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State Counsellor attends meeting on celebrating centenary of Yangon University

Steering Committee on Holding Centenary of Yangon University Chairperson State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended and addressed the Yangon University Centenary Ceremony Holding Steering Committee coordination meeting 1/2019 was held at Ministry of Education assembly hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The meeting was attended by Steering Committee Vice Chairperson Vice President U Myint Swe, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Ye Aung, U Kyaw Tint Swe, Dr Pe Myint, Dr Aung Thu, U Thant Sin Maung, U Thein Swe, U Khin Maung Cho, Dr Than Myint, Dr Myo Thein Gyi, Dr Myint Htwe, U Soe Win, U Han Zaw, Dr Win Myat Aye, U Ohn Maung, Nai Thet Lwin and U Kyaw Tin, Union Auditor General U Maw Than, Union Civil Service Board Chairman Dr Win Thein, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Deputy Ministers U Kyi Min, Dr Ye Myint Swe and U Win Maw Tun, Yangon Mayor, Yangon Region Minister for Social Affairs, National Education Policy Commission Chairman, Myanmar Arts and Science Expert Group Chairman, National Curriculum Committee Chairman, Rectors Committee Chairman and officials.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi addresses the coordination meeting of Steering Committee on Holding Centenary of Yangon University in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**



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Union Minister U Thein Swe receives OeSD Senior Government Program Manager



Union Minister U Thein Swe meets with OeSD Senior Government Program Manager Mr Wilhelm Faul.
PHOTO: MNA

UNION Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe received the Austrian delegation led by OeSD Senior Government Program Manager Mr Wilhelm Faul in the meeting hall of the ministry's office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters concerning cooperation activities to implement e-Government system, drawing up OeSD's work plan to carry out the Myanmar's Unique ID process, the recommendations on the wok plan of the OeSD and feedback from the relevant departments in Myanmar and the responses from it, arrangement for hiring a technical consulting team to facilitate the process of work, entering into working agreements, drawing up a plan to proceed with the e-ID system once the UID system has been completed, current and future assistances from OeSD. —MNA

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

NPE opens advertising section in Nay Pyi Taw



Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun, Permanent Secretary U Myo Myint Maung and officials cut ceremonial ribbons to open the advertising section in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE News and Periodicals Enterprise (NPE) has opened their advertising section for Nay Pyi Taw at office No 7 of the Ministry of Information yesterday.

The section will accept advertisements to be put in Myanma Alinn, Kyemon, The Global New Light of Myanmar and Myanmar Digital News.

Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun, Permanent Secretary U Myo Myint Maung and other officials cut ceremonial ribbons to open the new section and toured the interior of the building.

Interested persons can also submit advertisements at the Kyemon and Myanma Alinn offices on Khayaepin junction in Zeyathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw.

In addition, there are also advertising sections at the Myanma Alinn office in Nat Mauk lane 1, Bahan Township, Kyemon office on 52nd Street, Pazundaung Township, NPE book store on Pansodan Street, Kyauktada Township, and Myanma Alinn printing house on Shwegondaing Junction, Bahan Township, for Yangon Region.

Similarly, advertising sections exist in the sub printing houses of Mandalay, Taunggyi, Magway, Kengtung, Kalay, Myitkyina, Sittway, Lashio, Myeik, Mawlamyine and Monywa, as can be submitted at the Information and Public Relations Departments in various townships. The new advertising policy guarantees business, social, obituray and other advertisements sent in today will be featured the next day and is open to submissions throughout the entire week.

For further information, please contact 01-559118 for Myanma Alinn (Yangon), 01-397330 Kyemon (Yangon), 01-8604530 for The Global New Light of Myanmar (Yangon), and 067-3412118 for NPE's advertising department (Nay Pyi Taw).—MNA ■

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Appointment of Region and State Ministers

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, the following persons have been appointed as Region and State Ministers for Immigration and Human Resources shown against each of their names.

1. U Min Ko Khine	Kayin State Government
2. U Tun Tun Oo	Bago Region Government

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Heads of service organizations confirmed, appointed

1. The President of the Republic of the Union Myanmar has confirmed Dr Yee Yee Tin, Rector of University of Pharmacy, Yangon, Department of Human Resources for Health under the Ministry of Health and Sports on the expiry of one-year probationary period.

2. The President of the Republic of the Union Myanmar has appointed Dr Thar Tun Maung, Pro Rector of Kalay University, Department of Higher Education under the Ministry of Education, as Rector of the same university on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

Village administrator from Thaton charged in corruption probe

U Thant Zin, the administrator for Yekkanthema Village of Bilin Township, Thaton District in Mon State, was charged with Section 56 of The Anti-Corruption Law for abusing his position against the local farmers by the Anti-Corruption Commission.

Upon investigation, ACC has discovered that U Thant Zin had sold extra shoals owned by the village to 4 villagers who did not own farmland for a total of K2,950,000. He also levied K400,000 as payment for continued usage of working lands.

He extorted K670,000 as payment for acquiring form-1 used in applying for license form 7 and signing a new farmland sales contract. He also extorted K550,000 for a separate yet similar case with license form 7.

ACC has opened the case in Taung Sun police station and will continue pursuing further action. —MNA ■

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Only when the universities have autonomy can our country's education system develop and become complete

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi



Vice President U Myint Swe delivers the speech at the coordination meeting of Steering Committee on Holding Centenary of Yangon University in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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At the meeting Steering Committee Chairperson State Counsellor said Yangon University was established in December 1920 and will be a hundred years old on 1 December 2020. I was not a Yangon University alumna so I was not sure if it was right for me to chair the committee. However I was involved in renovation of Yangon University so I accepted this duty as the two are related.

When we were young Yangon University was at its peak. From the time I start attending school to the time I attend university, everyone believed that Yangon University was one of the best universities. We were proud of it as well. Now we were aiming to make it a best university again. Many present today had attended Yangon University. Many were alumni and alumnae of Yangon University. They know that times were different. They know how it was and how it is now. I believe that those who were there at the peak are enthusiastic for it to return to its former days of glory. I trust that even those who were there when it was not at its peak would want it to become what it was before.

Steering committee and work committees were formed for renovation and upgrading project of Yangon University. Dr Myo Thein Gyi will give details about committee to raise education level, committee to fulfil physical requirements and committee to draw Yangon University charter.

The main point is to raise our education level. University is seen as a place where higher education was provided. In addition to giving an education, it must be a place where youths become grown up and become more complete human beings. There are differences of opinion in what education is. However it wouldn't too far off the mark to say that to be a complete human being is to be educated. We were aiming toward Yangon University to become such education institution that produces complete human beings. I expect the committee to raise the education level to consider what education quality is and do its work thoroughly.

There isn't much to explain about fulfilling physical requirements. Physical requirements start from building to teaching aids, an environment that supports and encourage obtaining an education. It must be an environment that not only supports and encourage acquiring an education but also establish a deep attachment to the university. The environment must also infuse an attachment to the university by the alumni and alumna, inspire in them to support and assist toward making the university a better one.

Another thing is committee to draw Yangon University charter. For the development of our country's education system, especially the higher education system, universities need to be made independent. However, as each university has its own characteristics, strengths, and weaknesses, their charters will not be the same. Only once the varsities have autonomy can our country's education system develop and become complete. Since 2012-2013 university renovation committee starts thinking about how Yangon University can stand independently with its own charter. The centenary ceremony should be held in relation to such matters. As 100th year will be reached on 1 December 2020, centenary ceremony should be conducted in stages starting from 1 December.



Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi. **PHOTO: MNA**

The State Counsellor said the project to upgrade Yangon University involved developing the teaching and research methodologies. She said our whole country needs to revise the teaching methods to improve the education system. In other words, the level of the teachers need to be at a high level in order for students to receive a quality education, said the State Counsellor.

She said research is meant to encourage innovation and support physical development at the same time. She said applying research to mental and spiritual development will simultaneously improve the education and social systems of our country.

The State Counsellor said increasing English language skills is a practical matter that will allow the next generation to take a place on the global platform. She said English is now a worldwide medium that will be even more indispensable in the IT Revolution.

The State Counsellor expressed her wish for the people of Myanmar to understand many languages and focus more on English as the practical route. However, she also urged us to preserve and take pride in our mother tongue. She said there are some social circles who pride themselves on not knowing Burmese. She pointed out that no matter how many foreign languages you can speak, there is nothing to be proud of in not being able to speak your native language.

The State Counsellor then spoke of technological development. She said the university must be both the alma mater that provides education to the students and the environment that created lasting happy and peaceful memories for them.

The State Counsellor said they are planning for the university's roads to be more efficient for students and teachers. She said physical and mental wellness go hand in hand and cannot be separated. She said as some parts of Yangon has long traffic jams, it would prevent classes from starting on time. She said we must foresee these obstacles to ensure all classes in schools and universities can operate in line with their designated schedules. The State Counsellor expressed her belief that Yangon University can be one of the most beautiful campuses in the world and attract tourists who may wish to see its historical landmarks. She said she believes this because the university is close to Inya Lake and campuses near lakes are a rare setting around the world.

