. He then signed the pagoda's guestbook and handed over donations.

From there, the delegation visited the Gems Museum and observed the gems on display in the exhibits and market area after they which they signed the guestbook.



The Foreign Minister of Timor-Leste observes a raw jade stone at the Gems Museum in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Later at night, the Foreign Minister and delegation departed from Nay Pyi Taw International Airport to Bangkok by flight. —MNA ■

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Businesspersons eye making value-added bamboo products in Bago

Bago Region Government and businesspersons held talks on Wednesday on manufacturing value-added bamboo products in the upstream area of the Bago River.

Chief Minister U Win Thein, Bago Region Hluttaw Speaker U Khin Maung Yin, Bago Region Minister for Planning and Finance U Nyunt Shwe, regional representatives, Myanmar Rattan and Bamboo Entrepreneurs Association Chairman U Kyaw Thu, and other officials attended the meeting.



Bago Region Chief Minister U Win Thein delivers the speech at the meeting on manufacturing value-added bamboo products in Bago on 12 June. **PHOTO: HEIN HTET (BAGO)**

At the meeting, Chief Minister U Win Thein lauded the joint efforts made by the Myanmar Rattan and Bamboo Entrepreneurs Association and locals for manufacturing value-added bamboo products in Zaungtu area. He also urged residents to help preserve the ecosystem and participate in other related activities.

U Khin Maung Yin, the Speaker of Bago Region Hluttaw, said that Myanmar is moving towards liberalization and making policies that favour an open market economy. "Although Myanmar is rich in natural resources, these are being extracted quickly for sending to the market. Therefore, we need to shift to producing value-added goods by using advanced techniques, raise awareness about systematic extraction, and conserve forests," he said.

During the meeting, U Kyaw Thu, the Chairman of the Myanmar Rattan and Bamboo Entrepreneurs Association, foreign experts, and other officials discussed about the bamboo production industry, the objectives and benefits of production, and related issues.—Hein Htet (Bago) ■

(Translated by La Wonn)

Yangon MP opposes proposal to construct K5-bln Yangon Region Police Force office in Hluttaw compound

By Nyein Nyein

A proposal for constructing a K5-billion headquarters for the regional police force inside the Yangon Hluttaw compound faced opposition during a debate among regional MPs on the draft budget for Yangon Region for the 2019-2020 fiscal year on 12 June.

U Kyaw Zeya, a member of the Yangon Region parliament for constituency 2 of Dagon Township, said: "We are completely opposed to the proposal as the Hluttaw is meant for the people".

In addition, it would not be suitable to construct a seven-storey building in the Hluttaw compound, he said.

"As the proposed building for the regional police force office has seven floors, it is not in line with the prescribed rules for property development projects near the Shwedagon Pagoda. We oppose the project location. This proposal is hereby opposed by my constituency," said U Kyaw Zeya.

Next, the MPs discussed a proposal in the draft budget for purchasing a ship worth K5 billion to provide transportation to the hard-to-reach Coco Islands.

U Kyaw Zeya expressed his disapproval of the proposal and said there was no jetty at Coco Islands to run such a service from Yangon, and the weather conditions and issues of safety added to the argument against the proposal.

"If we deposit K5 billion in a savings account, we can receive an interest. Otherwise, we can use it for social welfare activities," he said. Coco Islands is located 260 nautical miles from Yangon. The proposal to purchase a ship to run a service to the remote islands will help ease transportation difficulties faced by locals, but the venture would not be profitable, even if both private and public players are brought on board, he said.

"The Islands do not have a jetty, and there are other dangers and open water hazards. Therefore, the earlier government did not implement any long-term plan for providing transportation facilities to Coco Islands. A private enterprise had been allowed to provide ferry services to Coco Islands, along with other profitable routes. But, the services were offered only for a short duration in reality. Therefore, this budget must be reserved for a firm business plan," he added.

Yangon Region has drafted a budget of K772 billion for the 2019-2020 Financial Year. ■

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Paddy seeds distributed in Tonzang to get farmers to stop growing opium



Officials distribute the seedlings to a farmer in Falam, Chin State. **PHOTO: ZO HAYZAR**

TO encourage farmers to switch from growing opium, officials from the Township Agriculture Department distributed Newayeyar paddy strains to farmers in Khunnwe, Hakalay, and Sharhtawzan villages of Tonzang Township, Falam District, Chin State on 11 June. The administrator, the Township Police Captain, and the head of the Township Agriculture Department distributed 490 kg of paddy seeds to 140 farmers in three villages.

In Chin State, seedlings are distributed annually to farmers as substitute crops for poppy, with the aim of reducing poppy cultivation. The authorities are also conducting talks, including on rodent awareness, and conducting projects for improving production in the state. In Myanmar, poppy is mostly cultivated in 51 townships of four states, Shan, Kachin, Kayin, and Chin. In Shan State, poppy is cultivated in 40 townships, and poppy cultivation is the main source of livelihood for one out of every ten homes.

MP Daw Khin Hnin Thit of Padaung constituency at the 12th regular session of Hluttaw said Myanmar is the second largest opium producer in the world after Afghanistan. Ninety per cent of the opium produced in the country comes from Shan State. — Zo Hayzar ■ *(Translated by La Wonn)*

To promote value-added products, gov't allows foreign firms to export 7 goods categories

THE Ministry of Commerce, in a recent directive, has allowed foreign companies to ship seven types of products, including meat, fish, and value-added grains. The move aims to promote locally produced value-added goods in the export market, and to help local producers explore more markets and get a good price for their products.

The seven categories of products that foreign firms will now be able to export are meat, fish, semi value-added grains, mulberry paper and various types of paper, seeds, refined raw metals, semi-finished goods and completely finished products made from fruits and vegetables, and wood-based furniture.

Foreign companies will be required to purchase the goods from local producers, and they will have to follow the prescribed rules for export. Licences for meat and fish exports will be granted to companies which have been certified by the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and the Fisheries Department.

Companies looking to export semi-finished crops in powdered or refined form, and well-packaged beans and pulses, sesame seeds, and corn will have to obtain a certificate from the Food and Drug Administration and other related departments.

Firms planning to export rice and broken rice must have a payment receipt of international remittance to a local bank, with a minimum amount of US$3 million, sufficient warehousing facilities, and be members of the Myanmar Rice Federation.

Normally, an export license is not required for shipping different kinds of paper. But, their export has to be in compliance with the other rules and regulations.

