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President U Win Myint accepts credentials from German ambassador



President U Win Myint accepts credentials from Mr Thomas Karl Neisinger, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Mr Thomas Karl Neisinger, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, presented his Letters of Credence to U Win Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, in Nay Pyi Taw at 10:00 am yesterday.

Present on the occasion were U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation and Director-General U Min Thein of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA ■

State Counsellor receives Member of House of Representatives, National Diet of Japan



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi greets Mr Masahito Moriyama, Member of the House of Representatives, National Diet of Japan in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received the delegation led by Mr Masahito Moriyama, Member of the House of Representatives, National Diet of Japan, at 10 am yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on matters relating to Japanese development assistance in Myanmar, mitigation of natural disasters in Myanmar, vocational training programmes and educational reforms, provision of the functional prosthetics, education and creation of job opportunities for people with disabilities in Myanmar, and Japan's continued support towards Myanmar's democratization process.—MNA ■

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw donates aid to disaster affected Mon, Kayin, Taninthayi

AT the eleventh-day meeting of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 13th regular session held yesterday morning at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker said Hluttaw representatives will donate their one-day daily allowance of K 22.5 million for ethnic brethrens in Taninthayi Region, Mon and Kayin states.



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat. **PHOTO: HTIKE HTIKE**

Motion to donate daily allowance to natural disaster affected ethnic brethrens

As a first agenda of the meeting Dr Hla Moe of Aungmyethazan constituency tabled a motion expressing Hluttaw representatives' sympathy and sorrow toward ethnic brethrens from Mon State, Kayin State and Taninthayi Region affected by natural disasters of heavy rains, flooding and landslides in August 2019 and to donate Hluttaw representatives' one-day daily allowance. Dr Hla Moe also explained in detail on the reason for tabling the motion and U Soe Myint (a) U Aung Zaw Myint of Amarapura constituency discussed in support of the motion.

After obtaining Pyidaungsu Hluttaw consensus on the motion Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw's approval of the motion and observed a one minute silence in memory of all those affected by the natural disaster.

A total of K 22.5 million were made by Pyithu Hluttaw representatives (K 8,640,000), Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker (K 6,360,000), Amyotha Hluttaw representatives (K 4,480,000) and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker (K 3,020,000).



MP Dr Hla Moe of Aungmyethazan constituency.



MP U Soe Myint (*a*) U Aung Zaw Myint of Amarapura constituency.



MP U Kyaw Myint Oo of Mandalay Region constituency 10.



MP U Hla San of Magway Region constituency 1.



MP Dr Khin Sithu of Loikaw constituency.



MP U Nay Kyaw of Dagon Myothit (East) constituency.

National Education Policy Commission six month report

As a final agenda of the day National Education Policy Commission six month report was discussed by Dr Khin Sithu of Loikaw constituency, U Min Thein of Taungdwingyi constituency, U Nay Lin Aung of Mindat constituency, Dr Sein Mya Aye of Dala constituency, U Kyaw Myint Oo of Mandalay Region constituency 10, U Myint Lwin of Twantay constituency, U Hla San of Magway Region constituency 1, Dr Kyaw Ngwe of Magway Region constituency 10, U Oo Tun Maung of Ponnagyun constituency, U Kyaw Toke of Mandalay Region constituency 7, U Nay Kyaw of Dagon Myothit (East) constituency, U Kyaw Thaung of Sagaing Region constituency 1, U San Myint of Ayeyawady Region constituency 3, U Aye Bo of Yangon Region constituency 11, U Kyaw Swe of Magway Region constituency 11, U Khin Maung Thi of Loilem constituency, U Tin Maung Win of Seikkan constituency, Daw Than Than Aye of Magway Region constituency 7, U Nan Mon Htin of Machanbaw constituency, U Cin Khant Pau of Chin State constituency 6, Tatmadaw representative Maj Htin Lin Oo, U Okka Min of Taninthayi Region constituency 8, U Sein Myint of Myingyan constituency and U Than Soe (a) Than Soe (Economic) of Yangon Region constituency 4.

After the discussion Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced that on the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting scheduled for 19 August the commission and Ministry of Education will explain and respond to the discussion made by the Hluttaw representatives and Hluttaw will put the matter on record. The meeting came to an end after this. —Maw Si, Hmwe Kyu Zin,

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives US Ambassador

PYITHU HLUTTAW Speaker U T Khun Myat received U.S Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Scot Marciel at the Pyithu Hluttaw building at 3 pm yesterday.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on promotion of bilateral cooperation between the two countries, strengthening the democratic system, internal peace-making processes, budget oversight of the parliament, amendment of the constitution and legislative processes.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

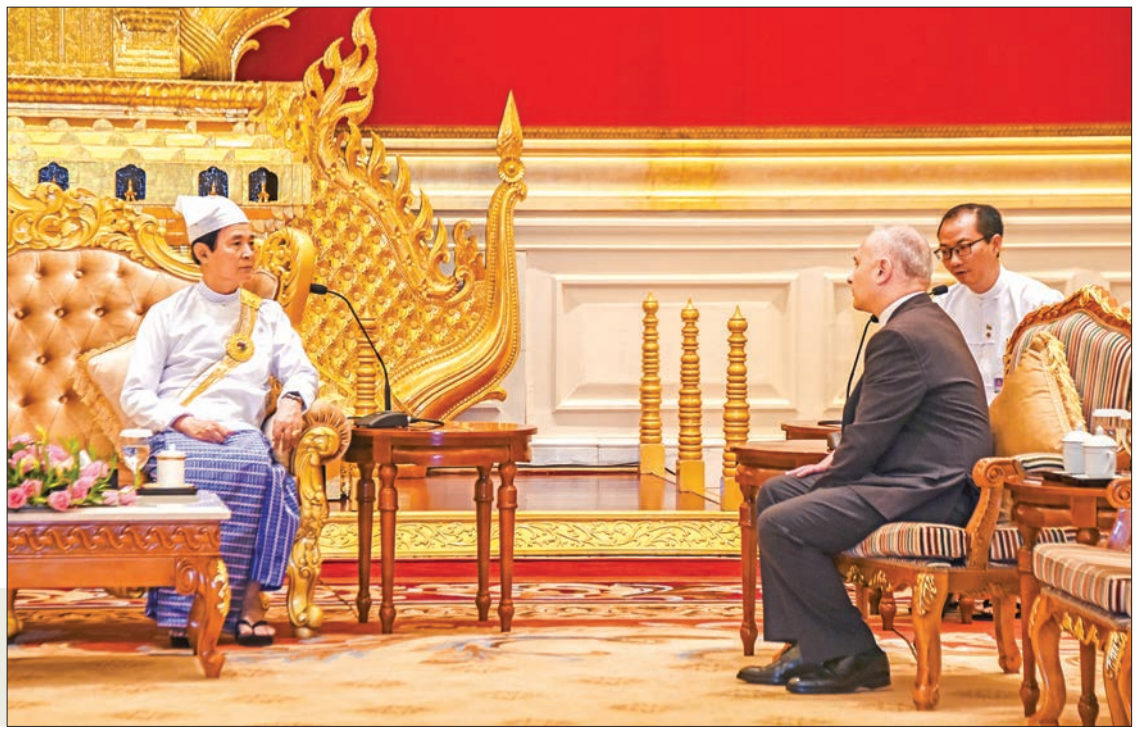


Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat shakes hands with US Ambassador Mr Scot Marciel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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President U Win Myint meets Mr Nikoloz Apkhazava, the newly-accredited Ambassador of Georgia at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

MIC greenlights two projects to create over 200 jobs

THE Myanmar Investment Commission yesterday approved two projects, worth US$1.265 million and K18 million, which are expected to create nearly 270 jobs for locals.

The decision was reached at the Meeting 13/2019 of the MIC held at its office in Yangon. U Thaung Tun, the Chairman of the MIC, Dr Than Myint, the Vice Chairman, and 10 members attended the meeting.

According to an announcement by the MIC, the commission has approved the two projects in the industry sector.

From 1998 to the end of June this year, the commission has approved proposals of 1,752 foreign enterprises from 49 countries in 12 sectors, with the total pledged amount pegged at $80.9 billion.

Of the 49 countries, Singapore, the People's Republic of China, and Thailand have emerged as the leading investors.

The sector with the largest share of investment has been oil and gas, accounting for 27.72 per cent of the total permitted foreign investment, following by the power sector (26.18 per cent), and the manufacturing sector (13.82 per cent).—MNA



Union Minister U Thaung Tun, Chairman of the MIC, chairs the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) meeting (13 / 2019) in Yangon on 13 August 2019. **PHOTO: MNA**

Coordination meeting on basic education teacher appointment held



Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi addresses the meeting on basic education teacher appointment in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE coordination meeting on basic education teacher appointment was held at the Ministry of Education in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting, Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi said that quality education is being developed and that competent and efficient teachers will be promoted and given better opportunities. Two-year education colleges are being upgraded to four-year education degree colleges. The promotion of competent and experienced primary teachers hinders the move towards quality education. There are to fulfil the continual needs of education sector regarding teaching staff, classrooms, libraries, teaching facilities, dormitories and playing grounds, employee housing complex -Hence, State budgets will be used to fulfill them. There will be transparency in managing the budget, and wrongdoing of any sort will not be tolerated. Ministry of Education always gives heed to teachers of basic and higher education, teachers' unions and students' unions.

