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Govt awards schools with best pass rate, students who aced matriculation exam

President U Win Myint presents second prize to the No 2 Basic Education High School (Sangyaung) at the award-giving ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi presents prize for highest score in science subjects to Maung Kyaw Linn Than from No 4 Basic Education High School (Ahlon) at the award-giving ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

PRESIDENT U Win Myint and State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi yesterday attended an award-giving ceremony for schools with the best pass rate and for students who performed well in the 2019 matriculation exam.

To recognize the efforts of schools and students in national education development, the ceremony was held at the Myanmar International Convention Center II in Nay Pyi Taw.

The ceremony was also attended by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Dr Pe Myint, U Min Thu, Thura U Aung Ko, U Thant Sin Maung, Dr Myo Thein Gyi, Dr Myint Htwe, Chairman of Union Civil Service Board U Win Thein, Nay Pyi Taw Concil Chairman Dr Myo Aung; Deputy Ministers U Thar Oo, and U Win Maw Tun, Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Tin Tun, Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee Chairman Dr Tin Aung, Amyotha Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee Chairman Daw Naw Mya Say, Permanent Secretaries, Directors-General, Rectors, Deputy Directors-General, Deputy Rectors,

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Two more bills amending 2008 Constitution sent to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

AT the 26th meeting of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 13th regular session held yesterday, the Speaker informed the Hluttaw about the receipts of two bills to amend the Constitution for the second time and the formation of two joint committees to study the bills. Copies of the letter and the bills were then distributed to the Hluttaw representatives.

Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin.

Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win.

Bills amending the Constitution for the second time

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker first informed the Hluttaw of the receipt of a bill amending the Constitution for the second time signed and submitted by 144 Tatmadaw Hluttaw representatives including Amyotha Hluttaw Tatmadaw representative Brig-Gen Aung San Chit on 17 September 2019. As per Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule section 135 a Joint Committee to Study the Bill to amend the Constitution for the second time was formed consisting of all committee members of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committees with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office Notification 74/2019 on 20 September 2019. A copy of the draft bill and the letter sent were being distributed to the Hluttaw representatives, said the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker.

Next, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker informed the Hluttaw of the receipt of a bill amending the Constitution for the second time signed and submitted by 145 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw representatives including U Sai Than Naing of Kayin State constituency 5 on 18 September 2019. As per Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Rule section 135 a Joint Committee to Study the Bill to amend the Constitution for the second time was formed consisting of all committee members of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committees with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office Notification 75/2019 on 20 September 2019. A copy of the draft bill and the letter sent were being distributed to the Hluttaw representatives said the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker.

Hluttaw put on record Ministry of Construction's usage of K 1,841.859 million

Afterwards, a matter sent by the President about Ministry of Construction's usage of K 1,841.859 million from emergency fund of fiscal year 2018-2019 Union Budget Law was explained to the Hluttaw by Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin. The Deputy Minister explained that the fund was used to conduct repair and reconstruction works on bridges and roads that were damaged or destroyed by flooding and inundation that occurs in Kayin State during June to August 2018 period. The Deputy Minister added further that Hluttaw was requested to put the matter on record.

Following this Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw putting on record the Ministry of Construction's usage of K 1,841.859 million from emergency fund of fiscal year 2018-2019 Union Budget Law.

Removal of US$ 200 million from World Bank Development Policy Financing

Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win then explained to the Hluttaw about the removal of US$ 200 million from World Bank Development Policy Financing sent by the President after which Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw putting the matter on record.

Hluttaw approves $ 185 million loan from Asian Development Bank (ADB)

Later Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu and Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win explained to the Hluttaw about $ 185 million loan from ADB for Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation to implement public development projects that was sent by the President.

Union Minister Dr Aung Thu said the public development project to be conducted in 17 townships for 7 years mitigating the effect of regional natural disasters will benefits the socio-economic development of 1.8 million rural people. While the ministry will manage the project to be effective and successful, Hluttaw representatives and relevant departments were urged to cooperate in it. ADB loan was a low interest loan that includes an assistance of $ 40.58 million and Hluttaw was explained to approve the $ 185 million loan.

In his explanation Deputy Minister U Maung Maung Win said not much was required to be explained as the majority of the Hluttaw representatives who discussed the matter were in support of it. Once the Hluttaw approves the loan coordination with ADB will be conducted according to procedure in order to sign the loan agreement before end of December 2019 added the Deputy Minister.

After the Hluttaw voted 522 in favor, 5 against and 2 abstaining, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw's approval of the loan.

Hluttaw unanimously approve APMRA after discussion

As a final agenda of the day, U Nay Kyaw of Dagon Myothit (East) constituency, U Kyaw Aung Lwin of Sedoktara constituency, U Maung Maung Ohn of Ayeyawady Region constituency 5, U Win Htut of Pyapon constituency, U San Myint of Ayeyawady Region constituency 3 and Deputy Minister for Industry Dr Min Ye Paing Hein discussed Myanmar signing ASEAN Mutual Recognition Arrangement on Type Approval for Automotive Products (APMRA).

After obtaining the unanimous approval of the Hluttaw, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw's approval on the matter.

Concluding speech by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker

Finally, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker delivered a concluding speech of Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 13th regular session.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker summarizes the works conducted during the 13th regular session and urges the Hluttaw representatives to fulfill in the best possible ways socio-economic development of their respective constituencies while the Hluttaw was in recess.

Afterwards, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced the conclusion of the 26th-day meeting of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 13th regular session and the conclusion of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 13th regular session. —Aung Ye Thwin, Aye Aye Thant

(Translated by Zaw Min)

13th Biennial Convention of ASNA opening ceremony held in Yangon

AN opening ceremony of 13th Biennial Convention of the ASEAN Neurological Association (ASNA) in Conjunction with the 4th Biennial Myanmar Neurological Conference was held at Melia Hotel, Yangon yesterday morning.

The ASNA convention was held biennially in ASEAN countries and this was the first time Myanmar was hosting the event.

Participants pose for the group photo at the opening ceremony of 13th Biennial Convention of the ASEAN Neurological Association in Yangon yesterday.
PHOTO : YE HTUT

At the event Ministry of Health and Sports Permanent Secretary Dr Thet Khaing Win delivered a speech on behalf of Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe.

Next ASEAN Neurology Academy Chair Prof. Chang Hui Meng and Myanmar Medical Association's Prof. Dr Win Min Thit delivered messages of greetings.

Afterwards, the opening ceremony was concluded with Permanent Secretary Dr Thet Khaing Win, Prof. Chang Hui Meng and Prof. Dr Win Min Thit sounding the gong and took commemorative group photo.

The 13th Biennial Convention of the ASEAN Neurological Association (ASNA) was attended by neurologists and experts from ASEAN countries as well as countries such as Australia, England, United States of America and South Korea.—Nyunt Ko Ko

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Govt awards schools with best pass rate, students …

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

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Education Officers at the level of Regions/States, districts and townships, heads of best passing-rate schools, outstanding students and their parents.

The ceremony was opened with the song 'Myanmar School' by the students from Practicing School of Yangon University of Education.

In delivering her speech, the State Counsellor said she was pleased to meet with those who recognize the education as a power of critical thinking in overcoming various challenges and flaws in physical and mental conditions. The State honour to the outstanding students in matriculation exam is intended to this power of students.

She also said that the government has believed the strength of people in developing the country into a peaceful and prosperous state. The government has put emphasis on the education as it is the best guarantee for the future of country. Rather than focusing on the top pass rate and high scores, the government intends to develop capacities that are required for implementing the long-term goals of the country. At this juncture, the possible question would be the reason for giving awards to the outstanding students.

The State Counsellor remarked the pass rates and the scores are the visible measurements in making judgment on the development of education. The ceremony was intended to congratulate the endeavours of respective schools and students. The increasing capacity of schools and students reflect the country's development and an indicator of education.

The data and figures on matriculation exams can be used in analyzing the education status of the country such as the interested subjects of students, the differences of pass rate and distinctions between male and female students and the schools which generated the most outstanding students.

She also reiterated that female students are more brilliant than their male counterparts at schools in recent years. It is quite critical condition for the country. It is expected equal development of male and female in Myanmar society. And that surveys are being conducted who, male or female, are more excellent and more interested in education.

The matriculation exam is largely related with social, economic and political situations of the country. The reason for schooling of children beginning at the age of 5 is for self-reliance or for livelihood when they become adults. Formal education from schools should meet the needs in social and economic situations. The National Education Strategic Plan was adopted to cover these objectives. Matriculation exam results are included in reviewing the implementation of this plan.

The State Counsellor added she noticed some significant points in studying matriculation exam results, such as lower pass rate despite an increasing number of students in the exam, the gaps in pass rate between the States and the Regions, getting high scores in science and mathematics subjects, more outstanding rates of male students in comparing with those of previous years and majority of excellent students from private schools.

She also recognized some satisfactory outcomes despite the remaining flaws.

