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Pyithu Hluttaw

Pyithu Hluttaw approves formation of Advisory Group on Parliamentary Capacity-building

By Mawsi and Hmwe Kyuzin
Photo : Htike Gyi

AT the second-day meeting of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw's 13th regular session held at the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday. Hluttaw approves the formation of Advisory Group on Parliamentary Capacity-building. A motion and bill was also tabled after a question and answer session was held.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat.

Advisory Group on Parliamentary Capacity-building

In the first agenda of the meeting Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced Hluttaw's agreement and approval of the formation, duties, responsibilities, rights and terms of Advisory Group on Parliamentary Capacity-building after obtaining the consensus of the Hluttaw.

Question and answer session

During the question and answer session that follows U Tun Wai of Phaungpyin constituency raised the first question on whether there was a plan to draw up and enact a witness protection law. Supreme Court Judge U Aung Zaw Thein replied that as the prevailing laws had sections covering witness protection there is no plan to draw up and enact a witness protection law.

Replying to a question raised by U Tun Myint of Bahan constituency on whether there is a plan to upgrade School of Industrial Training and Education (SITE) in Bahan Township as Government Technical Institute Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun said priority was given toward constructing buildings and supplementing teaching aids as well as training and employing more teachers to SITE with an aim of upgrading it to government technical institute in academic year 2020-2021.

With regards to a plan to teach an additional subject on marine biology in Dawei University raised by U Aung Soe of Thayetchaung constituency, Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun answered that as there were only four students attending marine biology course in the university, there is no plan at the moment to teach additional subject on it.

U Soe San That Tun of Myinmu constituency than raised a question on how action will be taken against unauthorized opening of traditional medical schools and universities. Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe replied that Myanmar Traditional Medicine Council Law was enacted on 25 January 2019; Myanmar Traditional Medicine Council Patron Group was being formed and after this Group formed the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Council, action will be taken against unauthorized traditional medical schools and universities as prescribed in the law said the Union Minister.

The Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe also explained in detail to questions raised by Dr U Sein Mya Aye of Dala constituency what was being done to revitalize the sports of swimming in Myanmar as it was 50 years ago and plan to train up basic education and university students and Dr Salai Rianville of Falam constituency on a plan to install kidney dialysis machine and appoint a specialist and assistant doctors.

The final question of the day on a plan to vaccinate dogs in the country with anti-rabies vaccine raised by Dr U Min Thein of YeU constituency was also answered by Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced that the final question raised and the answer provided by the ministry will be of much benefit to the people and as per Hluttaw rules, arrangements will be published it in Myanmar Gazette and state-own newspapers.

Motion to establish and implement policy to eradicate cigarette smoking and betel quid chewing

After the question and answer session, U Khin Cho of Hlaingbwe constituency tabled a motion urging the government to establish and implement an effective policy to eradicate and reduce the usage of cigarette and betel quid chewing containing tobacco. The motion was supported by U Myint Kyi of Katha constituency.

After Hluttaw agreed to accept and consider the motion Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the motion to register their names.

National Records and Archives Bill tabled and report on it read and submitted

Economic and Financial Development Committee member Daw Wint Wah Tun tabled the National Records and Archives Bill and Bill Committee member U Pa Htan read the committee's report on the bill.

The Hluttaw meeting came to a close after Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to table bill amendment motions to register their names.

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Amyotha Hluttaw

Amyotha Hluttaw starts debate on Basic Education Bill

THE second-day meeting of the Second Amyotha Hluttaw's 13th regular session was held at the Amyotha Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning where the Hluttaw started its debate on Basic Education Bill. Earlier at the question and answer session, questions raised by three Hluttaw representatives were answered by a Nay Pyi Taw Council member.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than. **PHOTO: MNA**

Question and answer session

In the question and answer session Naw Hla Hla Soe of Yangon Region constituency 10 raised the first question asking if there was any plan to take action against illegal squatters along Gyobyu pipe. Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Nyi Tun replied that removal of illegal squatters along Gyobyu pipe will be conducted with the leadership of official authoritative organization in cooperation and assistance of Myanmar Police Force, departmental organizations and respective Hluttaw representatives.

On the next question of plan to implement a Road Traffic Control System in capital of Mon State Mawlamyine city raised by Daw Nwe Nwe Aung of Mon State constituency 2, Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Nyi Tun replied that there is no plan to implement a Road Traffic Control System in Mawlamyine as traffic lights, slowdowns, pedestrian crossings and speed warning yellow lights were installed under the guidance of vehicle/road danger mitigating committee.

The final question of the day was raised by U Maung Maung Latt of Sagaing Region constituency 9 on a plan to upgrade to concrete road a road connecting wards 4, 3 and 2 in Tamu District Khampat town. Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Nyi Tun replied that there was no plan to upgrade this road due to budget limitation of Khampat Town Development Affairs Committee.

Basic Education Bill debate

After the question and answer session, U Kyaw Naing of Yangon Region constituency 12, U Mahn Tun Kyaing of Ayeyawady Region constituency 6, U Mahn Law Moung of Chin State constituency 8, U Kyaw Tote of Mandalay Region constituency 7 and Dr U Kywe Kywe of Mandalay Region constituency 6 debated the Basic Education Bill. 14 more Hluttaw representatives were scheduled to debate this bill and it will be conducted on the third-day meeting of the Second Amyotha Hluttaw's 13th regular session which will be held on 23 July. — *Kyaw Thu Htat (MNA)*
(Translated by Zaw Min)

President U Win Myint pays tribute to Bogyoke Aung San statue at Bogyoke Aung San Museum in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi offers Waso robes and offertories to the Sayadaw of Aung Zabu Pariyatti Monastery in Kawhmu Township yesterday. **PHOTO: THET AUNG**

President U Win Myint visits Bogyoke Aung San Museum, Secretariat Building in Yangon

PRESIDENT U Win Myint visited the Bogyoke Aung San Museum (Yangon) in Yangon Region, Bahan Township and Secretariat Building (former Ministers' Office) in Yangon yesterday.

President U Win Myint left Nay Pyi Taw by air at 9:20 am and was welcomed upon arrival at the Yangon International Airport by Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe and officials.

Next, the President arrived at the Bogyoke Aung San Museum (Yangon) and together with Vice Presidents U Myint Swe and U Henry Van Thio, Union Minister Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Deputy Ministers Maj-Gen Aung Thu and U Kyi Min, Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe and officials observed the car used by Bogyoke Aung San in the museum compound; Bogyoke Aung San's historical photographs; Martyrs' Day commemorative stamps; stamps, currencies and coins bearing the image of Bogyoke Aung San which were being displayed.

Afterwards, the President observed the Bogyoke Aung San statue, shrine room, bedroom, reading room, living room, dining room inside the museum, paid respects to the Bogyoke Aung San statue and then visited the garden where Bogyoke Aung San himself planted vegetables and the pond in the museum compound.

Later President U Win Myint went to Secretariat Building (former Ministers' Office) and observed the stone pillar erected to commemorate the Martyred leaders inside the compound, pre-independence parliament building and the meeting hall where the Martyred leaders were assassinated.— MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

State Counsellor donates Waso robes, inaugurates new school building in Kawhmu

STATE COUNSELLOR Daw Aung San Suu Kyi donated Waso robes to the leading monk of Aung Zabu Pariyatti Monastery in Sinchan Village of Peindegone Village-Tract in Kawhmu Township, Yangon Region, yesterday morning.

As she arrived at the monastery at 9 am, the State Counsellor was welcomed by the young violinists from the Christian church of Than Ai Village in Kawhmu Township with a patriotic song called "Zar Ti Man".

