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# State Counsellor honors outstanding students of President's Office, Union Govt office staff

A CEREMONY to honor outstanding students of the staff of the Office of the President and Ministry of Office of the Union Government in education year 2018-2019 matriculation examination and awarding of stipend to students attending school in education year 2019-2020 was held at the assembly hall of the Office of the President in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning. State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivered a speech and presented cash awards and certificates of honor to outstanding students who passed the matriculation examination.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said the event was being held on to honor children public service personnel who had passed the matriculation examination. Passing of the matriculation examination was an important milestone. If vocational education was to be pursued, it would not be the same as in the school. However it might be looked upon as reaching a certain stage in life. Parents could also be satisfied and proud of supporting and caring for their children to reach this stage.

> The best inheritance that Myanmar public servants could pass on to their children was this spirit of dutifully performing the assigned duties.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi greets attendees at prize-giving ceremony for outstanding matriculation students in 2018-2019 Academic Year in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Students could also be proud of reaching this stage. Some passed with many distinctions. Some simply passed. We honor those who got distinctions to honor their efforts. They were not differentiating between those who passed with distinction and those who simply passed. So those who passed simply should not be disheartened or discouraged. Even those who failed and were not attending this event should be disheartened or discouraged.

Opportunities came repeatedly in life. Those opportunities should be used in the best possible way. How do we determine whether opportunities were used in the best possible way? If the opportunities were used for the benefit of both the majority and self, it could be deemed as using the opportunities in the best possible way. It could be taken as steps taken properly.

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## Reorganization of ministries at the Region and State levels

In accordance with the approval by respective Region and State Hluttaws, the following Ministries under the Magway Region Government and the Mon State Government have been reorganized as shown against each of their ministries respectively.

| | Region or State Government | Current Ministry | Reorganized Ministry |
|---|---|---|---|
| (a) | Magway Region Government | Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population | Ministry of Labour Affairs |
| (b) | Mon State Government | Ministry of Planning, Finance, Immigration and Population | Ministry of Planning and Finance |

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## Appointment of Region Minister

In accordance with the provisions stated in article 262 (f) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and section 19 (c) of Union Government Law and Section 8 (g) of Region or State Government Law, Daw Moe Moe Su Kyi has been appointed as Minister for Immigration and Human Resources in the Yangon Region Government.

*Sd/-*
*(Win Myint)*
*President*
*Republic of the Union of Myanmar*

# Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye receives Chinese Ambassador

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye received Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chen Hai yesterday at his office in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to cooperation between Myanmar and China in all sectors including social welfare, disaster management and rehabilitation works by Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

They also openly discussed matters related to cooperation on short-term and long-term trainings for human resource development, socioeconomic development projects, and repatriation and resettlement of returnees. — MNA
*(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)*

Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye shakes hands with Chinese Ambassador Mr Chen Hai in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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## Formation of new Ministry at the Region or State levels

In accordance with the agreement of the respective Region and State Hluttaws, the Ministry of Immigration and Human Resources has been established in the Magway Region Government, the Mon State Government and the Ayeyawady Region Government respectively.

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# Myanmar continues to receive verified Myanmar nationals from Thailand

AS the second day of repatriation of the fourth batch of Myanmar nationals from Thailand on 2 July 2019, 32 verified Myanmar nationals from Ban Nai Soi were welcomed by the Chief Minister of Kayah State Government at the Maese Gate in Kayah State. Moreover, two Myanmar nationals from Tham Hin camp were welcomed by the repatriation committee Members from the Taninthayi Regional Government at Hteekhee Gate in Taninthayi Region. Deputy Chief of Mission of the Embassy of Myanmar in Thailand, Daw Ei Ei Tin and Consul-General of the Myanmar Consulate in Chiang Mai, U Thein Tin also attended the hand-over ceremonies.

The relevant Ministries and the Repatriation Committees of State and Regional Governments arranged transportation for the returnees to reach their homes and provided with the humanitarian and financial assistance. They will also provide Household Registration Form (Form-10) and issue NRC cards through the national verification process. In addition, relevant State and Regional Governments will provide education and health-related assistance to the returnees. The repatriation process will continue with verified Myanmar nationals from Mae La, Umpiem and Mae-La Oon camps at Kyauk Lone Gyi camp in Myawady Township on 3 July 2019.—MNA

Kayah State Chief Minister U L Paung Sho welcomes Myanmar Nationals from Thailand on 2 July 2019. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Everything must not be for self alone. The majority should not be forgotten. There must be a balance between self-interest and interest of the majority. To do for all only and not to do anything for self is also not right. Steps that benefit self and the majority are good and correct steps. Parents of the students being honored today had served the country for quite a long time and I want to honor them too.

Serving as public servants were different in rich countries and countries that were not rich and were still developing like Myanmar. Although there was this difference, Myanmar public servants were level or at par with even the public servants of the richest and most developed countries in performing their duties. The main point was to dutifully perform the assigned duties. The best inheritance that Myanmar public servants could pass on to their children was this spirit of dutifully performing the assigned duties.

Public servants should be proud of the fact that they were serving the public and the country while their children should also be proud of the fact that their parents were serving the public and the country. Some thought that the income of public servants was not as high as business owners and thus was not very honorable.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivers the speech at the prize-giving ceremony for outstanding matriculation students in 2018-2019 Academic Year in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

But the public servants were the backbone of the country. So it was hoped that some of the students honored today would join the workforce as public servants. As the level and status of public servants rose it was expected that there would be more youngsters becoming public servants.

Especially they wanted to attract more young men to become public servants. Women outnumber men among the public servants. Gender equality should be fair and widespread. In whatever profession, there should be both men and women. In some cases men outnumber women while in some it was the other way around. Individually there were strengths and weaknesses. It would be complete only when there was cooperation.

She did not know what the attending students today had in mind. She did not know the expectations of their parents. Parents must not have narrow views in their expectation of their children. Look at the matter from the country's side, from the children's side as well as the family's side. Look at it in a fair way for all. The same goes with youngsters and students. They also must look at it from all sides. Do not look for self or family interest only. Look at it from the country and the majority's sides too. Only then could you be a whole and complete human being. A whole and complete human being does not look at self-interest only. But being ordinary human beings (putuzana), to look at the interest of the majority only would not be a practical expectation at all.

Students who had passed an important milestone in life must now choose whether to continue their education or go into life and earn a living. However and where ever it was, they should not do things for self only. It was also not practical to do things for all always. All must think for self as well as for all in a balanced way. Do note that the world was changing. Youths had fortitude and pride. In their mind they have a thought that their time was better than the past times and that they were better than the people of the past, more knowledgeable and learned. In the age of technology this was the thinking process. But this was not entirely true. Every age or time had its strengths.

As youths come of age, they were no longer young. As they were stepping into the grown up life, they should start thinking like grownups. But they also need to maintain their enthusiasm and innovation of youth. If they retain these two, they would become a matured person with balanced mind of a youth and a grownup. Becoming such a person could be designated as passing another milestone successfully.

In conclusion she would like to say that she was not only honoring the youths who had passed the examinations, who were no longer students but also the parents. She also wished to thank all the departmental personnel who helped organize the event with the spirit of comradeship, said the State Counsellor.

Next, the State Counsello presented cash awards and certificate of honors to Maung Phone Thuta, Ma Nway Nway Kyaw, Maung Min Pyae Pyae Oo, Ma Han May Soe and Ma Honey Thaw who passed the academic year 2018-2019 matriculation examination with six distinctions.

Afterwards, Union Minister for the Ministry of Office of the Union Government U Min Thu presented cash awards and certificate of honors to Ma Zun Phoo Ein, Ma Chan Myae Naychi, Ma May Pyae Sone Soe, Maung Zin Myo, Maung San Pwint Aung, Maung Sai Aung Kyaw Htat and Ma Hsu Thanda Aung who passed the academic year 2018-2019 matriculation examination with five distinctions.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Union Minister U Min Thu, Deputy Minister U Tin Myint and officials pose for photo together with the outstanding students of the staff the Union Government's Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Following this, Deputy Minister U Tin Myint, Permanent Secretary U Khin Latt, Permanent Secretary U Zaw Than Thin presented cash awards and certificate of honors to10 students who passed the academic year 2018-2019 matriculation examination with four distinctions, 11 students from Office of the President and 5 students from Ministry of Office of the Union Government who passed the academic year 2018-2019 matriculation examination.