She said that it is delighted to honour outstanding students of any schools, but it is expected to see the state-owned schools generate more brilliant students. It does not mean to favour the private-owned schools as she even attended such schools and valued these schools. However, the state-owned schools are attended by majority of students, and that these schools need to generate excellent students in promoting the future of the country in terms of social and political aspects. Access of common people to the best education is encouraging the development and stability of the State. Whether good or bad financial background of the parents, the promising students should get real opportunity as they are genuine resources for the development of the country.

The State Counsellor also concluded the government alone is not capable to generate excellent students, and the contributions of teachers, parents and people enthusiastic for promoting education are required.

> The participation of teachers with good volition is very fundamental to upgrade capacity of schools amidst some restraints of a newly developing country.

The participation of teachers with good volition is very fundamental to upgrade capacity of schools amidst some restraints of a newly developing country. Even some school children from remote areas could enjoy success in education thanks to creations and endeavors of students.

She added that the government is trying to eliminate private tuitions which impose burdens on the parents. It is regrettable for the country that some teachers oppose to this plan. And that, all the teachers are requested to deliver best services for development of education, and the parents are also to contribute in the tasks of teachers.

The State Counsellor continued that a good school should be a place to motivate the students to pursue education, in addition to generating excellent students. Motivation is as important as teaching at the schools, and that team works are encouraged at the schools. Such practice gives lessons to have sympathy and good volition to the others, to calmly accept the loss when facing defeats, to enjoy success in peaceful manner and to have a positive attitude in sharing possessions with others. It is important to provide these lessons.

She also said her expectation on the young students to become good citizens, as well as valuable persons for the world. In this regard, all the teachers and parents are requested to take part in setting up good schools. She repeated that the teachers need to teach in good intention for the country, for the students and for all the citizens to ensure development of the country and prosperity of the world.

In conclusion, she gave a message to both outstanding students and other common students that the core value of excellence is a strength to promote the welfare of others. It should be utilized properly in both self-interest and benefits of others.

She finally encouraged that everybody has a potential to become excellent people nationally and globally by developing themselves.

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Govt awards schools with best pass rate, students …

President U Win Myint, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and Union Ministers pose for photo together with the outstanding students who passed 2019 matriculation exam at the award-giving ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi explained the education statistics and preparation for award-giving to the whole country's outstanding students who passed the matriculation exam for 2018-2019 academic year.

Then, President U Win Myint presented the first prize for best passing rate to the Practicing School of Yangon University of Education (Kamayut), and the second prize to the No 2 Basic Education High School (Sangyaung).

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi presented the prizes for highest score in science subjects to Maung Kyaw Linn Than from No.4 Basic Education High School (Ahlon), for the highest score in science-art subjects to Maung Myo Min Aung from the Basic Education High School (Hopin) in Mohnyin Township of Kachin State, and for the highest scores in arts subjects to Ma Thazin Win from Basic Education High School (Taukteyoe) in Kyonpyaw Township of Ayayawady Region.

Then, the President, the State Counsellor, the Union Ministers, the Chairman of Union Civil Service Board, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council, the Deputy Ministers, Nay Pyi Taw Council member, the Chairmen of Education Promotion Committees from Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, the outstanding students, and the heads of schools with best passing rate posed for documentary photo.

In the second session of the event, the Union Ministers, the Deputy Ministers, the member of Nay Pyi Taw Council, the Chairmen of Education Promotion Committees from Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw presented awards to the outstanding students.

At the ceremony, the prizes were given to the 61 bests schools and 142 outstanding students at the Union-level. — MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Nepalese embassy commemorates National Day

UNION Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint and wife Daw Khaing Nwe Oo attended a ceremony to commemorate the National Day of Depal at the Embassy of Nepal in Natmauk Road, Tamway Township, Yangon, yesterday evening.

The ceremony was opened with the national anthems of Myanmar and Nepal.

This was followed by separate addresses from Nepalese Ambassador Mr Bhim Krishna Udas and Union Minister Dr Pe Myint, after which they took a documentary photo with all the guests.

Next, the Union Minister, Nepalese Ambassador, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein and their wives cut the celebratory cake.

The Ambassador and his wife then entertained the guests at the dinner hosted to mark the National Day of Nepal.

Union Minister Dr Pe Myint and wife, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein and wife, Nepalese Ambassador Mr Bhim Krishna Udas and wife, and diplomats pose for documentary photo at the reception to mark the National Day of Nepal in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

Also attending the celebration were Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun, ambassadors and chargé d'affaires stationed in Yangon, UN representatives and invited guests. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Vice President U Myint Swe talks multisectoral cooperation with Chinese Vice Premier

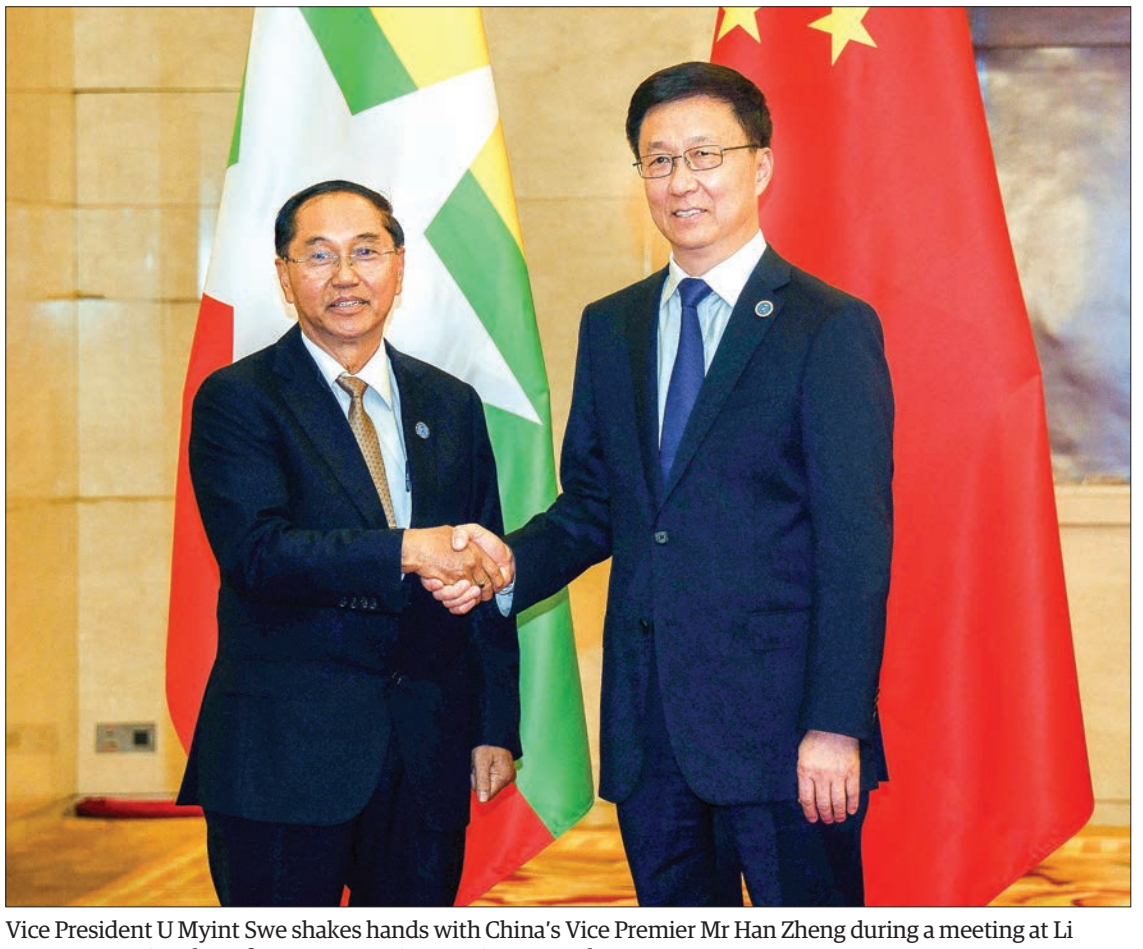
VICE President U Myint Swe and China's Vice Premier Mr Han Zheng held a meeting at Li Yuan International Conference Center in Nanning around 5 pm yesterday.

Both sides discussed boosting bilateral relations, increasing goodwill visits between the leaders of both countries, implementing Belt and Road projects, agricultural cooperation, elevating trade on rice, grains, beans, maize, sugar and other fruits and vegetables, increasing investments and trade, assisting with matters related to technology and trainings, Myanmar's internal peace process, and developing the socio-economic livelihood of the people.

Accompanying the Vice President at the meeting were Union Minister Dr Than Myint, Myanmar Ambassador U Myo Thant Pe, Consul-General in Nanning U Soe Thet Naung, Permanent Secretary U Aung Soe of the Ministry of Commerce and other officials.

Later in the evening, the Vice President was treated to a dinner reception hosted at the same conference center. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



Vice President U Myint Swe shakes hands with China's Vice Premier Mr Han Zheng during a meeting at Li Yuan International Conference Center in Nanning yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Vice President U Myint Swe unveils Myanmar National exhibition at 16th China-ASEAN Expo

THE Myanmar delegation led by Vice President U Myint Swe arrived at the office of the Free Trade Port Area Management Committee in Qinzhou around 9:20 am yesterday, where they were welcomed by Vice Mayor Mr Liu Renshan and officials.