The State Counsellor then paid homage to Bhaddanta Kaytumarlar, the patron of Aung Zabu Pariyatti Monastery, and donated Waso robes and offertories after which she shared merits for donations made.

She also attended an inauguration ceremony of a two-storey RC building for Aung Zabu Youth Development Philanthropy Centre constructed in the compound of Aung Zabu Monastic School with funds donated by the Shwe Taung Foundation.

The State Counsellor sprayed scented water on the plaque of the new building and looked around the classrooms before posing for photos together with teachers, school children, violinists of the Christian church, and members of the school band.

Later, Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi gave a short speech about the donation of the new school building, and explained activities of his ministry.

Then, Patron of Shwe Taung Foundation U Aik Tun spoke about the donation, and U Ye Myint, chairman of the foundation, presented the documents of the building to the officer in charge of the centre.

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Vice President U Henry Van Thio inspects Thilawa SEZ

VICE PRESIDENT U Henry Van Thio inspected Thilawa Special Economic Zone's Zone A, the temporary headquarters of the National Water Resources Committee (NWRC) and the construction site for the Water Resources and Water Management Center yesterday.

Visit to Thilawa SEZ

The Vice President, who is also Chairman of the Myanmar Special Economic Zones Central Committee (MSEZCC), was accompanied by Chairman of the Executive Working Group Dr Than Myint, who is Union Minister for Commerce, and Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo.

He was first briefed by Dr Than Myint on the progress of the SEZ's various projects in the briefing hall. This was followed by explanations of the SEZ's processes and development by Thilawa SEZ Management Committee Chair and Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance Dr Sett Aung, Myanmar Japan Thilawa Development Limited's President/CEO Mr Tomoyasu Shimizu, and Myanmar Japan Thilawa SEZ Holdings Public Co. Ltd Chairman U Win Aung.

The Vice President responded to the reports, saying that there had been noticeable accomplishments and progress. He said the SEZ's success would have an effect on national economic development and integrity. He urged everyone to double their efforts and provided suggestions as necessary.

Next, the Vice President travelled to Zone A and inspected Zifam Pyrex Myanmar Co Ltd's pharmaceutical manufacturing, Suzuki Thilawa Motor Co. Ltd's automotive assembly, Yakult Myanmar Co Ltd's yogurt production, and Boxpak (Myanmar) Co Ltd's cardboard box production.

Progress of businesses in SEZ

Zifam Pyrex Myanmar is run by 102 workers with an investment of US$9.22 million from Australia. The antibiotics they produce will soon be distributed to the domestic market.

Japan has put $35 million in Suzuki Thilawa Motor and the factory employs 260 workers who assemble 48 vehicles per day for the local market.

Yakult Myanmar is also another Japanese investment with $47.59 million put into the factory that employs 21 workers. Their health-friendly yogurts will enter the local market soon.

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President visits Secretariat Building in Yangon

President U Win Myint, Vice Presidents U Myint Swe and U Henry Van Thio observe the stone pillar erected to commemorate the Martyred leaders at the Secretariat in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Vice President U Henry Van Thio inspects Thilawa SEZ

Vice President U Henry Van Thio inspects automotive assembly line at Suzuki Thilawa Motor Co Ltd at Thilawa Special Economic Zone's Zone A in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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The Boxpak factory is invested by Malaysia and employs 146 workers. $31 million has been put into its cardboard production that supplies containers to domestic food businesses.

There are 112 businesses from 19 countries permitted to work in the Thilawa SEZ and they have put in a combined $1.8 billion as investments so far.

Currently, 74 businesses are running and 18 businesses are beginning to export their wares. The SEZ is also employing over 20,000 workers including permanent and construction workers, according to its management committee.

Visit to NWRC HQ

From there, the Vice President visited the temporary headquarters of NWRC in Park Lane Condominium on New University Avenue, Bahan Township.

There, the Vice President was briefed on the committee's current progress by Joint Secretary U Win Hlaing and Advisor Secretary Dr Khin Ni Ni Thein. They also reported about the progress of the construction work for the NWRC's headquarters and the Water Resources and Water Management Center.

The Vice President then inspected the NWRC offices and met with students of the Myanmar Water Academy's first batch, where he spoke words of encouragement.

Later in the evening, the Vice President visited the construction site of the Water Resources and Water Management Center on Pyidaungsu Kyaung Road in Mayangon Township. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

How to be prepared against floods

The following are suggestions for department officials, humanitarian organizations and the general public may follow to reduce losses incurred from floods and related dangers.

(1) Searching for source of floods and assessing possible solutions.
(2) Ensuring canals in wards, villages and townships have smooth waterflow.
(3) Digging out sand dunes that hamper flow of rivers.
(4) Building embankments along river banks.
(5) Repairing and maintaining levees.
(6) Planting trees to prevent soil erosion along river banks.
(7) Planting trees and plants to prevent top soil erosion.
(8) Storing necessary items for repairing dams and embankments in advance (e.g. sand bags, water pumps, shovels, spades, bamboo).
(9) Installing early warning systems and signals to notify flood warnings to residents in case water needs to be released from reservoirs and embankments from exceeding capacity.
(10) Preparing people living near dams and embankments from possible breaching and flooding through cooperation between relevant departments, organizations and local residents.
(11) Arranging for residents of annual flood-prone areas to relocate in time.
(12) Selecting emergency routes beforehand in regions prone to floods.
(13) Forming rescue teams and collecting adequate rescue equipment.
(14) Assembling regional military vessels and rowboats and distributing them equally.
(15) Distributing small boats, rafts, lifebuoys for families living near bodies of water and flood-stricken areas, especially life jackets where possible.
(16) Disseminating information on dangers of floods to wards, villages and schools and practicing role plays for better preparedness.
(17) Organizing early warning systems in townships, wards and villages.
(18) Ensuring the public is aware of emergency contacts.
(19) Having disaster response strategies in place.
(20) Having special response strategies for townships, wards and villages located near dams and embankments.

State Counsellor donates Waso robes, inaugurates new school building

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Next, Chairman of Nay Oke Foundation U Nay Oke expressed words of thanks to the donors of the new building.

Then, local and international well-wishers, donated a toilet, computer desks, chairs, school playground, water tank tower, copy books, bottles of purified water and school furniture through the good offices of the Minister for Education.

Next a local elder expressed word of thanks for the all the donations made, including the two-storey RC new school building with eight classrooms.

After the inauguration ceremony, the State Counsellor donated "soon" (day meal) to the Sanghas led by the patron of Aung Zabu Monastery.

The ceremony was also attended by Union Ministers U Min Thu and Thura U Aung Ko, Yangon Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, speaker of Yangon region parliament, ministers of regional government, local parliamentarians, heads of foreign missions in Myanmar, responsible persons of Shwe Taung Foundation, donors, teachers, school children and the local people.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi poses for a photo together with school children from Aung Zabu Monastic School of Aung Zabu Youth Development Philanthropy Centre in Kawhmu Township. **PHOTO: THET AUNG**

Union Attorney-General receives French Ambassador in Nay Pyi Taw

ATTORNEY GENERAL of the Union, U Tun Tun Oo, received French Ambassador, Mr. Christian Lechervy and representatives of French Development Agency at the Office of the Attorney General of the Union in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed strategy on the rule of law, coordination on matters regarding rule of law and fairness, the public being able to reach fairness included in "Fairness for the Public" strategy, giving assistance to law making, educating the public about law, implementing law, preventing crime, coordination with different organizations on different projects, assistance for Rule of Law centers and their work, reforming bar council and effort to build an environment worthy of international investment by strengthening rule of law.—MNA

(Translated by Alphonsus)

Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo meets with French Ambassador Mr Christian Lechervy yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Connect University looks forward to the future as the American University of Yangon

On Saturday 8th June 2019, Connect University started a new chapter of the university's history as the American University of Yangon. A name changing ceremony on the Inya Road campus was attended by faculty, staff, Miss Myanmar Bella Myat Thiri Lwin, San Htate Htar Oo and other celebrities and friends. The ribbon cutting ceremoniously opened the school to students and parents, who enjoyed food, entertainment and seminars.