He urged to discuss appointing competent teachers and producing accomplished students for development of schools, universities and the country.

Then, representatives of teachers' unions and student union discussed the current status of basic education teacher appointment and the Union Minister and the officials coordinated.

Present at the meeting were officials of Departments of Higher Education and Basic Education and representatives of teachers' unions and students' unions from basic education schools and education collages.—MNA ■

(Translaed by Alphonsus)

Planning and Finance Minister advises capacity-building in banking services





Union Minister U Soe Win addresses the coordination meeting on the annual budget closing process for 2018-2019 fiscal year in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Myanmar Economic Bank began a coordination meeting on the annual budget year-end closing process for 2018-2019 fiscal year at its headquarters in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

In his opening remark on the four-day meeting, Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Soe Win suggested the capacity-building of staff for better financial and banking services to keep track of developing trends in this sector, the regular monitoring of the headquarters and the state/region offices to the local branches and the requirements of accountability and responsibility in banking processes.

The opening ceremony was attended by Deputy Minster U Maung Maung Win and the senior officers of the ministry, and the departmental heads of the Central Bank of Myanmar, managing director, general managers, deputy general managers, state/region level managers, district bank managers of the Myanma Economic Bank and the invited guests.— MNA

(Trandlated by Aung Khin)

Parliamentary committee meets government officials

THE Amyotha Hluttaw Guarantees, Pledges and Undertaking Vetting Government Committee held a coordination meeting with the officials from the Ministry of Border Affairs, the Ministry of Construction and the members of Chin State government at its building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Committee's Chairman U Thein Swe made an opening remark and called for the systematic completion of the works in response to a query related to the findings in the targeted area from 25 June to 8 July.

Amyotha Hluttaw MP Daw Khin Swe Lwin who raised the query in representing Chin State constituency 9 and the committee members presented their fact findings, and the officials from the two ministries made their clarifications, followed by the facilitation of the Committee's Chairman.

The meeting was also attended by U Kyaw Ni Naing, Secretary of the Committee, and its members, U Wi Kaw, Planning and Finance Minister of the Chin State Government, the officials from the ministries concerned and the responsible persons from the Amyotha Hluttaw Office.— MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Committee's Chairman U Thein Swe delivers the opening speech at the coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Ministries discuss early rehabilitation works for disaster-torn areas



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye attends the coordination meeting for rehabilitation tasks to be carried out in the disaster-affected areas yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Government is preparing for rehabilitation tasks to be carried out in the disaster-affected areas of the country, with holding a coordination meeting among the ministries yesterday afternoon.

Torrential rainfalls and landslides in some regions of Myanmar destroyed residential areas and caused the deadly landslides, forcing tens of thousands of people from their homes to temporary rescue camps.

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye, as the Chairman of Coordinating Body for Rehabilitating Disaster-Affected Region, presided over the meeting, with suggestions to collect the data of devastations.

While the water levels have receded in some regions, a total of 79,389 flood victims are still taking shelters at 166 rescue camps in Bago, Kayin, Mon, Yangon and Thaninthayi areas.

Dr Win Myat Aye also said that the Department of Disaster Management under his ministry has provided over K344 million for relief assistance and water treatment chemicals, while more humanitarian aid will be distributed to the inundated areas.

He also urged to make preparations for data collection on the damages of road networks, bridges, monsoon paddy and other crops.

The deputy ministers from Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, the Transports and Communications, the Electricity and Energy, the Border Affairs, together with the senior officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Health and Sports, the Ministry of Planning and Finance, the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Home Affairs presented their works on the ongoing preliminary data collection and repairing works, the possible supply of machinery from their departments, the healthcare services for flood victims, the recovery of electricity distribution, the fuel supply and the school books for children.

The committee chairman then requested for the reports on allocated budgets and the additional budgets of the relevant departments for the rehabilitation works.

After the meeting, Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye accepted cash donations of K 5 million from the family of U Than Win Hlaing and Daw Nilar Aung (Thein Tha Yar Gold Shop), K 10 million from the Diocesan Social Action Center (DISAC), AFA, Myanmar social community groups and migrant workers in Phuket, Thailand, for the flood victims in Myanmar.— MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

International Democracy Day Organizing Committee holds coordination meeting with working committees



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein delivers the speech at the International Democracy Day Organizing Steering Committee meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

The International Democracy Day Organizing Steering Committee held a coordination meeting (1/2019) with working committees at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw building yesterday afternoon.

Present at the meeting were the Chairman of Steering Committee, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Aung (a) U Tun Tun Hein, the Vice Chairman of the Committee, Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy speaker U Aye Tha Aung, members of the committee and officials.

At the event, the Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw said that all necessary assistance will be given, and invited the reports on the completion of working committees for the event. Then, the Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker called for presentations of working committees and their collaboration.

The chairmen and secretaries of working committees explained about their plans and accomplishments, followed by the suggestions of the attendees at the meeting. The meeting was concluded with the closing remark of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker. — MNA

(Translated by Alphonsus)

Myanmar Girl Guides to attend Asia Pacific Regional Conference in New Tapei City

DELEGATION of the Myanmar Girl Guides left Yangon International Airport for New Tapei City to attend the 13th Asia Pacific Regional Conference on 12 August evening.

The delegation was led by Chief Commissioner Dr Tin Hla Kyi, International Commissioner Daw Helen Lun Pum and Trainer Daw Lynn Lynn Htaik. They are seen off at the airport by Vice Commissioner Daw Khin Saw Ohmmar and senior girl guides.

The triennial conference will be held from 13 to 17 August in New Tapei City this year, with the discussions from 26 countries of Asia-Pacific region and 7 ASEAN member countries, including Myanmar, about their activities, collaboration of the World Organization of the Scout Movement (WOSM) with boy and girl guides, educative programmes to prevent violence against women, cooperation between the member countries and the future plans.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Myanmar Scouts delegation led by Chief Commissioner Dr Tin Hla Kyi seen at Yangon International Airport before departs for New Tapei City to attend the 13th Asia Pacific Regional Conference. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Charter amendment committee holds meeting



JOINT Committee on scrutinizing the second bill for amending 2008 Constitution holds a meeting at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw building yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Joint Committee to Scrutinize Second Bill for Amending 2008 Constitution met at the Building D of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee U Khin Maung Win, Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee and Amyotha Huttaw Bill Committee U Zaw Min, its Secretary Dr Myat Nyana Soe, Joint Secretary U Kyaw Soe Lin and members of the committee and officials from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Kyaikmaraw flooded, 11 relief camps opened

A TOTAL of 11 relief camps have been opened for 45,839 flood victims from 8,568 households in Kyaikmaraw Township in Mon State.

The water level in the Attaran River in Kyaikmaraw Township exceeded its danger mark on the morning of 13 August, flooding the town and affecting residents. Currently, more than 20,000 flood victims are living in relief camps, according to an official from the Township Flood Relief Operations Office.

Currently, the water level is rising, and donors from across the country are assisting victims, providing them necessary items. The fire services department and charity organizations are providing aids for the safety of the donors' cars in flooded areas.

Kyaikmaraw is a flood-prone township, and experiences floods every year. The township did not face floods for four or five years after more than 20 channels were dug. But, since last year, the township has started experiencing floods again. —Cho Myat Myat Htway (Kyaikmaraw) *(Translated by Hay Mar)*

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Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
2. With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offences up to 10 August 2019 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

