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President U Win Myint receives outgoing Cambodian ambassador



President U Win Myint poses for a documentary photo together with outgoing Cambodian Ambassador Mr Sok Chea in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

PRESIDENT U Win Myint received Cambodian Ambassador Mr Sok Chea who has completed his tour of duty at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the call, they exchanged views on promotion of friendly relations and closer cooperation in regional and international issues.

The meeting was also attended by Union Minster from the Office of the Union Government U Min Thu, Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin and officials.— MNA ■

(Translated by Aung Khin)

MIC okays six projects in real estate, livestock, farm sector

THE Myanmar Investment Commission approved six projects yesterday in the real estate, livestock and fisheries, and agriculture sectors, with investments amounting to US$214.223 million and K25.733 billion.

The projects will create 374 jobs for Myanmar citizens.

The MIC granted its approval at a meeting (14/2019) held in Yangon. U Thaung Tun, the Chairman of the MIC, and 9 members attended the meeting.

Between 1988 and the end of July, 2019, the MIC has permitted a total of 1,779 foreign enterprises from 50 countries to invest in 12 sectors, with a total pledged amount of $81,249.193 million. Among them, Singapore, the People's Republic of China, and Thailand have emerged as Myanmar's leading investors.

The oil and gas sector has enjoyed the largest share of investment, accounting for 27.59 per cent of the total foreign fund inflows, followed by the power sector (26.07 per cent), and the manufacturing sector (13.94 per cent).—MNA ■

Mediapersons visit Taung Pyo Letwe camp, meet locals in Maungtaw

A team of local and foreign journalists yesterday visited the Taung Pyo Letwe Reception Centre and met with local communities in Maungtaw Township.

During their visit to Taung Pyo Letwe, they interviewed the reception centre's in-charge U Soe Tun. They also visited houses built for returnees in the Kyeinchaungtaung Village.

In the afternoon, they headed to Shwezar Village and met with local ethnic Rakhine people, Hindus, and Muslims residing there. The group included mediapersons from Courrier Japon, Nishinipon Shimbun, Nippon TV, VOA, BBC, MRTV, MITV, MIR, and MNA. SEE PAGE-6

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Central Bank of Myanmar explains its report to Hluttaw

AT the 18th-day meeting of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 13th regular session held yesterday Central Bank of Myanmar explained its reports to the Hluttaw and Hluttaw representatives discussed basic principle and concept, project works, budget of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 National Planning Bill and Union Budget Bill.


Deputy Governor U Soe Thein.
PHOTO : MNA


MP U Whey Tin.
PHOTO : MNA


MP Lt-Col Myo Tun Aung.
PHOTO : MNA


MP U Lwin Ko Latt.
PHOTO : MNA


MP Dr Khin Soe Soe Kyi.
PHOTO : MNA


MP U Than Soe.
PHOTO : MNA

Central Bank of Myanmar report

First Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) Deputy Governor U Soe Thein explained to the Hluttaw CBM financial policy implementation report and financial stability report for fiscal year 2016-2017 and 2017-2018.

CBM Deputy Governor said economic growth rate of Myanmar was 5.9 per cent and 6.8 per cent in FY 2016-2017 and FY 2017-2018 respectively. The reason for the increase in economic growth rate was due to the increase in agriculture sector production and export, increase in industry sector garment export and improvement in bank services.

Annual inflation rate and average inflation rate calculated on prices of 2012 as a base year was 7 per cent and 6.8 per cent for FY 2016-2017 and 5.4 per cent and 4 per cent for FY 2017-2018.

Annual inflation rate decreased significantly due to the exceptionally stable foreign exchange rate, decrease in CBM's funding government's budget deficit and stability of consumer product prices. Although the inflation rate decreased significantly it still remains high in comparison to neighboring ASEAN countries.

Money supply growth rate was targeted at 13 per cent for FY 2016-2017 and by end March of FY 2016-2017 it remains within the target at 9 per cent. It was targeted at 16 per cent for FY 2017-2018 and by end March of FY 2017-2018 this also remains within target at 6 per cent.

To have an appropriate level of currency in the economic system, deposit auction of banks' current account surplus was started from 17 September 2012. A total of 23 auctions were conducted in FY 2016-2017 and an average of K 343 billion was reduced from the economic system in each auction. A total of 24 auctions were conducted in FY 2017-2018 and an average of K 307 billion was reduced from the economic system in each auction.

To smoothen and ease the flow of foreign currency in the market, CBM had conducted foreign currency auctions to avoid wide swings in foreign exchange rate. For the development of interbank trade of foreign currency Yangon foreign exchange market was established on 5 August 2013. During FY 2016-2017 the exchange rate of US dollar was at the lowest of K 1,159 and the highest of K 1,434. Daily exchange rate change was within one per cent. In FY 2017-2018 the exchange rate of US dollar was at the lowest of K 1,328 and highest of K 1,367. Daily exchange rate change was within 0.5 per cent.

Stability of the financial system was one of the main aims of CBM and regulations were set to control and manage financial institutions. As of end of FY 2016-2017 financial institutions made a total loan of K 39.69 billion. As of end of FY 2017-2018 financial institutions made a total loan of K 68.06 billion. Due to this there was financial stability during FY 2016-2017 and FY 2017-2018.

Financial policy implementation report and financial stability report for the six month period of April to September 2018 was submitted to President Office and approval was obtained. Arrangements were made to submit those reports to Union Government Office and once approval is obtained from Union Government Office, the reports will be submitted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw said the CBM Deputy Governor.

After the explanation Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the reports to register their names.

FY 2019-2020 National Planning Bill and Union Budget Bill

Next 18 Hluttaw representatives discussed the basic principle and concept, project works, budget of Fiscal Year 2019-2020 National Planning Bill and Union Budget Bill.

The 18 Hluttaw representatives were U Khin Cho of Hlaingbwe constituency, U Khin Maung Thi of Loilem constituency, U Whey Tin of Chin State constituency 11, Tatmadaw Amyotha Hluttaw representative Lt-Col Myo Tun Aung, U Lwin Ko Latt of Thanlyin constituency, Dr Khin Soe Soe Kyi of Pyay constituency, U Than Soe (a) Than Soe (Economic) of Yangon Region constituency 4, U Soe Aung Naing of Kyonpyaw constituency, U Zaw Min Thein of Laymyethna constituency, U Aye Naing of Dagon Myothit (South) constituency, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw representative Maj Htin Lin Oo, U Myint Tun of Taze constituency, U Lal Min Htan of Chin State constituency 10, U Hla Tun Kyaw of Maungtaw constituency, Daw Khin San Hlaing of Pale constituency, U San Myint of Ayeyawady Region constituency 3, Dr Pyae Phyo of Ayeyawady Region constituency 7, and U Thet Naung of Lahe constituency.

The 19th-day meeting of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 13th regular session will be held on 2 September.— Aung Ye Thwin, Aye Aye Thant ■

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee holds meeting

PYIDAUNGSU Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee held a meeting at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D, second floor meeting hall, yesterday afternoon to discuss the Education Research, Planning and Training Bill in which the two Hluttaws were in disagreement.

The meeting was attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and Joint Bill Committee Chairman U Tun Aung (a) U Tun Tun Hein, Joint Bill Committee deputy chairmen, secretary, joint secretary and committee members, officials from Ministry of Education, Union Attorney General Office and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office.—MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)


Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee discusses Education Research, Planning and Training Bill in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

VP U Myint Swe attends meeting on establishing satellite system



Vice President U Myint Swe addresses the 6th coordination meeting of the committee on establishing satellite system in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Vice President U Myint Swe, Chairman of the steering committee on establishing Myanmar Owned satellite system addressed the sixth coordination meeting of the committee at the Ministry of Transport and Communications in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

In his address the Vice President said the 13-member committee led by the Vice President was setup by the Office of the President on 25 January 2017 to implement seven tasks on establishing a satellite system. A 9-member work committee led by Union Minister for Transport and Communications was formed and was implementing six tasks.

Coordination meetings were held by the steering committee starting from April 2017 and had conducted five meetings where 26 decisions were made. Of these, 19 were conducted and seven were still to be done. Decisions made at the first to fourth meetings were explained in the past meetings. Seven decisions were made in the fifth leading committee meeting out of which five were conducted while two were still being conducted. Of the two, one was for relevant ministries to coordinate quickly towards acquiring a site where Space Agency was to be established. Relevant ministries were to coordinate and cooperate towards submitting the matter of establishing the Space Agency to the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs (UNOOSA). Another one was to draw up a Comprehensive Law involving member ministries and the Legal Affairs and Rules sub-committee was to implement this.

Implementation of establishing Myanmar's own satellite system was being conducted in three steps where the second step was to launch a jointly owned MyanmarSat-2 satellite in June 2019 and to start utilizing it with new technologies in mid-September 2019. Due to repeated assessments made to ensure reliability and delay in readiness of other satellites owned by other organizations that were to be launched together with MyanmarSat-2, it was successfully launched only on 7 August 2019.