For the past five years, the university has been running its signature '2+2 program', allowing Myanmar students the unique opportunity to study 2 years of U.S. university courses in Yangon and then finish their final two years of a four-year degree in the U.S. During the program, students are equipped with the skills necessary to meet the rigorous educational standards at U.S. universities, and are exposed to a diverse range of subjects under the 'General Education or GE' system. Within the GE system courses cover a diverse variety of subject areas, giving students the opportunity to explore their true interests and broaden their understanding of the world. Students also learn crucial life skills like leadership, public speaking, and additional conversational English to help them thrive in the US and to develop into confident young people.

Once students complete two years of GE courses in Yangon, they continue on to study an additional two years in the United States at one of AU's 12 partner universities. To date, more than 45 students have successfully transferred to the U.S. to continue their degrees.

We spoke to some students to find out more about life at AU Yangon. Htet Myet Min Htun, a top 4 student in Whole Burma in 2018 and participant in the Yale University Exchange Program, has been attending AU for one year. When asked about his experience, he said, 'I think I have improved a lot by attending classes at AU. The education system is very good, not only preparing us for academic challenges, but also for many other aspects of our life'.

His sentiments are echoed by is classmate, Nicole Aye: 'Since studying here, I have become more skilled in critical thinking, self-study, independent learning and research. Personally, my favorite part of studying here is the opportunity to study so many different subjects, as well as the discussion-based learning environment.'

While the name change is big news for the university, students can rest assured that the caliber of instruction and commitment to excellence is stronger than ever.

In light of the event, Emily Stephenson, Director of Programs said, 'We are so pleased to be starting this new chapter of the school's history at the American University of Yangon. The past 5 years have been an incredible journey, and we are so grateful for the support we have received from our students and university community. We look forward to the challenges that lie ahead and are so excited to see what is next as we continue to grow.'

—Imogen

Deputy C-in-C of Defence Services receives Royal Thai Armed Forces Director

DEPUTY Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win received Lt-Gen Suphot Malaniyom, Director of the Joint Operations of the Royal Thai Armed Forces at the Bayintnaung Guest House in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting, they discussed matters relating to friendly relations between the governments and the armed forces of the two neighbouring countries, exchange of information on carrying out stability in border areas and fighting drugs, cooperation in the future based on mutual respect, honesty and trust and successful holding of the Myanmar-Thai Senior Staff Talks, according to a press release from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.—MNA *(Translated by GNLM)*

Vice Senior General Soe Win meets with Director of the Joint Operations of the Royal Thai Armed Forces Lt-Gen Suphot Malaniyom in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe receives Deputy Minister for Political Affairs of ROK

UNION Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe received a delegation led by Mr. Yoon Soon-gu, Deputy Minister for Political Affairs of the Republic of Korea at the Office of the State Counsellor in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting, they discussed matters relating to bilateral cooperation.—MNA *(Translated by GNLM)*

Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe meets with ROK Deputy Minister for Political Affairs Mr. Yoon Soon-gu in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

MIC Chairman hosts Tea Party for Heads of Mission of the ASEAN Member States in Myanmar

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC), U Thaung Tun, hosted an informal get together for ASEAN Heads of Mission at the Novotel Hotel in Yangon today.

The informal session was attended by Heads of Mission of the ASEAN member states in Myanmar, MIC members, Dr. Aung Tun Thet and U Aye Lwin, Chairman of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI), U Zaw Min Win, senior officials of MIFER.

The informal meeting was held with the aim of promoting closer investment ties between Myanmar and ASEAN member states as well as ensuring quality investment.

The Union Minister of MIFER underscored the change and transformation taking place in Myanmar and the strong economy growth registered in recent years. He said Myanmar in 2018 continuous to be one of the fastest growing economies in ASEAN. The World Bank estimates Myanmar economy will grow at 6.2 percent in 2018 and the ADB estimates growth rate of around 6.5 percent.

He also said that economy growth in Myanmar is taking place across a wide range of sectors of economy, including agriculture. He highlighted reform policies such as a new investment law that has made business much easier for local and foreign entrepreneurs alike. Furthermore, he cited the successful launch of a new company law which aims to promote clarity, security and stability for all businesses in December 2017 and referred to the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP) that seeks to bring coherence and momentum to the country.

The Heads of Mission discussed the challenges that the investors faced in Myanmar and Union Minister responded the queries of the Ambassadors with regards to the investment promotion matters.—MNA

Union Minister U Thaung Tun delivers the speech at the meeting with ASEAN Heads of Mission in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Film Development Center invites film analysis on Thai motion-picture

Director Apichatpong Weerasethakul's 'Uncle Boonmee Who Can Recall His Past Lives' will be screened at the Film Development Center at No. 50, Shwe Taung Kyar Road (Golden Valley Road), Bahan Township, at 12 p.m. on 21 July.

This is the 21st event of the Cinematheque Program and will be led by Dr Aung Min, a member of the center's management. The Thai film won the Palme d'Or prize at the 2010 Cannes Film Festival. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

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Coordination meeting on republishing Myanmar encyclopedia held

Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint attends the coordination meeting on republishing Myanmar Encyclopedia in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

COORDINATION meeting on republishing Myanmar Encyclopedia was held at Printing and Publishing Department on Theinbyu Road in Yangon.

At the event, Union Minister for Information said that editing the encyclopedias has been taking too long, nevertheless he sees that as an effort to produce work free of error.

He expressed his desire to discuss first volume of the encyclopedia which is about to be completed.

Then, the Patron of Steering Committee on Republishing Encyclopedias, U Thein Tun , Vice Chairman of the committee Dr Khin Aye (Maung Khin Min-Danubyu) and the secretary of the committee Dr San Win explained about complement from Ka to Kote and suggestions of experts.

Afterwards, a general round of discussion followed and the Union Minister made additional suggestions.

First volume of Myanmar encyclopedia (ka –kone) was first published by Burmese Translation Society (Sarpay Beikman) in 1954 and it was republished in 1970.

In 2019, first volume of Myanmar encyclopedia(ka –kote) is being prepared, and MOI, Sarpay Beikman and Tun Foundation are collaborating to publish it.—MNA

(Translated by Alphonsus)

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Defence Services Personnel representative from State Hluttaw substituted

According to a request made in accordance with Section 33 of the Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law to substitute one Defence Services Personnel Representative who is parliamentarian, the Union Election Commission has scrutinized and substituted the following a State Hluttaw representative shown on the left column under the Notification 15/2017 of the commission dated 29-6-2017 with those shown on the right column.

The Defence Services Personnel Representative of State Hluttaw to be substituted was nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in the second Multi-party General Election held on 8 November 2015.

Rakhine State Hluttaw

BC 22666	BC 23158
Col Phone Tint	Col Min Than

(Hla Thein)
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Legal organizations, media groups meet to design strategies on rule of law

MYANMAR legal organizations and media groups held strategic talks at the Hilton Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning on finding ways to strengthen rule of law in the country.

Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun made an opening remark of the meeting.

The deputy minister said that the statement of World Justice Project issued early this year concluded more global countries have suffered a negative slide toward weaker rule of law around the world, and no country has achieved a perfect realization of the rule of law.