The Vice President observed the small-scale replica of the free trade port area and was given explanations by the committee's second in-charge Mr Huang Shanrong and Deputy Director Mr Xu Chaoran of the Department for Boosting Investments. They provided detailed information and current and future projects for the Qinzhou free trade port area and the experimental free trade port zone (Qinzhou).

Next, the Vice President travelled to Qinzhou container port and were received by General Manager Mr Zhou Yan of Beibu Gulf Port Qinzhou Dock Co Ltd. They gave various explanations on the port including its history and processes while the Vice President observed around it. He then took a documentary photo with all the officials.

In the afternoon, the Vice President arrived at Nanning International Convention and Exhibition Center for the opening ceremony of the Myanmar national exhibition. He and his delegation were welcomed by Mr Huang Shiyong, permanent member of the Communist Party of Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and Secretary of the Political and Legal Affairs Committee.

The Vice President, together with Union Minister Dr Than Myint and Magway Region Minister U Zaw Min, cut ceremonial ribbons to open the exhibition, viewed the cultural dance troupe's performance, and took a documentary photo with everyone in attendance.

The Vice President observed the national exhibition which chose Magway as its city of charm and toured the booths displaying Myanmar commodities at the 16th China-ASEAN Expo.

There are 169 booths displaying Myanmar coffee, tea leaf-related products, traditional handicrafts, gems and jewellery, finished wood products, fruits, traditional medicine, rattan furniture, agricultural products and food samples at the expo. The booths are opened by about 600 Myanmar entrepreneurs and have a combined value of US$1.937 million. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Vice President U Myint Swe observes Myanmar exhibition showcasing traditional costumes at Nanning International Convention and Exhibition Center in Nanning yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Vice President U Myint Swe cuts ribbon to open the Myanmar exhibition at Nanning International Convention and Exhibition Center in Nanning yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Vice President U Henry Van Thio opens UMFCCI Centennial International Expo

VICE PRESIDENT U HENRY VAN THIO attended and addressed the opening ceremony of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) Centennial International Expo 2019 held at Fortune Plaza, Thakayta Township, Yangon Region yesterday morning.

The ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Industry, Planning and Finance U Soe Win, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun, Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo, Yangon Region ministers, foreign diplomats, UMFCCI President, Vice Presidents, secretaries, central executive committee (CEC) members, sister associations' presidents, CECs and Executive Committee members.

Vice President U Henry Van Thio Union minister, deputy minister and dignitaries open the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) Centennial International Expo 2019 in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

In his speech Vice President U Henry Van Thio said UMFCCI was formed in pre- independent period of 1919 as Burmese Chamber of Commerce and as of 2019, it has proudly reached its centennial. With an aim for UMFCCI to support economic development this Centennial Expo was conducted on its centennial. As known to everyone holding an international expo like this brings forth opportunities to exhibit the country's products as well as to introduce international products and international level local products to local businesses and consumers. In addition to this good opportunities were created for local and international businesses to establish contacts.

In its all-round efforts for economic development the State had been meeting with UMFCCI as well as economic associations and organizations to consider the submissions and suggestions made and conduct necessary works in a timely manner. Market is most important for today's businesses enthusiastic cooperation of associations, businesses and the government was an important requirement for local products to compete and enter into local and foreign markets.

In addition to establishing and implementing economic policies that were in line with market economy system the State had also drawn up Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan that does not cater to the development and short term economic development of an individual or an entity, but aims for a sustainable development of the whole country, protect and preserve the natural environment, develops human resources and for the establishment of a peaceful and stable society. Systematic aims, strategies and work processes were being established and implemented toward these ends.

As private sector development was important for the State, business persons and associations should enthusiastically cooperate with UMFCCI toward private sector development. Private Sector Development Committee was formed for private sector development. Difficulties and challenges encountered by private sector were discussed in meetings held regularly and coordinated with relevant ministerial departments resulting in successes achieved. UMFCCI was also playing a satisfactory job as a bridge connecting the government and business persons.

UMFCCI and sister associations can be proud of holding this centennial event systematically and completely using their financial resources, human resources and organizational resources said the Vice President. Finally the Vice President concluded with a wish for UMFCCI to exist and develop together with the country from the centennial to many more years and support more toward the country's development, strengthen and develop private sector.

Next, Union Minister U Soe Win and Yangon Region Chief Minister delivered speeches honoring UMFCCI and UMFCCI President U Zaw Min Win delivered a message of greeting.

Afterwards, the Vice President, Union Minister, Chief Minister and officials took commemorative group photo and observed the exhibits at UMFCCI Centennial International Expo 2019.

UMFCCI was supporting from the private sector toward the country's economic development and the expo was held to establish timely contact and works between local and foreign business persons, for Myanmar products to penetrate international market and for quality international products to enter into local market.

By holding the expo, opportunities were provided to introduce local products not only to the local market but also to penetrate international market. Local and foreign business can conduct business discussions. Local private business persons and SME business persons can raise their competitiveness by studying international products and technologies. Developments of MSMEs could create job opportunities it is learnt.

Exhibits at the expo includes automobiles, machinery parts, electronic products, construction products, home decorations, beauty products, garments, jewelries, food and beverages, transport, ICT sector

The expo has 235 exhibits exhibiting automobiles, machinery parts, electronic products, construction products, home decorations, beauty products, garments, jewelries, food and beverages, transport, ICT sector products from Germany, Netherland, Japan, Korea, China, Thailand, Vietnam and local businesses.

Ministry of Industry, Ministry of Commerce and Ministry of International Cooperation supported and cooperated in the UMFCCI Centennial Expo 2019 that will be held for three days from September 20 to 22. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Vice President U Henry Van Thio visits the exhibition showcasing products at the opening ceremony of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Centennial International Expo 2019 in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Govt produces Rakhine Joint Assessment report

THE Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, together with the United Nations Development Programme, introduced the Rakhine Joint Assessment Report at the Shwe San Eain Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye, Deputy Minister for State Counsellor's Office U Khin Maung Tin, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung, Rakhine State's Electricity, Industry and Transport Minister U Aung Kyaw Zan, officials from the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development, the invited guests, representatives from UN agencies and international organizations.

Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye said that the research report was developed to collect information for adopting development assistance policies through humanitarian aid, and for promoting social unity and harmony in Rakhine State.

The joint assessment plan was submitted to the Protocol and Ethical Board of the ministry in January 2017 by forming a technical team to be able to implement it in accordance with research ethics and principles and avoid sensitive issues, with seeking recommendations from Rakhine State government and the relevant departments.

The survey for Rakhine Joint Assessment began after holding a workshop in Nay Pyi Taw in May 2017. However, the survey works were postponed due to the conflcts in August 2017, and resumed in Kyauktaw, Mrauk-U and Minbya townships in July and August 2018.

The Union Minister also disclosed the findings have indicated that underdevelopment was the main reason of the problems; access to food, nutrition, education and healthcare services is not too much different among different communities; availability of hygiene water is still a grave problem in most of the villages; lower education level and lesser employment opportunities are the underlying causes for temporary jobs.

Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye attends the ceremony of Sharing the findings of the Rakhine Joint Assessment held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

He also added the findings will be used in the development programmes of Rakhine State, and will be informed to the local communities through the Rakine State government.

Then, the UN acting negotiator gave remarks on the findings in the Rakhine Joint Assessment report, followed by explanations of officials from the Department of Disaster Management and the UNDP.

In his concluding remark, Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye noted the Rakhine Joint Assessment report is a result received by the collaboration between the ministry and the UN agencies, and development works will be carried out based on these findings. He also emphasized the importance of security in implementing the works, and working groups will be formed under the management of UEHRD. The Union Minister also called for more assistance of international organizations and ASEAN member countries to work better in social economic development of Rakhine State.—MNA ■

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye accepts cash donation for flood victims from officials of Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers Association in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Donations for flood victims continue

THE Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement received more donations for the flood-afflicted areas across Myanmar yesterday.

Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers Association donated K10 million, the education officer of Lewe Township and education associates donated K2,157,050, and staff of the Agricultural Research Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation donated K2.5 million.

Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye accepted the donations and gave certificates of honour in return, followed by words of thanks.—MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Water quality assessment of Mekong River in Shan State to begin soon

THE Environmental Conservation Department under the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation and the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation and Negotiation Group jointly organized the launch ceremony of the water quality assessment project for the Mekong River and its branches in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The project is one of the 19 projects funded by the Mekong-Lancang Cooperation Special Fund (2018 batch). The project is scheduled to take place from the 2018-2019 FY to 2019-2020 FY and will assess the water quality of Mekong River and its branches in Shan State.

Deputy Director-General of the Environmental Conservation Department U Sein Tun Lin first delivered opening remarks and officials then explained the project background, transfer of funds, implementation of processes and assessment of the water quality.—MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Deputy Director-General U Sein Tun Lin and attendees pose for a documentary photo at the launching ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

The attraction of working overseas and related pitfalls

MORE than 33,000 Myanmar citizens found employment overseas this August according to an announcement made by the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population. The news also says the ministry successfully connected 616 people with government jobs and 28,366 with jobs from the private sector.