The State Counsellor said she wants the university to provide education on skills from the outside world in addition to academic learning. She said she wants the arts and sports to be included in the main curriculum which is why she wants events related to them to be incorporated in the university's centennial celebration.

The State Counsellor said people who are outstanding in the performing arts may not necessarily do well academically but the university must enable a person to reach the full potential in what they excel in.

She also said the event must connect the old alumni and the new students, such as arranging a discussion circle where they can learn of the university's history and the way it used to look and operate in the olden days. A person's depth of character is shaped not by age, but by their experience and propensity to learn, said the State Counsellor.

She concluded by wishing for everyone to come together to make Yangon University's 100th anniversary a wonderful success.

Centenary of Yangon University comes as an opportunity as a pride

Speaking at the meeting, Vice President U Myint Swe stressed the need to do well preparation for celebrating the centenary of the Yangon University as the centenary would bring an opportunity to the country's people to take pride in the event.

The Yangon University is the best know university in the history of Myanmar. In the colonial period, the national leaders and the people struggled for gaining the higher education system which can guarantee equal opportunities to the people, and finally, thanks to the unity of the people, the colonial ruler founded the Rangoon (Yangon) University on 1 December, 1920.

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For the development of our country's education system, especially the higher education system, universities need to be made independent. However, as each university has its own characteristics, strengths, and weaknesses, their charters will not be the same.

State Counsellor attends meeting on celebrating centenary of Yangon University

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As the Rangoon University Act enacted on 28 August, 1920, imposed restrictions on most ethnic people of Myanmar so that they can not access to tertiary education, the university students and the people took up the struggle against the unfairness and the colonial ruler amended the university act. The Yangon University produced the country's leaders including Bogyoke Aung San who were committed to gaining independence, and after the independence, the university also produced leaders, intellectual and intelligentsia likes U Thant, the former Secretary-General of the United Nations, he said, adding that the Yangon University can be considered a victory land for the country.

Centenary of Yangon University has reminded us to bring back its past glory

In pre-war and post-war periods, the Yangon University is the best university in the south east Asia region and a top university in Asia attracting students from Asian countries.

"Centenary of Yangon University has reminded us to bring back its past glory," said Vice President U Myint Swe.

The Yangon University needs to play a leading role in implementing the country's education system which has been written in accordance with the 2015 Law Amending the 2014 National Education Law.

The Master Plan has been adopted to promote and upgrade the Yangon University meeting international standards.

To implement the Master Plan, Steering Committee which would be led by Union Minister for Education, Software Committee, Hardware Committee, University Charter Committee have been formed.

> Centenary of Yangon University has reminded us to bring back its past glory: Vice President U Myint Swe

As part of pre activities to celebrate the centenary of the Yangon University, science exhibition and contests were held at the university in 2016, 2017 and 2018.

The university's Myanmar Language Department held its diamond jubilee on 22 December, 2016, and "All-Round Youth Development Festival (Yangon)" was held on 1st December 2017.

The Vice President also called for providing security systematically to the activities marking the centenary of the Yangon University.

Afterwards, Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi reported on education promotion (software) sector and upgrading infrastructure and equipment (hardware) sector.

The attendees at the meeting took part in the discussion and the meeting came to an end with closing remarks by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

The centenary of the Yangon University will be celebrated for one month starting from 1 December 2019.

The celebrations will include get-together events of the alumni of the university, ceremonies to pay respect to retired teachers, paper reading sessions, dinners and concerts, exhibitions, talks, IT shows, fashion shows and market festivals.—MNA

MCU Council confers Honorary Doctorate Degree on Thura U Aung Ko

THE Council of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University-MCU of Thailand conferred an Honorary Doctorate Degree in Public Administration on Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko yesterday at the Karaweik Hall (Karaweik Palace) in Yangon.

At the honorary doctorate conferral ceremony, Dr Phra Rajapariyatkavi, the Rector of the Council of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, delivered a speech, and conferred the honorary doctorate degree on Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko.

The Council of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University conferred the Honorary Doctorate Degree in Public Administration on the Union Minister as he has been managing very well on religious affairs and Pariyatti education institutions for the promotion and propagation of Buddha Sasana, and on taking interfaith efforts in cooperation with international organizations not to occur religion-based conflicts.

He also successfully carried out renovation to the earthquake-destroyed pagodas in Bagan with the aids of local and foreign donors and international experts during the targeted periods. Moreover, the union minister also successfully led in managing for Bagan Heritage Zone to be listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site.—MNA ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



Rector of the Council of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University Dr Phra Rajapariyatkavi confers the honorary doctorate degree on Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



Union Minister Dr Aung Thu receives Timorese Ambassador

UNION Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu received Ambassador of Timor-Leste to Myanmar Mr Joao Freitas de Camara at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Union Minister Dr Aung Thu meets with Ambassador of Timor-Leste Mr Joao Freitas de Camara in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to cooperation in agriculture and livestock technology, making agricultural and livestock products including coffee, exchanging highland agriculture and water management technologies, collaboration on using advance technology in growing and producing coffee crop, and production and trade rice. —MNA ■

(Translation by TTN)

Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko attends opening ceremony of head office of Asian Buddhist Community

AN opening ceremony of the head office of Asian Buddhist Community (ABC), under the aegis of the Myanmar Theravada Buddhist Federation and the Border Areas, Hill Region Sasana Nuggaha Association (Central) and representatives comprised of 12 countries, was held yesterday morning at the Zabuthiri Beikman, Mayangon Township, Yangon.

The ceremony was attended by Rector Sayadaw and faculty members of the Council of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Rector Sayadaw of State Paritatti Sasana University Aggamahapandita Aggamahasaddhammajotikadhaja Dr Bhanddanta Kumara, Chair of Theravada missionary Ovada Sariya Aggamahasaddhammajotikadhaja Bhanddanta Kumara, Second Kyaikhtisaung Sayadaw Aggamahasaddhammajotikadhaja Dr Bhanddanta Nargadipa and other monks, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko, the Myanmar Theravada Buddhist Federation and the Border Areas and Hill Region Sasana Nuggaha Association (Central) Chairman Wunna Kyaw Htin Dr Khin Shwe, committee members, representatives from Thailand, Cambodia, Laos, Sri Lanka, India, Singapore, Viet Nam, China, China (Taipei), ROK , Indonesia and other guests.

First, the event began with the opening remarks made by Chair of Asian Buddhist Community and Rector Sayadaw and faculty members of the Council of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University, Rector Sayadaw of State Paritatti Sasana University, Pro-rector of Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University and representative Sayadaw of ROK. Then Chair of Asian Buddhist Community (Central) explained about Asian Buddhist Community, that is also an INGO, and representatives from 12 countries took part in the discussion.

Next, Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko said that the opening of the ABC office, which is also an INGO, was the first auspicious step taken to carry out the tasks of promotion and propagation of the Buddhism globally. It was also auspicious to unite among the same religion while other faiths were practicing cohesion in diversity, the concept of unity in diversity for peace and development of the social structure. The ABC had been founded through the holdings of several meetings and which aimed at building peaceful social structure, fostering regional and world peace in cooperation with NGOs, the Myanmar Theravada Buddhist Federation and the Border Areas, Hill Region Sasana Nuggaha Association (Central) and the Mahachulalongkornrajavidyalaya University from Thailand. The Union Minister expressed his appreciation for the establishment of ABC as an INGO and called for serving the interests of the world together.

Following this, the Union Minister and officials presented souvenirs to the representatives from different countries.—MNA

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)



Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko delivers the opening speech at the opening ceremony of the head office of Asian Buddhist Community (ABC) at the Zabuthiri Beikman, Mayangon Township, Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

UN Special Envoy visits Sittway



UNSG's Special Envoy Mrs Christine Burgener is welcomed by officials at the Sittway Airport. **PHOTO: TIN TUN (IPRD)**

SPECIAL Envoy of the UN Secretary-General, Mrs Christine Burgener, led a delegation to Sittway yesterday.

The delegation was welcomed at Sittway Airport by Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung, State Ministers Colonel Phone Tint and U Aung Kyaw Zan, and other officials.

The Special Envoy first visited the Arakan National Party at their headquarters in Lanmadaw South Ward.

Afterwards, the delegation visited Webazawadi Monastery in Mingan Ward where IDPs were temporarily seeking shelter due to security operations in the area.

They interviewed the people about their current living conditions, the support from the MoSWRR and the local government, donations from CSOs and donors, education programmes for students there and the healthcare provided for them. —Aung Ye Twin ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Ministry of Health and Sports sends health staff overseas study tours

THE Ministry of Health and Sports has sent its staff abroad to attend meetings, workshops and conferences, make excursion, and take undergraduate, master and PhD courses for gaining international experiences, increasing individual skills and productivity to better serve people with quality healthcare services.

From 1 April 2016 to 30 June 2019, the ministry sent the following numbers of staff abroad.