The Union Minister then presented stipends to students from Office of the President, Office of the Union Government and Ministry of Office of the Union Government attending school in academic year 2019-2020.

Maung Phone Thuta who passed with six distinctions spoke words of thanks on behalf of the students.

Later State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the Union Minister, and guests took a commemorative group photo with students from Office of the President and Ministry of Office of the Union Government who passed the matriculation examination in an outstanding manner.

After the event, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi cordially met with parents, outstanding students and students who passed the matriculation examination.

The following senior officials attended the ceremony:

Union Minister for the Ministry of Office of the Union Government U Min Thu, Deputy Minister U Tin Myint, Office of the President Permanent Secretary U Khin Latt, Ministry of Office of the Union Government Permanent Secretary U Zaw Than Thin, departmental heads, parents of students, award winning students and officials. — MNA ■

*(Translated by Zaw Min)*

# Tree planting event held to usher in Myanmar Women's Day

A tree planting event organized by the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs (MNCWA) to usher in July 3 Myanmar Women's Day was held at Yan Aung Myin Forest Reserve block 13 beside Nay Pyi Taw circuit road B-4 in Dekkhinathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning. First Lady Daw Cho Cho attended the event and planted a Khayay sapling.

Former First Lady Daw Su Su Lwin, Vice President U Myint Swe's wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat's wife Daw Yin May, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than's wife Daw Nant Kyin Kyi, Constitutional Tribunal of Myanmar Chairperson U Myo Nyunt's wife Daw Htay Yi, Union Election Commission (UEC) Chairman U Hla Thein's wife Daw Aye Thida, MNCWA Chairman Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye, Union Ministers' wives, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman's wife, Deputy Ministers, chairpersons and officials of organizations also attended the tree planting event.

At the event First Lady Daw Cho Cho planted a Khayay sapling at a designated place. Former First Lady planted a Khayay sapling, Vice President's wife planted a Padauk sapling, Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Speakers' wives planted Gangaw saplings, Constitutional Tribunal of Myanmar Chairperson's wife and UEC Chairman's wife planted Padauk saplings at designated places.

Similarly Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye, wives of Union Ministers, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairperson's wife, Deputy Ministers and officials, chairpersons and officials MNCWA, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and various organizations and entities planted tree saplings at designated places.

Afterwards, the First Lady and party inspected and encouraged event attendees planting saplings.

At the day's event over 1,000 saplings of Khayay, teak, mahogany, padauk etc. were planted and the saplings will be cared for by the Forest Department of the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation.

It was learnt that tree planting events to usher in July 3 Myanmar Women's Day were also being held in states and regions. — MNA ■

*(Translated by Zaw Min)*

First Lady Daw Cho Cho plants a star flower tree to usher in Myanmar Women's Day in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

# Union Election Commission holds meeting with Kayah political parties

Union Election Commission member U Soe Yal delivers the speech at the meeting with political parties in Kayah State and social organizations in Loikaw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Election Commission held a meeting with political parties in Kayah State and social organizations at Union Election Commission Kayah Branch Office yesterday morning.

The meeting was attended by member of Union Election Commission U Soe Yal ( Kayah State representative), Chairman of Kayah State Union Election Sub-commission U Than Soe and members, State level departmental officials, representatives of 13 political parties, civil social organizations for elections and chairmen and secretaries of district and township election sub-commissions.

At the event, U Soe Yal said that Union Election Commission will hold the 2020 general elections that meet five standards: state of being independent, fairness, transparency, acceptance by majority of voters and consistency with the desire of the public. They are working in accordance with 2019-2020 strategy. He added that the purpose of the meeting is to discuss holding the elections successfully.

In preparation for the 2020 general elections, they are implementing the population data collection drawn up by Union Election Commission, Ministry of Union Government Office and Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population for the eligible citizens not to lose their right to vote. Population data is collected by General Administration Department and monitored by Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population. Public collaboration is important for eligible citizen not to lose their right to vote and to produce comprehensive list of voters. He also called for help of political parties and social organizations in educating public on election. Then, U Than Soe explained 2019- 2020 strategy project and State Election Officer U Kyaw San Win detailed work to produce comprehensive list of voters. General round of discussion followed. —MNA ■

*(Translated by Alphonsus)*

# Union Minister for Information receives Chinese Ambassador

UNION MINISTER for Information Dr Pe Myint received Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chen Hai yesterday at his office in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to Myanmar-China bilateral cooperation in the area of information sector, promoting friendship, strengthening Myanmar-China Paukphaw relationship, and cooperation in media sector, two nations' TV series, radios and film industries.

They also discussed the matters of literary works and publishing industry.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun and officials. — MNA *(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)*

Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint holds talks with Chinese Ambassador Mr Chen Hai in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

# Yangon air pollution still above limit: YCDC

By Nyein Nyein

SOME townships in Yangon Region are still recording a higher pollution rate than the set limit, said U Saw Win Maung, the deputy head of the Pollution Control and Cleansing Department of the Yangon City Development Committee.

"Air pollution is evaluated in line with the guidelines issued by the World Health Organization. The air pollution rate is monitored every 8, 12, and 24 hours. The rate is also measured every 30 days. We have found that the average rate in certain townships is higher than the set limit," he said during a press conference on YCDC'S performance, held on 1 July at the Yangon City Hall.

The level of air pollution is higher in the industrial zones. Carbon emissions by vehicles on urban roads and PM emissions from construction sites are also contributing to air pollution.

Planting trees may help reduce pollution, and factory owners have also been directed to take measures against smoke and waste production, according to the YCDC.

"The factories are working together to reduce the use of diesel engines. Furthermore, construction wall barriers are a must to prevent construction dust from entering the surroundings. Moreover, a wheel washing system is also being used at construction sites before the trucks run on roads," said U Saw Win Maung.

"Yangon's air pollution usually crosses the set limit and the rate tends to fall in the rainy season for some reason," he added. Monitoring of air pollution in the YCDC area started in 2016, according to the committee.

Of the four equipments set up to measure air quality, three have been installed in Mingaladon, Hledan, and the city hall. The remaining one monitors air quality through mobile sensors. Evaluations are being carried out at 67 points in Yangon Region.

The equipment for measuring pollution can measure air quality in an area of up to one-and-a-half mile. The machines can measure the levels of carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, methane, nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, PM2, and PM10. ■

*(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)*

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# MoE, KfW sign agreements on funding nearly euro 10 mln for TVET reform

DEPARTMENT of Technical and Vocational Education-DTVE of Ministry of Education and German Development Bank (KfW) signed a financing agreement and other separate agreements on funding nearly euro 10 million on implementing "TVET Reform Programme Phase II" at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the Signing Ceremony of "TVET Reform Programme Phase II" between Ministry of Education and German Development Bank (KfW), Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi said implementation of the first phase of TVET Reform Programme was underway at Government Technical Institute (Insein, Shwepyitha) and Government Technical High School (Ywama), and the second phase could be implemented soon.

It was of great assistance for TVET Reform as it was the programme assisting with modern teaching/leaning materials for the institutes, schools and training centres of Department of Technical and Vocational Education-DTVE, the Union Minister said.

He then added that the ministry was developing TVET sector in Myanmar to produce human resources needed for related industries and to create more job opportunities.

Then, Dr Katharina Spiess, the Head of Development Cooperation of KfW, and Dr Christine Heimburger, the Director of East Asai and Pacific of KfW, delivered speeches.

Afterwards, Dr Aye Myint, the Director-General of Department of Technical and Vocational Education, and Dr Christine Heimburger, the Director of East Asai and pacific of KfW signed agreements on funding nearly euro 10 million.