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VP U Henry Van Thio opens Technology & Machinery Show



Vice President U Henry Van Thio and dignitaries cut ribbon to open the 7th Int'l Industrial Technology & Machinery Show" 2019 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

VICE President U Henry Van Thio attended the "7th Int'l Industrial Technology & Machinery Show" 2019 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The Vice President and Union Ministers U Ohn Win, U Soe Win, Dr Myint Htwe and U Ohn Maung, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr Myo Aung cut the ceremonial ribbon, together with Vice Chairperson of Myanmar Engineering Society Daw Khin Sandar Tun, Managing Director of Hitachi Soe Electric & Machinery Co, Ltd, Mr Hayashi Yasumasa, Chairman of Hitachi Soe Electric & Machinery Co, Ltd, U Kyaw Min Tun, Managing Director of Naung Yoe Technologies Co, Ltd, U Ye Win Htut Tin, and Managing Director of MPS Co, Ltd, Dr Zarni Maung Maung.

They looked around the exhibition booths of industrial technology companies, Directorate of Industrial Collaboration (DIC), Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection, No. 1 Heavy Industrial Enterprise, No. 2 Heavy Industrial Enterprise, No. 3 Heavy Industrial Enterprise, Myanma Pharmaceutical Industrial Enterprise, and the booths of 13 private companies.

Together with the show, the "Inventor Award Competition" will be jointly organized by the Ministry of Industry and the Myanmar Engineering Society. This competition will be focused on exhibiting creative innovations from young innovators in Myanmar.

The show will be closed on 1 September, and the award-giving ceremony for the competition will take place on that day, with K500,000 for the first place winner, K300,000 for the second, K 200,000 for the third and K100,000 for the consolation prize.

The event was attended by Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Ohn Win, Union Minister for Industry and Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Soe Win, Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe, Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Ohn Maung, Chairman for Nay Pyi Taw Council Dr Myo Aung, departmental heads under the Industrial Ministry, representatives from local and foreign companies, the invited guests and the officials.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

VP U Myint Swe attends meeting on establishing satellite system

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Necessary tests and inspections were conducted on the satellite that was already in orbit and works were conducted to start utilizing it at the earliest by 15 October 2019. Many thanks were owed to the works of departments and organizations in achieving this success. Total cost of the satellite was US$ 155.7 million and payments were made in installments. In this satellite, Myanmar would use 432 MHz C-band and 432 MHZ Ku-band channels and the channels were to be used efficiently and effectively in education, health, human resources development and other sectors required by the nation. Furthermore relevant ministries were to use the State-own MyanmarSat-2 satellite and were urged to strive towards private sector users leasing and using it.

As Hokkaido University of Japan had proposed the third step of launching a Myanmar wholly owned satellite and relevant ministerial departments had also allocated budget for it, this step need to be implemented quickly.

Members of the Steering Committee,

Work Committee and Sub-Committees need to openly discuss future work processes, sectors where preparations were required, matters of co-

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operation, difficulties faced and suggest toward a having a successful Myanmar-owned satellite system, said the Vice President.

Next Steering Committee secretary Ministry of Transport and Communications Permanent Secretary U Soe Thein explained about completion of decisions made at past meetings.

Afterwards, Steering committee members Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Sein Win, U Ohn Win, and U Soe Win, Union Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Ministers U Aung Hla Tun, U Tha Oo and U Win Maw Tun, chairmen and officials of four sub-committees explained, discussed and suggested on sector wise works conducted.

The Vice President gave advice and instructions based on suggestions and subject matters presented at the meeting. The meeting came to a close after a concluding speech by the Vice President.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of the work committee on establishing satellite system Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung, steering committee members Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Sein Win, U Ohn Win, and U Soe Win, Union Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Ministers Maj-Gen Aung Thu, U Aung Hla Tun, U Tha Oo and U Win Maw Tun, chairmen and officials of four sub-committees, Permanent Secretaries, directors general, heads of department and officials.— MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Solar power to help supply drinking water in Salin Township

DRINKING water will be supplied at Banpyin village in Salin Township of Magway Region with the help of solar panels and solar water pumps.

The project is being jointly implemented by the public, the village, and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), said U Kyaw Zeya, the township head of the Rural Development Department. To obtain drinking water in the village, residents are digging four-inch tube wells and building a 5,000-gallon water storage tank tower at a cost of K11.279 million. The funds have been donated by the residents themselves. Water will be supplied in the village with the help of 32 80-watt solar panels, solar water pumps, and pipelines donated by the UNICEF. Technical assistance for the project will be provided by engineers from the Rural Development Department.

Daw Nyunt Kyi, the Deputy Director of the Rural Development Department (Nay Pyi Taw), and officials on Thursday inspected the implementation of the drinking water supply project in Banpyin Village.

"Drinking water will be supplied with the help of solar systems to about 656 villagers from 157 households. People will having to pay K150 per unit," said U Bo Naing, the chairman of the village water supply committee.—Nyein Thu (Salin)

(Translated by Hay Mar)





Rural Development Department staff members inspect the implementation of the drinking water supply system using solar PV arrays in Banpyin Village. **PHOTO: NYEIN THU (SALIN)**

Technical working group meets to implement ASEAN recommendations on repatriation programme



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye and attendees pose for a documentary photo at the technical working group meeting on Preliminary Needs Assessment (PNA) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

A TECHNICAL working group met yesterday for the first time to implement ASEAN recommendations in the Preliminary Needs Assessment (PNA) of the ASEAN-Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ASEAN-ERAT), which was approved in April this year.

Union Minster for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye presided over the collaboration meeting held at the meeting hall of his ministry in Nay Pyi Taw. The top agendas of the meeting were discussions of three recommendations of PNA to expand more repatriation centers and transit centre, to disseminate information and to support with the provision of basic services in Rakhine State.

The Union Minister explained the works of government for socio-economic development in Rakhine State even before 2016 conflicts. He also recognized the crucial role of the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development participated by the government, the private sector and the whole community.

Dr Win Myat Aye assured the facilitation of Committee for Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State to carry out the suggestions of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State headed by former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

The members of ASEAN-ERAT have visited Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh in the past, and they also reached to Taung Pyo Letwe Reception Centre on 22 August as the Bangladeshi government informed the repatriation of displaced persons to Myanmar on that day.

During the second session of the meeting, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung suggested on the implementation of locally appropriate works in Rakhine State, followed by the presentations of Director of ASEAN Secretariat Mr Nguyen KyAnh, Deputy Executive Director at ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance (AHA Centre) Mr Arnel Capili about the contribution of ASEAN in repatriation process, the works of PNA and capacity-building courses in the country. The relevant state departments discussed their possible assistance in this programme, and the Director General of the Department of Disaster Management facilitated the discussions.

The technical working group will draw a detailed plan to implement social-economic development plans in Rakhine State, to identify the required tasks and the differences and the proposed assistance of ASEAN.—MNA

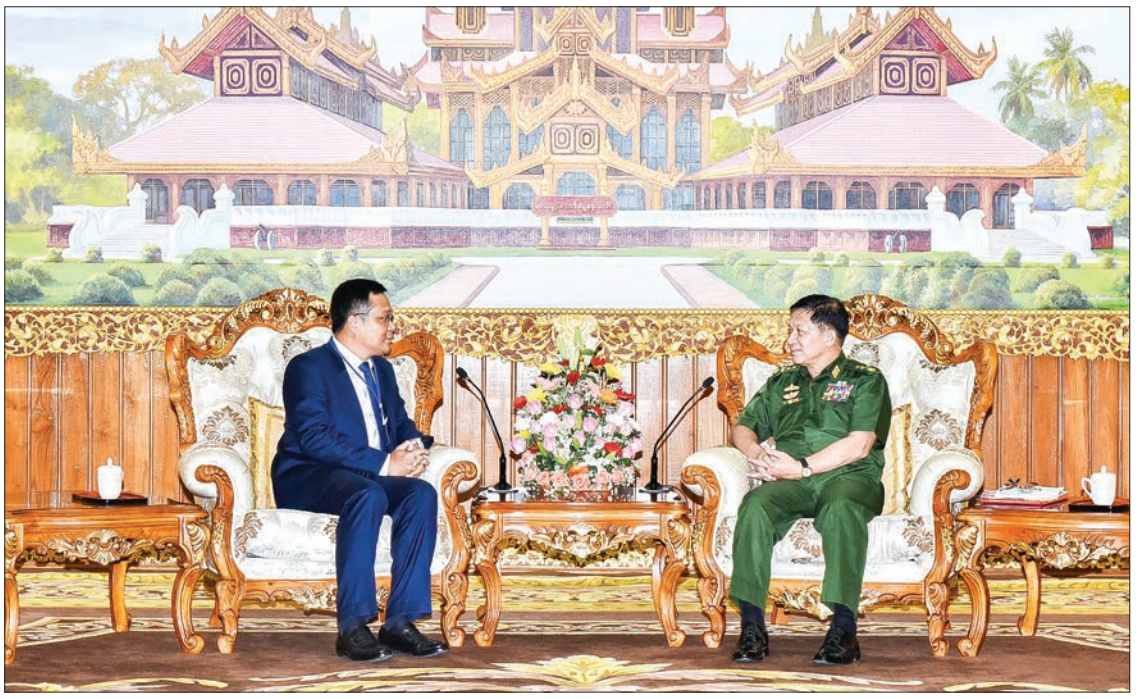
(Translated by Aung Khin)