For exporting refined metals, foreign companies will have to get a sales and purchase permit from the related department and apply for an export licence with a recommendation from the Department of Mines, just like local entrepreneurs.

Export licences for semi-finished and finished products made from fruits and vegetables will be issued by the related department under the National Food Law.

Meanwhile, exporters of wood-based furniture will be granted a licence in line with the policies of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation.

The list of goods that foreign companies and joint ventures are permitted to export is flexible and can be changed depending on local demand, market conditions, and local businesses. — GNLM ■

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Rice export price drops, but rate climbs in domestic market



Workers unloading sacks of rice from a cargo ship at Botahtaung Jetty in Yangon. **PHOTO : PHOE KHWAR**

By Nyein Nyein

THE price of rice in the domestic market is rising in spite of the decline in rates in the export market, said U Than Oo, secretary, Bayintnaung commodity depot.

"In the domestic market, the price of long grain rice with pointed ends has climbed to K22,000-23,000 per bag. Monsoon rice is fetching a good price. At present, summer rice is not commanding a good rate. The price of export rice is sliding," said U Than Oo.

"Currently, export-oriented summer rice is flooding the domestic market, as trade has moved to normal channels from border exports. The supply is exceeding demand as there are fewer rice exporters and rice mills, and limited storage capacity. In addition, the price of rice has slipped slightly in the global market and local traders are unwilling to sell rice at a reduced rate," said U Than Oo.

Foreign traders have brought down the price of summer rice owing to some moisture content, leading to market manipulation and collapse of the market, according to traders at the Bayintnaung depot.

"Rice merchants are currently going to villages to make advance purchase, so the supply of rice to the Yangon market might shrink," they added.

The prevailing price of low-quality rice intended for export is US$270-275 per metric ton compared with $330-340 in 2014, according to data from the Myanmar Rice Federation.

Over the past eight months (Oct-May) of the current fiscal year 2018-2019, more than 1.5 million tons of rice and broken rice have been exported to foreign markets, generating an estimated income of $472.17 million. ■ *(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)*

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YRIC greenlights 10 foreign investment proposals

THE Yangon Region Investment Committee has endorsed ten foreign investment proposals during a meeting held on 12 June. The projects are expected to create a total of 4,897 jobs.

From 1 October to 12 June in the current fiscal year, the YRIC has approved 107 foreign and 15 domestic projects, creating over 64,360 jobs.

Since its establishment, the YRIC has endorsed 204 domestic and foreign businesses in the manufacturing, hotel services, and other services sectors from China, Singapore, Japan, Hong Kong, the Republic of Korea, Viet Nam, India, China (Taipei), Malaysia, the British Virgin Islands, and Seychelles.

During the 2017-2018 fiscal year (August to March), the investment committee permitted 39 foreign and 9 domestic businesses to invest in Yangon Region, with capital of US$56.6 million and K2.3 billion. The projects created 22,481 jobs.

Between April and September, 2018, the committee approved 44 projects — 34 foreign and 10 domestic — with a total pledged amount of $72.5 million and K21.26 billion. A total of 21,173 jobs emerged from those enterprises.

The manufacturing sector gets the largest share of foreign investments in Yangon Region. Those enterprises are engaged in manufacturing pharmaceuticals, vehicles, container boxes, and garments on a Cutting, Making, and Packaging (CMP) model.

At present, Yangon Region absorbs 60 per cent of foreign investments, while Mandalay attracts 30 per cent of investments. Other regions and states get only a small portion of investments, according to statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

To make the verification of investment proposals easier, the region and state investment committees are allowed to grant permission to local and foreign projects, where the initial investment does not exceed K6 billion, or $5 million. — San Kyaw Oo/ GNLM ■

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Current problems and public perspectives

MYANMAR is transitioning from a dark totalitarian nation to a blooming democracy and is facing accusations, challenges, and a bad legacy that are keeping it immensely occupied in this early stage of its journey.

The lives of the people who made countless sacrifices for democracy has yet to rise from the daily struggles plaguing their everyday life that abounds with unmet basic requirements.

But now, when the democratic transition has made some advancements and authorities look to resolve the current issues of the public, they find that the challenges have changed. Human rights and democracy will always be needed but the struggle of the citizens to cover their daily living costs continues to be a great burden on them.

Another matter that needs the same amount of attention as resolving the daily challenges of the public is bringing a peaceful end to the nation's internal conflicts. This issue though, is not a simple one and as such, it needs time and careful consideration to negotiate a result that satisfies all parties involved.

The discussions held during the sessions of the Union Peace Conference – 21st Century Panglong reflect the current ongoing period for instilling political stability in the country.

Our leaders are working tirelessly to provide nationwide electrification, clean drinking water, better road infrastructure, education and healthcare services, and more opportunities for employment.

> Regardless of the scale of challenges, those who have assumed office in government must shoulder the duties and responsibilities their position demands.

What's more, the road to resolve these issues is not one that transcends to development but is rather a ruined route that frequently requires authorities to fix broken systems, find new solutions, and amend laws and protocols often at the same time.

Regardless of the scale of challenges, those who have assumed office in government must shoulder the duties and responsibilities their position demands. They should remember that the public majority is giving their trust and support in the civilian government.

We believe that there will be success in finding answers to the issues and challenges coming at our way if we press on relentlessly and considerately.

No matter how large the problem is or how numerous the challenges are, they can all be overcome if we have the unanimous support of the people; the foundational requirement for good governance. With their collective strength in hand, the government must focus on the important objectives and yield tangible, beneficial results.

Rejuvenating the nation in the turn of a changing era and systems, the public does not expect comprehensive solutions to all issues immediately. This aspiration is currently too far from the actual lives we are living day to day.

For now, the people are hoping for a just and fair society where they are protected by the law and can enjoy all the rights and opportunities guaranteed to a citizen, equally among all people, while working hard for their own livelihoods.

Save the earth by reducing your plastic use

By Naing Oo (DOCA)



GRAPHIC: BT



The problem of plastic waste pollution has gotten more serious. PHOTO: AFP

HUMANS are not void of greed, pride, anger and selfishness. These contribute to lack of reasoning and ultimately, making awful decisions that not only effects oneself but the whole environment – sometimes even the world. The impacts of the negligence we have cast upon the consequences of our actions have led us to global warming. The rising temperature in the Earth is evidence of that.