With the systematic use of some euro 8 million fund for teaching and learning materials, the Ministry of Education's Department of Technical and Vocational Education will implement promoting learning opportunities and quality teaching at Government Technical Institute (Mandalay), Government Technical High Schools (Mandalay and Taunggyi), and Government Technical High School and Technical Promotion Training Centre (Baelin).

Faculties of the institutes and schools will also be trained for their promoting capacity with the use of teaching materials and learning materials. — MNA ■

*(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)*

Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi, members from German Development Bank (KfW) and attendees pose for the photograph at the signing ceremony between MoE and KfW in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

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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 offences up to 29 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 Than Aung who lives in from Yoon Ohe Village, Kawlin Tsp, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs. | On 27 June 2019, police searched the house of Than Aung, 67, son of U Phoe Sinn, who lives in Yoon Ohe Village, Kawlin Tsp and arrested him after discovering opium in his possession. A case has been opened with MaMaSa(Kawlin) MaYa(Pa) 37/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. |
| 2. | Information received of Eei Toe who lives in Yangyiaung Ward, Kanbalu Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs. | On 29 June 2019, police searched the house of Eei Toe (a) Zaw Win Htut, 27, son of U Ye Win, in Yangyiaung Ward, Kanbalu Township, and arrested him together with heroin. A case has been opened him with MaMaSa(Kanbalu) MaYa(pa)6/2019 under section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. |
| 3. | Information received of Pyae Phyo Paing who lives in Aungtheikdi Ward, Zigon Tsp, Kanbalu District, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs. | On 29 June 2019, police searched the house of Pyae Phyo Paing, 26, son of U Kyaw Myo Hlaing, in Aungtheikdi Ward, Zigon Tsp, Kanbalu District, and arrested him together with heroin. A case has been opened him with NaMaSa(Zigon) MaYa(pa)7/2019 under section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. |
| 4. | Information received of Maung Htay who lives in Pinlane(East) Village, PyinOoLwin Tsp, Mandalay Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs. | On 29 June 2019, police searched the house of Maung Htay (a) Nyo Htay, 52, son of U AungThein, in Pinlane(East) Village, PyinOoLwin Tsp, and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened him with NaMaSa(Peikchinmyaung) MaYa(pa)11/2019 under section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. |
| 5. | Information received of Nyi Nyi Aung who lives in Mingoung St., No 70 Ward, Dagon Myothit(South) Tsp, Yangon Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs. | On 25 June 2019, police searched the house of Nyi Nyi Aung, 41, son of U Tin Shwe, in Mingoung St., No 70 Ward, Dagon Myothit(South) Tsp, and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened him with MaMaSa(Dagon-South) MaYa(pa) 55/2019 under section 19(a) and 20(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. |
| 6. | Information received of groups of people using and selling illegal drugs around State Agricultural Institute, No1 Ward, Kyaukme Tsp, Shan State(North). | Police have opened 4 cases and arrested five men together with stimulant tablets in the previous weeks. On 23 June 2019, acting on a tip off, police searched old cemetery, on Shwenyaungpin St, No 1 Ward, Kyaukme Tsp, and arrested Soe Min Htet(a)Thiha, 21, son of U Thein Soe, who lives in Pyeinhninyat, No 1 Ward, together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened him with (MaMaSa)(Kyaukme) MaYa(pa)38/2019 under section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. |

3. Out of the information sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, so far a total of 669 cases have been opened files as of 29 June 2019. A total of 1048 people, including 882 men and 166 women had been arrested with seizures of 6398.6984 g of heroin, 73.72 g of ICE, 39726.74 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, 303189 stimulant tablets, 8309.22 g of marijuana, 0.1 liters of opium tincture, 513.26 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 28.45 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 0.001 g of crushed ecstasy powder, 17 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 acting on a tip-off, police arrested a man with 0.002 gram of heroin, near Thapyaygon market, Zabuthiri Tsp in Nay Pyi Taw. Police arrested a man with 400 stimulant tablets in Pankhin 3 Ward, Pyinmana Tsp. A man and a woman were arrested with 21 stimulant tablets and a motorbike in Thayetkone Village. In Kachin State, police searched a man and a woman with a motorcycle on the road of Mawhan Village, Mohnyin Tsp and arrested them with 5700 stimulant tablets and a motorbike. Police arrested a man with 19000 stimulant tablets and a motorbike on the road of Thantantar Village. In Kayah State, police searched a motor vehicle on the road of Dimawhso-Toungoo, near Lopu Village, Dimawhso Tsp, arrested three men together with 400 stimulant tablets and a vehicle. In Kayin State, a man and a woman were arrested with 120 stimulant tablets and a motorbike, in No 9 Ward, Hpa-an Tsp. Police arrested a man with 252 stimulant tablets at Taunggyar Village. Acting an interrogation, a man was arrested with 89 stimulant tablets. In Mon State, police arrested five men and a woman together with 80 stimulant tablets, 1000 g of speciosa and two vehicles in Kyauktalon Village, Mudon Tsp. Two men were arrested with 197 stimulant tablets and a motorbike, at a rubber farm in Myoma 4 Ward. Police arrested a man with 586 stimulant tablets at a breeding zone, a woman with 255 stimulant tablets and 45 g of ICE in Aryutaung Village, in Ye Township. In Rakhine State, police patrolling in Naf River near the mouth of Ushaekya creek, Maungtaw Tsp seized 117200 stimulant tablets and a boat. In Shan State, police searched a man with a motorcycle at the 144/3 mile post of Loilem-Taunggyi road near Lwelwootoke Village, Hopong Tsp and arrested him 4800 stimulant tablets and a motorbike. A man arrested together with 150000 stimulant tablets and a vehicle on the road of Loilem-Taunggyi, Loilem Tsp. Acting on a tip-off, a man with a vehicle arrested in Panlinsein Village, Namhsan Tsp. Police arrested a man with 3 stimulant tablets and a motorbike on the Kunhing bridge, Kunhing Tsp, and acting on an interrogating, two men and a woman were arrested together with 1639 stimulant tablets in Wanpan Village. A woman was arrested with 6067 stimulant tablets in No3 Ward, Karli Town. Police arrested a man together with 2461 stimulant tablets and 101 g of heroin in Loisountout Ward, and a woman with 1630 stimulant tablets and 205 g of heroin in Konmyinttha Ward, in Mongshu Tsp. Police seized 1700 stimulant tablets in a box drop from a motorcycle near Naungmongawrakha Village in Lashio Tsp. Police arrested two men with 955 stimulant tablets and a vehicle in Panlot Village, a man together with 2140 stimulant tablets and 14 g of heroin in Manchet Village, Hsenwi Tsp. At Yaypu check point, police searched a man with 12-wheel Heno vehicle and seized 6768 litre of sulphuric acid and a vehicle. At Tarkawat bridge check gate in Tangyan Tsp, police searched a highway passenger bus and arrested a woman with 14500 g of opium. A woman was arrested with 4875 stimulant tablets in Wanenar Village in Muse Tsp. A woman was arrested with 160 stimulant tablets and 1452 g of heroin in Mannargon 12 Ward, Namhkam Tsp. A man was arrested with 4000 stimulant tablets in Zaygon Village, Nawnghkio Tsp. Police searched a man and a motorcycle and arrested 4370 stimulant tablets and a cycle on the road of Hokho-Mogok, near Hokho Village. A man arrested with 10000 stimulant tablets, 30 g of heroin and a cycle on the road near Seinlaekantha farm. Police searched a man and a cycle at the 25/3 milepost on the road of Mongmit-Mogok, Mongmit Tsp and arrested 1000 g of opium and a cycle. Two women were arrested 780 stimulant tablets and 1.8 g of heroin in No 2 Ward, Laukkai Tsp.