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives outgoing Cambodian ambassador

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received out-going Cambodia Ambassador Mr Sok Chea, who has completed his tour of duty in Myanmar, at the Bayintnaung guesthouse in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting they cordially discussed promoting existing bilateral friendly relations; Cambodia understanding the true situation of Myanmar; standing on the side of Myanmar with ASEAN in the international arena; bilateral cooperation in business, travel and product exhibition; exchanging visits between the two defence forces in training, sports and culture, according to information released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets with outgoing Cambodian Ambassador Mr Sok Chea at the Bayintnaung guesthouse in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE C-IN-C OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

Information Minister Dr Pe Myint attends 20th anniversary of referendum celebrations in Timor-Leste

As a special envoy of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint attended the 20th anniversary of referendum celebrations in Timor-Leste yesterday afternoon.

The event was held at the Tasitolu Peace Park on western coast of the capital Dili.

The Union Minister was accompanied by Myanmar ambassador to Indonesia and Timor-Leste Daw Ei Ei Khin Aye, Director General of Information and Public Relations Department U Ye Naing and Second Secretary of Myanmar Embassy in Indonesia Daw Nyein Ei Phyu.

The ceremony began with the national anthem, followed by the video message of UN Secretary General Mr António Guterres.

Then, President of Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste Francisco Guterres delivered an opening speech and presented awards to the outstanding persons for the welfare of his country.



Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint attends the celebrations of 20th anniversary of referendum in Timor-Leste yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

The ceremony was concluded with traditional dance, music and fireworks. The Tasitolu Peace Park was established in 2002, and it consists of three permanent, shallow, saline lakes, and wetland surrounds in the protected area of 1,540 hectares. With a five-star hotel built in 2012 and a red natural lake, the park is one of the tourist attractions in the country.

Timor-Leste was a colony of Portugal over 300 years from 1640s to 1975. It declared independence on 28 November 1975, but it was also invaded by Indonesia on 7 December the same year.

Its people fought for independence and held a referendum on 30 August 1999. The United Nations sent a peace mission to the East Timor on 20 September 1999. Finally, the maritime Southeast Asian country could declare its independence, and became the 191st member of the United Nations. The country held a parliamentary election in July 2012, and elected a president.

The East Timorese bravely held a referendum for independence and self-administration with decisive votes for the country.

The referendum has entered 20th anniversary this year and proudly held its celebrations.

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Democratic Republic of Timor-Leste established diplomatic relations on 26th September 2006. Union Minister Dr Pe Myint attended the ceremony as an envoy of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, with high hope to strengthen ties and foster cooperation between the two countries.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Artistes discuss on Literature and Art Copyright Law 2019 in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: ZAW GYI**

Artistes to draft bylaw of Literature and Art Copyright Law 2019

Myanmar artistes met yesterday to discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the Literature and Art Copyright Law 2019 before its bylaw is drafted.

The event was held at the office of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry in Lanmadaw township, Yangon, with opening remarks by Yangon Region's Planning and Finance Minister U Myint Thaung, Vice Chairman of UMFCCI Dr Myo Thet and Chairman of Myanmar Intellectual Property Proprietors' Association.

At the dialogue of Thabin artists group, Information officer of Myanmar Thabin Artists Association Daw Padamya K Khaing acted as a moderator, and Padamya Kyauk Sein, Han Zar Moe Win, and U Nwe Oo shared their experiences in this industry.

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Corruption lawsuit taken against court staff in Htigyaing Township

THE Anti-Corruption Commission decided that an upper division clerk in Htigyaing Township court took a bribery to help a culprit in overturning a verdict of the court.

U Htay Win was found corrupted by getting K5. 66 million separately with pledging to throw out the court decision of two years imprisonment and hard labour handed down on the criminal who fought against the victim of the same village.

The clerk also enticed the culprit with appeal for changing court decision and getting compensation from the court.

The investigation has uncovered the clerk committed taking bribery, and that the Anti-Corruption Commission has filed the first information report under Article 57 of the Anti-Corruption Law at the police station of Htigyaing Township.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Chairman of the MIC Union Minister U Thaung Tun attends the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) meeting (14 / 2019) in Yangon on 30 August, 2019. **PHOTO: MNA**

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This is the 34th visit by mediapersons to Maungtaw. They have visited the township once in 2016, eight times in 2017, 20 times in 2018, and five times so far this year. —MNA ■



Journalists interview local ethnic Rakhine people, Hindus, and Muslims in Shwezar Village. **PHOTO: MNA**



Journalists visit houses for returnees in Kyeinchaungtaung Village. **PHOTO: MNA**



Malaysia-Myanmar Connect 2019 takes place in Yangon

YANGON has abundant business opportunities for foreign investments despite some deficiencies in power supply, hygiene water distribution and efficient transportation, said Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein at the Malaysia-Myanmar Connect 2019 yesterday.

The event was jointly organized by the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and the Malaysia-Myanmar Business Chamber at Wyndhan Grand Yangon Hotel to improvement local and foreign investment in the city.

The Chief Minister expressed his hope for improvement of cooperation between Myanmar and Malaysia and more investment of Malaysian businesspersons.

He also clarified enormous potentials for thriving on southwestern side of Yangon river, where the development programmes will be carried out after completing the construction of Dala bridge constructed by Korean loans to link with the hub of Yangon city.

U Phyo Min Thein also promoted the future plans for Yangon's new city project and special economic zones as the regional government has established the Yangon Project Bank to give assistance for investments.

The Yangon Project Bank covers 80 projects, and it conducted preliminary surveys by seeking advice from the Singapore-based PwC Myanmar firm in drawing sustainable development plan under the framework of the Union government.

At the event, Chairman of Malaysia-Myanmar Business Chamber Mr Gilbert Lee and Malaysian ambassador to Myanmar Mr Zahairi bin Baharim made opening remarks, followed by a video of Myanmar investment opportunities sent by Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun.

The topics on Myanmar economy and the project banks were discussed by a foreign economic expert on Myanmar and Deputy Minister for Industry Dr Min Ye Paing Hein.— MNA ■

(Translated by Aung Khin)



File photo shows an aerial view of Yangon City with high-rise buildings. **PHOTO: MNA**

Yangon Govt to grant loans to 100 SMEs

By Nyein Nyein



A man drying clay pots in the sun. Informal businesses face hurdles accessing financial support. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

THE Yangon Region government has chosen 100 small- and medium-sized enterprises from over 40,000 SMEs in Yangon Region for grant of loans, said U Myint Thaung, the Regional Minister for Planning and Finance, at a press conference held on Wednesday at the Yangon Region Investment Committee's office.

"There are over 40,000 SMEs across Yangon Region. We have shortlisted 100 SMEs which have the greatest potential to develop their businesses. Of these 100, over 40 SMEs have already received loans, while around 60 have been issued recommendation letters. Currently, we are negotiating with the concerned banks to issue them loans. The Loan Appraisal Committee has approved loans of over 60 SMEs out of the 100. We are making arrangements to provide loans to 100 more SMEs in the second phase," said the Minister.

"We are planning to provide loans to 100 more SMEs in the second phase for bringing about the development of the SME sector in Yangon Region," said U Phyo Min Thein, the Chief Minister of Yangon Region.

"We are making arrangements to issue recommendation letters to 100 more SMEs. We are also raising awareness among SMEs regarding the use of cash in a systematic way because SMEs are family-owned businesses and their bank accounts are not large enough to secure such loans," said U Phyo Min Thein.

"There are two types of loans granted to SMEs — loans with collateral and loans without collateral. Without collateral, SMEs can receive only between K20 million and K50 million in loans, and with collateral, they can get loans amounting to between K200 million and K300 million, depending upon the value of the collateral," said U Myint Thaung, the Minister for Planning and Finance.

"Some of the small businesses cannot put up collateral such as plots of land or flats to obtain loans from the bank. So, such small businesses receive loans of lesser denominations," the Minister remarked.

"Banks grant loans to SMEs in accordance with their policy. As part of its efforts to develop SMEs, the Yangon Region government is trying to secure overseas loans such as two-step loans, said the Minister.