For a Greener Earth

In Myanmar this year, temperatures struck a record high. Residents compare the humidity and heat as if they are burning in hell blaming deforestation and tales of the sun getting closer to the earth. Environmental personnel have been giving educational talks on "going green" such as reducing the carbon footprint, planting more trees and switching to energy saving lights. Reducing the use of plastics has also been a priority educational topic as well as reusing and recycling them.

If not much may seem, but if one person influences the whole family, the whole family influence their neighbors and so on and so forth, the benefits are immense.

Currently, the resources on earth appear abundant. However, there are disadvantages to the growth and use of such resources.

These "gifts" are not immutable -they get degraded, polluted and can be depleted. Hence, we need to start appreciating the entity that is blessing us with the resources necessary to sustain life on earth and do it in a way that our future generations will be able to enjoy the beauty as well.

> It is dangerous to assume that the Earth would replenish the resources at a rate (or even faster) than we are using it. Hence, these resources are only sustainable with the help, care and cooperation of the people who are living on this planet.

The Crimes of Humans

When I was young, my grandmother used to tell me, "Of course the weather is acting up – we're not treating the world right: everybody is cutting down trees like nothing, using up the groundwater and contaminating it, we're throwing away so much waste irresponsibly and plastic is everywhere. If only if we can see what we are doing wrong, we can fix those. If we just let those mistakes go free."



Plastic bags are popularly used by local people for shopping purposes. PHOTO: AFP

A while ago, a government official meeting had glasses for water instead of the usual plastic bottles. This should serve as precedence for not only government meetings but all public and private enterprises in Myanmar. Plastic does not decompose for thousands of years while burning it will release toxic gas into the environment.

These gases harm not only the environment but can get into the lungs and harm the health of the people.

A Wake-Up Call

Unfortunately, our resources are limited while our desires insatiable. It is dangerous to assume that the Earth would replenish the resources at a rate (or even faster) than we are using it. Hence, these resources are only sustainable with the help, care and cooperation of the people who are living on this planet.

Another misconception is that the Earth naturally filters and then recycles our wastes. Some man-made materials are not welcomed and can even disrupt the ecosystem.

This can lead to extinction of various species as well as destroy the balance in the ecosystem that currently exists. Only with mindful and careful use can these resources be managed and saved.

Every 30 seconds, a person dies due to a misuse of plastic. This is an astounding reality. Plastic not only pollutes the environment; it also causes cancer and other related diseases that can cause death.

Most recently, plastic was discovered 10,000 feet below sea level which shocked the world. This meant that it is impossible to measure exactly how deadly plastic is.

However, we can see for ourselves in front of our own eyes the effects of plastic on health. These diseases and complications can not only cause emotional stress and physical pain but also place a financial burden on the family.

The nation also loses potential labor as the person scumbags to illness. Therefore, more talks are being held to educate the people about the harmful effects of plastic and how it affects our everyday life.

Our plastic water bottle culture and it's consistent popularity is proof that we still do not care enough about the environment and our own health to make small changes in our livers.

Replacement

There are many ways to replace the use of plastic such as: bringing a refillable water bottle along with them instead of buying plastic water bottles, using a basket to shop instead of having plastic bags to put your vegetables in, try to bring your own containers when buying food and being conscious of your own usage.

Small changes from one person can make a difference. From this one small step, will set out a domino effect and create a nationwide movement against one-use plastics. This will not only benefit us temporarily with less trash in the landfills but also provide us with clean air and a better environment for our future.

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Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Thursday 13th June, 2019)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is strong to vigorous over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 14th June, 2019: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin and Northern Shan States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Rakhine State and isolated heavy falls in Naypyitaw, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyarwady Regions, Mon State. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40)m.p.h. Wave height will be about (9 -12)feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Increase of rain in Rakhine coastal areas.

FORECAST FOR NAYPYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14th June, 2019: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14th June, 2019: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14th June, 2019: Isolated 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**

Indian Embassy donates agro machinery, computers to Rakhine State

UNDER the India-Myanmar Friendship Programme, the government of India donated 15 tractors, 15 harvesters and 40 sets of computers and accessories to the Rakhine State Government yesterday.

At the event to hand over the donation held at the Sittway Port yesterday evening, Ambassador of India Mr. Saurabh Kumar said the donation was aimed at promoting agricultural sector, creating job opportunities and encouraging technology among the youth in Rakhine State.

Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu expressed thanks to the ambassador for the donation, promising that the agricultural machinery for the farmers and computers for students would be used effectively for the state. Afterwards, Mr. Saurabh Kumar handed over the donation to the Rakhine State Chief Minister.

The ceremony was also attended by the members of Rakhine State Cabinet, diplomats from Indian Embassy, faculties and students from the University of Computer Science (Sittway) and guests.—Han Min ■

(Translated by GNLM)



Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, Indian Ambassador Mr. Saurabh Kumar and guests look around agro machineries during the handover ceremony at the Sittway Port yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

MFF to object to inclusion of fisheries sector in animal health, livestock development law

By Aye Yamon Oo

THE Myanmar Fisheries Federation will object to the inclusion of the fisheries sector in the draft Animal Health and Livestock Development Law.

"If the fisheries sector is included in the new law, we will have to communicate with both the Fisheries Department as well as the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department. This will complicate things for us as there will be two laws and two departments," said U Win Kyaing, the general secretary of the MFF.

Sections A and B of the draft law, which deal with the definition of animals, bring the fisheries sector under the purview of the new legislation. If the Bill is passed by the Hluttaw, matters related to animal feed, development, livestock system, and research will have to be implemented in cooperation with the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department.

"Our federation will object to this inclusion because it is not appropriate. We have already submitted our objection in writing. We have also explained the matter in the Hluttaw," said U Win Kyaing.

"Some Hluttaw representatives have said that the existing law must be kept intact. Although we have tried to explain the reasons to them, the original rules drafting committee has refused to give in," he added.

The Animal Health and Livestock Development Law was enacted by the Union Hluttaw at the end of 2018. Besides raising its objection to the inclusion of the fisheries sector in the new draft law, the MFF will ask the Hluttaw to pass a Bill proposed by it for a new Fish Farming Law.

"The (fish farming) law can encourage the growth of the fish farming industry. The Hluttaw has to enact a new Fish Farming law. The Bill for the new law has been submitted by the Fisheries Department. The new law is not very different from the old law. It does not address issues regarding development, animal feed, and difficulties faced by farmers. Therefore, we will request the authorities to pass the Bill we have proposed into law," said U Win Kyaing.