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Police seized 22000 stimulant tablets, 200000 g of caffeine, 128 litre of ethylether and instruments used in making narcotic drugs in Hweymee Village, 140000 stimulant tablets and 680000 g of caffeine in a ravine near Arsawpawmo Village, 271400 stimulant tablets and 665000 g of caffeine in a bush of the side of Punarco-Arsawpowmo road, and instruments used in making narcotic drugs hide at a mountain at the western Boyar Village, Monghsat Tsp. A man was arrested with 775 stimulant tablets and 30 g of opium in Aungloun Village in Mongton Tsp. In Sagaing Region, two men were arrested with 171 g of opium and 7.5 g of low opium in Chaungsout Village in Kyunhla Tsp, and acting on a tip-off, a man was arrested in Yeshin Village. A man was arrested with 11215 stimulant tablets in Pyithaya Village, Katha Tsp. Police arrested a man with 1100 stimulant tablets and 3.5 g of heroin in Khwaygyi Village, three men with 760 stimulant tablets and 25.51 g of heroin in Nantkin Village, a man and a woman with 100 stimulant tablets and 4,5 g of crush stimulant tablet powder in Narmakyine Village, Indaw Tsp. Police searched a farm hut near Chindwin bridge Khamti Tsp, and arrested a man and a woman with 1.5 g of heroin, 4 g of opium, 35 g of low quality opium and a motorcycle.

A man was arrested with a seizure of 258 stimulant tablets and 4 g of ICE in Myitma Ward, Myeik Town, Taninthayi Region. A man was seized together with 2900 g of speciosa powder in Shaw Taw Maw Village, Kyun Su Township, Taninthayi Region. Upon acting on a tip-off, policed caught two men together with some 660 g of speciosa powder and two boats in the waters near Kanmaw Village. A woman was caught together with 82 stimulant tablets and 82 g of ICE in The Tone Saung Village. A man and a woman were caught together with 110 stimulant tablets and 0.0005 g of ICE in Ward 1, Palaw Town. A man was caught with a seizure of 8165 g of speciosa powder in Aleman Village, Bokpyin Tsp. Regarding the seizure of ownerless ICE floating in the sea last week, some 17 plastic packages containing 10600 g of ICE were found on the shores of Tayat Taunggyi Village, Tayet Chaung Village, Tayet Chaung Tsp. A man was seized with 200 stimulant tablets and one motorbike at the milepost 91/2, Yangon-Mandalay road, Nyaunglebin Tsp, Bago Region. Two men and one woman were caught together with 10 stimulant tablets, 11.22 g of marijuana and one motorbike in Sanchaung Ward, Aunglan Town, Magway Region. A man was seized with 43 stimulant tablets and 11 g of opium blocks in Chanmyathazi Ward, Mahaaungmye Tsp, Mandalay Region. Another two men was caught together with 100 g of heroin and one Grandis vehicle in Ward 4, Chanmyathazi Tsp, Mandalay Region. Acting on a tip-off, police search the highway express at the 16-mile inspection gate, where they caught a woman with a seizure of 5850 stimulant tablets and 660 g of heroin on it. Upon acting in a tip-off, police tried to stop a motorbike and search the motorcyclist, but he was absconded and seized 600000 stimulant tablets and one motorbike in front of Panma Police Station. A man was seized with 995 stimulant tablets and one motorbike near Thitkwelpin yard for storing logs, Taunglei Village, Thabeikkyin Town. A woman was caught together with 8150 g of opium and one motorbike in on Yangon-Mandalay road, Minhman Ward, Kyaukse Town. Two men were seized with 370 stimulant tablets in Ward 10, Shwepyitha Tsp, Yangon Region. Upon acting on a tip-off, police seized two men together with 80 stimulant tablets in Ward (10/33), a man with 408 stimulant tablets, 0.2 g of heroin and 0.1 g of marijuana in Ward 4, South Okkalapa Tsp, Yangon Region, a man with 17 stimulant tablets and 57 g of marijuana in North Okkalapa Tsp, a man with 1230 stimulant tablets in Tamway Tsp, a man with 1600 stimulant tablets in Mindalar Taungnyunt Tsp, Yangon Region. Three men were arrested with 60 stimulant tablets on Pathein-Yangon raod, Kyaunggon Tsp, Ayeyawady Region. People searched three men who possessed 60 stimulant tablets on Pathein-Ynagon road. A man was caught with a seizure of 11stimulant tablets and 0.255 g of crushed stimulant tablets in Ward 2, Myaungmya Tsp. A woman who tried to smuggle 1350 stimulant tablets and 35 g of crushed stimulant tablets and 6 g of ICE to the Myaungmya Jail. Two men were arrested with 20 stimulant tablets and one bicycle in Ward 9, Labutta Tsp. Upon acting on a tip-off, a man was caught with a seizure of 207 stimulant tablets in Ward 4, Labutta Tsp.

There have been two arrests involving foreigners. Three Thai men who entered illegally were seized with 38 stimulant tablets, one Civic Vehicle, one Swift vehicle and one motorbike in Yan Aung Myay Ward, Tachilek Town, Shan State. A man going to Hong Kong was caught with a seizure of 2000 g of heroin at the Yangon International Airport, Mingaladon Tsp, Yangon Region. Upon acting on a tip-off, a man was seized with 1800 g of ICE and one Sunny vehicle in Zaykabar Housing Complex, two women with 0.4 g of ICE, 5 g of Ketamine at the Royal Platinum Hotel in Yangon. Police searched in the room of the Platinum Square Hotel, where they found one Nepalese man and another man.

There have been five seizures of ammunitions. Five man were caught with a seizure of one .22 gun, one homemade gun, two air guns, 10 7.62 bullets, six 9.mm bullets, nine .22 bullets and 13 .45 bullets. A Thai man who entered illegally was caught with a seizure of 122 12-volt bullets, 159 .38 bullets, 50 9mm bullets, 209 .22 bullets, 23 .45 bullets, 130 7.62 bullets, 10 5.56 bullets, 2 9mm bullet chambers and one motorbike at Tachilek Tsp, Shan State. Upon acting on tip-off, two men were seized with 1400 stimulant tablets, 660 g of heroin, 275 g of ICE, 473 g of caffeine, 7 9mm pistols, one .38 pistol, one .45 gun, two M-22 guns containing scope, two .22 gun containing scope, one HL-33 gun, one 12-volt short gun, 61 .45 bullets, 472 .38 bullets, 55 .38 bullets, 25 12-volt bullets, 221 9.mm bullets, 31 5.56 bullets, 541 7.62 bullets, 34 bullet chambers, one GPS, one voice recording machine, three walkie talkies, two I-Com machines, one Hummer vehicle, one Crown vehicle and two motorbikes. Upon investigation, a seizure of one RPG gun, one .22 gun, 30 .22 bullets, 100 7.62 bullets, one bullet chamber, one M-16 bullet chamber, four vehicles, one motorbike were made in Mine Lin Village. Upon acting on a tip-off, police found one .22 gun containing scope, 54 .22 bullets, one bullet chamber, one gas gun and its bullet chamber in Hwaylaylan Village. Police found ownerless 41900 stimulant tablets, 3160 go of crushed stimulant powder, 60000 g of caffeine, 22 12-volt bullets, 3 M-22 bullet chambers and one revolver in Arrsawpawmoe Village, Mongset Tsp, Shan State. A man was caught with a seizure of 40000 stimulant tablets, 18 g of heroin, 990 g of speciosa powder, one homemade pistol and its bullet chamber and 13 .38 bullets in Ayeyeik Nyein Ward, Kawthoung Tsp, Taninthayi Region. Eight men and one woman were caught with a seizure of 90 stimulant tablets, 5 g of ICE, 800 g of speciosa powder, two percussion lock firearms and 15 lead balls in Ward 1, Mawtaung Town.

There have been 244 cases being opened between 23-06-2019 and 29-06-2019. The total number of 355 people, including 304 men and 51 women, were arrested with a seizure of 951834 stimulant tablets, 3199.755 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 5505.465 g of heroin, 12824.24 g of ICE, 5 g of Ketamine, 1605473 g of caffeine, 23933.41 opium, 46.4 g of low-quality opium, 13635 g of speciosa powder, 1000 g of speciosa, 11 g of opium blocks, 128.74 g of marijuana, 6768 liters of Sulphuric Acid, 128 liters of Ethyl Ether, 27 firearms, 2451 bullets, 15 lead balls, 44 bullet chambers, five binoculars, one GPS, one Voice Recording machine, three walkie talkies, two I-Com machines and other equipment related with making illegal drugs.