He also said the rule of law is a common issue related to every person, and it cannot be restored just by an individual or any organization.

The government is making the best for the rule of laws by holding educative talks, dialogues and workshops, as the Ministry of Information has collected the copies of documents on existing laws, rules and regulations, as well as official gazettes in its 417 IPRD offices across the country.

"In accordance with legal principle, 'Ignorance of the law is no excuse', it's very important to promote public legal awareness," the deputy minister said.

The ministry's website www.moi.gov.mm have uploaded a total of 727 enacted laws, 115 bills and 120 bylaws for free download.

Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun added media and the rule of law are interrelated, as the former being independent, ethical and self-regulated are crucial for promoting the latter.

He also remarked the rule of law is essential for the emergence of independent, ethical and self-regulated media.

The deputy minister also noted investigative journalism helps a lot in exposing and taking actions against those who commit corruptions, misappropriation and malpractices, while the journalists in this role need to write such stories with clean hands.

He also recounted the difficulties of media in the past.

"Media played an important role in our struggle for democracy and human rights. Now our country has reached on the right track to democracy but facing mounting challenges. I'd like to request the media to keep helping so that our country won't deviate from the road to democracy and will be able to walk towards the final goal after getting over the challenges," U Aung Hla Tun said.

Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun delivers the opening speech at the high-level strategy roundtable on the rule of law in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

He also called on the participants in the talks to exchange their opinions and suggestions openly and cordially.

Then, Mr Robert La Mont, Chief of Party from USAID Promoting Rule of Law in Myanmar (PRLM) made a speech.

The talks focused on the release of information from the legal sector to media, possible mutual cooperation between the two sectors, challenges and opportunities for media in reporting the rule of law.

The meeting was attended by U Nyunt Shwe and U Soe Phone Myint from Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, U Han Nyunt from Anti-Corruption Commission, Secretary U Khin Zaw from Union Legal Aid Board, parliamentarians, legal organizations and officials from ministries concerned and media groups.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Lessons from Martyrs' Day

AT the conference of the Pha-Sa-Pa-La (Anti-Fascist People's Freedom) League on the middle platform of the Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon on 20 January, 1946, Bogyoke Aung San delivered a historic speech on politics.

In his speech, he said politics was not a dirty game, but some persons entered politics and muddied it.

Seventy-two years ago today, the architect of our independence, Bogyoke Aung San, and his colleagues were assassinated by a group of armed men manipulated by a dirty politician, and fell prey to ugly politics while struggling for independence on behalf of the country and its people.

> The people determine who should be called a martyr, and what kind of person should be accepted as a martyr. Therefore, Martyrs' Day concerns the people.

The assassination shows how the image of politics can be tarnished by unscrupulous politicians.

The actions of politicians were on the same plane as those of the assassins, and they sent our country into a ruinous decline.

The assassination of the national leaders reminds us of their sacrifice for the country, and we must be inspired by this spirit of martyrdom. Besides, the new generation must understand why inhuman acts to seize political power, use of arms, and actions that can precipitate the ruin of the country must be rejected.

The spirit of martyrdom is simple. A martyr is someone who prioritises the people's interests and subordinates personal interests. Martyrs devote themselves entirely to the welfare of the people and the country, even at the cost of their own lives.

No one can profit from deeds that do not benefit other people. From this point of view, we must always prioritise people's interests.

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When remembering the martyrs, some people cherish dreams of becoming well-known and famous like the martyrs, but they are unwilling to struggle and face the same difficulties. Others take lessons from history.

On this Martyrs' Day, we would like to ask youths to use their time in the most valuable way, and remember the martyrs' real desires, instead of simply grieving for them, like everyone else.

Martyrs' Day was born of the people. We wish all the people remember this. Essentially, the people decide a country's destiny.

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The 72nd Anniversary of Martyrs' Day

Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
(Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja, Sithu)

"Memories recapture
Our life again
Bringing Pleasures as well as pains."

NEWS of the 1st holding of the Central Committee for the 72nd Anniversary of Martyrs' Day 19 July 2019 in public media awakens the memories of the writer. He was the Director General of Fine and Performing Arts Dept. as well as that of the Historical Research Dept. under the Ministry of Culture with one pay, one phone and one old out-dated office car As D.G of car Fine and Performing Arts Dept. his duties were diverse. Apart from office duties, he had to carry out extramural duties such as State's Tour Guide to accompany State Visitors to places of their Visits in Yangon and other places across the country. Their visits in Yangon included Shwedagon Pagoda and Martyrs' Mausoleum. He received them and explained historical backgrounds. At Martyrs' mausoleum he explained the bio-data of the fallen leaders of 19 July 1947. The visitors lay wreaths and saluted when The Military Band sounded

> A comprehensive ....devoted patriot leaders' over-confidence that they had no dangerous enemies and that there enemies were near at hand.

The last post as the State Flag came down to join the salute.

The writer upon seeing the tomb of Ko Htwe at the foot of that of Sayagyi U Razak his memories rolled back to his native town Mandalay. It was on the occasion of Sayagyi U Razat, our immediate neighbor who came to us to bid goodbye as he would join Bogyoke Aung San's cabinet as Minister of Education. U Razak's family and ours are almost close relatives. His mother Daw Nyein Hla was a strong Buddhist who accompanied the writer's mother to Buddhist Dhamma lectures and festivals. Sayagyi's sisters and brothers' were Buddhist U Ba Kyaw, Daw Thein Thein, Daw Yan were very religious and very patritic. Though the writer was not U Razak's pupil as he was a principal of Mandalay St Peter's English High School he was indirectly involved in the activities of Mandalay National School of which Sayagyi U Razak was the head master. He himself was a unique personality. He was the product of Mandalay Westlyan School [Methodist school] specializing in English, Pali and Buddhism. He wore European dress neat and tidy and spoke English. Pali and Burmese excellently.

To cut the story short, as he bid farewell to us, he turned to me and said " Hey young boy, come with me to Yangon. I appoint you my PA you are the same age as my personal body guard Maung Aye [who was only month my senior].

"What is PA Sayagyi?"

"PA means personal assistant. You have to be near me and to do all jobs I ask you to do such as fetching my clothings, food, books etc."

"No, Sayagyi I don't like that kind of job I like pwes [festivals] in Mandalay I would miss them. Besides I'm sitting for Matric Examination this year March 1947".

"Ok, Ok then I'll wait for your Matric result. Then you'll have to join me as my PA".

Then turning to my mother, Sayagyi said "Amagyi [my elder sister] would you agree to my idea?"

But things did not work out as Sayagyi's plan. But the write missed luckily the tragic end like. Ko Htwe. Bo Htun Hla [Tetkatho Ney Win] whom the writer often met on the occasions of the Writers' Day told me often two things the write never forgot.

Firstly သေက်ရောက်၊ သက်မပျောက် "[If your time has not arrived for your death, your life survives].

Secondly strong and devoted national leaders are sincerely convinced that they had no dangerous enemies who are always their immediates".We both used to reviews assassination cases in Buddha Jataka stories, Myanmar history as well as those of the world. In Jataka the son Ajatasa killed his own father King Bimasara and many other stories of Patricides and Matricides.

In Myanmar history cases of patricides such as Narathu the son of King Alaung Sithu two sons Myint Kun and Myin Khons Taing of King Mindon. In the world's history, it was his close friend Bruthus who assassinated Julius Caesar, Emperors of Roman Empire. As he was stabbed he opened his eyes to known who his assassin was and he exclaimed.

"Et tu,Brutus".