The countries Myanmar citizens went to work include Malaysia, Singapore, Republic of Korea, Thailand, Japan, UAE, Jordan and Qatar. Fulfilling the required skills, qualifications and other requirements for securing a job overseas will make achieving it even closer.

The young people of Myanmar these days seem more interested in finding jobs abroad than at home. One of the main reasons is that these jobs pay substantially more and this fact has attracted a lot of people to seek employment overseas.

But this phenomenon is not limited to Myanmar. The global trend of going to live and work in other countries is appealing to people who starve for challenges, opportunities and new experiences. Of course, this benefits both the migrant worker's country of origin and the host nation. The migrant workers will also be able to send back enough money to raise the living standards of their families.

> The victims of human trafficking who fall prey to the deception of these brokers are usually from remote areas with an unfortunate lack of access to proper information and education.

However, there are also numerous incidents of people who have been swindled of their money by brokers offering them jobs in foreign lands. Some people also try to go abroad through illegal means and face various difficulties. In both cases, some people have had their entire livelihoods uprooted.

The victims of human trafficking who fall prey to the deception of these brokers are usually from remote areas with an unfortunate lack of access to proper information and education.

Those who are sent through the illegal path face abuse and torment from their foreign employers. They may also have their pay docked or withheld and, being illegal migrant workers, are in a peculiar and difficult position to file complaints on these unfair treatments to the authorities.

Sometimes on the news, you will see stories of people working abroad who can't even entrust anything to their close associates or even family members while they're gone.

One particular guidebook for migrant workers warns that a friend with a well meaning offer of a better job with a better salary and conditions can also end up deceiving you. This warning only managed to find its way into these pages because similar incidents have really happened. If you can't even trust your friends on this, then a stranger is simply out of the question.

We'd like to inform people seeking jobs overseas to contact the employment offices and legal overseas employment agencies. Going through the whole thing legally is the only good option to avoid any difficulties while you work overseas.

So please, avoid the brokers knocking on your door with offers of lucrative jobs. They just might backstab you later.

Why Climate Change Matters for Myanmar's Development, and What We Are Doing About It

By U Ohn Win, Union Minister, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, and Mr. Peter Batchelor, UNDP Myanmar Resident Representative

MYANMAR faces many development challenges, but climate change presents the greatest challenge of all. And while the impacts of climate change are felt in many ways, it is the threat to the country's future development that makes it so significant.

Myanmar's geographic location and incredible physical diversity means climate change takes many forms – in the dry zone, temperatures are increasing and droughts becoming more prevalent, while the coastal zone remains at constant risk from intensifying cyclones. And extreme flooding in the current wet season has already seen over 190,000 people seek emergency shelter, with the damage to homes, schools and farms compounding the impact of last year's floods, and those from the year before.

Photo shows an aerial view of the area of deadly landslide that struck a village in Paung Township in August, 2019. **PHOTO: KO ZAW MIN**

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The possibility of more intense and more frequent climatic events is already impacting Myanmar. The country is already one of the most vulnerable in the world to such extreme weather events. With the memories of 2008's catastrophic Cyclone Nargis still vivid, the development gains that have been made in recent times remain highly susceptible to such risks. Even without a single Nargis-scale event, the loss and damage caused by floods, landslides and droughts in recent years runs into the billions of US dollars, not to mention the deaths and turmoil for people's lives. The need to prepare for, respond to, and recover from, these natural disasters costs time and resources that could otherwise be spent on more pressing development priorities.

There is no question that Myanmar must work with the international community to slow down and reverse global warming, while also building its resilience by adapting to the reality of a changing climate.

The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar recognizes that a clean environment, with healthy and functioning ecosystems, is the foundation upon which the country's social, cultural and economic development must be sustained. It has therefore committed to a national development framework that incorporates the notion of environmental sustainability for future generations by systematically embedding environmental and climate considerations into all future policies and projects. The Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (2018-2030) has committed Myanmar to a climate-sensitive development pathway and is complemented by the new National Environmental Policy and Myanmar Climate Change Policy, which were both recently launched by the President. Both policies have benefitted from technical support from international development partners like UNDP and extensive public consultations across Myanmar.

Together, these new policies set a vision for Myanmar as a climate-resilient, low-carbon society that is sustainable, prosperous and inclusive, for the well-being of present and future generations. They are also the basis for Myanmar's implementation of the Paris Agreement to help keep global temperature increases to 1.5 degrees Celsius above pre-industrial levels.

Myanmar's ambitious approach to reducing greenhouse gas emissions includes reversing the decline of the country's forests. For example, the Government has committed 500 million US dollars over 10 years for the Myanmar Rehabilitation and Reforestation Programme. Nature-based solutions, such as protecting coastal mangrove forests, can help mitigate climate change by storing huge amounts of carbon dioxide while also building natural barriers to reduce the impact of cyclones and storm surges on coastal communities.

The energy sector contributes two-thirds of greenhouse gas emissions in the Asia-Pacific region. Therefore, energy development in Myanmar must be climate smart and cannot ignore the sector's changing economic outlook. The Government is committed to increasing the use of renewable energy while helping provide electricity to the millions of people who still lack reliable access. New forms of renewable energy – including solar and biomass – will contribute 9% of the country's energy mix by 2030. The distribution of fuel-efficient cookstoves is being rapidly expanded to 5 million households – this will improve people's health, while also helping avoid deforestation from people gathering firewood.

Myanmar's private sector has a vital role to play in responding to climate change, but this also presents great opportunities as the economy expands. Disruptive green technology and innovation will help us accelerate towards a low carbon economy. The government will continue promoting green businesses and aligning incentives for the private sector to introduce low carbon technologies.

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To empower younger generations with the knowledge, skills and attitudes to prosper in 21st century Myanmar, climate change must inform the strengthening of the education system – in the curriculum, as well as by developing climate-resilient schools. Such approaches also show that what is good for the climate is also good for our country's development and the lives of our people.

Myanmar is ready to be part of the climate change solution at this month's United Nations Climate Action Summit, to be held in New York on 23 September, 2019. The Government is continuously intensifying its efforts, but does need international support from partners like UNDP. Technological know-how is needed to support actions on the ground, such as in the form of affordable renewable energy technologies. Finance is needed to support investments in human resources and innovative solutions. And training and technical assistance is needed to strengthen the capacities of all players – governments, communities and the private sector.

The Climate Action Summit in New York will be a critical forum for global leaders to come together and present strong new actions to reverse climate change. It is also an opportunity to recognize the valuable efforts of developing countries like Myanmar, and to redouble support for countries pursuing sustainable, low-carbon development pathways.

The world is now in a desperate race against climate change. Strong and urgent action, both internationally and locally, is critical to protecting Myanmar's current and future development. We must all act together if we are to win this race and ensure a sustainable future for the world and for Myanmar and its people.

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Appointment of Region Minister

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

Sd/ Win Myint
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Friday 20th September, 2019)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 21st September, 2019: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Sagaing and Magway Regions, Kachin and (Northern and Eastern) Shan States, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Bago Regions, Southern Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4–7) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Continuation of thundery activities in Central Myanmar areas.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 21st September, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 21st September, 2019: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 21st September, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Naypyitaw, Yangon and Mandalay Regions.

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Plans afoot to shift some CNG shops outside Yangon: MOGE

By Nyein Nyein

THE authorities are planning to relocate some Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) shops outside the town, said U Hla Win Htay, the general manager of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise (MOGE) and member of the Yangon Region Transport Authority (YRTA).

"It is not advisable to fill CNG in buses inside the town. It is a wrongful practice that has been going on for several years. To resolve this issue, the YRTA will search for land, in cooperation with the Yangon Bus Service (YBS). Additionally, some CNG stations, which are not efficient and effective, will be moved out to the bus terminals, with the payment of moving charges. If YBS terminals are outside town, there won't be long lines of YBS buses in the town," said U Hla Win Htay.

After observing 31 YBS CNG filling stations in four zones, MOGE has found that one shop between shop 2 and shop 3 in Ahlon township can be moved out of the town because they are separated by only a street, and one shop between shop 1 and shop 2 in East Dagon township can also be relocated because they are separated by only a fence. Moreover, CNG shops at the foot of the Thanlyin bridge can also be moved out of town, according to MOGE.

In order to shift some CNG shops outside the town, the related ministries, the YRTA, and the YBS companies need to scout for land.

"When we move the shops, we will need land. The land should be legally owned and must have a safe boundary. After searching for sites, we will submit the plan to seek the budgetary allocation to move the shops outside town. We have already submitted a potential situation to the Union government as well as to the regional government. The YRTA and YBS companies need to get land at the seven entrance gates of Yangon town," said U Hla Win Htay.

Most YBS buses are filling CNG at the following shops — 003 in Ahlon, 004 in Kyaikkalawk, 008 in Pale, 021 in Dagon Seikkan, 027 in Shwepyitha-2, and 042 in Htigyaing. This has often caused traffic problems.

According to official statistics provided by MOGE, there are about 6,500 YBS buses using CNG in Yangon Region, and about 4,000 of the YBS buses are filling up CNG daily.