The draft law has been drawn up because the existing Fish Farming law has several weaknesses, he said. ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Dedalu Village-tract in Pyapon Tsp gets new bridge



Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nimala and authorities inspect the newly constructed bridge at Kinwon Village. **PHOTO: TIN SOE (MYANMA ALIN)**

AN iron-reinforced bridge linking Ama Town and Daw Nyein and Phonegyi Thaung villages in Pyapon Township was completed on 7th June.

The documents related to the bridge at Kinwon Village in Dedalu Village-tract was handed over to local authorities yesterday.

With the completion of the bridge, the residents has got 24-hour travel access to Ama Town and nearby villages.

The work on construction of the bridge started in November, 2017. The the bridge costs over K41 million and was funded private donors of Sayadaw Maha Sadhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Nimala of Leikpyarkan Monastery in Bahan Township and U Htike San and wife Noelene Kao (a) Daw Mya Mya Than of Los Angeles, US.—Tin Soe (Myanma Alin) ■

Daw Khin Kyi Foundation gets Everyday English for Student bulletins for needy students



Operation Manager U Tun Hla Soe presents certificate of honour to the donors. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

RETIREES Association of the News and Periodicals Enterprise has been publishing Everyday English for Student bulletins for students of third to tenth standard to contribute to their English language skills improvement, to donate the bulletins to needy students and to assist in the social welfare activities for retirees.

Ahlone Township Pyithu Hluttaw Representative U Ye Lwin, Vice-Chairman of the Retiree Association U Khin Maung Kyaw Din (Retired Editor-in-Chief of the Mirror Daily), and members of the association donated 2000 bulletins for the month of Jue to Daw Khin Kyi Foundation yesterday. Operation Manager U Tun Hla Soe accepted the donation and presented certificate of honour to the donors.

Established in 2012, Daw Khin Kyi Foundation has been engaging in various social welfare activities including introducing mobile libraries, conducting culinary courses and other tasks as construction roads and bridges, building schools, assisting the people to get solar panesl, among others.—GNLM ■



Exhaust billows out of a chimney at an oil refinery in Kamisu city, Ibaraki prefecture, Japan. **PHOTO: AFP**

Japan sets carbon-neutral goal as UK plans climate laws

TOKYO — Japan has joined Britain in pledging to become carbon neutral later this century, as the world races to prevent catastrophic climate change, but critics blasted Tokyo's plan as unambitious.

While Britain on Wednesday outlined plans for fast-track legislation that would reduce carbon emissions to net zero by 2050, Japan's policy only pledges to meet the goal sometime after the middle of the century.

Both countries are among the nearly 200 nations that have signed up to the Paris climate agreement, which commits signatories to efforts to cap global warming at "well below" two degrees Celsius (3.6 Fahrenheit).

Japan's policy, adopted by the cabinet on Tuesday, is expected to be submitted to the United Nations before the country hosts the G20 summit in Osaka later this month. It sets "a carbon-neutral society as the final goal, and seeks to realise it at the earliest possible time in the latter half of this century."

But while it says renewable energy — such as solar and wind — will become the mainstay of the country's energy use, it adds that coal-fired power plants will remain operational.

Climate activists say Tokyo is moving too slowly and its continued use of coal undermines its objectives. The plan "shows the Japanese government is not truly serious about mitigating climate change," said Hanna Hakko, senior energy campaigner for Greenpeace Japan.

"This is especially clear in the fact that there is no indication or timeline about phasing out coal." "You simply can't solve climate change while continuing to burn coal," she said.

'Cleaner, greener growth'

The move comes before environment ministers from the Group of 20 meet in central Japan this weekend, and as Tokyo looks to position itself as a leader on climate efforts and reducing marine plastic waste.

The policy says Japan will keep a 2016 pledge to reduce greenhouse gas by 80 percent by 2050 from around 2010 levels and seeks to make renewable energy a major source of electricity.

It aims to reduce reliance on nuclear energy while also tackling the "reduction of CO_2 emissions from thermal power generation" fired by fossil fuels like coal.—AFP ■

US Energy Dept blocks participation in China's 'Thousand Talents' program

WASHINGTON — The US Department of Energy has moved to block its scientists from participating in China's controversial "Thousand Talents" program in order to protect US competitive strengths and national security.

An order issued quietly last week said department staff and contractors would be barred from involvement in a foreign government's talent recruitment program that involves unauthorized transfer of scientific and technical information.

The order, obtained by AFP on Wednesday, did not mention any specific country.

But officials pointed to Beijing's "Thousand Talents" program, which offers rewards and high pay to lure ethnic Chinese working overseas and non-Chinese to deliver top-level technology to China.

US security officials say the Energy Department, which conducts advanced research in everything from particle accelerators to supercomputers to nuclear weapons, has been a particular target of the program, which aims to help China catch up to more technologically advanced economies.

"While international cooperation is essential to accelerate research and development, some governments, like the Chinese Communist Party, are aggressively pursuing access to foreign science and technology advancements and intellectual property to the detriment of our economic prosperity and security," a department official said on condition of anonymity.

"In addition to illicit acquisition of US technology through intellectual property theft and forced technology transfer, DOE is concerned about things such as undisclosed foreign government or institutional affiliations by US researchers, undisclosed funding of US researchers from foreign government talent recruitment programs, and breaches of the peer review process," the official said.

The move comes amid heightened tensions over Chinese economic espionage, alleged state-ordered theft of intellectual property, and a growing trade war between the two countries.

US agencies with research arms have discovered a number of cases of scientists cooperating with the decade-old "Thousand Talents" program without permission to share their own or others' work.

In May, the FBI arrested Turab Lookman, a scientist at the Los Alamos National Laboratory in New Mexico, one of the most sensitive Energy Department facilities, on charges that he lied about his participation in the Chinese program.

And in April, a cancer research center of the National Institutes of Health ousted an ethnically Chinese scientist related to his ties to the program.—AFP ■

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF AGRICULTUR,
LIVESTOCK AND ARRIGATION

Invitation of International Tender for VMS Software

1. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries invite the international tender for VMS software to be installed in Vessel Monitoring System-VMS Control Center, Department of Fisheries in Nay Pyi Taw.
2. The application shall be submitted as following:-
   (a) Date of application: 14- 6 -2019
   (b) Date of closure: 22- 7-2019
   (c) Time for application: from 09:30 to 16:30
   (d) Announcement Date for Tender: 31-7-2019
3. Tender Application:- The Application form for Software and Conditions for application is available at Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Website; Department of Fishery Website; MIMU Websites and Application (Soft Copy) is submitted to RFP8@dofmyanmar.org.
4. The detailed information was queried to Department of Fisheries (Head Office) with numbers 067-3418530, 067-3408477 and email: vmsdofnpt@gmail.com.