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.

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# Anti-Corruption Commission sues Shwebo Township Tax officer, staff

THE Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) yesterday opened cases against Shwebo Township tax officer and a staff of the township office who allegedly abused their power of authority to take money from a tax payer.

A complaint was filed with the Anti-Corruption Commission against U Aung Aung, Head of Shwebo Township Tax Office and Daw Nyo Nyo Win, Upper Clark of the office, for not refunding the excess tax paid to the office.

After looking into the case, the investigation committee of the ACC found that U Aung Aung and Daw Nyo Nyo Win did not refund K1,122,000 to the tax paper who gave K3 million for a tax payment for a land and a rice mill in Minkyaung Village-tract in Shwebo Township.

Files have been opened against U Aung Aung under section 56 of the Anti-Corruption law and Daw Nyo Nyo under section 56/63 of the same law at the Shwebo Myoma Police Station yesterday.—MNA

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# Rule of law, justice guarantee security to people

Violence, involving the use of weapons, in the midst of human society, poses a challenge to the rule of law. When people feel their lives or property are threatened, they begin to lose confidence in the administrative machinery and the justice mechanism.

The rule of law and building confidence in morals, civic laws, and traditional customs can help prevent violence.

Weakness in observing the rule of law and morality can ratchet up injustice and violence in human society. Losing confidence in the justice system leads to communities sliding towards violence and anarchy.

Man-made laws have been designed to provide security to the people. But, no law is perfect. We have to amend it as time passes, in keeping with the demands of the situation.

> To underpin the rule of law and the judicial system, we need to improve the court system and the machinery of the rule of law, with a focus on eliminating corruption, improved legal training for professionals, and availability of legal counsel for the indigent.

Public trust in people who are working in the justice sector will be eroded if officials use the law to further their own interests, failing to uphold justice without favour, not performing their work efficiently, and lacking expertise.

Only when the rule of law and justice is implemented efficiently will citizens gain confidence in courts conducting a fair and impartial trial.

This is sine qua non for long-term social and democratic stability. There is no need and there is no excuse for people to resort to vigilantism or to take the law into their own hands.

Fuelled by a strong desire for justice, our ancestors struggled against colonialists. And, the hunger for justice has led to revolutions in successive eras.

The rule of law and the judicial system must be transparent and must guarantee a level playing field for foreign investment, which can drive our country's development.

To underpin the rule of law and the judicial system, we need to improve the court system and the machinery of the rule of law, with a focus on eliminating corruption, improved legal training for professionals, and availability of legal counsel for the indigent.

We would like to encourage people to help uphold the rule of law and cooperate with the judicial system. All government institutions and departments must work seriously and diligently, not as a response to complaints or suggestions from the people, but out of a sense of duty and responsibility.

# Bagan on its way to UNESCO world heritage status

By GNLM/ UNESCO

TWENTY-THREE years after Myanmar first nominated Bagan, the UNESCO World Heritage Committee is set to decide whether the site will make it into the World Heritage List.

Bagan will be one of the 36 nominations that will be considered during the committee's 43rd session in Baku, Azerbaijan, from 30 June to 10 July.

The Ministry of Culture and Religious Affairs has been working with domestic and foreign experts since 2013 to formulate a management system to put Bagan on the World Heritage List.

Bagan has an exceptionally good chance of entering the list due to its unique cultural value and architecture, boasting over three to four thousand structures in one place.

If Bagan is included in UNESCO's World Heritage List, it will contribute to strengthening our national integrity, besides promoting tourism. It will also allow Myanmar to get the necessary technological assistance to preserve Bagan, in line with international standards.

Tourists mainly come to Myanmar to visit Bagan and upgrading it from a national heritage to a world heritage ranking will boost tourism significantly. This, in turn, will create more jobs for local residents and promote businesses related to tourism.

The authorities have been seeking Bagan's inclusion on the World Heritage List since 1996, but their applications have been dismissed on grounds of not meeting certain standards or requirements.

But, the Department of Archaeology and National Museum applied again in 2018, after ensuring that all the requirements were met.

Buddhist temples and pagodas in the Bagan Archaeological Zone. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

## Background

Considered one of the most important archaeological and monument sites in Asia, the city of Bagan was the centre of an economic, socio-political and cultural network in an extensive Buddhist empire that had its peak between 11th and 13th centuries CE. On the Ayeyarwady River in the central dry zone of Myanmar, Bagan includes more than 3,500 surviving stupas, temples, monasteries, fortifications and other monuments, according to the official inventory of the Department of Archaeology and National Museums, set in an extensive landscape that also features archaeological deposits and the remains of an ancient water-management system.

Bagan is a rich ensemble of monumental Buddhist architecture and a continuing testimony to the living tradition of Buddhist merit-making. The religious devotion and wealth of this early Buddhist empire are expressed through the remarkable scale and density of the architecture and continuing religious activities, which have survived for centuries and influenced the region.

## Process of World Heritage inscription

Myanmar first submitted Bagan for the World Heritage List in 1996 after the completion of an inventory of monuments and a zoning management plan with the support of UNESCO. Due to the high risk of inappropriate commercial development in the protected area, the requirements for inscription were not fulfilled initially. Myanmar authorities decided to try again more than 20 years later, within the framework of an overall renewed commitment towards the implementation of the 1972 World Heritage Convention.

For the last six years, UNESCO has supported Myanmar's effort to nominate Bagan through a series of capacity-building activities. Maps and the inventory of monuments have been updated and site conservation has been strengthened in line with international standards. In particular, a comprehensive set of guidelines for the conservation of Bagan has been developed, including conservation of mural paintings, in-depth condition assessment for bricks monument. After the earthquake that heavily damaged the monuments of Bagan in August 2016, special attention was given to the development of a strategy which addresses assessment of damages, post-earthquake stabilization, and post-disaster rehabilitation.

Tourists take the bullock cart taxis to Bagan. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

inscription on the World Heritage List will be carried out by the 21 members of the World Heritage Committee.

If the application is successful, Bagan will become Myanmar's second entry on the World Heritage List. UNESCO added the Pyu Ancient Cities – Hanlin, Beikthano and Sri Ksetra – to the list in 2014.

## Significance

To be included on UNESCO's World Heritage List, sites must be of Outstanding Universal Value, meaning that their cultural significance is so exceptional that it transcends national boundaries and are of common importance for present and future generations of all humanity. As such, the permanent protection of this heritage is of the highest importance to the international community as a whole. A comprehensive protection and management plan is crucial to make sure that if the site is included in the list, the proper mechanisms – legal, institutional, managerial, etc – are in place so that the site will be preserved and passed on to future generations.

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A detailed management plan for Bagan was also produced to enhance the legal and institutional framework for protecting the site, especially to address pressures from uncontrolled development in a protected area that is still an imminent threat.

## World Heritage Nomination of Bagan

In February 2018, the Myanmar Government submitted the completed nomination to the UNESCO World Heritage Centre and later received feedback from the International Council of Monuments and Sites (ICOMOS), the professional and scientific advisory body for cultural heritage nominations.

The final decision on the nomination is expected on 5 or 6 July when the review of the that the site will be preserved and passed on to future generations.

While the cultural and historical significance of Bagan is beyond doubt, the inscription in the World Heritage List will also bind all the involved parties to a shared responsibility for the safeguarding of the site. The inscription would also bring additional benefits by raising the visibility of Bagan, galvanizing technical and financial assistance, supporting the sustainable development of the area, and helping to maintain and nourish the site to thrive.

Three ancient Pyu cities were entered into the UNESCO World Heritage List in 2014.

If Bagan makes it into the list, authorities say they will campaign for including MraukU Region into the list in 2020.

## Announcement on road closure on Martyrs' Day

Some Yangon roads will be closed on 19 July, 2019, during the 72nd Martyrs' Day ceremony at the Martyrs' Mausoleum in Bahan Township, from 4 am to a completion of the ceremony.