The daily CNG consumption in Yangon is 24.14 million cubic feet, of which the YBS buses consume 13.41 million cubic feet.

MOGE had extended its CNG project in 2014 to enable smooth transportation for Yangonites. Currently, there are 41 CNG shops in Yangon town.

There are two teams — emergency maintenance team and regular maintenance team — that ensure machines fixed in CNG shops run smoothly. International experts are training members of the maintenance teams to make them familiar with advanced technology. ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Seasonal influenza claimed 114 lives in Jan-Sept

A total of 114 people died from the A (H1N1) pdm 09 seasonal influenza virus across the country between 1 January and 17 September, and 736 persons were confirmed to have been infected by the virus, according to the sub-central epidemiology units under the Public Health Department. There were 112 deaths from the seasonal influenza virus reported across the country as on 13 September. On 17 September, one death was reported from Sagaing region and Mandalay region each.

At present, deaths caused by the influenza virus are being reported across the country. While 68 deaths and 289 cases of A (H1N1) pdm 09 seasonal influenza virus have been reported from Yangon region, 46 deaths have been reported in other states and regions.

According to the health department, out of the 1,719 suspected cases reported across the country, 736 patients have been diagnosed with seasonal influenza. The number of A (H1N1) pdm 09 seasonal influenza cases has shown a slight increase till now.

Among the patients confirmed to have been infected by the virus between 1 January and 17 September, 58 per cent were aged 15 to 65 years, 14 per cent were in the 1-5 age group, 9 per cent were over 65 years, 12 per cent were in the 5-15 age group, and 7 per cent were less than a year old, according to the sub-central epidemiology units.

Officials are encouraging the public to cover their nose and mouth while sneezing and coughing, get sound sleep, drink plenty of water, wash their hands frequently, and avoid going outside during the hottest times of the day to prevent exposure.

H1N1 has been breaking out annually since 2009. H1N1 flu symptoms are the same as seasonal flu. They include cough, fever, sore throat, stuffy or runny nose, body aches, headaches, chills, and fatigue. —Pwint Thitsa ■ *(Translated by Hay Mar)*

Five killed, 41 injured in traffic mishaps in Hinthada in August

FIVE deaths were reported in traffic accidents in Hinthada District in the month of August, according to traffic police. Forty-one persons were injured in the mishaps.

Although the number of traffic accidents showed a decline compared to last August, the number of injured increased, according to official statistics provided by the traffic police.

"Five persons were killed and 25 injured in 18 traffic accidents in six townships of Hinthada District in August, 2018. In August this year, there were 15 accidents, which left five dead and 41 injured. The number of injured has increased this year as 12 people sustained injuries in a single accident in August," said an official with the district's traffic police.

"The number of traffic accidents has been on the decline every month. The traffic police is doing its utmost to reduce the number of mishaps by half in 2020 to meet the goal set by the National Remote Sensing Centre (NRSC). We are also conducting regular awareness talks and distributing pamphlets among the public," he added. —Aye Cho ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Over 2,000 kg of raw jade stones seized in Phakant Tsp

An illegal consignment of raw jade stones, weighing over 2,000 kg, was seized during a search operation on Wednesday at a checkpoint in Phakant Township of Kachin State.

Acting on a tip, a combined team led by inspector Kyaw Kyaw Lwin Oo searched a Hino vehicle, driven by Wai Tun, 19, at the checkpoint. The vehicle had another passenger on board, identified as Arkar Kyaw, 17. The police found 1,780 illegal raw jade stones weighing over 2,000 kg concealed in eight oil tanks inside the vehicle.

The Township Police have filed a case against Wai Tun and Arkar Kyaw under the Myanmar Gemstone Law. —Win Naing (Kachin Myay) ■

(Translated by La Wunn)

Two suspects arrested with confiscated raw jade stones.
PHOTO: WIN NAING (KACHIN MYAY)

Price a deciding factor for rubber production, export: producers' body

By Nyein Nyein

ANY improvement in Myanmar's rubber exports will be directly linked to the price offered, as production is usually suspended if the rates are low, according to U Khaing Myint, the secretary of the Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association (MRPPA).

"The improvement of rubber exports will rely on the price. For example, the owners of small farms cannot produce when the price drops as they cannot even cover the production cost. Thus, a price drop leads to a halt in production. If rubber is priced at K800-900 per pound, production will rise. However, if the price is below K800 per pound, there is no potential for the market," said U Khaing Myint.

Additionally, the volatility in rubber prices is linked to global climate change, and subsidy from the government is required for growers in need, he added.

Rubber is primarily produced in Mon and Kayin states and Taninthayi, Bago, and Yangon regions in Myanmar. There are over 1.6 million acres of rubber plantations in Myanmar, with Mon State accounting for about 500,000 acres, followed by Kayin State (270,000 acres), according to the MRPPA.

About 300,000 tons of rubber is produced every year in the country. Seventy per cent of Myanmar's rubber production goes to China. Myanmar rubber is also shipped to Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Viet Nam, Korea, India, Japan, and other countries.

Myanmar has sent over 190,000 tons of rubber, with an estimated value of US$250 million, to external markets in the past eleven months of the current fiscal year. The export volume is up 41,000 tons, or $60 million, compared to the year-ago period, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce.

At present, Myanmar is exporting only rubber sheets owing to lack of machines and technology. Therefore, the MRPPA called for the establishment of special rubber zones in the regions and states to produce value-added rubber and quality raw materials at the 15th regular meeting with private entrepreneurs, led by Vice President 1, which was held on 15 March.

Production of rubber latex sheets goes down as the temperature of the local weather increases. **PHOTO: HTUT HTUT (YE)**

About 150,000 tons of rubber was exported in the 2017-2018 fiscal year. ■ *(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)*

Myanmar external trade reaches over $32 bln during 11 months of this FY

BETWEEN October and August of 2018-2019 Financial Year, provisional figures of Myanmar International trade showed that the total trade reached at US$ 32.051 billion with $15.474 billion export and $ 16.577 billion import. Myanmar external trade was expected to reach $31.100 billion with $15.300 billion export and $15.800 billion import this FY. So Myanmar made positive growth of 103 per cent in total trade with 101 per cent in export and 105 per cent in import.

Following is the external trade provisional figure as of August this FY comparison for target and actual growth. Values are in million US$.

Sr	Sector	2018-2019 FY's expected value			2018-2019 FY's provisional value			Growth (per cent)		
		Export	Import	Total	Export	Import	Total	Export	Import	total
1	Oversea trade	8150.000	13430.000	21580.000	8879.476	13780.211	22659.687	109	103	105
2	Border trade	7150.000	2370.000	9520.000	6594.759	2796.743	9391.502	92	118	99
3	Total	15300.000	15800.000	31100.000	15474.235	16576.954	32051.189	101	105	103

Up to August, 2018-2019 FY, Myanmar exported agriculture products worth $3.032 billion, animal products worth $341 million, marine products worth $675 million, mineral products worth $1.363 billion, forest products worth $157 million, manufacture products worth 9.164 billion, and other sector worth 741 million. Main export items of Myanmar – various kind of beans and peas, marine, animal, as well as CMP -- were exported higher compared with the same period of last FY while rice and broken rice were exported less. Myanmar imported investment products worth $5.230 billion, raw products worth $6.156 billion, commodity products worth $3.037 billion, and CMP products worth $2.152 billion. Myanmar more imported CMP products than others.—MNA

Border trade with ITCs crosses K55.2 bln

TRADE at the border checkpoints using Individual Trading Cards (ITCs) exceeded K55.2 billion between 1 October and 31 August in the current financial year, according to data provided by the Ministry of Commerce.

Data from the ministry shows 157 ITCs were used to export goods worth K8.7 billion and import goods worth K46.5 billion in the current fiscal.

Trade was pegged at over K3.7 billion at the Tamu border checkpoint, over K30.7 million at Muse, over K29.7 billion at Myawady, over K97.6 million at Tachilek, over K66.9 million at Lwejel, over K1.9 billion at Kanpiketee, over K5.3 billion at Kawthoung, K1.5 billion at Reed, over K11.6 billion at Mawtaung, over K443 million at Hteekhee, and over K920 million at Kengung.

The Ministry of Commerce has issued 1,681 ITCs as of 31 July — 292 ITCs were issued in the 2012-2013 fiscal year, 261 ITCs in the 2013-2014FY, 317 ITCs in the 2014-2015FY, 146 ITCs in the 2015-16 FY, 248 ITCs in the 2016-17FY, 168 ITCS in the 2017-2018FY, 91 ITCs between 1 April, 2018 and 30 September, 2018 in the interim period, and 157 ITCs have been issued as on 31 August.

Most of the trade with ITCs was conducted through the Myawady border post as of 31 August. Trade using ITCs totalled K22.5 billion between 1 April, 2018 to 30 September, 2018 in the interim period.