	Nature of report	Details on seizure and legal action taken
1.	Information received of Myint Aung who lives in Nyaungpin, Mohnyin Tsp, Kachin State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 5 August 2019, police searched the house of Myint Aung, 49, son of U Ba Than, who lives in No 7 Ward, Nyaungpin Village, Mohnyin Tsp, and arrested him and his wife Ma Chit Su (a) Ma Yu Yu Lwin, 24, daughter of U Maung Shein, with heroin, '88/1' and 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with NaMaSa(Lonton) MaYa(Pa) 31/2019 under Section 19(a), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Acting on a tip-off, police searched the house of Ko Ko Oo, 24, son of U Myint Aung, and arrested him and his brother Kyaw Min Han, 20, with heroin. A case has been opened against them with NaMaSa(Lonton) MaYa(Pa) 32/2019 under Section 19(a), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2.	Information received of Dammasan who lives in Telbopin Village, KhinU Tsp, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 4 August 2019, police searched the house of Dammasan (a) Kyaw Thet Aung, 27, son of U Soe Win, who lives in Telbopin Vilage, KhinU Tsp, and arrested him with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(KhinU) MaYa(pa)5/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3.	Information received of Myaing Win who lives in Ywathitkon Village, Htigyaing Tsp, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 4 August 2019, police searched the house of Myaing Win, 51, son of U Ba Thein, who lives in Ywathitkon Village, Htigyaing Tsp, and arrested him with 'WY' and 'MY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Htigyaing) MaYa(Pa) 34/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4.	Information received of Aung Lwin who lives in Shwepyitha Village, Htigyaing Tsp, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 9 August 2019, police searched the house of Aung Lwin, 55, son of U Ba Aung, who lives in Shwepyitha Village, Htigyaing Tsp, and arrested him with 'WY' stimulant tablets and heroin. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Htigyaing) MaYa(Pa) 36/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5.	Information received of Zaw Min Oo (a) Kyarlay who lives in Aunggon Village, Indaw Tsp, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 10 August 2019, police searched Zaw Min Oo (a) Kyarlay, 31, son of U Maung Kyar, who lives in Aunggon Village, Indaw Tsp, and Soe Win,33, son of U San Pwe, who lives in the same village, on the Mahabyuha road, Aungchantha Ward, Indaw Tsp and did not find any narcotic drugs with them. Acting on a tip-off, police searched their houses and found 'WY' stimulant tablets from the house of Zaw Min Oo (a) Kyarlay. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Indaw) MaYa(Pa) 82/2019 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
6.	Information received of Tin Maung Lat who lives in Yayngangyi Village, Bokpyin Tsp, Taninthayi Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 8 August 2019, police searched the house of Tin Maung Lat, 46, son of U Aung Tin, who lives in Yayngangyi Village, Bokpyin Tsp, and arrested him with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Bokpyin) MaYa(pa)18/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
7	Information received of Maumg Tun who lives in Imamezali Village, Myothit Tsp, Magway Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 9 August 2019, police searched a motorcycle driven by Maung Tun, 52, son of U Lae, who lives in Imamezali Village, Myothit Tsp, at 0/5 milepost on the Magway-Yamethin Inter-district road, Kapaungkongyi Village, Natmauk Tsp, and arrested him with '88/1' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Natmauk) MaYa(Pa) 2/2019 under Section 19(a) and 20(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
8	Information received of Poe La Pyae who lives in Room No b/12, Multi Agro-livestock farm, Laydaungkan Village, Dagon Myothit Tsp(-south), Yangon Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 8 August 2019, police searched the house of Poe La Pyae (a) Myo Htet Kyaw, 29, son of U Tun Aung Kyaw, who lives in Room No b/12, Multi Agro-livestock farm, Laydaungkan Village, Dagon Myothit Tsp(south), and arrested him with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(South Dagon) MaYa(pa)67/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
9	Information received of Daw Titsout who lives in Thanthumar 2 road, No 19 Ward, Hlinethaya Tsp, Yangon Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 8 August 2019, police searched a bicycle ridden by Chit Htwe, 19, son of U Ngway Thein, who lives in Nanthaphyu Street, No 14 Ward, Hlinethaya Tsp, on Uponnya Street, No16 Ward, Hlinethaya Tsp, and arrested him with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Hlinethaya) MaYa(Pa) 176/2019 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Acting on a tip-off, police searched the Monthinkhar shop at the corner of Maydarwi and Thanthumar 2 streets, No 19 Ward owned by Daw Tin Hla, daughter of U Shwe, who lives in Thanthumar 2 street, No 19 Ward, Hlinethaya Tsp, and arrested her with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against her with MaMaSa(Hlinethaya) MaYa(Pa) 177/2019 under Section 19(a) and 20(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
10	Information received of Ko Be (a) Zaw Tun Oo who lives in Ywargyi Village, Nyaungshwe Tsp, Shan State (south), distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 4 August 2019, police searched the house of Ko Be (a) Zaw Tun Oo, 47, son of U Tun Yee, who lives in Ywargyi Village, Nyaungshwe Tsp, and arrested him with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with NaMaSa(Nanpan) MaYa(pa)11/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

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3. Out of the information sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, a total of 724 cases have been opened as of 10 August 2019. A total of 1130 people, including 950 men and 180 women had been arrested with seizures of 6559.7784 g of heroin, 1318.72 g of ICE, 39776.95 g of opium, 329.6 g of low-quality opium, 19609.27 g of speciosa powder, 7833.19 g of speciosa, 2.5 liters of liquid speciosa, 334472 stimulant tablets, 8363.22 g of marijuana, 0.1 liters of opium tincture, 513.26 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 29.15 g of crushed stimulant tablet, 0.001 g of crushed ecstasy, 18 firearms, different kinds of 257 cartridges and a grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the ministry will report on further exposed cases.

4. In addition to the investigations and arrests conducted on drug related complaints mentioned above, the Tatmadaw and Myanmar Police Force have also carried out separate investigations on drug complaints, search and arrests at border gates, and searches of vehicles acting upon given information.

During the previous week, multiple arrests were made in the border regions and joint-surveillance gates.

Two men were caught with a seizure of 24 stimulant tablets, 10.9 g of heroin and 1.3 g of opium in Ahlyinlo Village, Zaburthiri Tsp, Nay Pyi Taw. A seizure of 31150 g of heroin was conducted from the confiscated Landcruiser vehicle in Bawgathiri bus terminal, Pyinmana Tsp. A seizure of 110 g of heroin and a motorbike were caught in Kakyan Village, Phakant Tsp, Kachin State. A man was caught together with 200 stimulant tablets and a motorbike in Kanse-Lonekhin village road. Upon acting on a tip-off, a seizure of 4000 stimulant tablets was found at the defendant's house. Two men were caught together with 2925 stimulant tablets in No. 5 Aungzaya Ward, Lwejel Town. A woman from Matlin Village, Mansi Tsp was caught with 1900 stimulant tablets. A man was caught with 939 stimulant tablets and one motorbike on Manya-Hanhtet village road. A man and a woman on board were caught together with 4000 stimulant tablets and 396 g of heroin in Putao Tsp. A man from Loikaw Town was caught with 350 stimulant tablets, a man and a woman were seized with 390 stimulant tablets and one motorbike near Saungkan Village. A man was seized with 390 stimulant tablets and one motorbike in Mebaung Village, Hpa-an Tsp, Kayin State. Upon investigation, a seizure of 8980 stimulant tablets was found at the suspect's house. A man and a woman were found together with 1000 stimulant tablets and one motorbike in near the Industrial Zone Village. A man and two women were found together with 997 stimulant tablets in Pharchaung Village, Myawady Tsp. Five men were caught with a seizure of 0.2 g of heroin in Maingwe Village, Tiddim Tsp. Two men were caught with a seizure of 571.55 g of speciosa and one motorbike in Htinshu Village, Thanbyuzayat Tsp, Mon State. A man was caught with 475 stimulant tablets and one motorbike in Ye Tsp. A woman was caught with 2200 stimulant tablets in Kalartartaung Village, Kyaukpyu Tsp, Rakhine State. Two men and one woman were caught with 6 stimulant tablets and two motorbikes at milepost no. 92 in An Tsp. A man was seized with 3700 stimulant tablets in Kintoak Village, Taunggyi Tsp, Shan State. A man was seized with 10000 stimulant tablets in Hopong Tsp. A man was caught with 2400 g of marijuana, and a man was caught with 2600 stimulant tablets at the milepost no. 65/3 in Kalaw. Acting on a tip-off, a man together with 28000 stimulant tablets in Sesaing Tsp. 17400 g of ownerless opium and one motorbike were also seized in Pindaya Tsp. Five men were seized with 2298 stimulant tablets and 82 g of heroin in No. 20 Ward, Lashio Town. A man was caught with 12720 g of opium and one motor vehicle in Hsenwi Tsp.A seizure of ownerless 3200 liters of chemical liquid was conducted in Muse Tsp. A seizure of ownerless 9000 stimulant tablets together 750000 g of ICE, chemicals, four huts used for making drugs,92 huts, 2262 acid buckets that can hold 5 gallons, 356 acid buckets that can hold 10 gallons, 195 acid buckets that can hold 50 gallons, 478 acid buckets, 5280 acid bottles, 90 bags of washing soda, 20 bags of brown charcoal, 1220 bags of sodium exodites, 50 bags of sodium sulfites, 18 packets of chemical powders (white/red), one bulldozer, one Hilux vehicle, 1144 gas pots (long), 69 boiler stoves, 95 bell jars/cooking pots, 6 generators (big), 30 refrigerators, 7 deep freezers, 11 washing machines, 40 steel trays, 6 dryer machines, 8 steel stirring machines, 5 tablet machines, 6 pairs of scales, 484 different trays, 205 different basins and 1800 empty bags of dried tea leaves was confiscated near Shouthaw Village in Kutkai Tsp. A woman was caught with 4000 stimulant tablets and one motorbike in Mabein Town. A seizure of ownerless 18000 stimulant tablets, 8500 g of Amoniumchloride, 1000 g of Methanol in Laukkai Tsp. A seizure of 20000 stimulant tablets was conducted when the inspection team made a man stop for inspection. Two men were caught together with 566 stimulant tablets and one motorbike in Kyaikdon Tsp. A seizure of 17400 stimulant tablets was conducted at suspect's house. A man was caught together with 1000 stimulant tablets and one motorbike in Panlot Village. A man was caught together with 2400 stimulant tablets and one motorbike at Meiyan Inspection gate, Tachilek Tsp. An seizure of 660 g of ownerless heroin, a man together with 760 stimulant tablets, 137 g of heroin, 155 Buprenorphine Tablets and one motorbike in Khampat Tsp were caught. Two men were seized together with 100 g of heroin, 540 g of opium and two motorbikes near Laythar Village, Mawlite Tsp. Two men were caught with 455 stimulant tablets and 32.7 g of heroin in Phaunbgpyin Tsp. A man was arrested with 2077 stimulant tablets and 71.7 g of heroin in Khamti Town. A man had absconded near the inspection gate and police found a seizure of 2000 stimulant tablets, 740 g of heroin and one motorbike. A man was conducted with 720 g of speciosa in Myeik Town, Taninthayi Region. A seizure of 6000 g of ICE from the plastic pack was caught in the sea shore of Pikethelay Village, Yayphyu Tsp. A man from Patauk Shwe Wah ward in Kawthoung Town with 1793 stimulant tablets and three men together with 4 stimulant tablets, a woman together with 169 stimulant tablets and two men together with 37 stimulant tablets, a man together with 2350 stimulant tablets, 0.2 g of ICE and 4 g of marijuana, a man from Thayettaw Ward, Aunglan Town together with 12 stimulant tablets, 229.8 stimulant tablets, a man in Amarapura Tsp, Mandalay Region together with 360 stimulant tablets and one motorbike, a man from PyinOoLwin Tsp together with 990 stimulant tablets and one motorbike, a man from Maetaw Village together with 80 g of heroin and one motorbike, a woman from Kyaukpadaung Town together with 387 stimulant tablets, a man from Tharyaraye Ward together with 576 stimulant tablets, two men from a hotel in Tamway Tsp together with 1.5 g of ICE, three men from the room of the hotel together with 2288 stimulant tablets and 48 g of ICE, and two men from No. 71, Dagon Myothit (South) together with 417 stimulant tablets and 7.7 g of marijuana were also arrested.