No.	Departments	Meeting/ workshop/ conference/ excursion	Courses				Total
			Postgraduate		Undergraduate		
			PhD	Master	Under 6months	Above 6months	
1	Public Health	1,438	4	26	105	41	1,614
2	Medical Services	1,720	7	16	621	100	2,464
3	Human Resources for Health	1,237	27	20	237	99	1,620
4	Food and Drug Administration	314	3	12	196	22	547
5	Medical Research	135	7	2	19	11	174
6	Traditional Medicine	138	-	-	15	4	157
7	Office of the ministry	115	-	-	2	-	117
	Total	5,097	48	76	1,194	277	6,693

The ministry sent its staff to 28 countries in total to take undergraduate and postgraduate courses. Among the countries the ministry sent its staff, Thailand topped with 352 staff, followed by Japan with 296, South Korea 213, China 99, Singapore 76, the United States 69, Australia 63 and India 60.

According to the ministry, only 5 per cent costs of staff's expense in abroad is funded by the ministry.—MNA ■

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Bodhi Tahtaung camp to offer elephant rides starting 14 July



Elephants seen at conservation camp in the Bodhi Tahtaung sacred place in Monywa Township, Sagaing Region. **PHOTO: WIN OO (ZEYAR TINE)**

THE Bodhi Tahtaung elephant camp will launch a seven-furlong elephant ride with five elephants on 14 July in the Monywa Timber Enterprise region, according to U Zaw Win Thein, Assistant General Manager, Monywa Timber Enterprise.

"We have arranged a trip starting from the camp and ending at the sitting Buddha image. Visitors can enjoy the natural scenic views of Bodhi Tahtaung by riding the elephants," said U Zaw Win Thein.

The camp has seven elephants.

The entrance fee has been fixed at K1,000 for local visitors and K10,000 for foreign visitors. An elephant ride will cost K5,000 for locals (except monks and nuns) and K10,000 for foreigners. Large fans will be offered so visitors are comfortable in hot weather.

"Currently, visitors can observe the elephants and feed them," said U Zaw Win Thein. "We will allow bathing of elephants later," he said.

The camp will have a circus with elephants, and display elephant skeletons to the public.

A restaurant decorated with recycled items will offer food at a reasonable price at the camp. The pictures displayed in the restaurant will show how elephants were used in successive eras, with captions in two languages, English and Myanmar.

A mahout village has been recreated so that visitors can enjoy and observe their lifestyle. — Myo Win Tun (Monywa) ■

(Translated by La Wonn)

Tourist arrivals on visa up 33% up to June

THE number of tourists arriving in Myanmar on a visa rose by 227,415, or 33 per cent, between January and June compared to the year-ago period, according to figures released recently by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population.

Between 1 January 2019 and 30 June, 2019, 909,515 tourists entered Myanmar on a visa through the three international airports, sea ports, and border checkpoints, as per data from the Ministry.

The number of tourists entering Myanmar using border passes also increased by 19 per cent in January-June compared with the same period a year ago, with estimated arrivals of over 1.2 million.

Myanmar has hosted a total of 2.14 million tourists up till June this year, while during the same period last year, tourist arrivals were registered at 1.72 million. Tourists entered the country through the three international airports — the Yangon International Airport, Mandalay International Airport, and Nay Pyi Taw International Airport, and the Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthoung, Hteekhee, Tamu, and Reedhorda checkpoints.

Package tours, caravan tours, yacht tours, and riverine tours along the Ayeyawady and Chindwin rivers, and cruises and chartered flights require permission from the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, which are normally sought through local tour agencies.

Tourist arrivals from the US alone increased in January-June, while the number of visitors from Canada and the Americas and Oceania declined.

While there was an increase in Italian, Austrian, and Spanish travellers, the number of tourists from other European countries registered a fall this year compared to the year-ago period. Meanwhile, the number of visitors from Asia, Middle East, and Africa increased. Among the Asian countries, a large number of tourists from China, South Korea, Japan, India, and China (Taipei) visited Myanmar this year.

Under an ongoing year-long trial (1 October, 2018 to 30 September, 2019), ordinary passport holders from Japan, South Korea, Macau, and Hong Kong are not required to apply for a tourist visa for visits of up to 30 days, and they can enter and depart from all international checkpoints.

The number of tourists from those countries rose remarkably this year compared with the year-ago period. Starting 1 October, Italian, Spanish, Australian, Swiss, German, and Russian tourists with ordinary passports will be granted visas on arrival. Next, Myanmar will grant passport holders from 100 countries and China (Taipei) eVisas for tourist purposes, and businessmen from 54 countries and China (Taipei) eVisas for business. More details are available on www.evisa.moip.gov.mm.— GNLM ■

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Wandwin monastery acts as safehouse for Pyu artifacts

MONKS at the monastery in Kanparni village, Wandwin Township, Mandalay Region are helping preserve Pyu-era artifacts discovered by villagers near the village.

Villagers often find Pyu-era artifacts near ancient frescoes located about 3 miles from the village, and send them to the village monastery, where the monks help keep them safe.

The village monastery has served as a temporary home to ancient Pyu-era artifacts such as tobacco pipes, earthen statues, pots, and coins. Some coins from the Bagan era are also housed in the monastery. — Chan Thar (Meiktila) ■

(Translated by La Wonn)



Pyu era artifacts were discovered in Kanparni village in Wandwin. **PHOTO: CHAN THAR (MEIKTILA)**

Over 530 jobs to be created as a result of recent Myanmar Investment Commission approval

THE Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) meeting (11 / 2019) was convened at the meeting room of the MIC on the morning of 10th July 2019 in Yangon. U Thaung Tun, Chairman of the MIC, and (9) members attended the meeting.

The meeting approved five projects in the manufacturing, construction, and other services sectors. The amount of USD 93.2 million and Kyat 7,836.066 million have been approved for those projects, which will create 535 job opportunities for Myanmar citizens.

A total of 1,725 foreign enterprises in 12 sectors from 49 countries were permitted, with the total pledge amount of US$ 80,234.417 million - up to the end of May 2019. Among them, the three leading countries who invested were Singapore, People's Republic of China, and Thailand.

The largest sector of investment has been Oil & Gas sector. It accounted for 27.94%, follow by the Power sector, which accounted for 26.40%. The third largest sector was manufacturing, which accounted for 13.59% of the total permitted amount of foreign investment.—MNA



Myanmar Investment Commission meeting (11 / 2019) held at the MIC in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

Number of companies registered on MyCO crosses 60,000: DICA

By Nyein Nyein

THE online registry system MyCO is receiving over 1,000 applications from new companies every month, and the number of registered companies has crossed 60,000, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

The MyCO website was launched on 1 August, 2018, under the Myanmar Companies Law 2017, to allow registration and re-registration of companies. In the last 11 months (August-June), over 16,000 new companies and 46,000 existing companies have registered and re-registered on MyCO, bringing the total number of registered companies to 62,000. Over 90 per cent of companies have used online applications for registration, while the rest have filed their applications manually, according to data from the DICA.

MyCO is receiving more than 1,000 applications from new companies every month. When the online registry was launched in August, 2018, 1,816 new companies had registered on MyCO. The figure stood at 2,218 in September, 1,671 in October, 1,437 in November, 1,364 in December, 1,733 in January, 1,419 in February, 1,108 in March, 1,045 in April, 1,411 in May, and 1,307 in June, according to data from the DICA.

The DICA had set a six-month deadline from 1 August, 2018 to 31 January, 2019 for registration and re-registration, warning that companies which failed to re-register would be struck off from the register list.

Over 60,000 companies were previously registered in Myanmar, and all of them were notified to re-register on MyCo. When the deadline closed, 46,377 old companies had re-registered on MyCO and over 10,000 companies had failed to do so.

"Those companies wanting to restore their corporate status will have to shell out a fee and provide sufficient reasons," U Myo Min, Director, DICA, had said at the time the deadline ended.

"The companies must not think they can register by paying a penalty after the lapse of the six-month deadline. According to regulations, companies will have to provide sufficient reasons why they failed to register before the deadline," he had said.

As per Chapter III of the notification (66/2018) issued by the Ministry of Planning and Finance on 23 July, 2018, if an existing company fails to re-register on the electronic registry system within the deadline, the registrar can strike its name off the register and publish a notice in the Gazette. Once the notice is published, the company will be dissolved, while the liability of the directors and the members of the company shall continue to be enforced.