SME businesses such as small and medium-sized industries, arts and crafts, lacquerware, tourism, fisheries, and cottage industries will be given priority in the grant of loans.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Govt mulls shifting border fruit depots inside Myanmar

By Aye Yamone

TO prevent Myanmar goods from being sold at low prices, the government is considering shifting fruit commodities depots along the China-Myanmar border inside Myanmar, said Dr Thet Lwin Oo, the director of the Trade Promotion Department under the Ministry of Commerce.

He made the remarks at a coordination meeting to promote exports of Myanmar fruits, held on Tuesday at the Myanmar International Trade Center in Yangon.

"We will not draw the route by ourselves. We will form a committee to discuss the route in detail. But, we will have to decide on a policy so that they can formulate the strategy. For example, Chinshwehaw and Muse are on the same route, and they are separated from Hsenwi. To prevent Myanmar goods from being sold at low prices, the commodities need to be moved inside Myanmar to make them legal. It will be safe for us. We will discourage the purchase of goods in the border areas. They can be bought at Hsenwi or Chinshwehaw instead. If goods arrive in the border areas, we don't have a choice. Therefore, we are thinking of moving the commodities depots inside Myanmar," he added.

"Additionally, we plan to convene goods expos in Lashio in the future, instead of Muse, which is located on the China-Myanmar border. Moreover, the bilateral border goods expo which is planned in November will be held in Lashio, instead of Muse," he said.

"Previously, border goods expos were mostly held in border areas. It was not convenient for us when the expos were held in border areas. Our merchants slept and ate on the China side. They just came to the expo in the early morning. If we convene the expos in Lashio, the Chinese merchants will have to sleep and eat in Lashio. In this case, the people on our side can earn some income," he added.

Currently, Myanmar's trade with China through the Muse border trade zone has virtually come to a halt because of clashes in northern Shan State.

In addition, Myanmar merchants and local farmers are facing difficulties because the export of some products such as rice, corn, and sugar is considered to be illegal by China.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Myanmar export and import status for fiscal year 2018-2019 October to July

MYANMAR'S total export for fiscal year 2018-2019 July was US$ 1,457.64 million of which $ 982.45 million was through normal export while $ 475.19 million was through border trade export. Total import for the same period was $ 1,530.65 million of which $ 1,284.62 million was through normal import while $ 246.03 million was through border trade import. The total trade for fiscal year 2018-2019 July was $ 2,988.29 million and there was a trade deficit of $ 73.01 million.

Myanmar's total export for fiscal year 2018-2019 October to July was $ 14,047.47 million of which $ 7,876.16 million was through normal export while $ 6,171.31 million was through border trade export. Total import for the same period was $ 15,163.53 million of which $ 12,577.98 million was through normal import while $ 2,585.55 was through border trade import. The total trade for fiscal year 2018-2019 October to July was $ 29,211 million and there was a trade deficit of $ 1,116.06 million according to monthly reports of Central Statistical Organization. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Malaysia, Myanmar sign MoU for purchase of goods

By Aye Yamone

WITH Malaysian entrepreneurs expressing willingness to invest in Myanmar, entrepreneurs from Malaysia and Myanmar signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on 30 August for the purchase of goods, said Mr Gilbert Lee, the chairman of the Malaysia-Myanmar Business Chamber (MMBC).

The MoU was signed under the supervision of the Malaysian Embassy and the Malaysia-Myanmar Business Chamber, with the support of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations (MIFER) and the Malaysia External Trade Development Corporation (MATRADE), at the Malaysia-Myanmar Connect (MMC) 2019, held on 30 August at the Wyndham Grand Yangon hotel.

"Malaysia has made investments in the service sector, based on the quality. Malaysia plans to extend its investment. Malaysian entrepreneurs are also interested in investing in Myanmar's economic sectors, especially in the technology, construction, production, and services sectors. They are also interested in businesses related to agriculture," said Mr Gilbert Lee.

"Although there are good investment opportunities in Myanmar, Malaysian investors are not aware of them. So, Malaysia-Myanmar Connect 2019 was launched to invite Malaysian entrepreneurs to Myanmar," he said.

"In fact, Malaysian products, which are produced on a quality-based system, are already available in the Myanmar market. Besides quality products, they deliver quality services to consumers," he added.

"MoUs have been signed between Myanmar and Malaysian entrepreneurs over two or three days. If we have more time to observe the Myanmar economic sector, we believe that more MOUs can be signed to cooperate in more businesses," said Mr Gilbert Lee.

The MoUs have been inked between the Myanmar Young Entrepreneurs Association (MYEA) and Global Entrepreneurs Network Malaysia (GEN), KK Myanmar Business Group and Helan Gagah Group Sdn Bhd, KK Myanmar Business Group and Sireh Mas.

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Regional govts, businesses can help reduce impact of mining

WITH wide-ranging amendments, the new Mining Law has made the industry attractive in terms of permits and investment in small- and medium-scale projects.

The new law allows small-scale mining businesses to seek permits from regional governments, and it would help reduce illegal mining and create jobs for locals.

To eliminate illegal mining, regional governments can generate revenue from permitted blocks. Before the new law, such permits could be granted only by the ministry. Now, that has been decentralized, and rules and regulations in accordance with the circumstances in the regions have been instituted.

> Local authorities are urged to improve the enforcement of laws and permit obligations, and to take steps towards formalizing subsistence mining and reducing harmful practices.

To grant permits, regional mining block assessment teams have been formed with officials drawn from the Administrative department, the Forest Department, the Environmental Conservation Department, and other departments of the regional government.

Granting of permits for mining has been allowed in accordance with the 2018 by-laws of the Mining Law. Some further steps include seeking recommendations from regional governments concerned to know whether the blocks are in forest areas or not, and seeking of approval for the Environmental Management Plan (EMP) from the Environmental Conservation Department.

Bilateral agreements can be signed after receiving remarks from the Union Attorney-General's Office, the Union Auditor-General's Office, Ministry of Planning and Finance, Ministry of Commerce, and with the approval of the Union Government.

The Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation is moving as quickly as possible on granting permits for mining blocks.

The regional permits will apply to exploitation, trading, and measurement of mines. Meanwhile, artisanal miners can individually apply for permits per household. Those who have already got permission cannot seek further permits.

But, businesses, on their part, are required to implement environmental management plans to avoid possible hazards and prevent disasters from befalling locals.

At each stage, the EMP must include detailed plans for environmental conservation such as waste management, animal and plant protection, dust reduction, noise reduction, and replanting; and, for avoiding disasters, such as landslides and flooding.

In addition to adhering to practical and internationally-recognized standards, the EMP must also cover management issues such as rehabilitation and suspension of mining activities.

Local authorities are urged to improve the enforcement of laws and permit obligations, and to take steps towards formalizing subsistence mining and reducing harmful practices.

Meanwhile, mining companies are urged to follow international standards of responsible business conduct.

Mitigating Effects of Climate Change

By Lokethar



Unless the effects of Climate Change can be mitigated, there is no telling what the future holds for mankind. **GRAPHIC IMAGE: BT**

WHILE the international debate on Climate Change is on-going , it seems that Climate Change is already creeping up on planet Earth. The changing weather patterns of extreme temperature rises and droughts in some parts of the world with extremes of storms and rainfall in other parts are creating havoc in some countries and communities around the world.

Myanmar has been particularly hard hit recently by the emerging weather patterns. Parts of Myanmar have suffered heavy rainfalls while other parts have suffered rising temperatures and droughts. Myanmar's main rivers flow North to South and the multitude of rivulets big and small, flow into the main rivers criss-crossing the whole country. There has been much water flowing into these rivers due to heavy rainfall in most areas. These water resources are a boon for agriculture at normal times but poses grave danger to human settlements and even to agriculture when climate and the weather plays havoc with them. With the heavy rains, rivers are swollen and the water level sometimes exceeds the danger point. Many dams on the major rivers are at the point of overflowing with the excess water flowing through the spillways in large volumes, sometimes threatening to flood and even wash away the human settlements downstream.

One thing that climate change reminds us is that we should think deeply before we decide to utilize our water resources to harness it in a big way for the generation of electric power. Dams, the bigger they are, the more prone to failures they would be in times of really heavy rain falls and floods. Unpredictable natural disasters like earth quakes compounding the floods may trigger Dam failures.

Then there are the landslides caused on the slopes of hill sides by top soil, earth and debris flowing down because the downward gravitational pull exceeds the forces retaining such material on the slope. Hence the steeper the slope the more likely it is to be prone to landsides. Landslides may occur due to many causes including during heavy rain, large amounts of rain water seeping into the ground thus increasing water absorption of the top soil. Particularly in the absence of enough large trees, the roots of which usually go deep down and helps to anchor the topsoil to the harder substrate, the seeping water can cause the top soil to gain weight and "slide down" taking away with it everything in its path, including human settlements. Perhaps designing drainage systems on vulnerable parts of the hill slopes concerned, to cause the excess water to be preserved in " holding tanks" or carried down harmlessly, would be a likely solution.