There are many cases of political murder or assassinations with unsolved problems of who the assassins were namely Abraham Lincon's assassin. Mahathma Gandhi's assassin, Andra Gandi's assassin, JF Kennedy's Assassin, Hammarskjold's assassins etc. etc.

In the case of our martyrs, though we had found out the assassins of our leaders, we still did not know who directed them to carry-out that political murder.

Second point of lesson that Bo Htun Hla and the writer got from these assassination cases we both reviewed was that devoted patriot leaders' over-confidence that they had no dangerous enemies and that there enemies were near at hand.

Bo Htun Hla told the writer that very morning when the cabinet meeting was about to begin, Bogyoke Aung San called off the bodyguard saying, there could not be dangerous enemy for us who were working for our country's independence. Bo Htun Hla was asked by Bogyoke Aung San to go back to his office to bring him some important files on his desk. So he very narrowly escaped assassination. When he heard shootings and appeared on the spot Bogyoke was dead in a well of blood with many bullets in his body. Whereas Ko Htway, personal bodyguard of Sayagyi U Razak was lying dead with bullets in body.

The writer explained to Bo Htun Hla that he had the same case of သေက်ရောက်၊ သက်မပျောက်. Had he accepted the PA post, he might or might not have met the same fate as that of Ko Htwe.

But Bo Htun Hla and the writer both agreed and would like to leave our sincere message to our patriotic leaders of the present and future "Please do not take it for granted that they have no dangerous enemies, who are always near you. Please take caution and keep security measures. Body guards to protect you safety. health and happiness and success to all.

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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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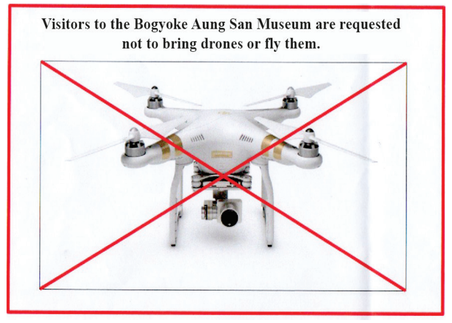

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Cash, aid provided to flood victims in Katha Tsp

OFFICIALS disbursed cash and relief supplies to flood victims from villages located along the Ayeyawady River in Katha Township during a ceremony held at 11 am on 17 July.

With the high level of water in the Ayeyawady River in July, a total of 2,468 villagers in Katha Township were shifted to relief camps for shelter.

At the ceremony, the Disaster Management Department gave K5,982,800 in cash aid and the Township General Administration Department provided family kits to the flood-affected.

Authorities provide aid to flood victims in Katha Township. **PHOTO: NAING LIN HTET**

Officials from the Disaster Management Department, Township General Administration Department, Myanmar Police Force, Township Fire Services Department, Information and Public Relations Department, Rural Development Department, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, and other concerned departments attended the ceremony and toured the affected areas. —Naing Lin Htet (IPRD)

(Translated by La Wonn)

Five public spots in Yangon to get free WiFi

By Nyein Nyein

FIVE public places in Yangon — Mahabandoola Park, People's Park, Thuwunna Park, Sule Square, and Inya Lake — will have free WiFi connection soon, said U Than, Joint Secretary, Yangon City Development Committee.

Officials from the Yangon Region government and Mytel are negotiating to install the free WiFi network, said U Than.

"Mytel representatives met with the Yangon Region Chief Minister to discuss about installation of the free WiFi network. They will install WiFi in five public places, and plan to install telecom towers in other places after paying charges. The negotiations with the regional government are under way," he added.

Further negotiations will be conducted for the installation of telecom towers, according to the YCDC. At present, the first round of negotiations has been conducted. A second meeting will be held to discuss the matter in detail. Of the 33 townships under the YCDC, the Shwedagon Pagoda and some YBS buslines offer free WiFi access.

(Translated by EMM)

Over 600 natural eel larvae to be conserved as Myanmar eel

PHOTO : AUNG WIN (PYAPON)

By Aye Yamone

OVER 600 eel larvae, which were hatched naturally in 2019, will be conserved as Myanmar eel, according to the Myanmar Fisheries Federation.

From October, 2017 to May, 2018, 100 pairs of eels were hatched on an experimental basis at the MFF head office, but the reproductive organs of the eels were found to be damaged and only two eels could be produced. "The eels were hatched only at the research level. Last year, a few eels were produced, but all died of fungal disease. This year, we did not have to administer any injections as the eels reproduced naturally. Over 600 natural eel larvae have been produced and we have given some to Yangon University, which is also conducting research on eels," said Dr Toe Nanda Tin, the vice chairperson of the Myanmar Fisheries Federation.

In 2017, MFF officials had gone on a study tour to Viet Nam, where eel cultivation has been successful, in order to conduct experimental eel farming, she said. "Although we have already conducted experimental farming with eels imported from Viet Nam, it prefers to conduct business only through government-to-government cooperation," she added.

"Research could not be finished within a year. Last year, we didn't get any results and we thought of Viet Nam, which has many good species produced in hatching camps. When we asked them to share their species with us, they said they didn't share them with private entrepreneurs. That is why we requested the Fisheries Department to conduct G2G negotiations," Dr Toe Nanda Tin added.

"Currently, over 100 eel larvae have been sent to the Zoology Department of Yangon University for research on eel hatching. Also, research is being conducted on more than 400 eel larvae to conserve them as a local eel species on MFF land," she said. "An eel can produce 200 to 1,000 eggs. So, if hatching is successful, local fish breeders can breed eels on a manageable scale," she added.

"We would like to make a suggestion on eel hatching. We would like the MFF to work with us on the project. In 2013, eel farming was conducted in Mandalay Region. We have some records," said U Hla Htay, the Deputy Head of the Yangon Region Fisheries Department. "If the MFF cooperates with the Fisheries Department to conduct experimental eel farming, hatching will be successful because the department can provide land and staff for the project," he added. Myanmar eel species are mainly exported to China and Thailand.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

MoU to be signed for exporting chilli to Viet Nam this month

By Aye Yamone

THE Chili Market and Technology Development Association will sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with a Viet Nam-based company this month for export of chilis to Viet Nam.

Six containers of chilis are expected to be exported to Viet Nam every month under the agreement. The price at which chilis will be procured from farmers for export will be calculated on a daily basis according to the prevailing market rate.

"The price of chili is on the decline because we don't have demand from China. That is why we have turned to Viet Nam to purchase chilis from local farmers. Once local farmers agree, contract farming will be conducted on a regular basis. At present, we will purchase chillies from local farmers first because they are facing difficulties due to the price fall," said Daw Ohnmar Kyaw, the chairperson of the Chili Market and Technology Development Association.

Farmers harvest chillies at a field in NyaungU, Mandalay Region. **PHOTO : KO HTAIN (NGATHAYAUK)**

Currently, the Viet Nam-based company, which is negotiating chili production through contract farming and provision of seeds to local farmers, will buy chilis from local farmers under the MoU. "The company wants to purchase more than six container cars of chili. But, we don't have much supply because some chilis were damaged by bad weather conditions. That is why we can guarantee only six containers of chili. The price of chili will depend on the daily market price. Contract farming must be conducted after fixing the price," said Daw Ohnmar Kyaw.

Last June, the price of chili was between K8,000 and K17,000 per viss in the local chili market. In the third week of July this year, the price of chili is ranging between K1,200 and K1,500 per viss.