There has been one arrest involving foreigners. Two Chinese (Taipei) men and a Myanmar man were caught with 74000 g of ICE and a Vigo VE vehicle. There has been one arrest together with 2893546 stimulant tablets, 36 grenades, handmade 2 visses of mines, 20 visses of gun powder and 52 walkie talkies. There has been one shooting; the suspect tried to fight against the police. Then the police fired him and he was dead together with 7 g of heroin.

There have been 249 cases being opened between 4 and 10 August 2019. The total number of 334 people, including 285 men and 49 women, were arrested with 2,664,151 stimulant tablets, 34,073.205g of heroin, 830,350.7g of ICE, 31,447.63g of opium, 795g of speciosa powder, 571.55 g of speciosa leaf, 2645.09g of marijuana, 155 Buprenorphine tablets, 8,500 g of Amoniumchloride, 1,000 g of methanol, 3,200 litres of chemical liquid, four huts with chemicals and instruments making narcotic drugs, 92 huts with 2262 5-gallon Acid buckets, 356 10-gallon Acid buckets, 195 50-gallon acid buckets, 478 iron acid tank, 5280 acid bottles, 90 washing soda bags, 20 brown charcoal bags, 1220 bags of sodium ethoxide, 50 bags of sodium sulfate, 18 packs of powder(white/red), 96 huts, a bulldozer, a Hilux vehicle, 1144 gas cylinder (long), 69 boilers, 95 cockers, 6 generators, 30 refrigerators, seven deep freezers, 11 washing machines,40 steel trays for drying, six dryers, eight mixers, five tablet making machines, six weighing scales, 484 containers, 205 bowels, 1,800 empty dried-tea-leaf bags and other related things, 36 grenades, two IEDs, two visses of gunpowder mixing with metal balls and 52 walkie-talkies.

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

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Youths are key to education reforms

CHANGE or reform can be considered from two perspectives. The first involves carrying out reforms to change a situation of the past which ought to be reformed, and the second involves carrying out reforms with innovations aimed at the future.

Myanmar, which is a least developed country, needs both. With wisdom, we can successfully implement these reforms.

Wisdom does not mean titles and degrees. An education system must help develop abilities which can lead to wisdom and foresight.

Young people, who have an advantage compared to older people in terms of age and time, must use both to pursue education, which can help develop wisdom. But, not all youths have the means to make use of this advantage.

The question of the role of youths arises when we think about education reforms. We want our country to have an education system that benefits our citizens equally, irrespective of whether they are rich or poor, from urban or rural areas.

> Myanmar cannot allocate as many resources as she would like for the education system. How can this challenge be overcome? The answer is: through cooperation.

The government is obliged to reform the country's education system, which can guarantee inclusiveness.

The effort towards achieving such an education would depend on whether Myanmar is rich or poor.

Myanmar is not a poor country, but neither is it developed. The country is striving towards development. Thus, Myanmar cannot allocate as many resources as she would like for the education system. How can this challenge be overcome? The answer is: through cooperation.

While the government is working to build a good education system for the country, the youths, on their part, must share the responsibility for their education. The right participation from youths can speed up educational reforms. Therefore, we would like to urge the youth to state their requirements which would help them make the best use of time, as part of educational reforms, so that the government can reach the right decision.

The best solution for the best education will come to us through discussions at the table. A good education system can give every person the confidence to face the world in every situation. That is the essence of education.

The government elected by the people has been carrying out reforms since taking office over three years ago. We are witnessing the fruitful results of education reforms. In terms of time, two years are not much, but the achievements in education reforms during the period show that we can design a good education system for the country, if we lay down the right policy.

We can put our education on the right path with the collective strength of students, parents, and educators.

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A Geographer's Perspective on the Issues of Climate Change and Global Warming

By Professor
Maung Maung Aye



Flood caused by the overflow water from the Attaran River submerges houses and a pagoda in Kyaikmaraw, Mon State, on 13th August 2019. **PHOTO: KO HEIN (PAUNG)**

Introduction

The main aim of this article is to succinctly present the 'Climate Change and Global Warming' from geographic point-of-view. First, the top ten worst environmental issues of the world will be mentioned, and it will be followed by presenting two worst environmental issues:

(i) Climate Change, and

(ii) Global Warming based upon geographical perspectives. Finally, the most remarkable changing climatic events that have taken place in Myanmar will be briefly highlighted.

Today it is commonly agreed upon the fact that there are the world's top 10 worst environmental issues such as:

1. Climate change
2. Global warming
3. Over development
4. Overfishing
5. Clear cutting
6. Acid rain
7. Smog
8. Salinity
9. Driftnet fishing
10. Coral bleaching

Out of these ten worst issues of the world, only the first two issues of climate change and global warming are to be briefly presented here, from the view-point of Climatic Geography, to the readers of the Global New Light of Myanmar Daily Newspaper.

Climate Change

What is meant by the term 'Climate Change'?

Climate change in general refers to any long term change in local or global weather pattern when measured over a number of years. Climate also includes temperature, precipitation, days of sunlight, and other indicators. When climate change is used in an environmentalist sense it is usually meant to indicate negative changes in the climate such as global warming.

The difference between Climate and Weather

To many people the words climate and weather seem interchangeable, but in truth they are two distinct terms. When we refer to weather we mean the day to day changes in temperature, precipitation, and winds that is chaotic and generally unpredictable. We may have weather forecasts, but we can never truly pin down the exact weather pattern for any given day or week. Climate on the other hand refers to the long term trends in weather patterns globally. While weather changes from day to day, climate change takes place over thousands or millions of years, and helps shape the environment around us.

Factors Influencing Climate Change: The Natural

Many factors, both man-made and natural influence climate change. Natural factors include volcanic activity, solar variations, orbital variations, and plate tectonics. Volcanic activity can contribute to the carbon dioxide (CO_2) buildup in the atmosphere, but also cause cooling trends. CO_2 emitted by volcanoes is actually very little when compared to that emitted by human beings. Variations in the sun's rays can also cause warming or cooling trends, as can slight deviations in the orbit of the Earth around the sun. Climate change is also a very interdependent process, meaning that one small climate change, such as glacier retreat, affects many other aspects of the global climate as well.

Factors influencing Climate Change: The Man-Made

Though our planet has seen warm periods and ice ages before the Industrial Age, it was nothing compared to the rapid climate change we are seeing now. This is mostly due to the greenhouse gas (GHG) effect, a phenomena where the CO_2 released into the air helps trap heat on the Earth's surface, warming the planet up. Without some CO_2 in the atmosphere the Earth would be uninhabitable, but too much creates a steamy situation.

According to research that tests CO_2 levels by studying fossils and glaciers, the CO_2 levels in our atmosphere are higher now than at any other point in the last 750,000 years. As more heat becomes trapped on the Earth's surface glaciers melt, sea levels rise, and weather patterns become more extreme.

But it's not only industry that creates so much CO_2 in the atmosphere. Deforestation and land use may have begun human-influenced climate change thousands of years ago. As more and more trees are cut down and cleared for farming, the Earth's capacity to turn CO_2 into oxygen through plant life is diminished. Halting global warming and climate change not only relies on clean manufacturing, but also respect for the vital role of flora in our global ecosystem.