Under Section (d) of Chapter III, a registrar may restore an existing company or corporate body which has failed to re-register, if it provides sufficient cause before its name is struck off the register. Such companies will be restored after they shell out a fee, which will be prescribed by the Union Minister. ■

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

MPs seek environmental reports for Htantabin Industrial Zone

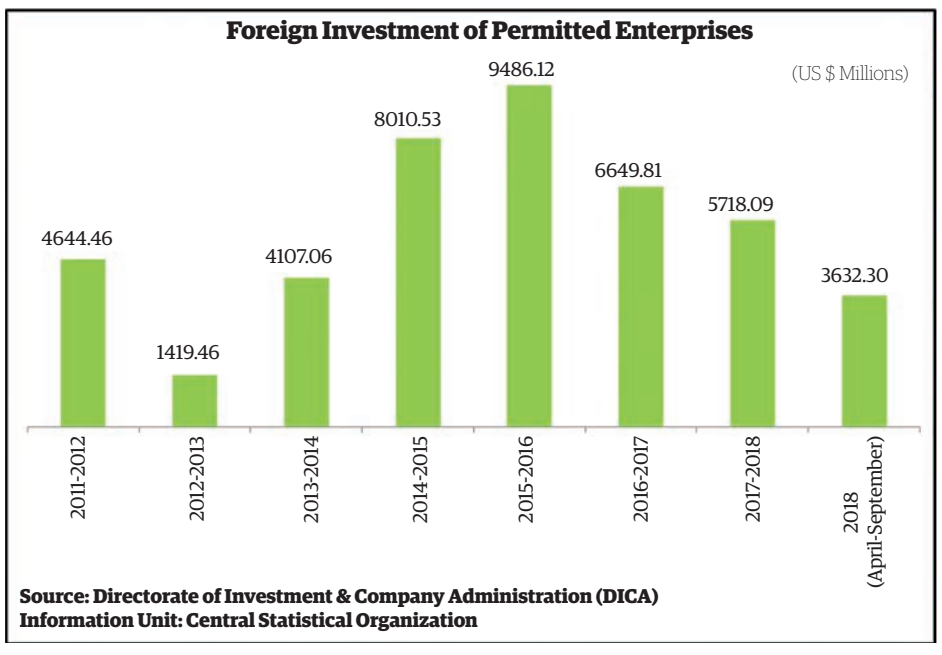
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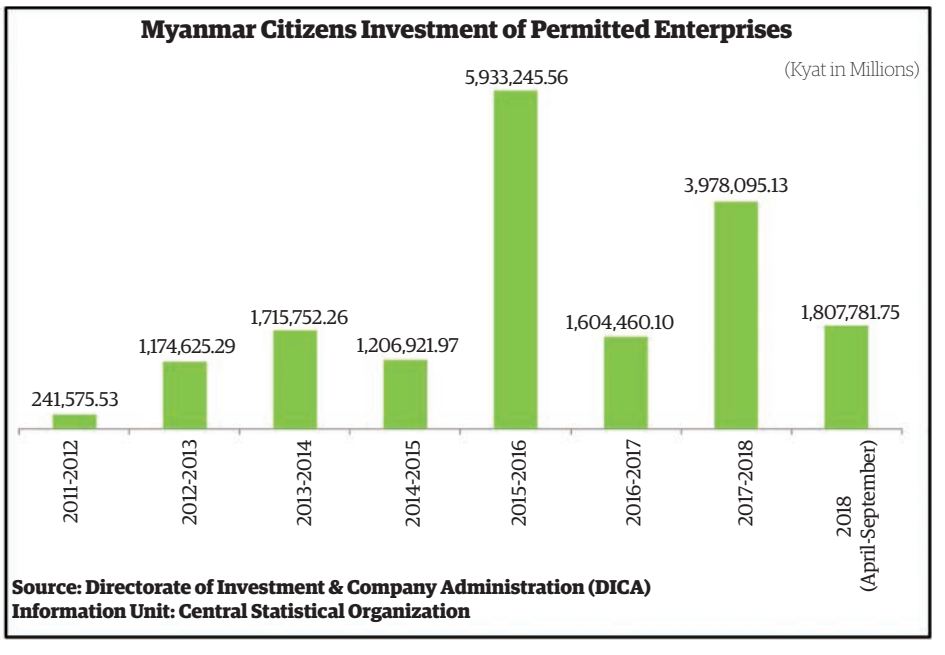
MEMBERS of the Yangon Region parliament sought the environmental management report for the Htantabin Industrial Zone project at a recent parliamentary meeting.

"The project is situated near the Kokkowa River into which industrial wastewater and effluents will inevitably be discharged. Meanwhile, there is a water supply project in the Kokkowa River, aided by Japan's JICA loan. The environmental management report was, therefore, sought to ensure there is no sewage spilling into the river and to draw up a wastewater treatment plan so the quality of water is not affected," said U Yan Shin from Mayangon Township constituency 1 on the 12th day of the second Yangon Region Hluttaw's ninth regular session, when 11 MPs discussed matters regarding the Htantabin Industrial Park project.

U Kyaw Zay Ya from Dagon Township constituency 2 backed calls for additional environment management reports for the industrial zone as the development of the zone will involve dredging in the Hline and Kokkowa rivers. Gaps have also been found in the project's management, he said. "An agreement was signed with the Golden Myanmar Corporation for developing the project at the Yangon Investment Forum 2019, with an estimated capital of US$500 million. The project is slated to be completed in 9 years. But, no investment proposal has been submitted officially yet," said U Kyaw Zay Ya. "Monitoring and evaluation for project capacity, sustainability, and compliance are required throughout the project implementation process. The Environmental Impact Assessment, the Social Impact Assessment, and the Environmental Management reports also need to be submitted to the Hluttaw. And, the person who will take responsibility and accountability in case the project fails must be identified," said Daw Sandar Min from the regional Finance, Planning and Economic Committee. ■

(Translated by EMM)





Pay attention to human rights at sea

HUMAN trafficking is a global phenomenon to which no country is immune.

The International Labour Organization (ILO) estimates that 20.9 million people are forced into labour every year all over the world. In an announcement in 2016, the United Nations Office for Drug and Crimes (UNODC) has stated that human trafficking is a US$150-billion industry globally, and 54 per cent of trafficking cases involve sexual exploitation, 38 per cent forced labour, and 8 per cent pertain to other forms of trafficking.

> Taking lessons from one of our neighbouring countries whose image was tarnished for human rights violations against fishermen, we must take the necessary steps to prevent such injustice in our coastal waters.

According to a global report released on 19 July, 2018, Myanmar ranks 18th out of 167 countries in the Global Slavery Index. Roughly 10 per cent of the country's population, or 575,000 people, are living under modern slavery. The types of modern slavery identified by the report include human smuggling, forced labour, purchase of slaves with money, forced marriage, and forcing under-aged kids to work and selling them, apart from normal slavery.

When trafficking cases in Myanmar are studied, it will be found that they are taking place in relation to and connection with market demands in countries, including our neighbours.

In 2018, there were 155 cases of forced marriage, 28 cases of forced prostitution, 18 cases of forced labour, one case of forced adoption, and four cases of surrogacy. Of all cases of human trafficking, about 11.99 per cent involved men and 88.01 per cent involved women.

It has been found that a majority of women who illegally migrate to neighbouring countries for jobs fall prey to forced marriages. In domestic trafficking cases, prostitution and labour exploitation are taking place in the main.

To give protection to Myanmar fishermen working inshore and offshore from falling prey to human trafficking, the Myanmar Fisheries Department is cooperating in a five-year project on fighting trafficking in persons in Myanmar.

Meanwhile, some sections of the news media have reported that Myanmar fishermen working inshore and offshore of Mon State, Taninthayi Region, Ayeyawady Region are facing forced labour, exploitation, lack of social security rights, and torture.

About 3.2 million Myanmar fishermen are working in the fishery sector, and about 57 per cent of the fishermen are in the fresh water fisheries sector and about 43 per cent are working at sea. We must not turn a blind eye to the predicament of our fishermen.

Taking lessons from one of our neighbouring countries whose image was tarnished for human rights violations against fishermen, we must take the necessary steps to prevent such injustice in our coastal waters.

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The Rights of Children: A Roundtable Discussion

The main thing is to consider the individual rights of each child. What I want to reiterate here is that the law clearly states that there are no relationships between adoption and citizenship.

Dr Aung Tun Thet

By Shin Min
(Continued from yesterday)



PROFESSOR Dr Aung Tun Thet, Director-General of Social Welfare Department Dr San San Aye, Deputy Director-General of Attorney-General's Office Dr Thida San, Representative of Amyotha Hluttaw of Yangon Regin Constituency 10 Naw Hla Hla Soe, Independence Adviser on Child Rights U Myo Myint Tun and U Ko Ko (Sethmu Tekkatho) participated in the talks on the goal and effects of the bill on child rights as follows:

U Ko Ko (Sethmu Tekkatho): This law includes rights for child labourers. Although it's not definitely said, children under 14 cannot take a job. But over 14s can work. And it's a requirement at present. Your comments please, Naw Hla Hla Soe.

Naw Hla Hla Soe: As the representatives are elected by the people, the people's voice is the voice of Hluttaw. The interest of the children, who represent one third of the country's population, was taken into account in writing the law. As people are interested in the law, they have also given suggestions. CSOs have issued their recommendations on this law, as they have a lot of knowledge of it. I am afraid that people who do not have much knowledge of the law may be worried about the rumors. This law was compiled with the participation of experts. We studied the weak and strong points of the 1993 law. We also accepted new ideas as well. This law will serve children's interest best.

> Issuing a birth certificate does not imply citizenship.

How employers can protect the rights of child labourers

Dr Aung Tun Thet: There are child labourers in our country. We should be careful to do the job. Prohibiting children totally from taking jobs is impractical. CSOs and UN agencies are providing jobs for children at present. If children working at tea shops or car workshops are barred from their jobs, their families may face financial problems. In rural areas children help their parents in farm work. Children labourers can lose their educational opportunities. So, there are part time classes for child labourers. As for housemaids, there are also temporary classes for them in the wards. So, child protection should meet the prevailing situation. So the participation of employers in the talks is required. How they can protect the rights of child labourers? We must take it into account for the law to become more practical. We must study the substance and not just the provisions of the law.