While roads are closed, bypass routes will be used passing through West Shwegondine Road to the Link Junction, Dhammazedi Road and Inya Road junction, Dhammazedi Road and U Wisara Junction, West Shwegondaing Road and U Wisara Junction.

Arzarni Road, the eastern archway of the Shwedagon Pagoda, the western archway of the Shwedagon Pagoda, the southern archway of the Shwedagon Pagoda, Arzarni Street, the northern archway of the Shwedagon Pagoda (Thwaysaykan Road) will be closed on that day.

*The Yangon Region Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee*

## Announcement on closure of Bogyoke Aung San Museum Road on Martyrs' Day

For the convenience of visitors to the Bogyoke Aung San Museum on the Martyrs' Day which falls on 19 July, the Bogyoke Aung San Museum Road will be closed on that day starting at 5 am until the closing time. Road users are advised to use other routes while the road temporarily closed.

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# Flood management in Yangon has improved 75%: YCDC member

By Nyein Nyein

Workers seen at the upgrading of drainage system in Yangon. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

FLOOD management measures are being undertaken in Yangon Region and there has been a 75-per cent improvement in the urban drainage system compared to last year, said U Min Han, Yangon City Development Committee member in charge of drainage and sewage management.

He made the remarks at a press conference on YCDC's performance, held on 1 July at the Yangon City Hall.

"We have been making efforts to improve the urban drainage system in 33 townships of Yangon Region. This year, there has been a 75-per cent improvement in the drainage system," said U Min Han.

"We need machines for flood management. Machine purchases were previously handled by YCDC's Engineering Department (Roads and Bridges). Now, the Yangon Mayor and our department are planning to purchase the machines," he added.

A long-term flood management plan is being implemented with the assistance of the World Bank, said Daw Hlaing Maw Oo, secretary, YCDC.

"The drains in flood-prone wards in Yangon Region release untreated water directly into rivers and streams. We need to be prepared for any possible rise in rainfall, sea level, and tide. Therefore, we are implementing flood management in line with the changing climate conditions, with the assistance of our development partner, World Bank," she said.

*(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)*

# YCDC to spend K17 mln to tackle stray dog problem

By Nyein Nyein

THE Yangon City Development Committee will spend K17 million to deal with the problem of stray dogs in Yangon Region, said U Min Aung, the head of the Veterinary and Slaughter House Department of the YCDC.

"We allocate a budget for stray dogs every year. This year, K17.8 million will be disbursed," he said during a press conference on YCDC's performance, held on 1 July at the Yangon City Hall.

Over 7,000 pet dogs are registered in Yangon Region, while the region's stray dog population is estimated at about 150,000, according to the YCDC.

"There are six options to deal with the increasing stray dog population in Yangon Region — sheltering, killing, vaccinating, spaying, neutering, and non-governmental rescue actions and programs," said Daw Nan Su Shwe Sin, a YCDC member. The YCDC tackles the stray problem using the option decided upon by each township, she said.

"Our Veterinary Department is dealing with stray problems as per the request of the public in each township," she added. Last May, about 7,000 stray dogs in some townships were sent to shelters, according to the YCDC.

"Whatever options are used, I wish the authorities deal with the stray dog problem in a systematic way. There are many stray dogs roaming freely in South Dagon Township, and this is a serious concern for the public," said a resident of 55 ward in South Dagon Myothit Township.

*(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)*

# Mandalay factories asked to submit EMP reports by July-end

TO control the environmental impact of businesses, factories in the Mandalay Industrial Zone have been asked to draw up and submit EMP (Environmental Management Plan) reports to the Environmental Conservation Department by the end of July, the general secretary of the Industrial Management Committee told iMyanmarHouse.com.

There are more than 1,200 registered industrial businesses in the Mandalay Industrial Zone and 76 factories, including alcohol and beer factories, which produce wastewater.

"Earlier, businesses in nine sectors — manufacturing of alcohol and beer, distilleries, food and beverages, pesticides processing and packaging, textile dyeing and printing, cement, smelting and moulding (metal work), leather work, pulp and paper mills, and sugar refineries — needed to draw up EMP reports. Now, all types of factories, except small and medium enterprises, have to forward EMP reports," the IMC general secretary said.

Businesses need to lay down EMP guidelines for wastewater release, and air and noise pollution, and submit them to the Environmental Conservation Department by the end of this month, he added.

— GNLM

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# Domestic investments touch K1,333 bln in current fiscal

BETWEEN 1 October, 2018 and 28 June, 2019 in the current fiscal year, domestic investments by Myanmar citizens reached K1,333 billion and US$393 million, including expansion of capital by existing enterprises, according to a press release issued by the Myanmar Investment Commission.

During the nine-month period, 126 local enterprises were allowed to invest in various sectors, with estimated capital of over K915.18 billion and $326.8 million.

The investments flowed into the real estate, manufacturing, hotels and tourism, construction, industrial estate, energy, mining, livestock and fisheries, agriculture, and other services sectors, according to figures from the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

At a recent MIC meeting, 13 domestic enterprises with estimated capitals of K73.9 billion and US$17.6 million received MIC permits and endorsements from the investment committees of Yangon, Mandalay, Ayeyawady, and Sagaing regions. The companies will execute projects in the manufacturing, hotel businesses, and other services sectors, creating over 2,500 jobs.

To simplify the verification process of investment projects, the Myanmar Investment Law allows the Regions and States Investment Committees to grant permissions to local and foreign proposals, where the initial investment does not exceed K6 billion, or $5 million.

Fishery sector has attracted mainly local investment.
**PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

While some projects no longer need MIC approval, businesses that are strategic to the government require a permit from the commission. In addition, those businesses that have large capital investments exceeding $5 million and may have a possible impact on the environment and the local community need to be approved by the DICA proposal assessment team.

With a fast-track way to set up a business in Myanmar having been introduced, investors can apply to the MIC or the State and Regional investment committee for endorsing investment proposals, depending on the business type. — GNLM / *(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)*

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Consignees of cargo carried on M.V PACAO VOY. NO. (059N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 03-07-2019 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.

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**
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**AGENT FOR: M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA SHIPPING LINES**

Phone No: 2301185

## CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

**M.V ALS SUZURAN VOY. NO. (042N/S)**

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V ALS SUZURAN VOY. NO. (042N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 03-07-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.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.

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 INTERASIA LINES**

Phone No: 2301185

## CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

**M.V MCC MERGUI VOY. NO. (926W/927E)**

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V MCC MERGUI VOY. NO. (926W/927E) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 03-07-2019 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.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT**
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repair or maintenance of industrial robots; providing location information regarding industrial robots; providing operational status information regarding industrial robots; providing information regarding maintenance of industrial robots; providing information regarding location and operational status of industrial robots for construction; providing information regarding location and operational status of industrial robots for repair and maintenance; construction and providing information relating thereto; construction by intelligent computerised construction technology via computer communications and providing information relating thereto; construction planning services; consulting services regarding constructions to execute optimal constructions; construction consultancy; construction supervision; supervision of building construction, civil engineering structures and underground structures; operation and maintenance of building equipment and providing information relating thereto; mining and providing advice and information relating thereto; 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dynamic control of cars and dump trucks" in **International Class 39** and

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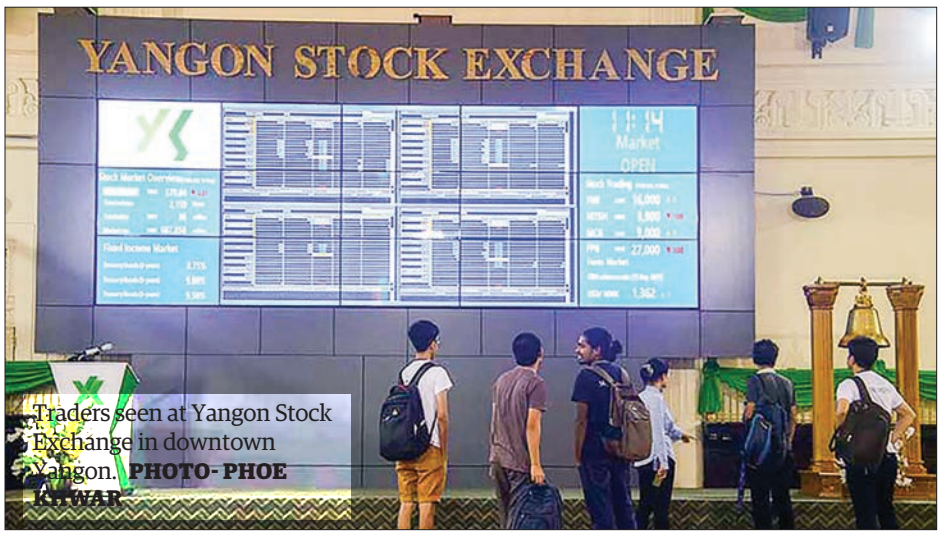
# Trading on YSX dips in June




Traders seen at Yangon Stock Exchange in downtown Yangon. **PHOTO- PHOE KYAW**

IN the month of June, 233,994 shares of five companies listed on the Yangon Stock Exchange, worth around K1.32 billion, were traded on the exchange, according to the monthly report of the YSX. The trade volume was lower than May, when 275,325 shares were traded on the exchange.