The other type of "landslide" happens on the mountains where the water seeping into the rocks cause the "not so well anchored" rocks to break loose and slide down resulting in landslides to often block the mountain roads , disrupting traffic, and the flow of goods and services to the towns and villages connected by the roads. In such cases the steeper slopes along the roadways could perhaps, be better reinforced to prevent landslides. Of course the road engineers would be aware of such measures.

The banks of the rivers that are eroded by the swift flow of water causes houses and structures near the water's edge to be swept away along with the inhabitants if they are not warned of such danger in advance. The process is natural and is in fact normally responsible for the building up of the delta regions at the entrance to the sea of all big rivers. Climate change and the flooding of rivers only hasten the process. One way to avoid destruction and displacement due to river bank erosion is to build habitats and structure some distance from the banks. Trying to re-enforce embankments in vulnerable points all along the river, except for preserving Pagodas and Cultural Heritage Structures, would be a very costly process. In fact the natural widening of the big rivers is largely due to the river bank erosion process.

Climate Change "Pundits" foresee a gradual rise in the sea level due to the melting of ice masses in the "icy regions of the world." May be some decades down the line, if such a scenario becomes a reality, some coastal cities of Myanmar including Yangon, will be at risk of being "on water". Perhaps the City planners should take such a dire prediction into account in planning the expansion of Yangon City.

Unless the effects of Climate Change can be mitigated, there is no telling what the future holds for mankind. Humans can harness nature when it is tame and mild but can never control nature when it chooses to go wild.

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Head of service organization appointed

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Aung Myo Myint, (Deputy Director-General) Deputy Permanent Representative to United Nations Office in Geneva, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Director-General of the Strategic Studies and Training Department under the same ministry on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their work to the **Global New Light of Myanmar** at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, in person, or by email to **ce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com** with the following information: **(1)** Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), **(2)** Own name and (if different) your penname, **(3)** Your level of education, **(4)** Name of your School/College/University, **(5)** A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, **(6)** A color photo of the submitter, **(7)** Copy of your NRC card, **(8)** Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.).— **Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar**

Health Ministers of WHO South-East Asia Region to discuss key challenges next week

WHO

NEW Delhi, 30 August 2019: Health Ministers of member countries of WHO South-East Asia Region are meeting here next week to discuss ways of addressing health impact of climate change, the high burden of tuberculosis and strengthening capacities for emergency risk management.

Elimination of measles, a childhood killer disease; cervical cancer and other non-communicable diseases; and strengthening health services and workforce for universal health coverage are other key issues that will be taken up at the Seventy-Second Regional Committee Session of WHO South-East Asia from 2 September to 6 September 2019.

India's Minister for Health and Family Welfare Dr Harsh Vardhan, Nepal's Deputy Prime Minister and Health Minister, Mr Upendra Yadav, and Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia, Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, will be addressing the inaugural session of the Regional Committee, the governing body of WHO in the Region. Health ministers and senior officials from all 11 Member countries and senior WHO officials will be attending the week-long deliberations.

This is the first Regional Committee Session after unanimous re-election of Dr Khetrapal Singh as Regional Director for a second five-year term.

Dr Khetrapal Singh, whose first term was marked by unprecedented public health achievements and progress in the Region, would be further firming up regional goals and targets along with Member countries for the next five years.

The Regional Director's vision for the next five years is to sustain progress, accelerate efforts and innovate to achieve the targets of priority health programmes.

The Region has eight flagship priority programmes – measles elimination and rubella control; preventing non-communicable diseases; reducing maternal, under-five and neonatal mortality; universal health coverage with a focus on human resources for health and essential medicines; combating antimicrobial resistance; scaling up capacities for emergency risk management; eliminating neglected tropical diseases and accelerating efforts to end TB.

> In the Region's pursuit of universal health coverage, access to safe, good-quality medicine is being enhanced through the South-East Asia Regulatory Network, which was launched in November 2016.

The regional priorities are aligned to the UN Sustainable Development Goals and WHO's global triple billion - one billion more people benefitting from universal health coverage (UHC); one billion more people better protected from health emergencies; and one billion more people enjoying better health and well-being.

Home to over one-fourth of the global population, WHO South-East Asia Region has made remarkable progress in several priority programmes in the last five years. In 2014 the Region was certified polio-free. In 2015 Maldives and was certified malaria-free. Sri Lanka soon achieved the same. In 2016 the Region became the second WHO region to eliminate maternal and neonatal tetanus. In the same year Thailand became the first country in Asia – and the first globally with a large HIV epidemic – to eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV and syphilis. Maldives achieved the same in 2019.

Bhutan, Maldives, DPR Korea, Timor-Leste and Sri Lanka have eliminated measles. Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, Sri Lanka and Timor-Leste have controlled rubella. Maldives, Sri Lanka and Thailand have eliminated lymphatic filariasis. India is yaws-free; Nepal has eliminated trachoma. Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Thailand have controlled Hepatitis B.

Between 1990 and 2015 maternal mortality ratio declined by 69%, under-five mortality by 70%. DPR Korea, Indonesia, Maldives, Sri Lanka and Thailand have already achieved global Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) targets for neonatal and under-5 mortality. Maldives, Sri Lanka and Thailand have done the same for maternal mortality.

All countries in the Region have multi-sectoral plans to address non-communicable diseases and are addressing antimicrobial resistance with 'One Health' approach.

In the Region's pursuit of universal health coverage, access to safe, good-quality medicine is being enhanced through the South-East Asia Regulatory Network, which was launched in November 2016. Investments in strengthening capacities for emergency risk management have resulted in better management of major health emergencies such as Nepal earthquake, the recurring events of cyclone, floods etc.

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YCDC to refer to Yangon map while granting building permits

By Aye Yamone

PERMITS for construction businesses in Yangon region will be issued depending on the information contained in the Yangon map, said U Than, the joint secretary of the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC).

He made the remarks at a ceremony held on 28 August for handing over the Continuous Operation Reference Station (CORS) and to discuss the project.

The ceremony was jointly organized by the YCDC and the Japan International Cooperation Agency at the Park Royal Hotel in Yangon.

"When we decide on issuing permits to construction businesses, we will need to take into account how many stories the buildings will have and the locations where the buildings will be constructed, etc. We will use the data and the information contained in the map when we consider granting construction permits. Moreover, data and information on buildings in the neighborhood can be also be obtained from the map," said U Than.

The Yangon mapping project set up two types of planning areas, with maps having been drawn using two scales. The scale of one map is 1:5000 covering 1,500 square kilometers in 33 townships in the YCDC area, whereas the scale of the second map is 1:10000 representing 1,100 square kilometers in Twantay, Kawhmu, and Kungyangon townships in the southern Yangon district.

The Yangon mapping project was implemented from December, 2017 to August, 2019, with the assistance of the JICA.

"We don't know the cost of the project because we implemented this project with the assistance of the JICA, which provided monetary and technical assistance. Currently, we are implementing a pilot project in Latha Township. Then, we will continue to implement it in other townships. We plan to provide training courses related to CORS, and we will continue to implement the project till 2020. The data and information will be made available on the website at the end of 2020," said U Than.

"Moreover, we have built five CORS stations to add information on the location of the buildings as well as on religious edifices, hospitals, schools, and parks in Yangon region," he said.

The CORS have been set up in Ngweya Taung, the municipal committee office in Hlegu Township, the playground in Htantabin, the Myanmar Maritime University in Thanhlyin, and the municipal committee office in Twantay Township.

"The mapping project has been completed. Next, we will hand over the project to the YCDC. These projects need to be continuously implemented in cooperation with the related departments. The YCDC will add the information on city areas, and other departments will add their information," said U Phyo Min Thein, the Chief Minister of Yangon Region.

Data and information from the five CORS will be updated by the Survey Department by connecting with the control center.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Solar energy to light up 43 villages in Pyapon Township soon

AS part of the National Electrification Project (NEP ICB-3), 43 villages in Pyapon Township will soon gain access to solar power, said U Thet Min Tun, the township head of the Pyapon Township Rural Development Department.

Villagers will have a choice between 60 watt and 100 watt solar systems. Home owners will have to pay K50,000 for the 60 watt system, and K150,000 for the 100 watt system. Solar panels will be installed depending upon the choice of system.

"Our Rural Development Department is implementing this project to supply electricity to villages which are 10 miles away from the power grid. This project is part of the National Electrification Project. The project will involve two systems--Mini Grid System and Solar Home System. During this fiscal year, we plan to install 2,558 60-watt solar panels and 1,056 100-watt solar panels to 3,614 houses in 43 villages. The solar panels will be installed free of charge at 29 primary schools, 12 secondary schools, 8 health departments, 42 religious buildings, and 364 lamp posts," he added.