> Adoption cannot ensure citizenship. The granting of citizenship is governed by the State, in accordance with the law.

U Ko Ko (Sethmu Tekkatho): I heard Naw Hla Hla Soe discussing CSOs' the issuance of their recommendations. Your comments please, U Myo Myint Tun.

U Myo Myint Tun: The main thing to understand is that there is no direct relationship between adoption and citizenship. Child adoption is just a family affair. It has nothing to do with politics. Granting or not granting citizenship can be determined only by the State. There are differences between birth, adoption, and citizenship. The State has the right to grant or deny citizenship as it is a political affair. There are procedures and rules in relation to citizenship. So, everyone needs to have a clear understanding of the law.

Dr Thida San: The article 10 calls for birth registration for each adoption. But we are weak in collecting data. Internationally, there are pricise data in connection with the matter. In our country, there is even no birth list in some villages. So they don't know the increasing population rate. Birth registration has no relationship with citizenship.

U Ko Ko (Sethmu Tekkatho): There are inheritance and other rights for the adopted child. What are the other rights?

Dr San San Aye: The law stipulates child rights in its chapter 7. Legal adoption and registration come together. All the matters including inheritance are stipulated in the law. There will be also rules.

U Ko Ko (Sethmu Tekkatho): Although the law is initiated by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, it needs inclusiveness. As there are a number of stakeholders, there may be weakness in the part of coordination. What will be your suggestion, Dr Aung Tun Thet?

The law clearly states that adoption and citizenship have no relations

Dr Aung Tun Thet: The initial source has the man responsibility. But there are a number of other sources with the parallel duty. Communities, parents and relatives also have the responsibility, apart from government departments. The main thing is to consider the individual rights of each child. What I want to reiterate here is that the law clearly states that there are no relationship between adoption and citizenship. But some are overly worried. But everyone must think with an open mind.

U Ko Ko (Sethmu Tekkatho): Please elaborate the parliamentary involvement in this matter?

Naw Hla Hla Soe: Our committee will be involved in drawing up the rules, and they will be passed by the parliament. After the process, comes the work of examining the law. We must find its weaknesses and advantages.

U Ko Ko (Sethmu Tekkatho): What is the role of CSOs in assuring rights for children at the time when efforts are being made for the validation of the law?

U Myo Myint Tun: First, we must include the rights the previous law lacked. There may be difficulties in implementing the matters which are not included in the law. For example, matters such as the prohibition of under-18 marriage is now included. Such provisions will be helpful in the practical field.

> Citizenship is decided in accordance with the 1982 Citizenship Law.

U Ko Ko (Sethmu Tekkatho): There were punishments for child rape in the previous law. The current law also includes legal actions against the said crime. How do you avoid legal conflicts?

Dr Thida San: The current law has 119 articles. Offenders will be taken action in accord with the current law. We don't need to take into account the criminal procedure. The ministry concerned will write the rules. There will be notifications and procedures. As the procedure in drafting a law, the final draft of the rules must be sent to our office. As the government approval is required the draft must be submitted to the Cabinet. And when it is passed by the government, the relevant Union Minister will sign it and issue it. Then the draft is presented to the Hluttaw, which is the sole law-making body. The Ministry has the power to enact the rules as the parliament has delegated the authority to it. MPs after studying the bill make amendments or additions as and where necessary.

Dr San San Aye: The Union Minister has urged us to issue the rules within six months after the law is enacted. I would like to express thanks to the people for their suggestions. We will take into account the suggested facts in drafting the rules. Punishments and legal actions will also come out soon. The Attorney-General Office has thoroughly examined the said legal measures. The law has the article 108 in connection with legal punishments. The law will take the highest legal action against child rape. So, I invite suggestions for the rules.

Dr Aung Tun Thet: No law is perfect. But we will do our best in drafting the law. We are going to protect child rights in the interests of children, and not for the benefit of others. So inclusiveness is required as it is the law to protect all the children of the country. The value of human society depends on how it protects its children.

> Birth registration and citizenship are mutually exclusive.

U Ko Ko (Sethmu Tekkatho): Thank you all for your comprehensive discussions.

(Translated by TMT)

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Five relief camps opened for flood victims in Bilin



Mon State Chief Minister Dr Aye Zan and officials inspect relief camps in Bilin Township.
PHOTO: SOE MYINT AUNG

FIVE relief camps were opened for flood victims in Bilin Town, which has been battered with continuous torrential rains, on Wednesday. People living on lower area were also shifted to the relief camps, according to the Bilin Township Administration Office.

The relief camps were opened in monasteries and schools. As of 9 am yesterday, the water level in the Bilin River had reached 963 centimeters, just short of the danger level of 1,022 centimetres. Therefore, the Bilin Township Administration office undertook rescue measures and conducted awareness of the flood around the township.

A total of six schools in the township have been closed since 9 July.

In spite of the heavy rain, the Yangon-Mawlamyine road (Bilin section) is still operational.

Last year, road transportation had been cut due to the rising level of water in the river.

To ensure food supply for flood victims, the authorities have begun distributing six items of food to them as weekly ration, beginning 9 July.

Mon State Chief Minister Dr Aye Zan and officials inspected the relief operation activities yesterday and spoke words of encouragement to the flood victims. —Soe Myint Aung

(Translated by Hay Mar)

More CCTVs to be installed in four Dagon Myothit townships to curb crime

By Nyein Nyein

IN a bid to reduce crime, more CCTV cameras will be installed in four Dagon Myothit townships, said Col Aung Soe Moe, the Yangon Region Minister for Security and Border Affairs.

He made the remarks in response to a question raised by U Nyi Nyi from Dagon Myothit (South) Township constituency 1 on 9 July, the 12th day of the 2nd Yangon Region Hluttaw's ninth regular session. U Nyi Nyi had asked whether there was any plan to help prevent crime and ensure the rule of law in Dagon Myothit (South) Township.

"CCTVs play a critical role in reducing crime and so, we have installed 21 cameras in Dagon Myothit (South) Township since 1 July, 2017, using regional funds. A survey is being undertaken to install more CCTV cameras in four Dagon Myothit townships," said Col Aung Soe Moe.

In addition, LED bulbs are also being installed in alleys, streets, and main roads in the townships in order to help curb crime. Furthermore, to support rule of law and reduce crime,

CCTV cameras are being installed on streets and main roads, along with maintenance work and registration of data, and surprise traffic inspections and patrols, he said. Mobile crime awareness activities are also being conducted, he added. In 2016, there were 31 major cases, 637 other cases, and 1,731 crime prevention cases; in 2017, there were 26 major cases, 754 other cases, and 1,593 crime prevention cases; in 2018, there were 43 major cases, 644 other cases, and 1,400 crime prevention cases; and so far in 2019, there have been 8 major cases, 263 other cases, and 2,231 crime prevention cases in Dagon Myothit (South) Township.

According to crime reports, most of the major crimes were reported from ward numbers 54, 70, 71, 104, and 105, while the majority of theft cases were registered in wards 18, 19, 24, and 25 of South Dagon. South Dagon Township is spread over 30.545 square miles, and it comprises 32 wards covering 56,681 houses, 59,467 households, and 376,255 residents. There are three main roads and 12 streets in the township. It shares a border with North Dagon Township and East Dagon Township in the north, Thingangyun Township in the west across the Pazundaung Creek, and Dagon Seikkan Township in the south. South Dagon is one of the new satellite towns.

In addition to Hlinethayar Township, which has a high crime rate, four Dagon townships, and Shwepyitha and Insein townships have been prioritized to reduce crime and strengthen rule of law compared to other townships, said Col Aung Soe Moe.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Announcement on road closure on Martyrs' Day

Some Yangon roads will be closed on 19 July on account of the 72nd Martyrs' Day ceremony at the Martyrs' Mausoleum in Bahan Township from 4 a.m. till the completion of the ceremony.

While roads will remain closed, bypass routes will be kept open for vehicles 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, and the eastern, western, and southern archways of the Shwedagon Pagoda, Arzarni Street, and the northern archway of the Shwedagon Pagoda (Thwaysaykan Road) will also remain closed.

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 headed to the Bogyoke Aung San Museum on Martyrs' Day (19 July), the Bogyoke Aung San Museum Road will be closed from 5 a.m. until the museum's closing time. Commuters are advised to use other routes while the road is temporarily closed.

Yangon Region Traffic Rules Enforcement Supervisory Committee





Crab exporters in Myeik get low prices amid high supply

ALTHOUGH there is high supply of black crabs in Myeik Township of Taninthayi Region, exporters have been forced to sell crabs at lower prices in the Thailand market, which they are solely relying on for exports, according to merchants.

Earlier, black crabs were priced between K19,000 (for crabs weighing below 200g) and K29,000 (for crabs weighing above 300g). But now, the prices have dropped to the K13,000-K25,000 range.