Methane and aerosols in the atmosphere are also byproducts of human activity. Aerosols cause ozone depletion, but also block some of the sun's rays, while methane contributes to the greenhouse gas effect.

Effects of Climate Change

Climate change has a huge impact on the flora and fauna of the planet. Mass species extinction could be a result of global warming. Take the example of the polar bear. Glaciers are already melting due to global warming. As arctic regions melt and shrink the polar bear has less territory and prey, and thus teeters on the brink of endangerment. As temperate areas become warmer local organisms may no longer be able to survive, and will become extinct.

The warming of the global climate will also result in intense weather events, like hurricanes, cyclones, typhoon and tornadoes, which will become increasingly more devastating. Desertification and flooding will also result. In truth, it is actually underdeveloped nations like Africa, who have not contributed to the massive emissions of greenhouse gases, who will pay the most.

> As part of the UN environmental conservation programme, Myanmar, joining hands with the NGOs, is drawing the national level report and the tasks which would be in harmony with environment.

What can you do About Climate Change?

Climate change is a problem we can all band together to fix. We need to call for greater accountability in our leaders, and support environmentally conscious companies and countries with our purchasing decisions.

Global Warming

A new threat?

In recent decades a new threat to the health of our planet has emerged: global warming. Whether or not you believe in the phenomena, scientific fact has proven that global temperatures have risen roughly one degree Fahrenheit (0.74 degrees Celsius) since 1950, and are projected to rise by much more than that in the future. So what if it gets warmer, right? We can all wear shorts and sip fruity drinks by the pool. Or, may be not. With global warming comes a host of problems to plague or planet, from mass species extinction to rising sea levels. Global warming is a problem, and unless we act fast, the consequences could be permanent.

Causes of Global Warming

There are many sources of global warming, and not all of them stem from human causes. For example, both solar variation and volcanic activity have both played a role in global warming in the past history of our planet. But the sharp increases seen in the last few centuries have been linked by the vast majority of scientists to human behavior, specifically CO_2 emissions.

These CO_2 emissions contribute to the greenhouse gas effect, which was discovered in 1824 by Joseph Fourier. The Earth actually has greenhouse gas effects occurring naturally, mostly caused by evaporating water, without which our planet would be too cold to live on. However, the vast quantities of carbon dioxide and methane found in our atmosphere are far from natural. Consider this: the atmospheric levels of CO_2 have risen 31% and methane 149% since the beginning of the industrial revolution in the mid-1700's. Obviously the increase in greenhouse gases (GHGs) is largely tied to human behavior.

These gases are released through industrial production, burning of fossil fuels (i.e. cars), and deforestation. Obviously if we want to lower our greenhouse gas emissions, we need to find new sources of energy and replant our forests.

Consequences of Global Warming

Obviously the warming of our planet is going to have global repercussions. Current climate projections estimate that by the end of the 21st century we could have global warming of 1.1 to 6.4 degrees Celsius (2 to 11 degrees Fahrenheit). With these warmer temperatures a variety of changes would happen. Glacier retreat (which is already happening) would speed up, and the Arctic landmass would also be subject to melting. This in turn would raise sea levels up to 0.46 metre (a foot and a half).

Global warming will also have an increasingly large effect on the patterns of extreme weather on our planet such as hurricanes, cyclones, typhoon tornadoes, floods, and drought. Hurricanes (Cyclones & Typhoons) will become less frequent but far more intense, and areas currently experiencing drought will widen. Many locations that rely on a flow of summer streams will lose water during the warmer months as well.

Any species who cannot adapt to the climate change and resulting effects on locations around the world will become extinct. It is thought that this number could reach the hundreds of thousands, including both flora and fauna.

While plants and animals decline, certain diseases will thrive in the increasingly warmer climate. Both malaria and dengue fever will spread as new areas become warm enough to support the mosquitoes that carry the diseases. This will dramatically affect human life, especially in developing countries which lack basic health care.

What can we do?

Sadly many scientists think that global warming has not even leveled out yet, because of the massive temperature holding abilities of our oceans. That means that even if we were to halt our CO_2 producing industries this second, global warming would still increase for a while before declining. However, we can still make a difference for the future.

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 14thAugust, 2019: Rain or thundershowers will bescattered in Lower Sagaing Region and widespread in the remaining Regions and States withisolated heavyfalls in Naypyitaw, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyarwady and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States.Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35)m.p.h. Wave height will be about (7 –10) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of increase of rain in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14th August, 2019: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

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

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 14th August, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

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JMC civil representatives review ceasefire works

CIVIL representatives of the Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee held the 7th regular meeting at the National Reconciliation and Peace Center (NRPC) branch at Shwe Li Street in Kamayut Township, Yangon, at 9 am yesterday.

At the meeting, U Ko Ko Gyi, Vice-Chairman(2) of JMC Union Level (JMC-U) recognized the activities of civil representatives in negotiation trips, informal meetings and public meetings which could motivate some groups in peace-making works.

He also called for open discussions on the targeted plans and the needs in their works, as well as their views to overcome challenges, and advised to continue working without bias.

Thura U Bo Ni, a leading member of JMC, appreciated the works of civil representatives for their supports to the JMC, and invited their ideas to address the underlying problems in respective areas.

U Maung Maung Nyein, a senior member of JMC, recounted the formation of JMC four years ago, and emphasized on the important role of JMC in ceasefire works.



7th regular Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee meeting held at office of National Reconciliation and Peace Centre in Kamyut Township, Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

The various levels of JMC then presented their reports, and the participants discussed strong and weak points in the reports and gave their suggestions.

U Ko Ko Gyi said to the media: "The JMC is not available to hold the conference at the moment. And that, the role of civil representatives became more crucial. As they are the independent persons, they can reach to ethnic armed groups for informal meetings. This is an advantage of civil representatives to continue the activities of JMC."

The meeting was attended by civil representatives from various levels of JMC and the technical assisting groups. The JMC holds its regular meeting every four months.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Death toll in Paung landslide rises to 66



Photo shows the aerial view of rescue operations at the landslide in Paung, Mon State. **PHOTO: KO HEIN (PAUNG)**

WITH the recovery of six more bodies and the death of one man undergoing treatment at a hospital yesterday, the death toll in the landslide in Paung, Mon State, has reached 66, according to the Paung Township General Administration Department.

The deadly landslide occurred around 7 a.m. on 9 August following torrential rain.

Rescue teams are conducting operations and aid has been flowing into landslide and flood-hit areas in the state, according to the department.

"One victim receiving treatment at the Yangon General Hospital died yesterday," said U Zaw Moe Aung, the head of the Paung Township General Administration Department.

Experts from the Irrigation Department are carrying out surveys in six areas, where landslides can potentially occur in Paung. The results of the survey will be released soon, said U Zaw Moe Aung.

The landslide has affected 179 persons from 27 households and over 30 persons are receiving treatment at the Mawlamyine and Thaton hospitals.

Special rescue teams from the Myanmar Fire Services Department (Central) are carrying out rescue operations at the landslide site with the use of modern machinery and help from Tatmadaw members and volunteers.

Aid from private donors and the government has reached landslide victims in Thae Byu Gon Village in the state. — Ko Hein (Paung) *(Translated by GNLM)*

Truck overturns in Wundwin; one killed

ONE MAN was killed after a 22-wheel vehicle overturned on 12 August near Kine Village, Wundwin Township, Mandalay Region.

According to witnesses, the vehicle carrying Myanmar beer flipped over between mileposts 379/5 and 379/6 on the Yangon–Mandalay highway in Wundwin Township after the driver lost control. The driver has been identified as Aung Ko Hteik, 29, from Insein Township. There was one passenger travelling with him who has been identified as Wai Yan Tun, 25. While the latter was heavily injured and died on the spot, the driver sustained minor injuries.

The police have filed a case of reckless driving against Aung Ko Hteik under Sections 304(A) and 337 of the Penal Code.—Htay Hlaing (Wundwin)
(Translated by Hay Mar)

Domestic gold price soars tracking global cues, but market cools



A sale girl of a jewellery shop waits for customers in Yangon. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

By Nyein Nyein

WITH gold prices touching a record high in the global market, the price of gold in the domestic market is on the rise, but the market has cooled, according to U Ohn Myaing, the general secretary of the Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association.

"The market has been cool. The global gold price has maintained an upward trend on the back of a risky geopolitical environment and political instability. North Korea's missile tests, Hong Kong's city-wide strike and street protest, and other global cues are contributing factors to the sharp rise in the gold market. The domestic gold price is positively linked to global gold prices," said U Ohn Myaing. Earlier, when the global gold prices had dipped below US$1,500 per ounce, the domestic price had dropped to K1,210,000 per tical (0.578 ounce or, 0.016 kilogram), according to the domestic gold market.

Gold prices were pegged at $1,525 per ounce in the global market yesterday afternoon, while the domestic price remained above K1.2 million per tical.

To stabilize the gold price and govern the gold market, the Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association held a discussion on 9 August with regional and state gold entrepreneur associations. The associations pointed out that the local gold price will continue to rise, tracking global gold prices.

On 22 June, the price of pure gold crossed K1.1 million per tical, and it reached a new peak of over K1.2 million on 7 August.