The Ministry started issuing ITCs in 2012. Traders can trade goods worth up to K15 million per week using ITCs, which need to be extended every year. ITC application forms can be obtained at any office under the Ministry of Commerce and the border trade posts.—Zwe ■ *(Translated by Hay Mar)*

Mung bean prices recover on back of China demand

RECENT demand from China has stopped the fall in price of mung beans, which had spiralled downwards after India suspended purchases, and the trade of mung beans is picking up again in Mandalay, said traders.

"At the moment, traders who have stored mung beans are selling their stocks in the market. These days, the price of mung beans has risen again due to demand from China," said U Soe Win Myint, a trader from Mandalay.

The price of mung beans plunged from K75,000 for three baskets in January, when India began buying mung beans as part of its agreement to purchase 150,000 tons, to K68,000 in August, when India stopped purchases, according to traders.

This year, India had announced that it would import 150,000 tons of mung beans and 200,000 tons of pigeon peas.

Although Myanmar's mung bean production has declined this year, the country could have produced over 300,000 tons of mung beans.—Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)

PHOTO: MIN HTET AUNG (MANDALAY SUB-PRINTING HOUSE)

Myanmar police delegation returns from 39th ASEANAPOL Conference

CHIEF OF MYANMAR Police Force Police Lt-Gen Aung Win Oo and senior police officers returned home yesterday afternoon after attending the 39th ASEAN Chiefs of Police Conference (ASEANAPOL 39) which was held in Hanoi, Viet Nam, from 17 to 19 September.

The three-day event was attended by the police chiefs and senior police officers from 10 ASEAN member countries and Timor-Leste, 10 dialogue partners of ASEANAPOL, the International Association of Chiefs of Police, the International Criminal Police Organization and the European Police Office, Deputy Secretary General of ASEAN and Asian representative of the International Committee of the Red Cross.

During the conference, they discussed cooperation of the international countries in combating transnational crimes, using high technologies and exchange of information.

Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Lt-Gen Aung Win Oo, Police Chiefs from ASEAN member countries, Minister for Public Security General Tao Lam pose for a documentary photo at the 39th ASEAN Chiefs of Police Conference in Hanoi, Viet Nam. **PHOTO: MNA**

The Chief of Myanmar Police Force also discussed cooperation with relevant countries in fighting against drug smuggling, terrorism, arms trafficking, human trafficking, crimes related with wildlife, financial crime, cyber-crime, fake travel documents and cross-border frauds.

During the period of conference, police chiefs of 10 ASEAN member countries paid a courtesy call on Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc and Minister for Public Security General Tao Lam.

The MPF Chief also separately met with Head of UK National Crime Agency Commander Mark Edward Bishop and Deputy Commissioner Neil Antony Gaughan, Acting Chief of Australian Federal Police on 18 September afternoon, and discussed about capacity building programmes for MPF in prevention of crimes, cooperation in the use of technologies and bilateral relations between police forces.—MNA *(Translated by Aung Khin)*

Trump ends California's right to set auto emissions standards

LOS ANGELES — US President Donald Trump said Wednesday he will strip California of the right to set its own auto emissions standards, as he bids to appeal to the motor industry ahead of next year's presidential election.

The president said in a Twitter post that the industry will be able to build vehicles "far safer and much less expensive" and create jobs.

"Many more cars will be produced under the new and uniform standard, meaning significantly more JOBS, JOBS, JOBS!" Trump posted.

But the decision to bar California, a Democratic stronghold, from setting stricter regulations than federal government prompted criticism from the state and some environmental protection groups.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom speaks during a news conference at the California justice department on 18 September, 2019 in Sacramento, California. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

California Gov. Gavin Newsom said the same day in a press conference that he will take legal action to fight the Trump's move.

The state is exempt from the 1970 Clean Air Act and has been allowed to set its own emission standards.

In 2007, the administration of George Bush denied the state's request to set greenhouse gas limits on vehicles, but this was overturned by Barack Obama's administration, according to US media. Trump pulled the United States out of the Paris Agreement on climate change in 2017, as his administration rolls back environmental protections. —Kyodo News

The taxi, which looks like a nautical version of the DeLorean car in the 80s sci-fi film "Back To The Future", is the brainchild of French yachtsman Alain Thebault. **PHOTO: AFP**

'Flying' river taxi tests Seine waters in Paris

PARIS — A "flying" electric river taxi hailed by its creators as the future of clean city transport is being put through a battery of tests in Paris this week, with a view to being in service by the spring.

Named the "Sea Bubble", the white aerodynamic craft skimmed over the River Seine at speeds of up to 30 km/hour (17 m/hour), hovering 50 centimetres (1.5 feet) above the water.

A journey from the Eiffel Tower in the west to Notre-Dame cathedral in the bubble takes just minutes, as the craft zips past the traffic snarled along the banks of the river.

Back to the future

The taxi, which looks like a nautical version of the DeLorean car in the 80s sci-fi film "Back To The Future", is the brainchild of French yachtsman Alain Thebault. —AFP ■

NEWS In BRIEF

Museum-developed creative product revenue exceeds 4 bln yuan in 2018

BEIJING — The revenue from the development of cultural and creative products based on the cultural relics collections of China's museums exceeded 4 billion yuan (564 million US dollars) in 2018.

According to statistics released at a conference on the authorization of the use of information from the museums' collections on Thursday, as of last year, more than 40,000 kinds of relevant products are available.

Moreover, China will promote open information sharing in this regard, in a bid to further reinvigorate and make better use of the country's cultural relics resources, according to cultural relics officials. Museums will be encouraged to authorize the use of resources related to their collections to enterprises and other entities from the public, said Luo Jing, an official with the National Cultural Heritage Administration (NCHA), at the conference. —Xinhua ■

Facebook plays to social ties with Portal smart-screen

SAN FRANCISCO — Facebook on Wednesday unveiled second-generation Portal smart screens, touting them as a way to stay connected to loved ones at the leading social network.

Facebook also pushed down costs to make new Portal, Portal Mini, and Portal TV devices more enticing to consumers at a starting price of $129.

Portal and Portal Mini will begin shipping on 15 October, while a notepad-sized Portal TV device that turns a television into a smart screen for video calls and more will begin shipping on November 5 at a price of $149.

Facebook would not disclose how many Portal devices have been sold since they were introduced late last year, but said adoption has been strong enough to inspire second-generation models. Shipments of smart speakers in the US last year nearly doubled to 57.5 million, with Amazon accounting for about 48 per cent of the market and Google claiming nearly 39 per cent, according to International Data Corp.—AFP ■

Spain's leftwing trades barbs as new vote looms

MADRID — Squabbling between Spain's leftwing parties erupted Friday with leaders trading mutual recriminations over the failure to form a government as the country braced for its fourth election in as many years.

Spain's most recent political crisis came to a head on Tuesday night when Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez said a fresh poll was necessary after he failed to secure support to be confirmed as premier following an inconclusive election in April.

Although his Socialist party won the election, it took just 123 of parliament's 350 seats, and Sanchez pointed the finger at rival parties for failing to support him.

He had initially agreed, very reluctantly, to form a coalition with the radical leftwing Podemos, but the party refused, with its leader Pablo Iglesias saying the government portfolios on offer did not carry enough political clout.

Sanchez then withdrew the offer, and refused to negotiate further, offering Iglesias only talks on a joint policy programme, in a dispute which was never resolved. —AFP ■

Spain's Socialist premier Pedro Sanchez said it would have been irresponsible to form a coalition with the radical leftwing Podemos. **PHOTO: AFP**

Israel vote deadlock confirmed by near-complete results

JERUSALEM — Israeli vote results on Friday confirmed a deadlock in the country's general election and put Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Likud party as the second-largest, leaving him with a tough battle to extend his long tenure in office.

The near-complete official results from Tuesday's election gave ex-military chief Benny Gantz's centrist Blue and White alliance the most seats, with 33 out of parliament's 120.

Netanyahu's right-wing Likud won 31 seats, but neither had an obvious path to a majority coalition.

In a stark admission on Thursday, Netanyahu acknowledged he was unable to form a right-wing coalition as he hoped and called on Gantz to join him in a unity government instead.

Gantz responded by saying he would have to be prime minister in a unity government since Blue and White was the largest party.

The standoff has even raised the possibility of yet another election -- which would be the third to be held in a year following April polls that also ended inconclusively.

Israeli President Reuven Rivlin plans to begin consultations with all parties voted into parliament on Sunday to decide who to choose to try to form a government.

Major developments were not expected before then, particularly with the Sabbath, or weekly Jewish day of rest, beginning at sundown Friday.

Final results will be published on Wednesday and there could be changes before then, Israel's election committee said.

The committee said the results did not include 14 polling stations where verifications were still ongoing.—AFP ■

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and his wife Sara casts their votes at a voting station in Jerusalem on 17 September, 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**

Pompeo favours 'peaceful resolution' to crisis after Saudi oil attack

DUBAI — The US wants a peaceful solution to the crisis sparked by attacks on Saudi oil installations, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Thursday, after Iran raised the spectre of "all-out war".

Pompeo has blamed Iran for the dramatic weekend assault on two facilities, condemning an "act of war" which knocked out half the kingdom's oil production. The rhetoric has raised the risk of an unpredictable escalation in a tinderbox region where Saudi Arabia and Iran are locked in a decades-old struggle for dominance.