"In the Chinese market, crabs fetch K10,000-K28,000, depending on the size. Unlike China, Thailand does not offer high prices. While crabs weighing above 300g fetch K28,000 in China, they are priced at K26,000 in Thailand," said U Aye Lwin, a merchant.

"Earlier, depending on their weight, blacks crabs were priced at K17,000 (above 100g), K21,000 (above 200g), and K28,000 (above 300g) in China. In comparison, crabs weighing above 100g were fetching only K17,000 in Thailand. It has been four months since China has suspended imports of black crabs from Myeik. Therefore, crab merchants are currently relying on the Thailand market," he said. Currently, crab traders are doing well financially in spite of low prices, but they are worried about a possible flood problem in Taninthayi Region. In the last rainy season, the Myeik-Kawthoung and Myeik-Mawtaung roads were closed due to flash floods. In the summer season, there is smooth transportation in the region.



Workers sort crabs at the market in Myeik, Taninthayi Region. **PHOTO: KHINE HTOO (IPRD)**

"Crab exporters depend on Thailand's market in the rainy season, and in the summer, the traders are happy with the high demand from China. But, there is no price manipulation in Thailand's market. Black crabs may face the threat of extinction in the long term because of excessive fishing in Taninthayi Region. The catch volume is rising year on year, thereby, it may lead to scarcity in the future," said U Khine Lin from the crab commodity depot.

There are four large commodity depots and over 10 small commodity depots in Myeik. Most of the black crabs are exported from Myeik and Kawthoung districts. — Khine Htoo (IPRD)

(Translated by La Wonn)

Fishery exports exceed $600 mln in Oct-June

EXPORT earnings from the fisheries sector in the period from 1 October to 28 June in the current financial year crossed US$600 million, an increase of $42.8 million compared to the same period in the previous fiscal, according to statistics released by the Commerce Ministry.

Myanmar fisheries products, such as fish, prawns, crabs, are exported to markets in 40 countries, including China, Saudi Arabia, the US, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, and countries in the European Union. Earlier, only fish caught in the wild were allowed to be exported to the EU market. At present, Myanmar is exporting farmed fish, prawns, and crabs to the EU. Saudi Arabia's suspension of fish imports from Myanmar, beginning April last year, has affected rohu fish suppliers. Myanmar keeps only 25 per cent of rohu fish for local consumption and exports the remaining 75 per cent to Saudi Arabia, UAE, as well as Bangladesh. Myanmar's exports to Saudi Arabia account for 30 per cent of its farm-raised fish exports and 40 per cent of rohu exports. The Myanmar Fisheries Federation is making concerted efforts to increase fishery export earnings by developing fish farming lakes which meet international standards and adopting advanced fishing techniques.

There are 480,000 acres of fish and prawn breeding farms across the country, and Myanmar earned over $717 million through its fishery products last fiscal, according to statistics provided by the MFF. MFF Vice President Dr. Toe Nandar Tin said the federation has asked the government to tackle problems faced in export of farm-raised fish and prawns through G2G pacts and ensure smooth freight movement between countries to bolster exports.

According to the MFF, integrated poultry and fish farming cannot ensure food safety, which is a requirement for export. Therefore, the federation has asked for the formulation of a law to restrict that kind of mixed farming. Fish farming must be conducted as a large-scale project to get access to Project Bank loans, according to the MFF. — GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

MTSH's earnings per share up 28% in current fiscal

By Aye Yamone

THE share revenue of the Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings Public Ltd. has increased by 28 per cent in the 2018-2019 fiscal year, said U Kyaw Zaw Wai, the Chief Executive Officer of the company.

"The 2018-2019FY has been good for MTSH, and the company has increased its net profit and revenue from shares. Last year, the dividend for a share was K250. And I am very glad that this year again we can give a dividend of K250 per share," he added.

The value of MTSH shares has declined to about K3.2 billion in the 2018-2019 FY from K5.2 billion in the 2017-2018 fiscal year. However, the net profit, stated in the company's financial statement, has increased by 22 per cent in the current FY, from K12.8 billion last year to K15.6 billion this fiscal. Therefore, the revenue earned from shares has increased by 28 per cent to K398 per share.

"We have earned a greater income from both the sale and rent of apartments and buildings in the construction sector as well as a greater profit from the shares of Myanmar Japan Thilawa Development Ltd. We expect that the profit will also increase from different sectors this year," said U Thurein Aung, the Project Director of MTSH.

The company's profit increased to K45.5 billion in the 2018-2019FY from K38.9 billion in the last FY, an increase of 17 per cent.

MTSH is one of the biggest public companies in Myanmar, and was formed with over 17,000 shareholders. It was the second company to be listed on the Yangon Stock Exchange on 20 May, 2016.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

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CORRIGENDUM

Subject: Extension for due date for submission of Tender.

Tender Reference: HCD/5R/GSAMYANMAR/520 Dated 31st May 2019

Tender notification HCD/5R/GSAMYANMAR/520 Dated 31st May 2019 inviting bids for Appointment of General Sales Agent for Passenger sales- Air India at Myanmar may please be referred. The last date for submission of bids for the above tender stands extended **upto 23rd July, 2019 - 1700 hrs**. The technical bids shall be opened on **29th July 2019**. All the other terms and conditions of the above tender remain unchanged.

Tender document with complete details is available on the Air India website: **www.airindia.in**.

Rice prices see downward trend in export market

By Nyein Nyein

THE prices of different varieties of rice have continued to fall in the export market, according to the Myanmar Rice Federation.

In June, 2014, well-milled white rice was priced at US$340-355 per metric ton. In June this year, the price fell to $300-310. Last month, the price of low quality rice (reasonably well-milled) also declined by $330-340 to reach $265-275 per metric ton, compared with June, 2014.

In addition, the price of A 1:2 variety of broken rice dropped from $310-320 to $265-270, and B1:2 (sortexed) decreased from $290-300 to $250-255. Another broken rice variety, B2:3:4 non-sortexed, fetched only $235-240, down from $285-290, according to the MRF.

Moreover, the prices of parboiled rice varieties, high quality rice variety Pawsan, and low-quality rice variety Ngasein are lower compared to the corresponding period of last year.

"Foreign buyers purchase our rice as it is cheaper than other countries. At present, rice sellers are continuing to load rice on ships. If they don't ship the rice at a low price, there will be no market for export. Now, maritime trade is the only option for exports as there is no demand through the border trade channel," said U Than Oo, the secretary of the Bayintnaung commodity depot.

Myanmar primarily exports rice to China through the border gates. However, trade in agricultural products has been halted on account of China clamping down on illegal trade. As a result of this, stocks of rice have piled up at the Muse border gate.

"Even though businessmen from the two countries have reached an agreement on export of 10,000 tons of rice (or, 200,000 bags of rice), the price is K3,000-4,000 lower than the prevailing market rate for a bag of rice. At present, those rice varieties are priced above K20,000 per bag," said U Min Thein, the chair of the Muse commodity depot.

In the nine months since October in the current fiscal year, 1.75 million metric tons of rice and broken rice were shipped to foreign countries, with an estimated value of $531 million.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye receives Swiss Chargé d´affaires ai in Nay Pyi Taw

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye received Chargé d´affaires ai of Switzerland to Myanmar Mr Thierry Umbehr and party in the meeting hall of the ministry's office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters concerning the implementation to be carried out eight grand strategies of the social protection schemes with a view to strengthening the social based infrastructure, cooperative measures conducted by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation and the Border Areas and National Races Development Department in the Southeastern part of Myanmar, conducting Mine Action Workshop, Myanmar to host the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Natural Disaster Management mainly conducted by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, cooperation with Dr Walter Kalin who is an expert on Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) from Switzerland, implementation of the ratification strategies, signing the MoU in line with the current procedures as an act to conduct social infrastructure and rural development while implementing health, education, water and sanitation schemes in seven townships in Southern Shan State together with the conflict-stricken regions in rural areas, requirement of establishing the Social Work Institute in the ministry and nursery schools on a country-wise scale.—MNA ■ *(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)*



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye holds talks with Chargé d´affaires ai of Switzerland Mr Thierry Umbehr at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Higher incidence of flu among children under 5: Ministry of Health and Sports

THERE has been a higher incidence of flu among children under the age of five this year, according to the Ministry of Health and Sports. Of the 172 patients who were diagnosed with influenza in the country, 145 had Influenza A (H1N1), 16 had Influenza A (H3N2), and 11 had Influenza B.

Between 1 January and 7 July, 156 patients were admitted with influenza-like illness. Fifteen of the patients had contracted Influenza A (H1N1), 10 had Influenza A (H3N2), and seven had Influenza B. There were 332 cases of Severe Acute Respiratory Infection (SARI), of which, 130 patients had Influenza A (H1N1), six had Influenza A (H3N2), and four had Influenza B.

"The outbreak of flu was reported chiefly in Yangon region. According to official records, 103 people were confirmed to have been infected with the virus out of 255 suspected patients in Yangon region. Twenty-four of the patients died of the virus. Influenza also broke out in Rakhine, Nay Pyi Taw, Ayeyawady, and Kachin. As on 7 July, 172 people were confirmed to have been infected with the virus out of 488 suspected patients across the country. Among them, 30 people died of seasonal influenza," said an official from the sub-central epidemiology unit under the Public Health Department.