With prices on the rise, the YGEA has already warned its members of legal action if any fraudulent case is detected against them. Furthermore, traders have been asked to make payments at once, according to the YGEA.

With global gold prices on the uptick, the domestic price has hit fresh highs this year.

According to gold traders, in the month of January, the domestic gold price reached its lowest level of K1,043,4000 on 1 January, and the highest level of K1,061,000 on 31 January. It touched a low of K1,058,400 on 2 February and a high of K1,087,300 on 20 February. In March, the lowest price recorded was K1,048,600 (30 March) and the highest was K1,069,000 (21 March). In April, gold prices registered a low of K1,037,200 on 24 April and a high of K1,054,700 on 11 April. The lowest price for gold in May was K1,035,200 (2 May) and the highest was K1,059,200 (14 May). In June, gold prices touched the lowest level of K1,055,000 on 1 June and the highest level of K1,125,500 on 25 June. Last month, the prices moved in the range of K1,099,000 (1 July) and 1,149,400 (31 July).

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Sagaing Region to host first gem expo

SAGAING REGION will hold its first-ever gem expo from 28 August to 1 September at the Htet Kyaw private high school in the region, according to the Sagaing Gem and Jewellery Association.

The five-day expo is aimed at making jade raw materials available in the region, generating employment for local residents, and creating revenue for the regional government, according to the association.

"Payments will be made in the local currency, Kyat. Normally, Sagaing jade traders go to Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw to buy gems, adding to costs. Now, they can buy around 1,000 jade lots in the region," said U Aung Gyi, the chair of the association.

"Visitors will be able to observe and evaluate jade on 28 and 29 August, and on the remaining three days, tenders will be invited for the gems. Enthusiasts can also visit the expo. As it will be the first-ever expo, there will be no entrance fee. There will be a lucky draw for bidders," said U Aung Gyi.

Moreover, the Sagaing Region will hold its second gem expo in December. The expo will be held biannually, according to the Sagaing Gem and Jewellery Association. — Khine Zeya

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

YRIC clears one domestic, eight foreign proposals for manufacturing sector

By Nyein Nyein

THE YANGON Region Investment Committee, at a meeting held yesterday, gave the green light to eight foreign projects from China, Hong Kong, and Malaysia and one domestic proposal, with an estimated capital of US$10.23 million and K1.67 billion.

The enterprises will be engaged in the manufacturing sector and they are expected to create over 5,900 jobs, according to a press release issued by the YRIC.

The manufacturing sector has attracted the most foreign investments in Yangon Region, with enterprises engaging in the production of pharmaceuticals, vehicles, container boxes, and garments on a Cutting, Making, and Packing (CMP) basis.

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

During the 2017-2018 (August-March) fiscal year, the YRIC had permitted 39 foreign and 9 domestic enterprises to invest in Yangon Region, with a capital of $56.6 million and K23 billion, creating 22,481 jobs.

From April to September, 2018, the YRIC permitted 44 projects from 34 foreign and 10 domestic enterprises, with a total pledged amount of $72.5 million and K21.26 billion. A total of 21,173 jobs were created through those permitted enterprises.

Between 1 October and 26 June in the current 2018-2019 FY, the YRIC endorsed 113 foreign and 17 domestic projects, with capitals of $190.48 million and K33.97 billion, creating over 67,542 jobs. In the current fiscal year, the manufacturing sector received capital expansion of $7 million, whereas domestic investment of K479.98 million by Myanmar citizens was registered in that sector.

According to statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration,

Yangon Region absorbs 60 per cent of all investments in Myanmar, Mandalay attracts 30 per cent, while the other regions and states get only a small share of investments.

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

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Imports fall by $900 mln in current fiscal year

THE value of imports between 1 October and 2 August in the current fiscal year stood at US$15.27 billion, a decrease of $900 million from the corresponding period in the previous FY, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce.

The value of imports of consumer, capital, and intermediate goods fell significantly in the current fiscal year as against the 2017-2018FY.

Capital goods, such as auto parts, vehicles, machines, steel, and airplane parts were brought into the country, with an estimated import value of $4.8 billion. The figure was down $722 million compared to the same period in the previous FY.

Meanwhile, Myanmar imported consumer products worth $2.76 billion, including pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and palm oil. Both private and public sector imports of consumer products fell by $315 million compared with the corresponding period of last year.

Intermediate goods make up a large share of Myanmar's imports, with petroleum products and plastic raw materials being the main import items. In the current fiscal, imports of raw materials declined by $164.5 million compared to the year-ago period to reach $5.7 billion.

During the same period, raw materials worth $1.99 billion were also imported for the Cut-Make-Pack (CMP) garment sector. — Ko Khant

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Thai donors deliver nearly Baht 3 mln worth of foods to flood victims in Mon State

THAI donors delivered nearly Bath 3 million worth of rice, drinking water, noodle and other aid to natural disaster affected people in Mon State yesterday at Thai side of No 1 Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge.

The donated drinking water and dry rations handed over by Thai charity groups led by a Thai Royal Army Major General were accepted by Col Nay Myo Zaw and officials. — Htein Lin Aung (IPRD)

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



Thai donors provide aids for people affected by natural disaster in Mon State. **PHOTO: HTEIN LIN AUNG (IPRD)**

Cotton creates high value with each cubic water along Aral Sea basin

BEIJING — Cotton can create the highest water productivity among the crops including rice, wheat and corn in the Aral Sea basin of Central Asia, according to the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).

A research team from the Xinjiang Institute of Ecology and Geography under the CAS conducted research on water and land resource development and utility efficiency along the Aral Sea basin from 2000 to 2014.

With remote sensing and the database of water resource utilization efficiency in Central Asia, the researchers also have analyzed the main crops growth condition and yield along the Aral Sea basin. —Xinhua ■

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V SINAR SOLO VOY. NO. (859N/S)

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M.V MAERSK ABERDEEN VOY. NO. (931S)

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CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V YANTRA BHUM VOY. NO. (1028 W/E)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V YANTRA BHUM VOY. NO. (1028 W/E) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12-8-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T/M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on M.V MCC MERGUI VOY. NO. (932W) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 14-8-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T/T.M.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Invitation for Bids

MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
NATIONAL ELECTRIFICATION PROJECT
SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE

IDA Credit No.:_5727-MM
Date: 14th August 2019
Contract Title: Steel Parts for 11kV Distribution Line and Transformer Station for National Electrification Project
Reference No. : MOEE-NEP-P2/C1-G7/19

1. The Ministry of Electricity and Energy has received financing from the World Bank towards the cost of the National Electrification Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds towards payments under the contract for Distribution Transformer for National Electrification Project.

2. The Ministry of Electricity and Energy now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for supply of **Steel Parts for 11kV Distribution Line and Transformer Station**, for the total quantities of **6,326,361 Steel Parts** to be delivered in **2019** and **2020** to multiple destinations in all Regions and States of Myanmar. Domestic preference with the margin of 15% will apply. The goods will be grouped into **9 lots** and bidders may submit bid for any one or more lots. Evaluation and award of contract will be on a lot-wise basis.

3. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers [edition of January 2011 revised in July 2014] ("Procurement Guidelines"), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to the paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting for the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Project Manager, Office No (27), Ministry of Electricity and Energy, nep.pmomoep@gmail.com and inspect the bidding documents during office hours 10:00 to 16:00 hours at the address given below .

5. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be obtained free of charge by interested eligible bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below. The Bidding Documents will be issued through email only.

Attention : Project Manager
Project Management Office (National Electrification Project)
Office Building No.27
Ministry of Electricity and Energy
City : Nay Pyi Taw
ZIP Code : 15011
Country : The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Telephone : +95 67 3431175
Facsimile number : +95 673431176
Electronic mail address : nep.pmomoep@gmail.com

6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 10:00 am, 26th September, 2019. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives at the address below at 10:00 am, 26th September, 2019.
Yadanar Hall, Grand Floor, Office Building No.27,
Ministry of Electricity and Energy
City: Nay Pyi Taw
ZIP Code: 15011

7. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security as stated in ITB 19.1 Bid Data Sheet of the bidding document.

8. The address referred to above para 4 and 5 are:

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A Geographer's Perspective on the Issues of Climate Change and Global Warming

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By supporting renewable sources of energy in our homes and vehicles each person can make a difference. Clean energy can help stop global warming. For those of you fortunate enough to live in democratic countries, vote for leaders who truly care about our environment and are committed to making a difference.