Rural Development Department staff inspect the installation of solar panel system at a village in Pyapon Township. **PHOTO: SOE MOE KYAW**

The solar panels will be installed in the following villages--Gyowar Kyankhin, Kyankhin Tumyaung, Kyaunggone, Kahnyintabin, Myatkhar, Maelayyoe, Tonehtet, Hteinwine, Nyaungtabin, Azoatkalay, Phoeshipsu, Latpan,Akatayar, Kyaungesu, Kyonewah, Yoma, Thseekalay, Htaygone, Kyaungsu, Bamaw, Thatyetpinseik, Bandarpin, Seikmanauke, Kharshin, Thayargon, Ngardanseik, Boebagone, Nhitkhar, Koatkoegwe, Ngoutgyidan, Zaukchaung, Labatapin, Myakyoungtha, Ywarthitsu, Dartu, War War Win, U-toe, Laybinchaung, Wargon, Phayargone, Bawathit-1, Koeeaindan, and Pharyarchaung.

The panels will be installed from the second week of September.—Soe Moe Kyaw

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Illegal consignment of raw jade stones seized along Myitkyina-Tanai road

THE authorities on Wednesday morning seized a truck loaded with an illegal consignment of raw jade stones along the Myitkyina-Tanai road between Lawar and Dunbonekha villages in Phakant Township of Kachin State, according to the Township Police.

Acting on a tip-off, a search operation was conducted on the Myitkyina-Tanai road by a team of police officials. When the team stopped and searched a six-wheeled truck, they found the consignment of 24,064 raw jade stones, weighing 14,315 kilograms, packed in bags.

The driver of the truck, identified as Baukla, 26, and his co-passenger, identified as Yawset, 26, confessed that they were transporting the illegal consignment to Myitkyina Township under the orders of U Tan Gwan from Myitkyina.

The Township Police seized the consignment, and initiated action against Baukla, Yawset, and U Tan Gwan under the Gemstone Law. — Win Naing (Kachin Myay)



Two suspects arrested with confiscated raw jade stones in Phakant Township of Kachin State. **PHOTO: WIN NAING (KACHIN MYAY)**

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Union Minister Dr Pe Myint looks around at the exhibition of 20th anniversary of independence referendum in Timor-Leste. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister Dr Pe Myint visits National Parliament of Timor-Leste

UNION Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint visited the National Parliament of Timor-Leste and observed parliamentary session yesterday morning, together with the attendees to the 20th anniversary of independence referendum of the country.

According to the agenda, the parliament session was held and the UN representative read out the message sent by UN Secretary General. The President of the Assembly of the Republic of Portugal delivered a speech and the President of the National Parliament of Timor-Leste made a conclusion remark on the parliamentary session.

Union Minister Dr Pe Myint and the attendees looked around the displays of works on national reconciliation, reconstruction and development of the country.

In the afternoon, they enjoyed luncheon hosted by Timor-Leste Prime Minister Mr Taur Matan Ruak and his wife at the Ministry of Finance. — MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Korean community in Myanmar donates aid to flood victims in Kyeikmaraw



Korean Association in Myanmar donates aids to flood victims in Kyeikmaraw Township, Mon State, yesterday. **PHOTO: THI THI MIN**

KOREAN Association in Myanmar donated aid worth of K60 million to flood affected people in six villages in Kyeikmaraw Township, Mon State, yesterday.

"Each family from 1,300 households in six villages would be provided with food for two weeks and other aids," said Mr Chun Sung Ho, President of Korean Association in Myanmar.

The aid includes rice, cooking oil, drinking water, canned fish and household utensils.

The aid are donated collectively by Korean Embassy and Korean community including 22 Korean business groups in Myanmar.—Thi Thi Min ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

Artistes to draft bylaw of Literature and Art Copyright Law 2019

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Daw Padamya K Khaing said, "The art is invaluable and the copyright is very important for it. We need to do more to make the law helpful for the people in this profession."

During the dialogue of motion picture group, U Aung Soe Oo acted as a moderator, and Daw Swe Zin Htike, U Win Khaing, U Wunna Kyaw (Maha Mobile), and Angle Lamung discussed the difficulties they faced in this industry.

Daw Swe Zin Htike, Vice Chairwoman of Myanmar Intellectual Property Proprietors' Association said, "The title of own creation covers literature, motion picture, Thabin, music, arts, sculpture and so on. These art professions should be protected. Only then, we could build trust with international community."

The dialogue was also attended by Yangon Region government officials, representatives of Myanmar Motion Picture Organization, Myanmar Thabin Association and its partnered associations, producers, directors and artistes of these industry, legal experts and the interested persons.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Re-opening of the Call for Nominations for the ASEAN Prize 2019

AS none of the candidates merits the ASEAN Prize to 2019 to be awarded at the 34th Summit, the ASEAN Secretariat has re-opened call for nominations for ASEAN Prize 2019 to recognise inspiring achievements and exemplary contributions of an individual or organization, inter alia, to the building of a rules-based, people-oriented, people-centered ASEAN Community, and intra ASEAN collaborative efforts.

Nominees should have exceptional merit in contributing to the following designated focus areas:

- Outstanding collaboration between ASEAN Member States (AMS);
- Outstanding collaboration between ASEAN and the world;
- Outstanding people-to-people engagement among AMS;
- Outstanding economic integration and promotion of standards between or among AMS; or
- Other outstanding contributions to ASEAN Community Building

The Judging Committee, consisting of eminent high-level members, including incumbent and former ASEAN Secretaries-General, will select a recipient who will be awarded the ASEAN Prize Trophy and a cash prize of US$ 20,000. This year's prize will be presented at the Opening Ceremony of the 35th ASEAN Summit in November 2019 in Bangkok, Thailand.

The nomination form for ASEAN Prize 2019 can be downloaded at the ASEAN Secretariat Website http://www.asean.org/asean-prize. Nominee must submit the duly fill-in form to the ASEAN Affairs Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Office No.9, Nay Pyi Taw or dgasean@gmail.com and psaseanmmr@gmail.com no later than 6 September 2019.

Nominee must be an ASEAN citizen or an ASEAN-based organization. In the nomination form, the nominee need to elaborate within three or five pages highlighting the achievement the nominee has contributed to the building of a rule-based, people-oriented, people-centred ASEAN Community and intra-ASEAN collaborative efforts since the launch of the ASEAN Community on 31 December 2015. The nominee should also share future plans in continuing the work after winning the prize. For further information, please visit the ASEAN Secretariat Website.



The consolidation of Kim Jong Un's power comes as nuclear talks between Pyongyang and Washington remain gridlocked. **PHOTO:AFP**

N Korea solidifies Kim Jong Un's 'monolithic' power

SEOUL — North Korea has elevated leader Kim Jong Un to a status approaching his grandfather, the country's founder Kim Il Sung, analysts said Friday after Pyongyang revised its constitution to reinforce his authority.

Kim was under 30 when he inherited power in late 2011 on the death of his father Kim Jong Il, but has since firmly established his authority, ruling the country with an iron fist, overseeing four of its six nuclear tests and executing his uncle for treason.

Kim is officially chairman of the ruling Workers' Party and chairman of the State Affairs Commission (SAC), the top government body, although his late grandfather remains the country's Eternal President despite dying in 1994.

The Supreme People's Assembly, the North's rubber-stamp parliament, approved a series of constitutional changes on Thursday to ensure what the legislature's head Choe Ryong Hae called Kim's "monolithic guidance".

The new clause declares the SAC chairman the "supreme leader of the Party, state, and armed forces of the DPRK in accordance with the unanimous will and desire of all the Korean people, both in name and reality", Choe was quoted as saying by the official Korean Central News Agency.

DPRK are the initials for North Korea's official name. As the SAC chairman, Kim was authorised to issue decrees and appoint or recall diplomatic envoys.

His status "has been further consolidated to firmly ensure the monolithic guidance of the Supreme Leader over all the state affairs", Choe added.

The KCNA dispatch used the adjective "monolithic" five times to describe Kim's leadership, although he was not present for the session. Cheong Seong-chang, an analyst at the Sejong Institute in Seoul, said the amendments "further guaranteed Kim's one-man rule in overall national affairs".

"Under the new constitution, Kim's mission and authority as chairman of the State Affairs Commission have approached closer to that of Kim Il Sung when he was president," he told AFP. His newly stated diplomatic authority "reflects his will to lead diplomatic affairs and widen his role in it, which could increase the burden on North Korean diplomats overseas to show achievements", he added.—AFP ■

E Timor marks 20th anniversary of independence referendum

DILI — East Timor on Friday celebrated the 20th anniversary of its vote in favor of splitting from Indonesia to become an independent nation.