Most of the patients were very young children and elderly people who had been suffering from chronic diseases. The signs and symptoms of H1N1 include fever, cough, sore throat, runny nose, body aches, headaches, chills, as well as vomiting and diarrhea. The health department has conducted a health awareness program for people who are interacting closely with people infected with the virus to prevent its transmission. People have been advised to cover their mouths and noses while sneezing or coughing, thoroughly wash their hands after sneezing, coughing, coming into physical contact with influenza patients and public items, and avoid going to crowded places unless necessary.

During the H1N1 outbreak in 2017, 406 H1N1 virus cases were confirmed, and 38 deaths were reported in Myanmar, according to the Ministry of Health and Sports.—Aye Cho ■ *(Translated by Hay Mar)*

Paris declares 'climate emergency'

PARIS — Paris, which in 2015 hosted the signing of a historic agreement on fighting global warming, on Tuesday declared a climate emergency following similar moves by other cities and national parliaments.

"Paris, like other cities, declares a climate emergency," Celia Blauel, deputy mayor in charge of the environment, told a municipal council meeting, stressing the need to adhere to the objectives of the 2015 agreement.

The declaration also said Paris city hall would create a "climate academy" with the aim of better educating the young and the public about the issue.

Ahead of municipal elections next year, the French capital's socialist mayor Anne Hidalgo is seeking to burnish her green credentials, with climate change a real concern for many voters.

Britain's parliament became the first in the world to declare a climate emergency, passing the largely symbolic motion on 1 May, with Ireland's parliament passing a similar motion on 10 May.—AFP ■

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UK leadership hopefuls clash over Brexit promises

LONDON — Boris Johnson stood accused Tuesday of having nothing to offer Britain but "blind optimism" as he and his rival for the premiership clashed over Brexit in a bad-tempered TV debate.

Johnson is the runaway frontrunner to replace Theresa May later this month, wooing voters with a promise to take Britain out of the European Union on 31 October whatever happens.

But in their first and only head-to-head debate, his rival Jeremy Hunt accused him of not being honest about the risks of leaving the bloc without a deal with Brussels.

"If we want to make a success of Brexit it's not about blind optimism, it's about understanding the details that will get us the deal that's right for country," said Hunt, the current foreign minister.

Johnson, a former London mayor who preceded Hunt at the Foreign Office, is known for his rhetoric and jokes but has been accused of having only a vague plan for office.

He retorted that "we've had a bellyful of defeatism", saying he would help Britain "get back our mojo" and "off the hamster wheel of doom".



Boris Johnson is the runaway frontrunner to replace Theresa May later this month, but has been accused of having only a vague plan for office. **PHOTO: AFP**

Ballots have already been sent out to the 160,000 members of the ruling Conservative party who will decide the winner, with the result set to be announced on 23 July.

A YouGov survey at the weekend suggested 74 per cent of Tory members backed Johnson, but during the hour-long ITV programme, Hunt showed he would not give up without a fight. He repeatedly interrupted and challenged Johnson, accusing him of failing to answer questions, including on whether he would resign if Brexit did not happen as promised.

Johnson, who enraged many in Brussels with his exaggerated claims about the EU during the 2016 Brexit referendum campaign, gave a characteristically flippant reply.

"I don't want to hold out to the EU the prospect that they might encourage my resignation by refusing to agree a deal," he said.

Cost of no deal

Both men insist they can renegotiate the divorce terms that May agreed with Brussels, but which parliament repeatedly rejected, forcing her to delay Brexit twice. The EU says it will not reopen the text, and both Hunt and Johnson say they will leave the bloc with no deal if necessary.

Johnson said he would use the £39 billion allocated to settle Britain's dues after four decades of EU membership to mitigate the impact, saying that with planning, a "no deal" exit would be "vanishingly inexpensive".

He laid into Hunt for refusing to rule out a further Brexit delay, while he himself left open the option of suspending parliament if MPs tried to stop a "no deal" Brexit.MPs had earlier on Tuesday voted to demand the government give them fortnightly updates about power-sharing in Northern Ireland between October and December, a device intended to thwart any suspension.

Johnson said that without a real threat of walking away, the EU "won't take us seriously", adding: "A deadline will deliver a deal." —AFP ■

Paris says its missiles found on pro-Haftar rebel base in Libya

PARIS — The French government said Wednesday that its missiles had been found in Libya on a base used by rebel forces loyal to KhalifaHaftar, in an embarrassing admission that raises fresh questions about its role in the conflict.

Confirming a report in the New York Times, the defence ministry said in a statement that US-made Javelin missiles discovered in a camp south of Tripoli at the end of June had been purchased by France.

But it denied supplying them to rebel commander Haftar and breaching a UN arms embargo, saying French forces operating in the war-torn country had lost track of them after they were judged to be defective.

"Damaged and out-of-use, these weapons were being temporarily stocked in a warehouse ahead of their destruction," the statement said. "They were not transferred to local forces."

The anti-tank missiles, worth 170,000 dollars (150,000 euros) each, were seized when forces loyal to the UN-recognised government in Tripoli overran the rebel base in Gharyan, 100 kilometres (60 miles) south of Tripoli.



Munitions were displayed to the press after forces loyal to the UN-recognised government in Tripoli recaptured the rebel base in Gharyan in June. **PHOTO: AFP**

Three of them, as well Chinese-made shells bearing the markings of the the United Arab Emirates (UAE), were shown off to journalists including AFP reporters on June 29.

The statement from the French ministry did not explain how the missiles had been lost and will likely increase suspicions that Paris is backing Haftar on the ground, while also giving him diplomatic support internationally.

France has publicly called for the UN arms embargo to be enforced, while an EU naval mission off the Libyan coast called Operation Sophia is trying to stop the flow of foreign weapons into the conflict.

French special forces and members of its DGSE intelligence service are known to be operating in Libya, which descended into chaos after a 2011 uprising and NATO-backed military campaign against late dictator MoamerKadhafi.

"These weapons were for the protection of forces undertaking intelligence and counter-terror missions," the French statement added.—AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Britain's US ambassador resigns after Trump spat

LONDON – Britain's ambassador to Washington Kim Darroch said Wednesday he was resigning after drawing Donald Trump's ire for calling the US president "inept" in leaked confidential cables to London.

Darroch said in a resignation letter to the Foreign Office that the scandal made it "impossible" for him to continue representing British interests in the United States.

Trump has said his administration would no longer "deal" with Darroch.

"Since the leak of official documents from this Embassy there has been a great deal of speculation surrounding my position and the duration of my remaining term as ambassador," Darroch wrote.

"I want to put an end to that speculation. The current situation is making it impossible for me to carry out my role as I would like," he said. "I believe in the current circumstances the responsible course is to allow the appointment of a new ambassador."—AFP ■

Turkey vows to keep drilling off Cyprus despite EU warnings

ANKARA – Turkey on Wednesday vowed to continue drilling activities off Cyprus despite tensions with the European Union, which has called on Ankara to cease its "illegal" activities.

The discovery of huge gas reserves in the eastern Mediterranean has sparked a dispute between EU member Cyprus and Turkey, which last month sent a second ship, the Yavuz, to search for oil and gas in the region.

"The drilling activities of our ship Yavuz are based on legal and legitimate grounds," the Turkish foreign ministry said in a statement.

"We reject the statement made by Greek Foreign Ministry and EU officials that deem our country's activities illegal," it added. In May, Ankara sent the ship Fatih into Cyprus' exclusive economic zone to begin drilling there, while the Yavuz was deployed last month to search for oil and gas to the east.—AFP ■

Instant food course given to local ladies of Mann Oil Field

JOINT venture between Myanma Oil and Gas enterprise MPRL E&P gave Instant Food making course in Aye Mya Village, which is close to Mann oil field, in coordination with Magway Small Scale Industry Department from 4th to 8th July 2019.

This is the first course of the courses to be opened in 2019-2020. Its targeted participants are local women of the village closes to Mann oil field and 19 local women attended the course.

Uplifting the socio-economy of the locals of Mann oil field, MPRL E@P is mainly supporting trainings which they can use to be self- dependent. The course aims to have local women start their small business on the basis of local products.

This course covers making chili sauce, tomato sauce, papadum, fried dried banana, potato chips and baked groundnut.

MPRL E&P has been successful in implementing social development projects and will conduct more training and courses for youth and local women in this fiscal year. Vocational trainings and sharing courses on good traditional practice of agriculture and livestock were given in past fiscal years and over the last two years 10 courses has been conducted and a total of 196 particpant attended.—MNA

(Translated by Alphonsus)



Labutta paddy farmers double yield

SOME farmers in Sarmalauk Village in Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Region, gained high yield per acre yield through a colloboarative model last summer. Fifty-five-year-old rice farmer, U Win Naing's yield jump from 70 to 180 baskets per acre this summer. Besides, 12 other farmers in the village also gained average 130 baskets per acre and their average net income increases by 30%, compares to the previous year.

This significant improvement of yield was brought by the collaboration of three actors: Myanma Awba, agriculture input company, Mercy Corps, a global humanitarian organization and the Golden Sunland Singapore, an agrotechnology firm and seed producer.