"China buys chili only when it needs it. At present, we export most of our chili to China," said U Soe Than Min Din, the chairman of the Myanmar Fruit and Vegetable Producers and Exporters Association. While local chilis are mainly exported to China and Thailand, Myanmar also exports 692 chili varieties to other countries. Myanmar chili is mainly cultivated in the Ayeyawady Region and Kyaukse township of Mandalay Region. *(Translated by Hay Mar)*

Public Co to be set up to control speculations in sterculia gum market

By Aye Yamone

A public company will be established to control price manipulations in the market for sterculia gum (locally called Saekalarma), according to the Myanmar Sterculia Gum Association.

"Currently, we are taking the necessary measures for company registration. Additionally, we are drawing up a potential index to attract investors so that we can set up a sterculia gum public company. The decision to establish a public company was made at a meeting held between the executives and the Central Executive Committee in June," said a source close to the association.

"We will set up a public company to control the manipulation of the price of sterculia gum in the market. Currently, we have only invited members of our association to invest in the public company. Each share will be sold for K100,000. We have already invited some investors. On the day of invitation, we received requests for 80 shares," said U Hein Htet, the secretary of the Myanmar Sterculia gum Association.

The public company will be established depending on the amount of capital invested by the members, he added.

"Sterculia gum is currently a tax-free good. Among the Asian countries, four countries have declared sterculia gum tax-free. To be able to export Myanmar sterculia gum legally, the government must start establishing government-to-government contacts," he said.

In 2019, the price of sterculia gum in season increased to over K60,000 per viss from K40,000 . Currently, a viss of sterculia gum is selling for K30,000 per viss.

"We believe that traders are manipulating the sterculia gum price. Therefore, we have decided to set up a private company to ensure price stability," said U Hein Htet.

The Magway Region Chief Minister and the region's sterculia gum farmers had signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Japan in 2018 to export the gum to Japan. At the moment, Myanmar sterculia gum is mainly exported to China and South Korea. Myanmar is also planning to export sterculia gum to Taiwan.

There are more than 30,000 acres of sterculia gum plantations in Myanmar. The country can produce over 5 tons of sterculia gum per day. Sterculia trees begin producing latex at 3-5 years of age until they are around 30-50 years old. Sterculia gum is cultivated mainly in Mandalay, Magway, and Sagaing regions. *(Translated by Hay Mar)*

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Six firms eligible for tendering process for construction of smart car park

By Nyein Nyein

THE Expressions of Interest (EOIs) submitted by six companies for the construction of a smart car park in Yangon have been passed, and the firms will be allowed to file tenders for the project soon, according to U Lin Khaing, the Head of the Roads and Bridges Department, Yangon City Development Committee.

The YCDC had invited EOIs from private companies for the smart car park project, and 26 companies had submitted their applications to the YCDC.

"Six of the 26 companies are eligible to proceed to the tendering process. The YCDC is still drawing up the procurement guidelines for tender preparation," said U Lin Khaing.

The regional government plans to implement a smart car park in Yangon as the roads in the commercial hub are cramped, and there is no designated parking area for vehicles, said U Phyo Min Thein, the Yangon Region Chief Minister.

"To tackle the appalling traffic congestion, the smart car parking project was formulated," U Maung Maung Soe had said at the sixth regular session of the 2nd Yangon Region Hluttaw, held on 15 February, 2018.

"Earlier, the YCDC collected car parking fees through informal methods, such as the contract system. During the government transition period, that system was abolished," U Maung Maung Soe had said.

Under the incumbent government, the Yangon Region Transport Authority was formed to improve the public transport system.

There are 144 roads on which no vehicles are allowed to park in Yangon. Vehicles parked on those roads are towed and the owners are fined. But, drivers continue to park vehicles on public roads and violate traffic rules owing to lack of parking space.

The registered vehicles in Yangon Region surged to 529,473 as on 31 July, 2017 from 214,649 as on 31 August, 2011. At present, the number of registered vehicles has crossed 530,000, prompting the authorities to implement a smart car parking system to accommodate those vehicles and resolve the parking issue at the soonest. *(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)*

Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo hands over stipends for students of the staff of the Office of Union Attorney-General to an official. **PHOTO: MNA**

UAG Office confers educational awards to outstanding students

THE Office of the Union Attorney-General held a ceremony yesterday to confer high school stipends for the 2019-2020 academic year and outstanding awards for students who performed exceptionally well in the matriculation exams of 2018-2019 academic year.

The Union Attorney-General first delivered a speech where he said the students of today are the next generation of the country's invaluable human resource. He told the students that to be well versed in pragmatic and conceptual skills to develop their future.

The UAG Office has conferred K5.6 million as high school stipends to 167 students and K900,000 to 14 outstanding matriculation students this year.

Also present at the event were the Deputy Attorney-General, directors-general, deputy directors-general, directors and the students and their parents. —MNA *(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)*

UNSG's Special Envoy leaves Yangon

MRS Christine Schraner Burgener, the United Nations Secretary- General's Special Envoy on Myanmar, left Yangon at 7:50 pm yesterday.

She was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Office of the UNSG's Special Envoy.—MNA *(Translated by GNLM)*

Forever Group renovates Ywangan dental clinic

A dental clinic in Ywangan Township People's Hospital, Danu Self-Administered Zone, was reopened yesterday following renovations contributed by media company Forever Group.

Firstly, Shan State Chief Minister Dr Lin Htut and officials unveiled the clinic by cutting ceremonial ribbons. He and Danu Leading Committee Chairman U Arkar Lin delivered opening remarks, with Forever Group CEO U Win Maw explaining about the donation.

Next, the CEO handed over the clinic's documents to the township Public Health Department Head Dr Kun Win Lett, a dental X-ray machine to Pindaya Township Public Health Department Head Dr Moh Moh Kyi, and honorary certificates to donors and other officials from Ever Green Dental Care who helped to install the dental equipment.

Shan State Hluttaw representative U Aye Min Soe then thanked the donors on behalf of the local residents. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Shan State Chief Minister Dr Lin Htut and officials cut ribbon to unveil dental clinic in Ywangan. **PHOTO: MNA**

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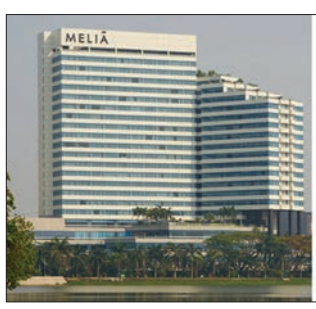

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JCGV debuts 'forest' cinema hall in Yangon

Myanmar' multiplex cinema chain JCGV has introduced a new modern cinema hall dubbed as Cine & Forêt to model a 'nature' concept at Junction City in Yangon on Thursday evening.

The new movie theatre can accommodate 39 persons, with 33 single seats and three double seats and ranging ticket prices from K 18,000 per single seat and K 45,000 per double for 2D to K 25,000 per single seat and K 55,000 per double seat for 3D.

The Cine & Forêt cinema, the first in Myanmar and the third in the world after South Korea and Viet Nam, will hold five shows each day.

Director General of the Information and Public Relations Department (IPRD) U Ye Naing, Director U Thein Naing, Vice-Chairman of Shwetaung Group U Aung Than, CEO of JCGV Daw Mi Mi Khaing and CFO Ryu Seong Soo of JCGV formally opened the cinema hall.

Myanmar produced nine movies in 2014, and the number increased to 158 in 2017, 133 in 2018 and 53 up to July this year.

JCGV Myanmar Cineplex Company Limited has already launched a total of 21 projection screens in the country.—MNA ■

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Director-General U Ye Naing and guests pose for a photo at Junction City in Yangon.
PHOTO: MNA

Public announcement on seasonal influenza monitoring, preventive measures, response

The Ministry of Health and Sports collaborates, in line with International Health Regulations 2005, with the World Health Organization, regional and affiliated organizations on administering communicable disease surveillance to prevent the rise of public health problems and epidemics.