Tender Invitation and Synchronizing Committee

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V CHERRY VESTA VOY. NO. (016N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V CHERRY VESTA VOY. NO. (016N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 14-06-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P 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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S CONTINENTAL SHIPPING LINE PTE LTD

Phone No: 2301185

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V UNI ANGEL VOY. NO. (0171-501W/E)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V UNI ANGEL VOY. NO. (0171-501W/E) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 14-06-2019 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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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S EVERGREEN SHIPPING LINES

Phone No: 2301185

Ford recalls 1.3 million Explorer SUVs, F-150 pickups

CHICAGO — US automaker Ford on Wednesday issued four safety recalls for suspension, transmission and some other issues, involving some 1.3 million Explorer SUVs and F-150 pickups in North America.

The biggest recall is for select 2011-17 Ford Explorer SUVs for rear suspension toe link fracture issue. In case of a fracture, it can significantly diminish steering control, increasing the risk of a crash, said Ford in a statement.

This safety recall affects about 1.2 million vehicles in the United States and federalized territories, some 28,000 in Canada and one in Mexico.

The second recall is for select 2013 Ford F-150 vehicles with 6-speed automatic transmission for transmission calibration issue, as a previous recall to update the powertrain control module software failed to shoot the problem completely, which can result in potential unintended downshift into first gear. This action affects some 123,000 vehicles in North America.

The third safety recall is for select 2009-16 Ford Econoline full-size vans with 5.4-liter engine for loss of motive power issue, which affects about 4,300 vehicles in North America.—Xinhua ■

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST
(CONSULTING SERVICES – FIRMS SELECTION)

MYANMAR
South East Asia Disaster Risk Management Project
Project ID. P160931

Assignment Title: Independent Dam Safety and Risk Assessment for Gyobyu, Phugyi and Hlawga Reservoirs

Reference No. C3-CS2

The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the South East Asia Disaster Risk Management Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds to finance the consulting services for Independent Dam Safety and Risk Assessment for Gyobyu, Phugyi and Hlawga Reservoirs.

The objectives of this assignment are to assist Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) as the responsible entity for water supply to Yangon City and the Gyobyu, Phugyi and Hlawga reservoir owners and operators to (i) Assess the safety condition of the dams and appurtenant structures in accordance with the international and national standards as well as the World Bank's Operation Manual (WB OP / BP 4.37) for dam safety; (ii) Assess the potential risks due to potential failure of the dams to local communities and assets, including assets to be financed as part of this project; (iii) Prepare a dam safety report including any safety issues and recommendation of remedial measures along with conceptual design and preliminary cost estimates.

The Consulting Services ("the Services") shall consist of the following works for Gyobyu, Phugyi and Hlawga reservoirs and appurtenance: (i) Site Visits, Data Collection and Safety Checking; (ii) Detailed Dam Safety/ Reservoir and Risk Assessment Analyses and Evaluation; (iii) Preparation of Dam Safety and Risk Assessment Report; (iv) Preparation of Conceptual Designs and Cost Estimates.

The Yangon City Development Committee with the Building Engineering Department, Building Control Authority will be implementing the Project and now invites eligible consulting firms ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. **Interested Consultants must provide specific information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services.**

The short listing criteria are: (i) Specific experience relevant to the assignment: Sound knowledge and experience in the fields of dam design, dam safety, geotechnical, seismic and hydraulic engineering with at least 15 years' experience including: (a) Dam safety assessment inspections (b) Extensive dam design (including upgrading and rehabilitation), construction and operation of dams, reservoirs and associated structures (c) Extensive experience undertaking detailed risk and hazard assessments (flood and seismic) (d) Expertise in hydraulic and geotechnical (appraisal) engineering, numerical modeling and associated industry software packages for inter alia seepage, stress-strain, slope stability, flood routing, dam break analysis, and inundation mapping (e) At least three past projects of similar scope and nature; (ii) Relevant experience in Myanmar and or the region (highly desirable)

Interested Consulting firms are **requested to provide specific information and past project examples** to demonstrate their ability **to meet each of the shortlisting criteria/ sub-criteria above**. Individual CV's of proposed 'team members' need not be supplied at this stage (individual team members will be evaluated at RFP stage) and will not be taken into consideration. **The details of similar assignments carried out (including contract reference and scope of work undertaken) should be provided**. Failure to do so may result in Consulting Firms not being evaluated.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to paragraph 1.9 of the World Bank's *Guidelines: Selection and Employment of Consultants [under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants] by World Bank Borrowers* dated January 2011 and revised in July 2014. ("Consultant Guidelines"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

Consultants may associate with other firms in the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy to enhance their qualifications. The "association" may take the form of a joint venture or a sub-consultancy. In case of a joint venture (JV), all members of the JV will be evaluated jointly for the purpose of short-listing and shall be jointly and severally liable for the assignment and shall sign the contract jointly in case of award is made to that JV. Interested consultants should clearly indicate the structure of their "association" and the duties of the partners and sub-consultants in their application. Unclear expression of interests in terms of "in association with" and/or "in affiliation with" and etc. without indicating the status of the partnership and designation of the lead partner may not be considered for short-listing.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method set out in the Consultant Guidelines. Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours [9.30 a.m to 4.30 p.m, Monday to Friday].

The draft Terms of References can be obtained through email.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by fax, or by e-mail) **by 4.00 pm on July 9, 2019 (local Myanmar time).**

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Building Control Authority
Yangon City Development Committee
Contact Person : Daw Hnin Ei Win
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China tightens rules on genetic research after designer-baby scandal

BEIJING — China has announced regulations to curb the smuggling of human organs and tighten oversight on the use of human genetic materials in research months after a Chinese scientist caused a global outcry by claiming that he gene-edited babies.

The announcement comes as He Jiankui's controversial experiment continues to transfix the scientific community, with researchers saying the procedure may significantly affect life expectancy.

The high-profile scientist announced in November that the world's first gene-edited babies — twin girls — were born that month after he altered their DNA to prevent them from contracting HIV by deleting a certain gene.