Ceremonies to mark the historic UN-backed referendum have been held throughout the half-island nation since early August, culminating in a formal event Friday in the capital Dili attended by foreign dignitaries.

Ian Martin, the head of the UN Mission in East Timor which oversaw the referendum, said he hoped that East Timor will draw upon the "spirit of 1999" as it meets its current and future challenges. Hundreds of people were believed to have been killed during a wave of terror by East Timorese militants, backed by the Indonesian military, following the result of the popular vote on 30 August, 1999, as the overwhelming majority decided to separate from Indonesia.

"Violence is unacceptable, but now it seems that everything was a necessary process for independence," said Jose Gomez, 42, a shopkeeper in Dili who lived through the post-vote chaos.

Indonesia annexed East Timor by force in 1974 after it had been under Portuguese colonial rule for about 400 years.

East Timor formally gained independence in 2002 after two-and-a-half years under UN administration following the referendum.

More than a year after the impoverished country's last general election, a protracted political stalemate continues over the appointment of nine members to Prime Minister Taur Matan Ruak's Cabinet.

East Timor President Francisco Guterres, who belongs to the opposition, has repeatedly called for new Cabinet nominations.—Kyodo News ■



FILE PHOTO : East Timorese troops parade carrying an Indonesian flag seen at left and the East Timor flag at right during rehearsals for the 20 May Independence day celebrations in Dili on 17 May, 2012. **PHOTO: AFP**

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With eye on China, Japan urges 'affordable' Africa investment

YOKOHAMA — Japanese and African leaders Friday stressed the importance of "affordable" investment in the continent, in an apparent swipe at China whose Belt and Road policy has been accused of saddling poor countries with debt.

A joint statement wrapping up a three-day Africa development summit said: "We believe that quality infrastructure, that guarantees affordability with respect to life-cycle costs, is fundamental for sustainable economic transformation."

The meeting of leaders and representatives from more than 50 African nations and international bodies has taken place in the shadow of China, which has invested massively in Africa under its controversial Belt and Road initiative.



The conference attracted more than 40 top African leaders. **PHOTO: AFP**

On Thursday, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe made a thinly veiled dig at Beijing's policy, which has come under fire for loading African countries with debt.

"If partner countries are deeply in debt, it interferes with everyone's efforts to enter the market," Abe told the assembled leaders.

This provoked a sharp response from foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang in Beijing, who described this as "purely unreasonable speculation".

"It should be pointed out that African leaders have said many times that there was never a lack of international conferences and promises of aid to Africa, but the key lies in action and implementation," noted Geng late Thursday.

At the conference, Japan has focused on the "quality" of its investments rather than the volume of China, which announced a massive US$60 billion (RM253.3 billion) in African development funding last year. —AFP ■

Peso rallies as Argentina readies IMF debt restructure

BUENOS AIRES — Argentina's central bank intervened Thursday to shore up the country's beleaguered currency after the government asked the International Monetary Fund to restructure a $57 billion bail-out loan agreed last year.

The peso was worth 62.33 to the dollar in early trading — 3.5 per cent lower than at Wednesday's close — before the Central Bank of Argentina acted, shelling out around $200 million to bolster the currency. The peso ended the day 0.61 per cent down at 60.54 to the dollar.

Center-right President Mauricio Macri had called on investors for calm ahead of the opening of the markets Thursday.

"It's in our hands to contribute to tranquility without generating fears or bewilderment," the president said during a speech to shipyard workers.

Finance Minister Hernan Lacunza announced on Wednesday that the government had asked the IMF to restructure its repayments on the $56 billion in a bid to calm market turbulence.

Lacunza, less than two weeks in the job after replacing Nicolas Dujovne, also announced initiatives to postpone the payment of bonds to institutional investors, relieving the pressure on international reserves so they can be used to stabilize the currency.—AFP ■



Argentina has been in recession since 2018, with inflation soaring 25 per cent in the first six months of the year. **PHOTO: AFP**

Cathay warns staff face sack if they join Hong Kong strike

HONG KONG — Cathay Pacific has warned staff they risk being sacked if they join a planned Hong Kong strike, as the airline intensifies its crackdown on employee support for the rolling pro-democracy protests.

Hong Kong's flagship carrier, which has 27,000 staff in the city, has been accused of bowing to political pressure from China, whose aviation regulator has banned airline staff who have supported the demonstrations from working on flights through its airspace.

In an internal memo to staff, a Cathay director, Tom Owen, said participating in a strike planned for Monday and Tuesday could constitute a breach of contract.—AFP ■

Changing Distributor For Registered Pesticides

Distribution of pesticide registered by Sinamyang Group Pte Co., Ltd is changing from Myanmar Agrigreen Group Co., Ltd to Golden Rocket Co., Ltd. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Co-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein within two weeks.

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Sinacype10EC	Cypermethrin 10%EC	P2017-3907	Provisional
Cypertin 25EC	Cypermethrin 25%EC	P2017-4051	Provisional
Mame 72WP	Mancozeb64% + Metalaxy8%WP	P2017-4041	Provisional
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Four graves at foot of Shwedagon Pagoda

By Maung Tha (Archaeology)

IT was assumed that Shwedagon Pagoda which has been a symbol of Yangon City was built more than 2,600 years ago. In fact, Shwedagon is an ancient building in Buddhism as well as a magnificent religious gold monument.

At a time when the pagoda was built on Theingoktara Hill, the environs of the pagoda were surrounded by forests. As urban area in Yangon City has been developing in successive eras, archways and stairways were built in four wings of the pagoda.

Among them, Martyrs' Mausoleum is the most significant located between the western and northern archways of the pagoda. Likewise, everybody can see the graves of First Queen Suphaya Latt of King Thibaw and Peace Leader Thakin Kodaw Hmaing, former Secretary General of the United Nations U Thant, and Daw Khin Kyi, wife of national leader General Aung San.



Suphaya Latt's tomb in Kandawmin Park, Yangon. **PHOTO: YE HTUT TIN (NLM)**

Suphaya Latt (1859-1925 AD)

Suphaya Latt, First Queen of King Thibaw, was born of King Mindon and Queen Hsinphyumashin of middle royal palace on 12 April 1859. Queen Hsinphyumashin with title of Thiri Pawara Tilawka Mingala Maha Yatana Devi was daughter of King Sagaing and First Queen Nanmadaw Mei Nu. In Myanmar history, Phwa Saw was the most prominent in Bagan era and Nanmadaw Mei Nu and Suphaya Latt in Konbaung era.

King Thibaw was on the throne for seven years. In 1885, British colonialists dethroned and sent him to India. So, First Queen Suphaya Latt went along with him to India. At that time, King Thibaw was 27 years old and First Queen Suphaya Latt, 26 years old.

The two lived in India for 30 years. King Thibaw passed away in Yadanagiri of India in 1916. As British government did not allow conveying of the king's remains to Myanmar, the remains of the king was cremated in India. British government allowed Suphaya Latt to return to Myanmar in 1919 and to live in Yangon but did not allow her to go to Mandalay.

66 years old Suphaya Latt passed away in Yangon on 24 November 1925. The corpse was buried at the aforesaid grave. The ceremony was attended by 90 members of the Sangha and British Commissioner Sir Harcourt Butler. At the ceremony, the corpse was honoured by eight white umbrellas and 30-gun salute.



Thakin Kodaw Hmaing Mausoleum Kandawmin Park, Yangon. **PHOTO: MAUNG THA (ARCHAEOLOGY)**

The graveyard of Suphaya Latt was surrounded by brick script posts of six royal relatives who had passed away.

Thakin Kodaw Hmaing (1876-1964 AD)

Myanmar's prominent peace leader Sayagyi Thakin Kodaw Hmaing was born of U San Dun and Daw Ohn in Wahle Village of Shwedaung Township in Pyay District on 23 March 1876. His childhood name was Maung Lwan Maung. In his childhood, he learned education at Kyeethe Layhtet Sayadaw. He was initiated into novice with title of Shin Pandita in pursuing education in Sagaing, ChaungU, Ahlon, Maunghtaung, Budalin and Kani regions.

He arrived in Yangon in 1900 and married in 1903.

He wrote 80 books of dramas and compiled articles in Thuriya daily with pen-name Mister Maung Hmaing.

He resigned from the post of editor from Thuriya daily in 1920 and lectured Myanmar literature and history at Bahan national college. He refused to write the set of Ratu poems with K1,000 honoraria offered by U May Aung as a gesture of honouring Crown Prince Wale of British in 1921. At that time, one tical of gold was worth ten kyats only. Hence, it should take pride of Thakin Kodaw Hmaing for his act without changing a large sum of money with a poem to honour the foreigner.

He wrote Galon Dipani articles in Thuriya daily in 1930 when farmer uprisings were led by Saya San, to stand with farmers.