Climate Variation due to Climate Change in Myanmar

The climate change has already been occurring in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

The most remarkable changing climatic events are as follows:

1. Late onset after 1977 (Later onset of southwest Monsoon)
2. Early withdrawal after 1977 (Earlier withdrawal of southwest Monsoon)
3. Shorter Monsoon duration after 1977 (Shorter duration of southwest Monsoon)
4. Retardation of Monsoon advancement increased in 1990s
5. Monsoon strength sharply decreased after the warm episode of 1978 – 1983
6. Heat indices increased after 1977 (Warmer temperatures)
7. Annual rain decreased after 1977 (Lesser rainfalls)
8. Normal 'Monsoon Break' disappeared in 1990s
9. The Monsoon depressions became less significantly in 1990s (Lesser storms in the Bay of Bengal)
10. The abnormal synoptic situations occurred in 1980s and 1990s

Carbon Budget of Myanmar

With reference to the speech delivered by the Union Minister for Environmental Conservation and Forestry at the 12th Delhi Sustainable Development Summit held from February 2 to 4, 2012 in New Delhi, India, certain facts and figures are noteworthy. As part of the UN environmental conservation programme, Myanmar, joining hands with the NGOs, is drawing the national level report and the tasks which would be in harmony with environment. According to the statistics in 2000, Myanmar released 74 tons of carbon every year while its forests absorb about 142 tons of carbon. The country hopes for participation in regional and global environmental conservation programmes as it is still facing the over population, poverty, deforestation and wrong land utilization.

Conclusion

In short, this author would like to make the salient point that no one else but we human beings are responsible for the causes of such worst environmental issues as global warming and climate change. Therefore, no one else but we human beings are responsible for the repair of the damage we have done. The author firmly believes that with "respect for life as part of the Buddhist moral code" and genuine concern for all things – living and non-living – there is no reason why we cannot mend our mistake. Global warming and climate change are global challenges, and accordingly these environmental issues are global concern. As responsible citizens of the world, we should all push in with this great and noble task of restoring our environment for the benefit of not only the present generation but also for that of the generations to come.

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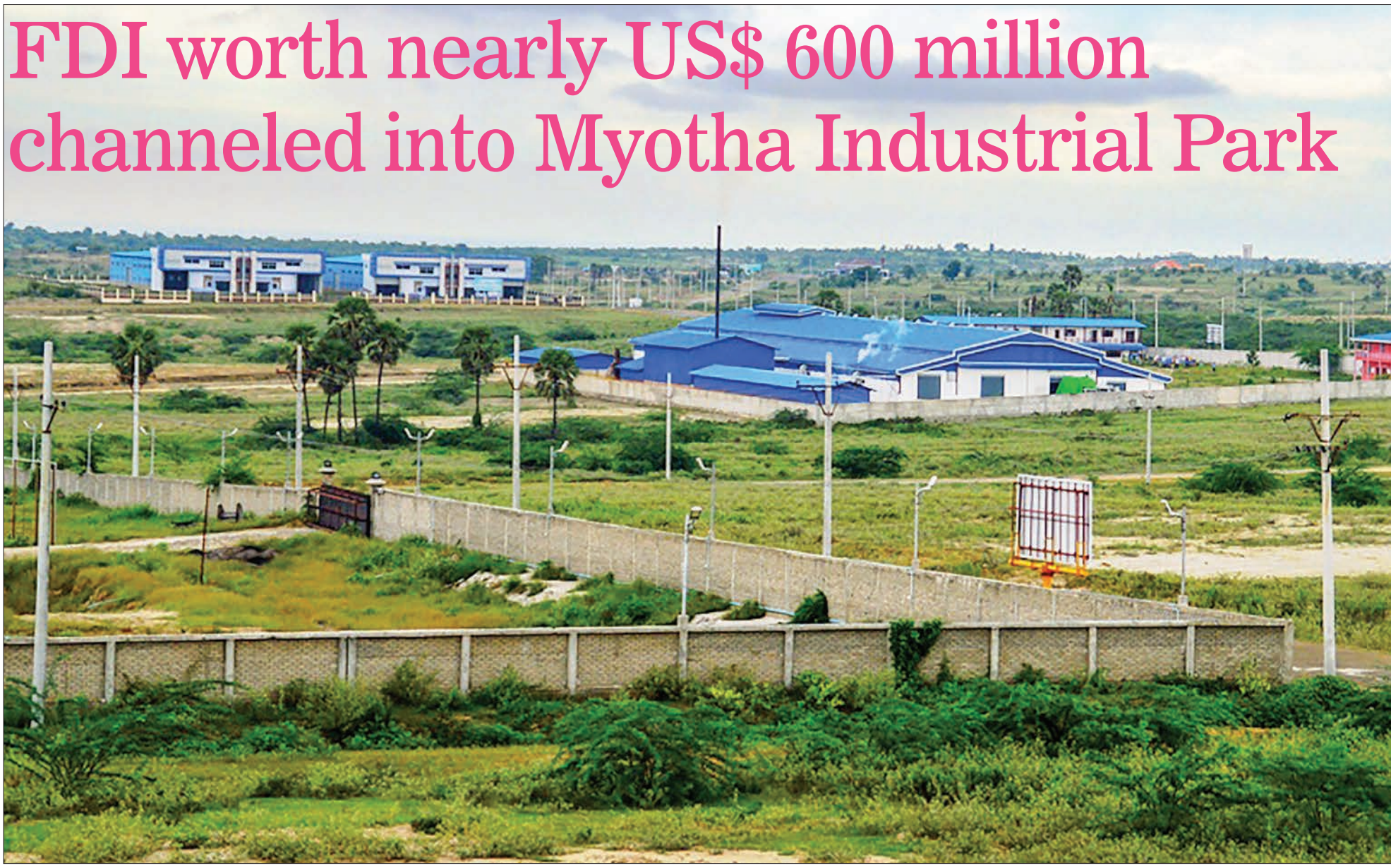
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FDI worth nearly US$ 600 million channeled into Myotha Industrial Park



Some foreign companies become operational in twelve sectors in Myotha Industrial Park. **PHOTO: KHINE SEIT WAI**

By Kyaw Htike Soe

SOME foreign companies became operational in twelve sectors in Myotha Industrial Park in Ngazun Township, Mandalay Region, said a senior official from the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) under the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations.

Foreign investments are entering into the Myotha Industrial Park where land plots are easily available for the foreign investors, she said. The DICA has given the green light to the foreign companies wishing to make investments in the Myotha Industrial ParkCity which is jointly developed by the Mandalay Regional Government and the Mandalay Myotha Industrial Development (MMID) with the aim of constructing more than 100 factories in the industrial zone within three years. Foreign investment inflows from China, Singapore, the Netherlands, Hong Kong and Japan mostly came to automotive industry, food processing, CMP industry, animal feed industry and services sector.

Foreign direct investments worth nearly US$ 600 million have been channeled into Myotha Industrial Park since its establishment, according to the figures from the DICA."Myotha Industrial Park was first developed in time of the previous government and now the project is being implemented under the supervision of the regional government. Presently, foreign investments are flowing to the industrial park," she explained.Construction of the project commenced in 2013 on 260,000 acres of land and around 12,000 acres, or 4.6 per cent of land space is used by factories. As the industrial park is adjacent to Semeikhon Port which can load up to 50 tonnes of cargo, it is convenient for waterway transportation of commodities.

In addition, a new concrete road that can reach the Myotha Industrial Park within half an hour is under construction, she added. Recently, a Chinese automaker set up a car assembly plant in the Myotha Industrial Park with an investment amount of US$ 30 million. The factory aims to manufacture ten models of seven types of high quality vehicles to be sold not only in local market but also foreign market at reasonable prices. It is capable of producing 5,000 cars annually and employs 130 staff including 110 Myanmar citizens. According to the DICA director, foreign direct investments in Mandalay Region from January to late July this year amounted to more than US$ 80 million and countries such as China, Japan, France and Republic of Korea invested in the five projects during this period.

Investments from foreign countries in the Mandalay Region saw US$ 445 million while Myanmar citizen's investments in the region were valued at K172 billion in the fiscal year 2018-2019."We gave the green light to local companies for making investments which are valued at some K126297 million in the region and the majority of foreign investment in the seven month of this year flowed to industry, electricity generation, servicing, transportation, communications



FDI worth nearly US$ 600 million have been channeled into Myotha Industrial Park in Ngazun Township, Mandalay Region. **PHOTO: KHINE SEIT WAI**



and manufacturing sectors," she said. The investment projects were approved by the Mandalay Regional Investment Committee with the permission of the Myanmar Investment Commission. The DICA has been cooperating with the local government to attract foreign direct investments into the region and organizing seminars, investment forum and business forum.

The director highlighted that FDI inflows contribute to the creation of job opportunities for local people, help their income increase and promote their socioeconomic status.Most of the investments came from China, followed by Singapore and Hong Kong. A total of 16 countries including Thailand, Singapore, Hong Kong, Japan, Netherlands and France made investments in Mandalay Region.

The Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) expects that the region will receive more foreign direct investment (FDI) in the next year.Foreign investments in Mandalay Region so far totaled more than US$ 3.9 billion while Myanmar citizen investment volume reached over K 5,060 billion. The MIC also permitted 21 FDI projects worth US$ 1,146 million in the region during the period from April 2017 to March 2018.

EUR 8 million to support inclusive and sustainable trade growth in Myanmar

THE handover ceremony of the Financing Agreement for the ASEAN Regional Integration Support — Myanmar Trade Related Assistance (ARISE Plus Myanmar) was held at Park Royal Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on 6 August 2019, U Min Min, Director General, Department of Trade at the Ministry of Commerce (MOC), Dr Johann Hesse, Head of Cooperation at the European Union Delegation to Myanmar (EUD), and officials of the MOC, EUD and International Trade Centre (ITC) attended the event.