The regulations published Monday said international organisations that collect, store or use human genetic resources to carry out scientific research without proper permissions will be fined up to five million yuan (US$722,600).

The penalty was double for foreign organisations conducting research using China's genetic resources.

Chinese and foreign researchers will have to register the human tissues, organs and other genetic materials needed for experiments with the Science and technology administration under the State Council, China's cabinet, according the rules that will come into effect from 1 July.

The new rules also include fines for scientists or institutions that collect human genetic materials without consent or by coercing donors.

The government can stop work carried out without proper authorisation and confiscate genetic materials.



Chinese scientist He Jiankui sparked an international outcry after claiming to have altered the genes of babies. **PHOTO: AFP**

Scientists or institutions can also be fined 5 to 10 times the amount of "illegal income" earned from unauthorised research and be banned from their field of work for up to five years.

A lifetime ban could be placed on scientists "if the circumstances are particularly serious", the regulations added.—AFP ■

NASA develops "starshade" technology to aid cosmic life-searching

LOS ANGELES — The search for life on exoplanets — planets outside our solar system — will be boosted by a flower-shaped spacecraft helping a space telescope to see distant objects like never before, said NASA on Tuesday.

The light from a planet orbiting a star is about 10 billion times fainter than that from a star, making it very hard for a telescope to get direct imaging. To cope with this challenge, engineers at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, California have designed a "starshade" technology to block starlight, NASA's Tuesday release showed. A future starshade mission would need two spacecrafts to work hand-in-hand. One would be a space telescope on the hunt for exoplanets. The other would fly some 40,000 km in front of the telescope, carrying a large, flat shade, according to the JPL. The shade would unfurl like a blooming flower with metalic "petals" and block the light from a star, allowing the telescope to get a clearer glimpse of any planet.—Xinhua ■

Announcement of Changing Manufacturing Company Name and Logo

We are pleased to announce that **Sichuan Xunmei Agrochemical Co., Ltd.** who is the manufacturer of the following (4) products which registered under Pesticide Registration Board, Myanmar,

1. Trustco Profens 40 EC, Profenofos 40% EC (Registration No. P2018-4271-Provisional).
2. Trustco Spidekiller 20 WP, Pyridaben 20% WP (Registration No. P2019-4532- Provisional).
3. Trustco Aphidcure 5 EC, Acetamiprid 5% EC (Registration No. P2019-4556- Provisional).
4. Trustco Union attacker 3 SC, Emamectin Benzoate 1%+ Hexaflumuron 2% SC (Registration No. E2019-4531-Experimental).has changed its name from **Sichuan Xunmei Agrochemical Co., Ltd.** to **Jiangxi Zhongxun Agrochemical Co., Ltd. (Registration No in China 913601230634697542)** and its logo as follow from 14 July 2017.

	Old	New
Date	Before 14 July 2017	After 14 July 2017
Company Name	Sichuan Xunmei Agrochemical Co., Ltd	Jiangxi Zhongxun Agrochemical Co., Ltd.
Logo	SICHUAN XUNMEI AGROCHEMICAL CO., LTD	

MYANMA TIMBER ENTERPRISE
EXPORT MARKETING & MILLING DEPARTMENT
INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER

1. MYANMAR TIMBER ENTERPRISE WILL SELL TEAK & HARDWOOD ROUND LOGS AND SAWN TIMBERS BY OPEN TENDERS IN US DOLLARS, PARTICULARS OF THE OPEN TENDER SALES ARE AS FOLLOWS:

(a) DATE & TIME - (20-6-2019)(09-00)A.M
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Over K60 bln earned during gems emporium in Nay Pyi Taw

OVER K60.891 billion were earned from the sale of 49 gems lots and 3,011 jade lots at Myanma Gems Emporium which held at the Mani Yadana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw from 8 to 13 June.

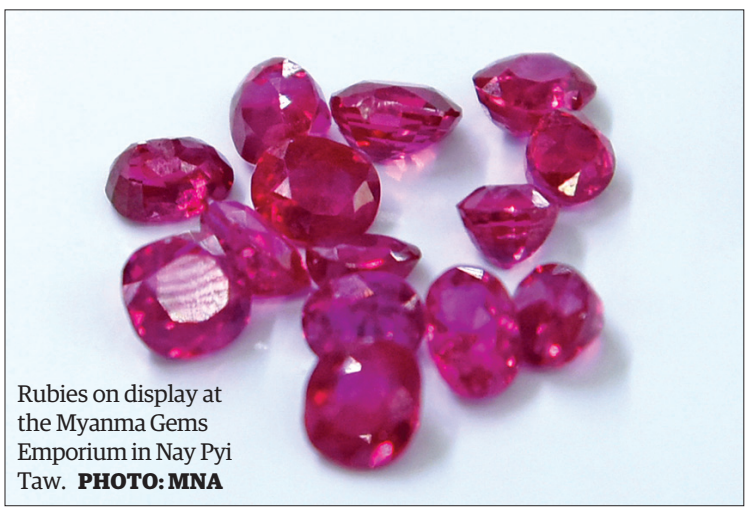
The last day of the emporium, yesterday, 975 jade lots out of 1,008 jade lots were sold at over K20 billion under the open tender system at the emporium.

The emporium aims to provide local small merchants with raw materials and mine businesspersons with income. —Mawsi ■

(Translated by TTN)



Jade stones are appraised at the Myanma Gems Emporium. **PHOTO: MNA**



Rubies on display at the Myanma Gems Emporium in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**



Merchants checking quality of jade stones at the Myanma Gems Emporium in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**



Jade merchants checking quality of jade stones at the Myanma Gems Emporium in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**



Merchants appraising gemstones at Myanma Gems Emporium on 11 June 2019 in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**



A gemstone is appraised at the Myanma Gems Emporium in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**



Jade merchants evaluate quality of jade stones at the Myanma Gems Emporium in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