The government, departments, public citizens and affiliated organizations have increased work on monitoring, patient treatments, raising health awareness, preventing and responding to the current seasonal influenza.

The seasonal influenza has been impacting regional countries and other across the globe. Myanmar has seen 281 cases of the virus this year, between 1 January to 16 July. People within the 15-65 age group make up 51% of those afflicted.

The table shows seasonal influenza contagions from January to 16 July, 2019, across the world:

No.	Country	Estimated population (mln)	A/H1N1 pdm 09 detected	A/H3	B	Total
1	China	1,433.70	47,805	19,144	23,464	90,413
2	India	1,366.40	5,684	1,936	226	7,846
3	Brazil	192.76	1,022	435	241	1,698
4	Australia	25.2	544	3,361	1,133	5,038
5	Bangladesh	163	271	263	699	1,233
6	Myanmar	54	243	21	17	281
7	Thailand	69.6	150	189	546	885
8	Laos	7.2	128	17	33	178
9	Cambodia	16.49	88	13	31	132
10	New Zealand	4.9	0	165	202	367

The table shows seasonal influenza cases between 1 January to 16 July, 2019:

Number of people screened for seasonal influenza	Number of patients with seasonal influenza			
	Influenza A (H1N1) pdm09	Influenza A (H3N2)	Influenza B	Total
682	243	21	17	281

Upon examining the people who had contracted the influenza virus, we can see that although the death toll is not high, it is most dangerous elderly people and young children, especially those with compounded health problems. Of the 56 people who have died, 45% were from the 15-65 age group and 44 people died with comorbidity, making up 75% of the deceased. We have found that seeking medical attention too late, despite identification of early symptoms, have increased the death toll.

The table shows the results of medical examinations conducted on deceased patients confirmed with Influenza A(H1N1)pdm09:

Number of deceased patients with comorbidity	Number of deceased patients from age group with high fatality rate (elderly and young children)	Number of deceased patients due to seasonal influenza	Total deaths
44	5	7	56

117 patients with seasonal influenza have recovered from hospital treatment, as of 16 July 2019, and have been discharged while 44 inpatients are steadily recovering.

The table shows the results of medical examinations and number of deaths related to the seasonal influenza across the states and regions, between 1 January to 16 July 2019:

No.	State/Region	Population density per km^2	Number of people examined	Number of people confirmed with seasonal influenza	Number of deceased confirmed with seasonal influenza
1	Yangon Region	716	352	156	43
2	Rakhine State	87	42	23	4
3	Ayeyawady Region	177	50	21	-
4	Kachin State	19	45	17	-
5	Nay Pyi Taw	164	54	16	1
6	Bago Region	124	30	10	2
7	Magway Region	87	19	10	1
8	Mon State	167	10	6	3
9	Sagaing Region	57	7	5	2
10	Shan State (North)	-	8	4	-
11	Mandalay Region	200	5	3	-
12	Taninthayi Region	32	6	3	-
13	Kayin State	52	3	2	-
14	Shan State (South)	-	45	2	-
15	Kayah State	24	2	2	-
16	Chin State	13	2	-	-
17	Shan State (East)	-	1	-	-
	Total	76	681*	280*	56

Remark – 682 patients received medical examinations and 281 patients were confirmed with the virus. One patient is being investigated due to lack of a proper address.

State and Regional government have taken the following precautions and measures:

The Ministry of Health and Sports has arranged for hospital staff across the states and regions to be vaccinated first with the vaccines distributed by the ministry.

Providing health awareness on seasonal influenza in townships with diagnosed patients and screening for new patients, monitoring the virus and performing medical check-ups on family members. Coordinating medical staff to cooperate with officials from the local General Administration Department, City Development Council and Education Department to conduct seasonal influenza awareness campaigns, arranging for news and demonstrative videos to be shown on LED boards, putting up informative posters in offices and crowded public places (e.g. stations, markets, schools, bus stops, shopping centres, YBS), and setting up IEC Corners.

Forming Rapid Response Teams to counteract the seasonal influenza.

Increasing teleconference sessions with emergency operation centers across the nation for more effective prevention techniques against the seasonal influenza.

The ministry uploads information in real-time on its website at www.mohs.gov.mm and the Facebook pages of MoHS and Myanamr CDC. The ministry urges the public to remain vigilant towards the seasonal virus and follow the guidelines published by the ministry.—Ministry of Health and Sports

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Press conference on digital restoration of "Japan Yin Thwe" held in Yangon

PRESS conference on digital restoration of the film " Japan Yin Thwe" was held at Yangon Film Development Center on Golden Valley road in Bahan, Yangon yesterday.

Japan Yin Thwe was directed by U Nyi Pu in 1935. It was a first co-creation of Japan and Myanmar and the only one left in National Film Archive of Japan.

It was reported that NFAJ will have it digitalized to restore it.

LMAGICA Lab.Inc will digitalize the film, and A-One film and Save Myanmar Film will collaborate to restore it with the help of Japanese organization, Agency for Culture Affaires.

Japan Yin Thwe was directed by father of Myanmar Film, U Nyi Pu and it was first Japan-Myanmar film.

It is a love story about a Myanmar lad and a Japanese lass. It was a hit movie at that time in Myanmar.

Director-General U Ye Naing delivers the speech at the press conference on digital restoration of the film "Japan Yin Thwe" in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

At the conference, Director General of Information and Public Relations Department, U Ye Naing and Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Ichiro Maruyama delivered key note speeches.

Then, Secretary Akihito Horiguchi of the Embassy of Japan in Myanmar and curator of NFAJ Mr. Yoshirolrie explained about the movie, and President and CEO of IMAGICA Lab, Mr Katsumi Obayashi gave a speech.

Afterwards, Director U Thein Htut of A-1 Film Production and U Okkar of Save Myanmar Film expressed words of thanks.

The officials answered the question by the media.—MNA

(Translated by Alphonsus)

MDA conducts 5th Housing Expo in Yangon

MYANMAR Developer Association (MDA) conducted its 5th Housing Expo recently at the Mingalar Parami Business Centre on the Parami Road in Yangon, according MDA.

Thirteen developers, which are also members of the MDA, showcased the apartments, mini-condos, modern condos and single houses worth starting K20 million in strategic places in townships in Yangon.

The expo's special program has offered sales of apartments, houses and condos from 5 per cent to 20 pdfasdfer cent discount and negotiable prices with developers.

The expo was opened by Chairman of MDA U Weik and deputy chairmen and members of the CEC.—GNLM

The 5th Housing Expo of Myanmar Developer Association (MDA) opens at the Mingalar Parami Business Centre on the Parami Road in Yangon. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

Wine Expo Myanamr to debut in Yangon from 26 to 27 September

Singapore-based Asia Expo Services announced recently that the inaugural launch of Wine Expo

Myanmar (WEM), will be held in Yangon from 26 to 27 September 2019.

At the press conference held recently at Grand Mercure Yangon Golden Empire Hotel, founder and managing director Shawn Lee was on hand to unveil the programme for Myanmar's most prestigious wine event. "Myanmar is a country of 54 million people that is modernising and growing rapidly. From my first visit in 2010, I encountered a beautiful nation that's not just hungry for change, but also keen to engage with the world.

With my background in the wine industry, I was inspired to bring the world's wines to Myanmar so that we could spark the connection. This has led my partners and I to establish Wine Expo Myanmar, which will take place annually and hopefully act as a catalyst for growing the new generations of wine lovers in the country," said Shawn.