After meeting with allies in Riyadh and Abu Dhabi, Pompeo said there was an "enormous consensus in the region" that Iran carried out the attacks, despite its denials and Yemeni rebels' claims that they were responsible.

But Pompeo said the US was intent on finding a way out of the confrontation. "We'd like a peaceful resolution. I think we've demonstrated that," he told reporters. "I hope the Islamic Republic of Iran sees it the same way." Iran's Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif earlier warned any US or Saudi military strike on Iran could lead to "all-out war".—AFP ■

US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo speaks with a Saudi official before boarding his flight from Jeddah, Saudi Arabia to the UAE. **PHOTO: AFP**

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Historic bell which returned from England

Maung Tha (Archaeology)

MYANMAR has been preserving many historic bells similar to the royal bells of kings in Konbaung era. The bell which returned from England hung on the platform of Shwehsandaw Pagoda in Pyay is one of the historic ones. The bell is significant because it reached Britain from Shwehsandaw Pagoda of Pyay and returned to home.

Bell which returned from England. **PHOTO MAUNG THA**

Shwehsandaw Pagoda. **PHOTO: MAUNG THA (ARCHAEOLOGY)**

Two-tier umbrella on Shwehsandaw Pagoda

The pagodas under the titles of Shwehsandaw are located in some townships in Myanmar. These pagodas named Shwehsandaw means enshrining the pagodas with sacred hair relics of the Lord Buddha.

Among them, Shwehsandaw Pagoda in Pyay was built on Sudassana Hillock in the north of Hsinsu Ward in Pyay. Some believed construction of the pagoda finished on fullmoon day of Tabaung, 103 Maha Era, Tuesday, when the Lord Buddha attained enlightenment.

Poet Pyay Nawade composed a Ratu poem dedicating to the Lord Buddha, saying that "Sri Kestra, meant crowded residence of the king, at the corner of the royal palace, at the edge of hill, the greatest Wiseman, called Mya Thitin, spread and disperse the whole universe as well as the whole ground, it is the noblest land of sacred hair relics." The original Shwehsandaw Pagoda called Mya Thitin as well as Mya Theetin is in the shape of paddy with seven elbows in height.

In 101 Maha Era when the Lord Buddha had entered the Parinivanna, two Arhats Ashin Candasiri and Ashin Candagariz, two princes of King Duttabaung, urged their father king to build over the Shwehsandaw Pagoda again. Hence, King Duttabaung built 62 elbows high Shwehsandaw Pagoda on Sudassana Hillock on fullmoon day of Tabaung, 126 Sasana Era. (Sasana Era was counted from BC 544 when the Lord Buddha entered Parinivanna.)

If it is in comparison with a concept that ancient Pyu city state Sri Kestra in Hmawza of Pyay Township was established in 101 Sasana Era (BC 443), Shwehsandaw Pagoda in Pyay was built before Sri Kestra city state.

Myat Hna Shay, Myat Hna Pu and Shwehsandaw

According to Saya U Hsan Htun (Mann Tekkatho), the town Pyay was established by Thiha Thu, son of King Narathihapatae of Bagan era in 604 Myanmar era. After King Thiha Thu, Kya Swa and Saw Yan Naung became kings respectively, and King Myat Hna Shay also became king in Pyay in 739 Myanmar era.

Pyay King Myat Hna Shay enveloped the pagoda to become an 18 elbows and two mikes high hoisted with a nine tiers of umbrella. The whole hill was filled with stone and bricks, in addition to building a stairway.

In his reign, King Myat Hna Pu expanded the platform of the pagoda into the ravine in northwest corner. He built over the original pagoda as 58 elbows high pagoda encircled with three small pagodas. The main pagoda was hoisted with a nine tiers of umbrella and emerald orb. Hence, the pagoda was titled Mya Thee Tin. Shwehsandaw Pagoda built by King Duttabaung was 62 elbows (93 feet) high and new Shwehsandaw Pagoda enveloped by King Myat Hna Pu, 58 elbows (91.8 feet) high. Currently, Pyay Shwehsandaw Pagoda is 126.55 feet high from the base circumference, the base circumference, 294 feet in diameter and girth of the pagoda, 88 feet and eight inches.

Bagan's King Kyansittha renovated the pagoda in 1083 AD and erected a stone post with inscriptions in Mon language. The stone inscription on the post can be seen in the stone plaque chamber on the lower terrace, east of Shwehsandaw Pagoda. Inwa's

King Narapati built stairways and prayer halls at the pagoda in 1468 AD and King Bayintnaung in 1551 AD.

King Alaungphaya gilt the structure of the pagoda from the base circumference to Chayathee in 1756 AD and hoisted a Myanmar umbrella inside the Mon umbrella. That is why the pagoda is significant as a double umbrella pagoda.

In the reign of King Mindon, a powerful earthquake jolted Pyay on Tuesday, fullmoon day of Wagaung, 1220 Myanmar era (24 August 1858). In the incident, the upper structure of bell shape of the pagoda collapsed. Thus, merchant U Tha Ywe led the well-wishers and volunteers to repair the pagoda. On 9th waning of Kason, 1221 Myanmar era, a golden umbrella was hoisted atop the pagoda with the contribution of King Mindon. At that time, the pagoda was 76 elbows. Well-wishers from Pwesartan Ward and Ywabe Ward in Pyay led the task of hoisting the umbrella atop Shwehsandaw Pagoda in 1277 Myanmar Era.

In 2002, under the leadership of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Myanmar umbrella and Mon umbrella were renovated atop Pyay Shwehsandaw Pagoda and gilt them with 15 viss of gold.

The bell which returned to home

There are 64 bells hung at Shwehsandaw Pagoda in Pyay in successive eras, according to the survey of Saya U Naing Win from Department of Archaeology and National Museum.

Generally, Buddhists shared merits gained by beating bells after doing a meritorious deed. At least, they wish to beat the triangular brass gong. Hence, bells are donated to hang at pagodas and stupas. Records of well-wishers and inscriptions for praying for future life were described on the bells. However, anyone did not describe curses on the bells.

The earliest bell on the platform of Shwehsandaw Pagoda in Pyay was the bell in Nyaungyan era hung on 6th Waning of Kason, 992 Myanmar era (21 April, 1630). The latest bell was donated in 1937. Two bells in Nyaungyan era, three in Konbaung era and 25 in Yadanabon era have been hanging on the platform of Pyay Shwehsandaw Pagoda till today, most of which were donated by those from Pyay region.

Among them, the bell donated by Maung Aung Tu hung at the northwest corner of the platform was famous as the bell which returned from England. Secretary of Pyay Shwephonepwint Pitakat Chamber and Cultural Museum U Zin Thein himself measured the bell which returned from England. The inner part of the bell is 28 centimetres in diameter, eight centimetres in thickness, 113 centimetres in circumference, 93 centimetres in middle girth, and 43 centimetres in top girth. The mouth of the bell is 14 centimetres in diameter. The bell crown is 15 centimetres.

Among the bells on the platform of Pyay Shwehsandaw Pagoda, the bell which returned from England is in the best beautiful form, said Adviser to History Department of Pyay University Daw Kyin Htay. The crown of the bell was installed with a dragon statue each. Top of the bell was shaped with double down lotus flowers.

Six lines of inscriptions were expressed on the bell. The third line mentioned well-wisher Maung Aung Tu and wife Shin Min Yauk and family as "bell donor Maung Aung Tu with title of Yazakywahtin Mara, wife Shin Min Yauk, elder daughter Shin Bon and younger daughter Shin Ton family from Yadanapura Royal City", without date of donation. The fifth line stated "the bell weighing 49 viss and 25 ticals of bronze was donated".

In the Second Anglo-Myanmar War in the time of King Bagan (1846-1853 AD), a British artillery troop stationed on the platform of Shwehsandaw Pagoda. After the war, British troops took the bell of Maung Aung Tu to England to give it as gift to General Sir Thomas Godwin of British Army.

Lt-Col Godwin Austin, grandson of Sir Thomas Godwin, sent a letter to the Bago District Commissioner on his wish to keep the bell on the platform of Pyay Shwehsandaw Pagoda from England to Myanmar with his cost.

The bell box arrived at the Deputy Commissioner office of Pyay in 1915. After carrying out conveyance in Pyay, the bell was conveyed to the platform of the pagoda on a grand scale.