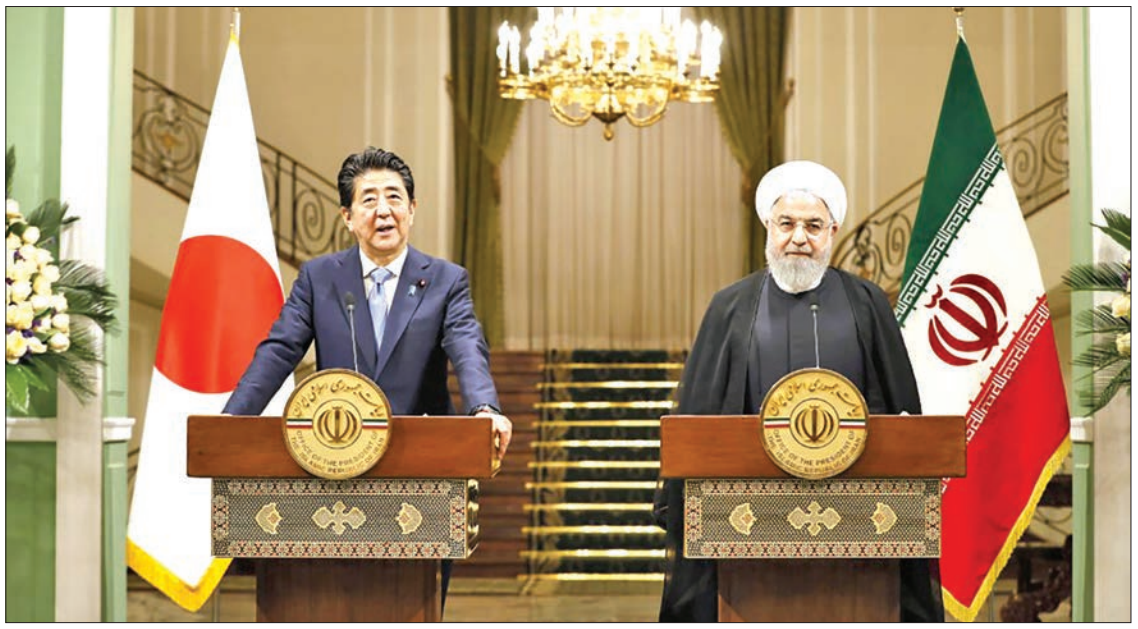
Abe urges Rouhani to avoid escalation of Iran-US tensions

TEHRAN — Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe called on Iranian President Hassan Rouhani on Wednesday to avoid a further escalation of tensions and an unintended military conflict in the Middle East, as he sought to nudge Tehran toward dialogue as a mediator with the United States.

Speaking after talks with Rouhani at the Saadabad Palace in Tehran, Abe offered to do whatever Japan can to reduce friction between Iran and the United States. But he added Iran also needs to play a "constructive role" in bringing peace and stability in the region.

"We must avoid an armed clash at any cost. Peace and stability in the Middle East are essential for the prosperity of the region and the world," Abe said alongside Rouhani.

Abe made the comments after he became the first sitting Japanese prime minister to visit Iran since Takeo Fukuda in 1978. Tensions have flared in recent weeks over Iran's nuclear program and Washington's attempt to boost its military presence.



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"We won't pursue war with the United States," Rouhani said, while adding that Iran will act resolutely if the situation develops into war. "We've seen heightened tensions in this region and the U.S. economic war is to blame. So if the economic war ends, we believe stability can be ensured," Rouhani said.

Rouhani welcomed Abe's visit to diffuse tensions, and expressed appreciation and hope for Japan's continued support for an international nuclear deal from which the United States has already withdrawn.

During his visit through Thursday, Abe will also hold a meeting with Iran's Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. It will be the first time a Japanese prime minister has met with the supreme leader, who ultimately determines the country's policy direction.

The Middle East is a critical area for Japan, which relies heavily on countries such as Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. Japanese officials say the purpose of Abe's visit is not simply serving as a messenger.

Iran was also a major supplier before the United States ended its sanctions waivers given to Iranian oil buyers, including Japan, in May.

Rouhani disclosed Japan is interested in continuing to buy Iran's oil, adding he is "thankful for (Japan's) wish" to aim for such an environment.

As Abe landed in Iran, Yemen's Houthi rebels that are pro-Iran attacked an airport in Saudi Arabia on Wednesday, media reports said, highlighting the escalation of regional tensions.

Earlier in the day, Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono and his Iranian counterpart Mohammad JavadZarif held talks in Tehran. Abe's symbolic visit comes as Washington has left the door open for dialogue despite its abrupt withdrawal last year from the nuclear accord and the reinstating of economic sanctions. Japan is not a member of the deal but has been a supporter. The trip gives Abe a rare opportunity to raise his diplomatic profile ahead of a Group of 20 summit in Japan on June 28 and 29 before an election for the upper house this summer.—Kyodo News ■

S Korea parliament speaker apologizes for remarks on Japan emperor

SEOUL — The South Korean National Assembly speaker on Thursday apologized for the first time for saying earlier that an apology from then Emperor Akihito would settle a long-standing dispute over Korean women forced into Japan's wartime brothels.

Moon Hee Sang made the apology during a meeting with former Japanese Prime Minister Yukio Hatoyama in Seoul, in which the one-time Japanese leader told the speaker that his remarks had come off as impolite, according to the parliament.

"I say to those who felt hurt (by the remarks) that I am sorry," Moon was quoted by the parliament as saying.

In an interview with Bloomberg news service on Feb. 8, the lawmaker called for the then emperor to apologize to the so-called comfort women before abdicating at the end of April.

In interviews with several South Korean media organizations reported in mid-February, Moon doubled down on his demand for an apology from the



South Korea's National Assembly Speaker Moon Hee Sang. **PHOTO KYODO NEWS**

then emperor and slammed the Japanese government for having demanded he retract and apologize for his initial remarks.

He said at the time that Japan was acting like a "brazen thief" for demanding an apology from him when it is Tokyo that owes an apology. The dispute over Moon's comments further raised tensions between the two countries, whose ties have long been strained over historical grievances related to Japan's colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula between 1910 and 1945.—Kyodo News ■

Two oil tankers evacuated after reported attack in Gulf of Oman

DUBAI — The crews of two oil tankers were evacuated off the coast of Iran on Thursday after they were reportedly attacked and caught fire in the Gulf of Oman, sending world oil prices soaring.

The mystery incident, the second involving shipping in the strategic sea lane in only a few weeks, came amid spiralling tensions between Tehran and Washington, which has pointed the finger at Iran over tanker attacks in May.

Iran said its navy had rescued 44 crew members after the two vessels caught fire in "accidents" off its coast.

But the US Fifth Fleet said its warships had received distress calls from both vessels in a "reported attack".

The Norwegian Maritime Authority said three explosions were reported on board the Norwegian-owned tanker Front Altair after it was "attacked" along with the Singapore-owned cargo carrier Kokuka Courageous.