The value of shares traded was the highest this year in May at K1.4 billion, according to the YSX report. In January, 89,576 shares worth K526 million were traded on the exchange, and the trade value slid to K409 million and K396 million in February and March, respectively, as share prices decreased. In April, 102,682 shares worth K506 million were traded on the YSX.

At present, shares of five listed companies — First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB), First Private Bank (FPB), and TMH Telecom Public Co. Ltd. — are being traded on the stock exchange.

In June, the shares of FMI closed at K11,500, MTSH at K3,400, MCB at K7,900, FPB at K24,000, and TMH at K3,050. While the volume of trade was lower in June compared to May, the price of shares registered an increase.

"The YSX was launched three years ago to improve the private business sector. We will disseminate the rules and regulations of the stock exchange at the upcoming Monywa Stock Investment Seminar, which will be held on 9 June," said U Thet Tun Oo, executive senior manager, YSX.

The YSX has increased the matching time of stock trading from two to four per day. In addition to this, it also held a promotional event to attract new investors and encourage existing investors to trade more actively. The YSX has also sought the government's support to get more public companies to participate in the stock market and to help more institutional investors, such as financing companies, investment banks, insurance companies, to emerge.

In 2016, shares of only three companies were traded on the YSX — First Myanmar Investment, Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings, and Myanmar Citizens Bank. One more public company, First Private Bank, was listed on the YSX in 2017. Last year, TMH Telecom Public Co. Ltd debuted on the exchange.

In 2016, more than 2.5 million shares of three listed companies were traded on the YSX, and their value was estimated at K70 billion. In 2017, despite an increase in the stock trading volume to 2.6 million shares, the trading value was only K22 billion. In 2018, 2.3 million shares of five companies, worth K11.5 billion, were traded on the exchange, according to the annual report of the YSX. – GNLM

*(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)*

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# Senior citizens in Kyaukpadaung get social pension

THE Mandalay Region government disbursed social pensions to the tune of K36.75 million to 1,225 citizens, aged 85 and older, in Kyaukpadaung Township in a door-to-door campaign on 28 June.

Officials with the government handed K30,000 each to senior citizens in the township.

In addition, they provided cash support to 765 persons with disabilities (PWDs) residing in the township.

The Department of Social Welfare, under the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, is responsible for the care of the elderly, provides door-to-door delivery of pension every three months.

The government enacted the Myanmar Ageing Law in 2016 to protect the elderly people from neglect, abuse, or deprivation, and to improve their living conditions. According to the 2014 census, the country has more than 230,000 citizens aged 85 and above.—Ko Nay (Kyaukpadaung)

*(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)*

# AMCHAM Myanmar presents recommendations to government officials on Improving Ease of Doing Business in Myanmar

YANGON, Myanmar, 26 June 2019 — The American Chamber of Commerce in Myanmar (AMCHAM Myanmar) today hosted a forum under the theme of 'Improving the Ease of Doing Business in Myanmar'. Held at the Melia Hotel Yangon, the forum provided a platform for AMCHAM's leadership committee to engage in intimate discussions with senior Myanmar Government officials on ways to improve the ease of doing business in Myanmar, lower the cost of doing business and ultimately attract more US investment.

The forum discussions were guided by a Policy Recommendation Paper developed by AMCHAM Myanmar which outlines specific recommendations on business opportunities and ways to tackle immediate challenges to enable businesses to thrive. A range of topics were discussed including taxation, employment, financial services, and trade across a number of sectors.

Among the attendees of the forum were U Soe Thein, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Myanmar, Dr Ye Myint Swe, Deputy Union Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, U Aung Htoo, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Commerce and U Minn Minn, Director General, Ministry of Commerce.

Keynote Speech by U Aung Htoo, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Commerce. **PHOTO: AMCHAM MYANMAR.**

Opening Remarks by Mr Scot Marciel, US Ambassador to Myanmar. **PHOTO: AMCHAM MYANMAR.**

Mr Scot Marciel, US Ambassador to Myanmar, delivered the opening remarks for the forum, sharing, "American businesses do business the way Myanmar people tell us they want business done. In terms of trade, investment and tourism, AMCHAM is a great partner, doing a lot not only to promote US business but to improve the business environment in Myanmar."

Discussions at the forum were focused on three key themes which AMCHAM Myanmar identified as areas for improvement to encourage greater investment in the country.

**Optimization of Processes**

AMCHAM Myanmar suggested ways to streamline procedures and implement clear standard operating procedures (SOPs) to make day-to-day transactions easier and more efficient. Specific recommendations that were discussed included establishing a one-stop Visa Center to process business and work visas for foreigners working at local companies and streamlining the required documentation for commercial tax.

AMCHAM Myanmar also proposed for SOPs to be publicly available with clear guidelines and timelines, and that SOPs are cross-referenced between related ministries to avoid duplication and roadblocks.

Said Dr Ye Myint Swe, Deputy Union Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation on improving government SOPs — "We are working towards improving our SOPs and to establish a better understanding between the central and local governments. We aim to establish stronger relationships with local authorities and to consult them for recommendations on implementing SOPs."

**Regulatory Clarity and Consistency**

AMCHAM Myanmar recommended ways to improve drafting, dissemination and implementation of laws. For

Government officials with AMCHAM Leadership Committee. **PHOTO: AMCHAM MYANMAR.**

example, AMCHAM Myanmar suggested that the interpretation of labor laws be clarified and standardized across all township offices to ensure consistent implementation.

In addition, AMCHAM Myanmar proposed for an institutionalized process to develop new legislation which includes a reasonable period for broad public consultation, and which takes into account feedback from the private sector and the foreign investment community.

Shared U Aung Htoo, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Commerce, on working closely with the business community to share information and address feedback — "We appreciate the efforts of AMCHAM Myanmar to share their recommendations and we plan to engage more regularly with members of the foreign business community moving forward."

U Soe Thein, Deputy Governor, Central Bank of Myanmar on improving transparency in policy development for the finance industry — "Over recent years, we have published many documents, directives and regulatory updates on our website for companies to access. We will soon publish additional market data such as statistical indicators of GDP and inflation rate, along with our latest monetary policy and sustainability report.

During the process of drafting regulations, we typically distribute our first draft of the policy to stakeholders such as banks, auditor generals and law firms to request for their recommendations. We take their feedback into account when finalizing the regulation and provide detailed responses to address questions received."

"We are looking at introducing best practices of neighboring countries to support our reform agenda. Recently, we launched an online system to facilitate easier and paperless applications of trade licenses. We conducted a successful pilot project of the online system with more than 100 garment factories located in different industrial zones and now, these companies do not have to visit our office to submit a license application," said U MinnMinn, Director General, Ministry of Commerce.

Getting Sufficient and Reliable Electricity:

While power generation projects have accelerated recently, AMCHAM Myanmar highlighted power supply as a key focus area to meet the growing demand and as a vital requirement to sustain business operations.