Aside from reaching out to wine lovers in the country, Wine Expo Myanmar is expected to attract members of the hospitality industry, one of the fastest growing industries in the economy.

Tourist numbers to Myanmar has increased by 18% in 2017 to reach 3.44 million visitors, while McKinsey Global Institute estimated that tourism could contribute US$14.1 billion to Myanmar's economy by 2030 and employ around 2.3 million people.

Two days of non-stop activities Wine Expo Myanmar has lined up a two-day programme packed with something for everyone. The key to understanding the Myanmar On Trade and Off Trade market is that hotels and hotel chains, similar to wine distributors, are given importation quotas to bulk buy their wine supplies.

A total of 200 brands are expected to take part in the wine showcase, from major wine producing countries such as France, Italy, United States of America, Chile, Australia, New Zealand, Portugal and China.

The event itself is hosted at Grand Mercure Yangon Golden Empire Hotel, within easy reach of Yangon International Airport.—GNLM

NEWS IN BRIEF

British PM candidate Hunt outlines priorities after Brexit

LONDON – British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt on Wednesday outlined his priorities after Brexit has been resolved if he could replace Theresa May as prime minister.

He said he would fire up the economy to be the most pro-business in Europe, turning Britain into the next Silicon Valley. Hunt also said he would increase Britain's defense budget and end illiteracy in schools.

Hunt and his rival, Boris Johnson, took part in the final Conservative Party leadership debate before the results of the vote is announced next week.

In his final presentation, Hunt said it would not be right to suspend parliament to force a no-deal Brexit. But he said if he becomes prime minister, he would deliver a budget in September, which would include preparations for a no-deal Brexit–Xinhua ■

Czech Republic ready to help EU tackle migration but rejects quotas: FM

PRAGUE — The Czech Republic is ready to help find a common European solution to migration, but refuses to accept migrant distribution quotas, the country's Foreign Minister Tomas Petricek said here Wednesday.

Petricek was reacting to German Interior Minister Horst Seehofer's comment that the Czech readiness to participate in a joint solution in migration is close to zero.

Seehofer told a press conference in Berlin earlier on Wednesday during the presentation of the Federal Police Annual Report that "We have no European solution at all". "Czechia is ready to help in the joint European tackling of migration, but binding quotas are still unacceptable for us," said Petricek in response. He said the Czech Republic has helped financially and by sending its police and soldiers to the countries along the migrant routes to help local authorities.—Xinhua ■

Myanmar U-18 beat Japan's Serezo Osaka U-18 2-1 in friendly match

THE Myanmar U-18 national football team beat Japan's Serezo Osaka U-18 team by one goal in a friendly match yesterday at the Minami Tsumori Sports Ground in Osaka, Japan.

The friendly match was aimed at helping team Myanmar prepare for the ASEAN Football Federation U-19 Championship, which will be held in Viet Nam next month, and the Qualifiers for the Asian Football Confederation U-18 Championship, according to a statement issued by the Myanmar Football Federation.

The goals for team Myanmar were scored by youth talents Saw Kyaw EL and Hla Min Htwe.

The match proved to be challenging on account of the rain.

From the start, team Myanmar used every opportunity and relied mostly on the midfield and attack positions.

Myanmar goal keeper Pyae Phyo Thu gave his best and blocked all goals by the Serezo Osaka team.

Saw Kyaw EL scored the first goal for Myanmar with an assist from Zaw Win Thein at 8 minutes.

The goal prompted the Japanese club to redouble their efforts, and the match became heated from the middle of the first half.

Then, at 32 minutes, a Serezo Osaka striker scored the equalizer off a corner kick.

But, Myanmar followed up with another goal, scored by striker Hla Min Htwe with an assist from Thet Hein Soe just before the first half ended, and the score was 2-1 in favour of Myanmar.

The second half saw changes in tactics and player substitutions by both teams.

Myanmar U-18 goal keeper Pyae Phyo Thu (yellow) jumps and clears the ball during a friendly match against Serezo Osaka U-18 F.C. yesterday at the Minami Tsumori Sports Ground in Osaka, Japan. **PHOTO: MFF**

Although both teams tried hard to score, there were no more goals in the second half. Myanmar put up a strong defence, thwarting all goal chances of the Japanese strikers, and the match ended with a 2-1 win for the team.

The Myanmar U-18 team will next play a friendly match against the Osaka Sangyo University team on 21 July in Japan, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Thet Aung double helps Siver Stars beat University FC

A University FC player (blue) tries to get the ball past a Silver Stars player (yellow) during the Myanmar National League II match yesterday at the Salin Stadium in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNL**

SILVER Stars FC beat University F.C. by 2-1 during their Week 13 match of the Myanmar National League II yesterday at the Salin Stadium in Yangon. A double scored by Thet Aung proved crucial to Silver Stars victory.

Silver Stars launched a turbo attack from the start, earning their opening goal at the 8th minute. The goal was scored by Thet Aung, who managed to land the ball past the University FC goal keeper.

But, Silver Stars did not remain long in the lead.

With speedy play, University FC scored the equalizer at 37 minutes.

The goal was scored by Thein Htet Aung from a penalty shoot, as the team was awarded a penalty kick because of a foul by the opposing team in the penalty area. The score was tied at the end of the first half.

University FC played better in the second half, with speedy play. However, Silver Stars again took the lead with Thet Aung scoring his second goal in the match at 64 minutes. No more goals were scored in the later minutes, and the match ended in a win for Silver Stars.

With the victory, Silver Stars has moved up one place to the seventh position in the standing table for the Domestic League II. University FC has moved down to the eighth position from the seventh.

Silver Stars FC will next play Kachin United on 26 July at the Salin Stadium, and University team will take on Chin United on the same day at the Padonmar Stadium.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Friends collide as Cisse and Belmadi target AFCON crown

CAIRO — They were born a day apart, raised in the same city and enjoyed prosperous playing careers, and while both Aliou Cisse and Djamel Belmadi are now experiencing similar success as coaches, only one can lift the Africa Cup of Nations in Cairo on Friday.

Cisse was born March 24, 1976 in Senegal, with his Algerian counterpart arriving in the world the following day, in Champigny-sur-Marne. It was in this Parisian suburb, where Cisse moved to at the age of nine, that the pair's destiny would be shaped.

"He's an old acquaintance. I say that with great fondness," said Belmadi, who broke through into the professional ranks at Paris Saint-Germain while Cisse started out with Lille. Despite never playing on the same team, they graced the same pitches in France for nearly a decade.

The duo made close to 180 Ligue 1 appearances between them across spells at six different clubs, but it's in Africa where their legacy has assumed a greater dimension.

Cisse, captain of the Senegal team beaten in the 2002 Cup of Nations final, got the better of Belmadi's Algeria in qualifying for that year's World Cup, but the latter gained revenge in the dugout here, claiming a 1-0 victory in the group stage, setting up Friday's decider.

The occasion will pit local coaches against each other in a Cup of Nations final for the first time in 21 years since Egypt, under the tutelage of Mahmoud El Gohary, defeated Jomo Sono's South Africa 2-0 in Ouagadougou.

"It's much more complicated when you're local than when you're an expat. It's up to us (Africans) to have confidence in ourselves, in our boys, in our coaches. Bit by bit the order is changing," said Cisse.

'Great message' for Africa

"To play this final against my friend, it's amazing. I think it's a great message we're sending to football officials in Africa," added Belmadi.

Cisse has carefully constructed his Senegal team since taking over in 2015, making steady progress that included an appearance at the 2018 World Cup following a 16-year absence, and reaching just the country's second Cup of Nations final.—AFP ■