Iranian state media said the first incident occurred on board the Front Altair at 8:50 am (0420 GMT) 25 nautical miles off Bandar-e-Jask in southern Iran.

The Marshall Islands-flagged tanker was carrying a cargo of ethanol from Qatar to Taiwan, official news agency IRNA reported. "As the ship caught fire, 23 of the crew jumped into the water and were saved by a passing ship and handed over to the Iranian rescue unit," it said.

"An hour after the first accident the second ship caught fire at 9:50 am 28 nautical miles off the port." The Panama-flagged Kokuka Courageous was headed to Singapore from Saudi Arabia with a cargo of methanol, and 21 of its crew jumped and were rescued, according to IRNA.

'Security incident'

Singapore-based BSM Ship Management, which owns the Kokuka Courageous, said it had "launched a full-scale emergency response following a security incident".

"The 21 crew of the vessel abandoned ship after the incident on board which resulted in damage to the ship's hull starboard side," it said. "One crew man from the Kokuka Courageous was slightly injured in the incident and is receiving first aid."

It said the vessel is about 70 nautical miles from the United Arab Emirates and just 14 from the coast of Iran.—AFP ■



An undated picture obtained by AFP from Iranian State TV IRNN on June 13 reportedly shows the two tankers involved in an incident off the coast of Oman. **PHOTO: AFP**

Kachin United beat University F.C. with late goal

IN the Week-8 match of the MPT Myanmar National League II 2019 yesterday, Kachin United defeated University F.C. with a score of 2-1 at the Padonmar Stadium in Yangon.

The win for Kachin United was secured by a late goal, scored by S Gun Lun, at the 88th minute.

Yesterday's match proved to be an exciting one with both teams lining up with young players and launching speedy attacks right from the start.

Kachin United bagged the opening goal at 23 minutes. The goal was scored by Zaw Soe, who displayed great dribbling skills and communication with his teammates.

Ten minutes later, La Pyae Hein from University F.C. scored the equalizer, and the goal spurred the teams to up their game.

The first half ended with a score of 1-1.

In the second half, Kachin United changed their tactics, bringing in youth player S Gun Lun.



University F.C.'s Ye Min Oo (white) vies for the ball against Kachin United players (blue) during their Myanmar National League II match at the Padonmar Stadium in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO : MNL**

University F.C. forced the play with good understanding between players and scored another goal at 58 minutes, but the referee deemed it a no goal on account of a player from University F.C. being offside.

The teams were tied almost till the end, with both not able to convert goal chances. But, S Lun Gun's goal at the 88th minute aided his team to a victory.

In another MNL II match, Royal Thanlyin F.C. beat Silver Star F.C. by 7-2. —Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Real Madrid sign Mendy to continue summer spree

MADRID — Real Madrid continued their summer spending spree on Wednesday by completing the signing of left-back Ferland Mendy from Lyon.

Mendy has signed a six-year contract with Madrid, who have now added four new players for next season following the arrivals of Eder Militao, Eden Hazard and Luka Jovic.

Hazard was the most expensive of the quartet, joining in a deal that could reach up to 145 million euros, while Militao and Jovic each cost around 50 and 65 million euros respectively.

The fee for Mendy was reportedly set at around 50 million euros, which would mean Madrid's summer spending is already worth around 300 million euros in total.

"Real Madrid and Lyon have agreed the transfer of Ferland Mendy," an official club statement read. "The player will be contracted to Real Madrid for the next six seasons, until June 30, 2025."



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Mendy will be presented at the Santiago Bernabeu on Wednesday, June 19, and the 24-year-old may have to compete with the experienced Marcelo and talented Sergio Reguilon for a starting place at left-back.

Whether his arrival impacts the future of either Marcelo, who has just endured a torrid season and been linked with Juventus, or Reguilon, remains to be seen.

Mendy enjoyed an impressive campaign last year, playing 30 Ligue 1 matches for Lyon and helping the French side reach the Champions League round of 16. He also was handed his first call-up to the France squad in November. —AFP ■

MNL Week-12 matches to be broadcast live on free-to-air channels

THE second round of the MPT Myanmar National League 2019 will start from Saturday and some matches will be broadcast live on free-to-air channels, according to a statement released by the MNL.

Through the efforts of the main broadcaster of the MNL, MySports, and free-to-air channels, including MRTV-4, Mizzima, and Fortune TV, some interesting matches will be broadcast live, said officials.

The match between Hantharwady and Yadanarbon, which will take place at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday at the Grand Royal Stadium in Bago, will be broadcast live on MRTV-4.

The Ayeyawady United vs Southern Myanmar F.C. match, which will start at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday at the Mawlamyaing stadium, will also be broadcast live on Mizzima channel.

Meanwhile, the match between Shan United and Chin United, scheduled to take place at 3.30 p.m. on Saturday at the Taunggyi Stadium, will be broadcast live on Fortune TV channel.

Sunday's match featuring Yangon United vs Rakhine United at the home stadium of Yangon will be broadcast live on MRTV-4.

Another match on Sunday between Magwe F.C. and Dagon F.C. will be broadcast live on Mizzima channel.

The match between Sagaing United and Zwekapin United will be live streamed on the Facebook pages of MySports and the Myanmar National League.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Big hitters France and Germany grind towards World Cup knockouts

VALENCIENNES (France) —Eugenie Le Sommer fired Women's World Cup hosts France to the top of Group A after scoring the winning penalty to see off determined Norway on Wednesday, while Germany virtually assured themselves of missing the rampant United States in the last 16 after squeezing past Spain and taking control of Group B.

Lyon star Le Sommer fired home from the spot with 18 minutes left after referee Bibiana Steinhaus decided after a VAR review that Norway defender Ingrid Syrstad Engen had kicked Marion Torrent on the knee after making a hash of a clearance.

The 30-year-old's second goal of the tournament put France on a perfect six points after two games and saved the blushes of her club teammate Wendie Renard, who had cancelled out Valerie Gauvin's 46th-minute opener for 'Les Bleues' with a barely-believable own goal.

Renard, whose height and power had led to Norway using a similarly tall press officer to simulate her presence in the area for set-pieces in training, was visibly distraught after tapping Isabell Herlovsen's cross into her own net under no pressure.—AFP ■



Eugenie Le Sommer celebrates her decisive penalty for France. **PHOTO: AFP**