"We are encouraged by the positive economic reforms implemented in Myanmar in recent years and today's forum allowed us to share not only our understanding about the needs of businesses on the ground but objective reforms and procedural changes which will improve the business environment. Beyond this forum, AMCHAM Myanmar would like to support the Myanmar Government with their existing plans to improve the ease of doing business.

We believe our contributions will help to strengthen investor confidence from the US and other markets. I wish to thank the AMCHAM Myanmar team for supporting the development of the Policy

Recommendation Paper and to the government officials for engaging in dialogue with us," said U KhinMaung Win, President, AMCHAM Myanmar.

Following today's forum, AMCHAM Myanmar will publish the full Policy Recommendation Paper in the coming weeks and engage with the relevant government ministries and departments about possible implementation of the recommendations. — AMCHAM Myanmar ■

AMCHAM Myanmar Forum - Improving the Ease of Doing Business in Myanmar. **PHOTO: AMCHAM MYANMAR.**

# Myanmar deepens connectivity with global leaders at Meridian Diplomacy Forum

Dr PrashanthParameswaran (Senior Editor, The Diplomat), Erin Murphy (KBZ Bank Myanmar Investment Envoy), BoosaraKanchanalai (Chargé d'Affaires, Royal Thai Embassy), VerindaFike (Regional Director for South & Southeast Asia, USTDA), and Scott Kicker (CEO, Gen X Energy), speaking on a panel titled "Countries of the Mekong: Exploring the Cultural, Political, and Economic Linkages Between the US and Mainland Southeast Asia" at the Meridian Diplomacy Forum. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

MYANMAR and its "quantum leap" from a cash-based economy to a mobile-first economy took centre stage in discussions at the recent prestigious Meridian Diplomacy Forum in Washington DC, USA. With public officials from various departments in the United States (US) government in attendance, the forum signified continuous momentum and interest in the cultural, political and economic connections between the US and the five Mekong countries of Myanmar, Thailand, Laos, Cambodia, and Viet Nam.

The forum also convened global business leaders, academics, and experts, discussing the vast opportunities in Myanmar, including its repositioning globally as a digital and mobile-first economy, and what is needed to attract foreign investment and drive diplomacy with policymakers across the globe.

Speaking at the event to share Myanmar's story of accelerated socioeconomic development, was Myanmar investment envoy from KBZ Bank Ms Erin Murphy, who later shared, "Myanmar's growing mobile network and developing financial sector has not only rapidly bridged urban and rural communities across Myanmar, but also established critical connectivity with its Mekong neighbours. This is strengthening the appeal of Myanmar's sectors to foreign investment and positioning the country for continuous engagement with the United States and leading governments across the world."

Along with Ms Erin Murphy, embassies and ambassadors in Washington supported the event as speakers and provided insight into the culture, history, and investment opportunities in the Mekong region. Managing Director of Myanmar Shalom, Sammy Samuels, spoke on a panel discussing the positive impact that in-bound tourism in Myanmar is bringing both economically and socially to the country. Senator Jim Webb spoke favourably of his experience working and engaging in Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam, reiterating the importance of the Mekong countries to the United States.

KBZ Bank was a co-sponsor of the event, representing Myanmar's advancing financial sector and standing as a proud example of the country's leading institutions driving transformation and accelerating mobile-first development that benefits millions of people.

Ms Erin Murphy added, "KBZ Bank's vision of 100% financial inclusion in Myanmar goes beyond inclusivity and aspires for true financial connectedness.

Achieving this requires the right mindsets, regulatory framework, and social development, including digital and financial literacy. With the increased collaboration between public and private institutions to address these, Myanmar can make a quantum leap and become a true model for development in the region."—GNLM ■

His Excellency U Aung Lynn (Ambassador, Embassy of Myanmar), meeting with attendees of the Meridian Diplomacy Forum. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

# Football: Myanmar beat Indonesia 4:0 in U-14 Invitational Tournament in Wuhan

MYANMAR beat Indonesia 4:0 in the Group (A)'s last match on 2 July and finished third in the group at the 2019 U-14 International Youth Football Invitational Tournament in Wuhan, the People's Republic of China.

After defeating the Indonesian team, Myanmar won 3 points in the competition. Myanmar lost in previous matches to Chinese and South Korean teams.

Myanmar team will again compete with the Group (B)'s fourth-place team. — MFF *(Translated by AH)*

Myanmar U-14 squad seen at the International Youth Football Invitational Tournament in Wuhan, the People's Republic of China. **PHOTO: MFF**

# Fixtures released for MPT U-14 Football Tournament 2019 (Mandalay Zone)

THE fixtures for the MPT U-14 Football Tournament 2019(Mandalay Zone) were released yesterday, according to Myanmar Football Federation.

The Fixture Draw and MCM Meeting was held yesterday at the Mandalathiri Stadium in Mandalay.

According to the fixture draw, Pyin Oo Lwin A, Kyaukse and Yamethin teams are in Group A; Social Welfare, Meiktila B and NyaungU teams are in Group B; Mandalay A, Myingyan B and Pyin Oo Lwin B teams are in Group C; while Meiktila A, Myingyan A and Mandalay B teams are in Group D.

Group D's Mandalay B team and Meiktila A team are the teams that played in the final match of last year's tournament. Mandalay B beat Meiktila A with a score 4-0 and won first prize.

MPT U-14 Football Tournament 2019 (Mandalay Zone) will be held at the Mandalathiri Stadium from 4 to 12 July.

The opening match of the tournament will be the match between Pyin Oo Lwin A team and Yamethin team on 4 July. Under the supervision of Myanmar Football Federation, Myanmar National League and its main partner MPT jointly organized MPT U-14 Football Tournament 2019.

Myanmar Football Federation and Myanmar National League will also hold MFF - MPT Grassroots Football Festival 2019 in conjunction with MPT U-14 Football Tournament 2019. —KyawKhin

Fixture Draw and MCM Meeting for MPT U-14 Football Tournament 2019(Mandalay Zone) is in progress yesterday at Mandalathiri Stadium. **PHOTO: MFF**

# Sagaing Utd ties with Shan Utd 1-1 in MPT MNL (U-21) 2019

THE Week 15 match between Sagaing United F. C. and Yangon United F. C. in MPT Myanmar National League (U-21) 2019, held yesterday at the Padonmar Stadium in Yangon, ended in a 1-1.

The goal for the Yangon United was scored by Nyein Chan Soe at 54th minute, and the goal for the Sagaing United was scored by Chit Phue Maung at 76th minute. In the other matches in Week 15, Yadanarbon F.C. beat Dagon F. C. with a 2-1 score; Magwe F. C. won Chinland F. C. with a 7-0 score; and MFF Youth beat Ayeyawady F. C. with a 3-0 score. —GNLM

# 'My goal is to win Wimbledon,' says teen Gauff after Venus shock

LONDON — Cori Gauff, at 15 the youngest ever qualifier for Wimbledon, is not content with just beating five-time champion Venus Williams —t now she wants to win the title.

The teenage American, who was not even born when Williams won her first two Wimbledon singles titles, showed not an ounce of fear on Court One, making light of the 24 years age difference and her ranking of 313 as she eased to a 6-4, 6-4 victory.

Gauff made no bones about her ambitions at the tournament. "My goal is to win it," she said. "I said this before: I want to be the greatest. "My dad told me that I could do this when I was eight. "I'm still, like, not 100% confident. But you never know what happens." Gauff said she was determined to make the most of her opportunities.

"I mean, like my motto is just like wing it," she said. "I've said that before. This is kind of a sad thing, we're all going to die one day, I just want to make the most of it." Gauff, who revealed Rihanna and Beyonce were her role models off the court, said she had not allowed her admiration of childhood idol Williams affect her play. However, she did have a slight wobble at the end when she let slip three match points.

Williams, whose exploits along with her younger sister Serena inspired Gauff to take up the sport, made no secret of how far Gauff could go. "I think the sky's the limit, it really is," said Williams. "Just have fun. Enjoy life. That's all you can do." —AFP ■