Over four years the EU will provide up to 8 million euros to implement the ARISE Plus Myanmar project that will be implemented by the International Trade Centre (ITC) in collaboration with the Ministry of Commerce (MOC). The initiative aims to support greater connectivity and strengthen economic integration between Myanmar and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) in line with the ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) Blueprint 2025.

At the handover ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw, U Min Min, Director General, Department of Trade said "I would like to express our sincere gratitude to the European Union for this grant support to promote inclusive and sustainable growth in Myanmar. It shows the strong commitment between the EU and Myanmar to move towards the sustainable development goals."

The Head of Cooperation of the EU Delegation to Myanmar, Dr. Johann Hesse said. "We're very honoured to support Myanmar through the ARISE Plus Myanmar project to further diversify its trade and enhance its integration, regionally and internationally. The EU remains committed to assisting Myanmar in achieving these important objectives".

With 8 million euros, ARISE Plus Myanmar supports micro, small and medium sized enterprises (MSMEs) to explore business opportunities in ASEAN, the EU and global markets. It also addresses compliance with Sanitary and Phytosanitary (SPS) standards in line with international commitments. The project helps Myanmar formulate its trade policy and assists the country in meeting its regional (ASEAN) and international (World Trade Organisation - WTO, EU) commitments and addresses non-tariff barriers (NTBs) along value chains. ARISE Plus Myanmar is expected to contribute to equitable and inclusive growth and job creation in export-oriented sectors, and in line with government strategy, it will help diversify the economy to develop more added value and productive industries. This should result in new opportunities for women to enter the labour market and access better paid jobs. In addition, the project will increase the transparency of trade rules and potentially address barriers that female-led businesses face when integrating into export value chains. It will also support the advocacy efforts of business associations, including women entrepreneurs associations. — GNLM



Cargo ships lie at anchor in Yangon River. **PHOTO: PHOE KWAR**

IFC Supports Yangon's New Construction Permit System to Help Improve the Ease of Doing Business in Myanmar

IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, has been supporting the Building Control Authority (BCA) of the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) to reform the city's construction permit system and create a business and investor-friendly environment in Myanmar. The Yangon Building Permit System (YBPS) went online on 1 July and will be piloted until the end of the year.

Following a year-long partnership between IFC and YCDC, the automated, paper-free system is estimated to reduce the processing time, from an average of 95 days to 49 days, of about 90 per cent of the 4,000 construction permits submitted annually. The new online building permit system, available in English and, Myanmar languages, was custom-built for YCDC. Professionally certified architects and construction engineers are participating in the pilot testing phase.

"We are pleased to pilot the Yangon Building Permit System, which was developed in response to the business community's appeal for more efficiency in processing permits," said Daw Hlaing Maw Oo, YCDC Secretary. "The pilot phase will test the waters, and by the time the system is rolled out in December, we will have an efficient, transparent, and cost-effective system in place."

IFC's support in developing the YBPS is part of a broader programme to improve the ease of doing business in Myanmar. In the 2019 Doing Business Index, the country ranks 171 out of 190 economies. 'Dealing with construction permits' is one of the 10 indicators used to determine the index. "Compared to other sectors, Myanmar's construction sector has the highest earning potential. An efficient, transparent, and affordable permit system will enable a conducive business environment in Myanmar," said Vikram Kumar, IFC Country Manager for Myanmar. "This reform, in sync with the government's efforts, will help build investors' confidence and ensure a competitive and sustainable construction sector, helping to create jobs and drive Myanmar's economy." In May 2018, IFC and YCDC conducted a detailed assessment and process mapping of the construction permit system in Yangon. While supporting YCDC with capacity building exercises, IFC also engaged with end-users to ensure a customized system toaddress the needs of Yangon's construction sector.

Other recent Doing Business reforms in Myanmar include establishing Myanmar's first credit bureau, and the approval of the revised Import and Export Negative lists which exempted about 70 per cent of exported products and about 57 per cent of imported products from needing a license. IFC, in partnership with Australia, the United Kingdom and Japan, has been supporting the government's Doing Business Reform Working Group, which is chaired by the Deputy Minister of Commerce, to make it easier to do business in Myanmar and promote development of the private sector as a key driver of economic growth. — GNLM

Chief coaches hold pre-match press meet for U-16 Boys Elite Football Tournament

THE chief coaches of the teams participating in the U-16 Boys Elite Tournament 2019, under the AFC-UEFA Assist Program, held a match coordination meeting and pre-match press conference yesterday at the Royal Mingalar Hotel in Mandalay.

The chief coaches of teams from Myanmar, South Korea, Indonesia, and Europe's Montenegro, which will take part in the tournament, scheduled to be held from 14 to 18 August, attended the meeting.

At the press conference, U Min Thu, the chief coach of the Myanmar U-16, said that he did not get much time to prepare for the tourney and the players lack experience as they are from a sports academy.

"We need to work on some skills. The players' spirits also need to be boosted. However, we have prepared to our best. I don't want to discuss results, as they will be evident after the games. I would like to ask to our team's fans to support the children for encouragement rather than results," he said.

Mr Bima Sakti, the chief coach of the Indonesia U-16, said the tourney would be a new experience for his team after the AFF competition. "Our rivals are teams from Asia as well as Europe, and host Myanmar is also a good team. So, the competition will be beneficial for us," he said.

Mr Song Kyungsub, the chief coach of South Korea's U-16 team, said the tourney has come at an opportune time for his team as it will take place before the AFC Championship qualifiers. "The competition will be beneficial for our team as we can test our skills and the team's ability can also be rehoned after the matches," he said.

Mr Draskovic Slobodan, the chief coach of the Montenegro U-16, said: "I'm grateful to the Myanmar Football Federation for inviting us to take part in the event. Our team can get many good experiences from this match. Despite it being a youth tournament, we will play our best as we have come representing Montenegro. Our team was formed in a short time and we didn't get much preparation time, but we will do our best."

Myanmar will play against Indonesia in the opening match of the tourney on 14 August, South Korea on 16 August, and Montenegro on 18 August. The tournament will be held at the Mandalar Thiri Stadium in Myanmar, with teams facing each other once in a round-robin format.

The tourney will be broadcast live on MRTV, MyTV, Channel K, and MySports' Facebook page. — Kyaw Khin



The chief coaches of the Myanmar, South Korea, Indonesia, and Montenegro U-16 teams join hands for a photo during a pre-match conference on 13 August at the Royal Mingalar Hotel in Mandalay. **PHOTO: MFF**

Myanmar women's football team in Thailand for AFF Championship

THE Myanmar women's national football team arrived in Chonburi, Thailand yesterday morning to compete in the ASEAN Football Federation Women's Championship, and underwent light training in the evening at the Chon Inter Hotel.

Team Myanmar left for Thailand in the morning on 13 August from Yangon, and they were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Myanmar Football Federation general secretary Ko Ko Thein.

The tour, which includes 33 players and coach members, is led by U Win Moe Thu, the chief coach of the women's national team.

The 2019 AFF Women's Championship will be held from 15 to 27 August in Chonburi, Thailand. A total of nine teams divided into two groups will participate in the tourney.

Myanmar is in Group B with Viet Nam, Cambodia, and Indonesia for the tourney, while defending champions Thailand, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore, and Timor-Leste are in Group A.

Myanmar will play against Indonesia on 16 August, Cambodia on 18 August, and Viet Nam on 20 August in the group stage at the IPE Chonburi Stadium in Chonburi.

Semifinals will be held on 25 August, and the match for the third place and the final will take place on 27 August. — Kyaw Khin



The Myanmar women's national football team undergo light training on 13 August at the Chon Inter Hotel in Chonburi, Thailand. **PHOTO: MFF**



Diego Costa has agreed to pay 1.7 million euros to settle a tax case, Spanish media reports. **PHOTO: AFP**

Costa to pay 1.7 million euros to settle Spain tax fraud case

MADRID (Spain)— Atletico Madrid striker Diego Costa has agreed to pay 1.7 million euros ($1.9 million) to Spain's tax agency which was investigating him for non-payment of taxes on image rights, a Spanish newspaper reported Tuesday.

The agency said the 30-year-old hid income earned in 2014 from a sponsorship deal signed with Adidas shortly before he joined Chelsea from Atletico that year. Costa, who has both Brazilian and Spanish citizenship, returned to Atletico in 2018.

Under a deal with Spain's tax office, Costa will plead guilty to tax evasion and pay 1.1 million euros in back taxes, daily newspaper El Mundo, reported. He will also be sentenced to six months in jail but will not serve time and instead pay a fine of 600,000 euros, the paper said. The agreement will be made official at a Madrid court on October 4, El Mundo reported.

Contacted by AFP, a spokesman for the tax office, said he could not comment on individual tax files. Costa is the latest famous footballers to have fallen foul of Spain's tax authorities.

A Spanish court in January handed Portuguese striker Cristiano Ronaldo a suspended two-year prison sentence for committing tax fraud when he was at Real Madrid.—AFP ■