The first Thakin conference elected him as patron of Doh Bamar Asiayone in 1934. He changed his title Mister Maung Hmaing to Thakin Kodaw Hmaing who gave talks about anti-colonialists and national freedom throughout Myanmar.

Thakin Kodaw Hmaing toured China, Mongolia, Hungary and Soviet Union in 1953 as part of performing peace activities. He attended the peace conference in Ceylon and India in 1957. Hamburg University of Germany conferred honorary doctoral degree on him in 1960.

Thakin Kodaw Hmaing, father of internal peace process, passed away on 23 July 1964 and was buried at the foot of southern archway of Shwedagon Pagoda.



Daw Khin Kyi Mausoleum. **PHOTO:MAUNG THA(ARCHAEOLOGY)**



U Thant's tomb in Kandawmin Park, Yangon. **PHOTO:MAUNG THA(ARCHAEOLOGY)**

U Thant (1909-1974 AD)

U Thant, who discharged duty of the third Secretary General of the United Nations in two terms from 1961 to 1971, was a diplomat bringing honour to Myanmar.

U Thant was born of U Pho Hnit and Daw Nan Thoung in Pantanaw of Ayeyawady Region on 22 January 1909. As father U Pho Hnit learned education in Kolkata of India, he had opportunities of learning English and literature from his father.

He became principal of the national school in Pantanaw after pursuing education at Yangon University. In 1948, when U Nu became Prime Minister, U Thant was assigned as director of broadcasting department. Later, he became secretary of the Ministry of Information and attended the international meetings. He took out duty of secretary at the First Afro-Asian Conference to establish the non-aligned movement held in Bandung of Indonesia.

U Thant was appointed as Myanmar Ambassador to the United States from 1957 to 1961. The UN General Assembly elected U Thant as Secretary General of the United Nations with the recommendation of the Security Council, starting from 3 November 1961.

In the first term, UN Secretary General U Thant successfully solved the Cuba's missile problem and Congo civil war issue. He was elected as the UNSG for the second term on 2 December 1966. In his second term, U Thant solved the Arab-Israel Six-Day War in 1967 and India-Pakistan War in 1971.

U Thant passed away in New York of the United States of America on 25 November 1974, and then his remains was conveyed to Myanmar. His corpse was buried at the foot of Shwedagon Pagoda on 11 December 1974.

Daw Khin Kyi (1912-1988 AD)

Maha Thirithudhamma Daw Khin Kyi, wife of national leader General Aung San, was born of U Moe Hnyin and Daw Su in Myaungma of Ayeyawady Region on 16 April 1912. After discharging duty of volunteer teacher at Myaungmya national high school, she chose nurse as her career. Before the Second War, she was on duty at Yangon General Hospital.

As Japanese troops stationed at Yangon General Hospital, Diocesan Girls' School on Irish soldier hillock was shifted into Yangon General Hospital in the time of Chancellor Dr Ba Maw. While at the hospital, Daw Khin Kyi met with General Aung San and married to him on 6 September 1942.

After General Aung San had been assassinated, Daw Khin Kyi was elected as MP in the constituency of her husband.

She was appointed as Director of Myanmar Women from 1947 to 1953 and Chair of Social Welfare Project Commission from 1953 to 1958. She was elected as Chair of Colombo Conference by leading Myanmar delegation while working for health and social tasks.

She was appointed as Myanmar Ambassador to India and Nepal in 1960 and took retirement in 1967. She was the first Myanmar female ambassador. She passed away in Yangon on 27 December 1988.

The graveyard of four prominent persons in Myanmar is located at the foot of Myanmar's significant Shwedagon Pagoda. The compound of graves is kept open daily for observation of locals and foreigners.

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Myanmar lose to China 4-1 in friendly football match

THE Myanmar national football team suffered a 4-1 loss to China's national football team in a friendly match, which took place yesterday at a stadium in Langfang, China.

As the match was held to help prepare the teams for upcoming international tournaments, both teams used unlimited player substitutions to test their abilities.

Led by head coach Miodrag Radulovic, team Myanmar lined up with star players, including keeper Kyaw Zin Htet, defenders David Htan and Nanda Kyaw, midfielders Maung Maung Lwin and Si Thu Aung, and striker Aung Thu in the first half.

Guided by former Italian star footballer Marcello Lippi, team China gave strong competition to team Myanmar, scoring four consecutive goals in the first half.



Myanmar's Win Naing Soe (white) tries to breach China's defense during the friendly match yesterday at the stadium in Langfang, China. **PHOTO: MFF**

Myanmar displayed a lack of coordinated play in the beginning. China mainly relied on fast and high ball deliveries, but Myanmar got better understanding and began using counterattacks 30 minutes into the game.

The first half ended with a score of 4-0.

The second half was dominated by team Myanmar, with all substituted players: Kyaw Ko Ko, Win Naing Soe, Thein Than Win, Kyaw Zin Lwin, Than Paing, Sua Lamang, Kyi Lin, Zaw Lin, Pyae Phyo Zaw, Kaung Si Thu, and youth keeper Kyaw Zin Phyo.

In the early minutes of the second half, Myanmar got their first goal off a header by Zaw Min Tun over a cross ball from teammate Thein Than Win.

After the goal, Myanmar kept up the attack, but China's defense was stable enough to clear every chance of Myanmar.

The match finished with a score of 4-1 in favour of China.

The match benefited both teams, helping them gain experience ahead of upcoming tourneys. Myanmar will next take on Mongolia on 5 September in the World Cup qualifiers, while China will meet the Maldives team in an international match.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Barcelona handed tough Champions League draw as Liverpool face Napoli again

MONACO — Barcelona will have to come through a section containing both Borussia Dortmund and Inter Milan after the three former winners all came out together in Thursday's UEFA Champions League group stage draw in Monaco, while holders Liverpool will face Napoli again.

Barcelona, Dortmund and Inter, with nine European Cups between them, were drawn together in Group F along with the Czech champions Slavia Prague.

Beaten by Liverpool in the semi-finals last season, Lionel Messi and Barcelona remain favourites to advance as they seek a first Champions League crown since 2015.



The Champions League group stage draw took place in Monaco on Thursday. **PHOTO : AFP**

Dortmund won the trophy in 1997 and lost in the final in 2013. Now coached by Antonio Conte, Inter beat Barcelona in the semi-finals en route to winning the most recent of their three titles in 2010.

"That really is a very tough group, which makes it an even bigger challenge for us," said the Dortmund coach, Lucien Favre. His team host Barca in the opening round of matches on Tuesday, September 17.

Liverpool advanced from their group at the expense of Napoli last season on the way to lifting their sixth European Cup in Madrid, and Carlo Ancelotti's side now have a chance to gain revenge. Beaten in Naples a year ago, Liverpool will head back to the San Paolo in their first match on September 17.

Both clubs will be fancied to progress from Group E, which is completed by Austrian champions Salzburg and Genk, the Belgian title-holders. —AFP ■

Newcastle suffer Ritchie injury blow

LONDON — Scotland international Matt Ritchie is expected to be out for up two months due to an ankle injury in a major blow to struggling Premier League side Newcastle.

The 29-year-old midfielder suffered ligament damage and cuts, which required stitches, following a tackle by Leicester's Hamza Choudhury in the League Cup clash on Wednesday.

Ritchie's injury could not come at a worse time for Newcastle who are struggling in the league with just three points —a surprise win over Tottenham Hotspur last weekend — from the first three matches.

"It's not great news," said Newcastle manager Steve Bruce, speaking at his press conference ahead of Saturday's game with bottom side Watford.

"We think he's going to be maybe two months, eight weeks.

"There is ankle ligament damage too, bone bruising, cuts. The kid, as I said to you the other night, was a mess.

"Thankfully it's not six months, but it's bad enough when it's the best part of eight weeks."

Bruce wants Choudhury to learn from the experience although the latter dismissed the Newcastle manager's assessment of it being a horror challenge. Choudhury said he never intentionally hurts anybody and the 21-year-old midfielder added Bruce would do well to recall he was a no-nonsense defender in his playing days.—AFP ■

Final match for General Aung San Shield to be held on 24 Sep

AFTER moving the venue for the final match for the General Aung San Shield 2019 to Thuwunna Stadium from Aung San Stadium, the subcommittee for the tourney yesterday announced 24 September as the date of the final match.

Defending champions Yangon United will face Shan United in the finals for the competition, which is being supervised by the Myanmar Football Federation and the Myanmar National League. The final will start at 6 p.m. on 24 September at the Thuwunna Stadium.

An awards presentation ceremony will be held after the match, according to officials.

As the winning team will get a chance to enter the 2020 Asian Football Confederation (AFC) Cup, the match is an important one for both Shan United and Yangon United.

In 2015, Ayeyawady United won the General Aung San Shield, and Magwe F.C. won the 2016 version of the tourney. Meanwhile, Shan United were declared the winners in 2017, and Yangon United won the championship title in 2018.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■