In Myanmar, 80 percent of all Myanmar farmers grow rice. They struggled to get out of poverty trap for various reasons including poor access to high-quality seeds, no financial means to purchase quality fertilizer, and reluctance to adopt new farming practices due to uncertainties. —GNLM



City Mart Supermarket and MasterChef debut new step



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CITY MART Supermarket, a local Supermarket and market leader in Myanmar in modern retail market which has opened many branches in Myanmar, and MasterChef, a world famous competitive cooking reality TV show, have debuted another new step by creating MasterChef Myanmas Season 2, and become a Popular programme. City Mart Supermarket is a main sponsor in the MasterChef Myanmar Season 2 programme.

MasterChef, which is a strong competitive cooking contest, is created by Franc Roddam (English film director, screenwriter, television producer and publisher) in UK in 1990. The TV programme has been entertained in 40 countries all over the world till now.

MasterChef Australia is the third popular TV programme and, got Reality Programme Award in 2010. MasterChef Myanmar entertained its Season 1 on MRTV-4 channel in September, 2018 and the MasterChef Myanmar becomes a popular programme across the country.

City Mart Supermarket is a prestigious one as a local Supermarket for its timing up with MasterChef Myanmar. —GNLM

CB Bank credit holders to enjoy instalment payment with no interest

CB BANK has partnered with Myanmar largest ecommerce platform Shop.com.mm owned by Alibaba Group to introduce Installment Payment Plan at zero interest for CB Bank's credit card holders. They will be able to make installment payments of up to 6 months with no interest rates for purchases above 100,000 kyats. .

CB Bank's Credit Card holders will need to make purchases on Shop.com.mm through their CB VISA or MasterCard credit card at check out. Through a quick simple and smart application link for IPP, they will be able to enjoy Installment Payment.

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CB Bank has partnered with Myanmar largest ecommerce platform Shop.com.mm owned by Alibaba Group to introduce Installment Payment Plan at zero interest for CB Bank's credit card holders. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

Thet Htar Thuzar advances to world number 84 ranking after title win

AFTER winning the Cote d'Ivoire International Badminton Tournament on Sunday, Myanmar's 20-year-old icon Thet Htar Thuzar has moved up in her World Badminton Ranking (WBR) to 84 from 101, according to a statement issued by the Badminton World Federation (BWF).

In the Cote d'Ivoire tournament held from 4 to 7 July at Honore Zolobe in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, Africa, Thet Htar Thuzar secured the gold medal by beating Sri Krishna Priya Kudaravalli by a decisive result of 21-17 and 21-13.

The win in the finals pushed her ranking up by 17 points from 101, which she had achieved after winning the Benin International series in Cotonou, Benin, Africa on 30 June.

So far, Thet Htar Thuzar has won six international badminton titles — the Egypt International Badminton Series, Uganda Badminton International Series, Kenya Future Series, Mauritius Fleet International Series, Benin International series, and Cote d'Ivoire international series.



Myanmar badminton ace Thet Htar Thuzar celebrates her victory at the Cote d'Ivoire International Badminton series 2019, which was held at Honore Zolobe in Abidjan, Cote d'Ivoire, Africa on Sunday. **PHOTO: THET HTAR THUZAR'S FACEBOOK PAGE**

The new ranking will help her chances in the 2020 Summer Olympics in Tokyo, Japan, according to the Myanmar Badminton Federation. —Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Djokovic into ninth Wimbledon semi-final as Federer, Nadal eye match-up

LONDON — Four-time champion Novak Djokovic reached the Wimbledon semi-finals for the ninth time on Wednesday, racking up his 70th career win at the All England Club in the process.

The top seed and world number one hit back from a break down in the first set to carve out a commanding 6-4, 6-0, 6-2 win over 21st seed David Goffin of Belgium.

In a ruthless display, the defending champion reeled off 15 of the last 17 games to secure a place in the semi-finals of the majors for the 36th time.

Next up is either Spain's Roberto Bautista Agut or Guido Pella of Argentina for a place in Sunday's final.

"He started well and was dictating play from the baseline," said 32-year-old Djokovic.

"Things could have gone a different way if I had lost the first set but I was very pleased with the second and third.

He added: "I had a tough match in the third round (against Hubert Hurkacz). Other than that, I've won in straight sets and played really well throughout the tournament.

"It's exactly what I wanted and hopefully I can go in the right direction in the semis as well."

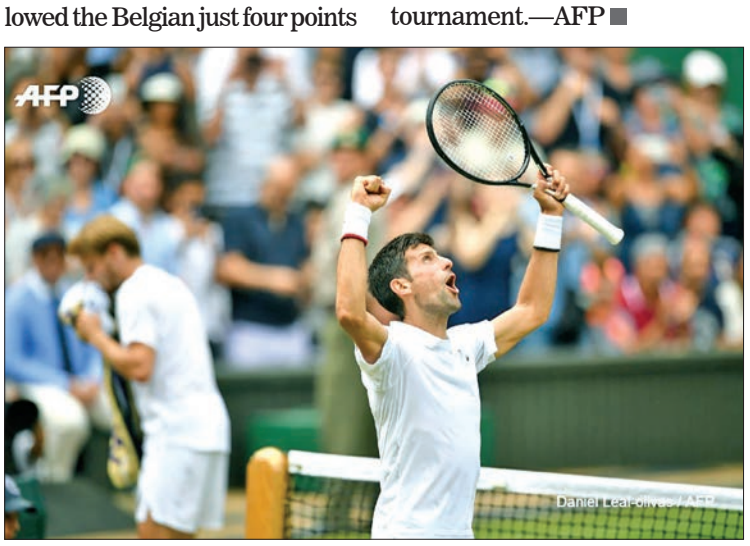
Goffin was on top in the early stages as he sensed the opportunity to become the first Belgian man to make the semi-finals at a Slam since Xavier Malisse at Wimbledon in 2002.

The 28-year-old broke for a 4-3 lead but 16-time Slam winner Djokovic then reeled off the next nine games, taking the first set and the second in which he allowed the Belgian just four points on his serve.

Federer v Nadal in semis?

The contest was over by the time Djokovic broke for a 3-1 lead in the third set. Roger Federer can rack up his 100th win at Wimbledon later Wednesday and set-up a blockbuster semi-final against Rafael Nadal.

If it does happen, it will be their first at the All England Club since 2008 when Nadal triumphed in what is widely regarded as the greatest final ever played at the tournament.—AFP ■



Power-packed: Novak Djokovic celebrates winning a game against David Goffin. **PHOTO: AFP**

Myawady FC beat Chin United 3-0 in U-18 MNL

THE Myawady FC beat Chin United by three goals in the Week 12 match of the U-18 Myanmar National League, held yesterday at the Salin Stadium in Yangon.

Kaung Htet Linn scored two goals for Myawady and Nay Win landed one goal. Both teams played well from the kick-off. Myawady had prepared well for yesterday's match, and exhibited a flawless defence and good tackling skills, and the team dominated the first half. At 11 minutes, Kaung Htet Linn scored the first goal for Myawady, boosting the team's confidence.

Myawady landed their second goal at 28 minutes. The goal was scored by Nay Win with a brilliant pass over Chin United's defenders.

The first half ended with Myawady leading by two goals. The second half proved to be thrilling as both teams launched all-out attacks, with Chin United creating more goal opportunities. But, Myawady's strong defense and middle field made it difficult for Chin United strikers to convert their goal chances.

There were no more goals in the second half till before the final whistle, but Kaung Htet Linn scored the third goal for Myawady at 90 plus 3 minutes, and the match ended with a 3-0 win for Myawady.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)



A player from Myawady FC (yellow) attempts to kick the ball forward during the U-18 Myanmar National League match at Salin Stadium in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNL**

Week-16 MNL matches to be broadcast live on free-to-air channels

THE Week-16 Myanmar National League matches will be broadcast live on free-to-air channels, according to a statement issued by the Myanmar National League.

Week-16 will feature many thrilling matches, including Magwe FC vs Yadanarbon FC and Southern Myanmar FC vs Rakhine United.

The match between Magwe FC and Yadanarbon FC will take place at 4:00 pm on 13 July at the Thuwunna Stadium, and it will be broadcast live on Fortune TV.

Meanwhile, Ayeyawady United will take on Dagon FC at 3:30 pm on 13 July at the Pathein Stadium. The match will be broadcast live on Mizzima TV.

Another match scheduled for 3:30 pm on 13 July will pit Southern Myanmar FC vs Rakhine United. The match will be played at the Mawlamyaing Stadium and will be broadcast live on MRTV-4 and MRTV.

There are several matches lined up for 14 July (Sunday). Chin Land FC will play against Sagaing United at 4:00 pm on Sunday at the Thuwunna Stadium, and the match will be streamed live on My Sports Facebook Page. The same day, Yangon United will face Zwekapin United at the Yangon United Sports Complex, and the match will be broadcast live on MRTV and MRTV-4.

Shan United will also take on Hantharwady United at Taunggyi Stadium on Sunday, and the match will be shown live on Mizzima TV Channel.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)