Translated by Than Tun Aung

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A researcher records the measurements on th bell.
PHOTO: MAUNG THA (ARCHAEOLOGY)

Useful Information

JAPANESE CUISINE

AJISHIN

No.192, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Myanmar Plaza, 4th Floor, Yankin Township, Yangon, Myanmar. *Ph; 09-970890390*, Time- 10:00 to 23:00 (Open Daily)

ANAIMO

No. 300, Mahabandula Park Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon. *Ph; 01-378022.*Time-11:30-14;00/ 17;30-22;00
(Saturday only evening and Sunday off)

BIKKURA SUSHI & SASHIMI JAPANESE RESTAURANT

No. 16, Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon.*Ph:09-799566917, 09-36714873.* 10:30-22;30 (Open Daily)

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No. 75/ AB Boyar Nyunt Street, Dagon Township, Yangon.*Ph:09-260031197/ 09- 420231330.* 10:00-22:00 (Sunday Off)

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Dinner 18:00-23:00(Open Daily)

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No. 37, Kabar Pagoda Road, Inside of Inya Lake Hotel, Yangon. *Ph:09-260031197 09-420231330.*11:00-22:00 (Open Daily)

EDOZUSHI

A-1, Star City, Kyaik Khauk Pagoda Road, Thanlyin Township, Yangon.*Ph:056-23150-53/ 056- 23313-318(Ext-1183)/ 09-2560-75020.*11:00-21:00(Open Daily)

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A-1, Star City, Kyaik Khauk Pagoda Road, Thanlyin Township, Yangon.*Ph: 056-23150-53/ 056- 23313-318(Ext-1183)/ 09-2560-75020,*11:00-21:00(Open Daily)

FUJINOBO

(Cherry Hill Hotel) No. 520/4 A, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Shwe Gone Daing, Bahan Township, Yangon.*Ph: 09-450067052*, 06:00-09:30/ 11:30-14:00/ 17:00-22:30 (Open Daily)

FURUSATO

No. 137, West Shwe Gone Daing, Bahan Township, Yangon.*Ph: 01-556265/ 09-73081914.* 11:00-14:00/ 17:00-22:00(Open Daily)

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535, Merchant Street, Kyauktada Township, 4th Quarter, Yangon.*Ph: 01-386986*, 09:00-23:00(Open Daily)

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Pearl Condo, Block D, Ground Floor, Units-G-10, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon,*Ph: 09-775330494.* 11:30-14:00/ 14:00-22:00(Open Daily)

HOKKAIDO JAPANESE RESTAURANT

No. 24/ 26, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Golden Hill Tower(A), Bahan Township, Yangon.*Ph: 09-250537315.* 11:00-14:00/ 17:00- 21:30 (Open Daily)

HOT POT KING and Hot pot and BBQ Buffet Restaurant

No - 26/27, Thitsar Road and Corner of Wai Za Yan Dar Road, South Okkalapa, Yangon.*Tel - 09 777777 008, 09 09 777777 009, 09 777777 883.*

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No(33), Kyaik Wine Pagoda Road (7.34 km) 095 Yangon,*Ph:09 797 799111*,11:00-22:00(Open Daily)

101 Hot Pot & Sushi

No.141, West Shwegondaing Road,Bahan T/s. near Yuzana Hotel. (1.78 km), 11201 Yangon., *Ph: 09 777 799101.* 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM

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14/14B Kanbawza Street Golden Valley (1) Bahan Township (1.71 km),Yangon.
Ph: 09443399701, 09443399702, 11:00-23:00

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No. 35, Taw Win Road, Dagon Township, Yangon. *Ph: 01-229860 01-229861.*

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No. 40, Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon. *Ph: 01-544500/ 01-544244.*

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No. 520/4 A, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Shwegon Daing, Bahan Township, Yangon.
Ph:01-559722.

HOTLE 51

No. 154/ 156, 51st. Upper Pazundaung Township, Yangon. *Ph: 01-200823/ 09-429918554.*

HOTEL KAN KAW

No.93(A), Hnin Si Gone Road, Ahlone Township, Yangon.
Ph: 01-228566/ 01-2301700/ 01-1221731.

HOTLE SIDNEY

No. 8L/Mindhama Road, Between Kyaik Wine Pagoda Road and Parami Road, Mayangone Township.
Ph: 01-655770/ 01-9669600-02.

INYA LAKE HOTEL

No.37, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Yangon.*Ph: 01-9662866/ 01-9662857-9.*

LOTTEE HOTLES AND SERVICED APARTMENTS YANGON

No.82, Sin Phyu Shin Avenue, Pyay Road, 6 mile, Hlaing Township. *Ph: 01-9351000.*

MERCURE HOTEL

No.17, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Yankin Township, Yangon. *Ph: 01- 650933.*

NOVOTEL YANGON MAX

No.459, Pyay Road, Kamayut Township, Yangon. *Ph: 01-2305858.*

PAN PACIFIC YANGON

No. Corner of Bogyoke Aung San Road and Shwedagon Pagoda Road, Yangon,
Ph:01-9253810.

PARK ROYAL

No.33, Alan Pya Phaya Road, Dagon Township, Yangon, *Ph: 01-250388.*

PULLMAN YANGON CENTREPOINT

No.65, Corner of Sule Pagoda Road and Merchant Street.*Ph: 01-382687.*

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No.171, Upper Pasodan Road, Yangon.
Ph: 01-371992/09263440500.

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No.129, Corner of Dhammazedi Road and Inya Road, Yangon.
Ph: 01-526289/ 01-526298/ 01-526305.

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No. 1, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Yankin Township, Yangon. *Ph: 01-8605377.*

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No. 223, Sule Pagoda Road, Kyauktada Township, Yangon. *Ph: 01-242828.*

SUMMIT PARTVIEW HOTEL

No. 350, Ahlone Road, Dagon Township, Yangon. *Ph: 01-211888/ 01-211966.*

SUPER HOTEL

No. 51/ D, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, 10th Quarter, Mayangone Township, Yangon.
Ph:09-797109000/ 01-658210/ 01-658220.

AFC U-16 Championship Qualifiers: Myanmar concede narrow loss to South Korea

Myanmar Captain Kyaw Min Khant (red) vies for the ball against a South Korean player (white) yesterday during the AFC U-16 Championship 2020 qualifier at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon. **PHOTO: MFF**

MYANMAR was defeated by South Korea by a narrow 0-1 score in the qualifying match yesterday for the AFC U-16 Championship 2020 at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon.

Led by head coach U Min Thu, team Myanmar lined up with goalkeeper Htet Arkar Win, Captain Kyaw Min Khant, Htoo Myat Khant, Kaung Htet Paing, Tun Tun Win, Kaung Khant, Yan Naing Tun, Kaung Khant Kyaw, Zin Myo Aung, Aung Thiha Paing, and Sai Sai Enn Htoo.

Myanmar launched a massive defense against South Korea, which is a world-class team, but right from the start, South Korean strikers continuously launched open attacks, which kept Myanmar defenders busy.

The first half ended with a goalless score as Myanmar defenders and keepers managed to clear every chance created by the South Korean team.

The first goal for South Korea was netted by a penalty shoot at 50 minutes after some rush play by Myanmar defenders in the penalty area.

While South Korea created several goal chances, Myanmar managed to deflect any more goals, and the score remained unchanged till the final whistle.

After the match, Myanmar head coach U Min Thu said the result was acceptable as team Myanmar was very different from the South Korean team in all-round skills.

"I changed some players this time and that helped stabilize the defense, and my boys could play with full stamina through the whole match," he said.

The head coach of the South Korean team, Mr. Choi Young Joon, said that his team found Myanmar's defense tough to breach.

"The South Korean U-16 team had met with the Myanmar U-16 in previous international matches, and trounced Myanmar by many goals, but this time, the match ended with a narrow win result. The Myanmar team is improving quickly," he added.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

We will set a new record: Shan United head coach

WITH Shan United reaching the final of the General Aung San Shield 2019, where it is set to meet Yangon United, the team's head coach U Aung Naing said he is confident of his team setting a new record.

The match between Shan United and Yangon United will take place at 6 pm on 24 September at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon.

Shan United head coach U Aung Naing said: "I want to set a new record. We have prepared to our best. In order to set a record, we need a win. If we win, we will have three trophies in the 2019 Myanmar National League Season." Shan United officials have made arrangements so the team's fans from Shan State can enjoy the final match, and U Aung Naing said he was grateful for the fans' support.

"When they hear the melody of the Shan traditional long drum, my players get more active and they play with renewed energy and more power on the ground. Thus, Shan traditional long drum players or fans from Shan State are really a source of strength for our team," said U Aung Naing.

The final match for the General Aung San Shield 2019 will be broadcast live on MWD Channel and Fortune TV, and it will also be streamed live on MySports' Facebook page, according to the Myanmar National League.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Shan United head coach U Aung Naing seen during a team training session. **PHOTO: MNL**

Japanese Judo team holds demonstration in Yangon

A visiting Judo team from Japan pose for a photo with the winners of the 15th Japan Cup Judo Championship and Myanmar Judo athletes yesterday at the Aung San Indoor Stadium in Yangon. **PHOTO: SAW THEIN WIN**

A team of Judo athletes from Japan, led by Mr. Kosei Inoue, the director of the youth team of the International Judo Federation of Japan and Sydney Olympics gold medalist (100-kg Judo event), demonstrated their skills and new tactics yesterday at the Aung San Indoor Stadium in Yangon.

The demonstration was held after the 15th Japan Cup Judo Championship 2019, which was held earlier in the morning at the same venue.

In the men's 66-kg weight class, Aung Zeyya Tun won the first prize, Khun Thant Zin came second, and Aung Kyaw Naing and Nyein Pyae Mg won the third prize.

In the women's 55-kg weight class, Khin Khin Su won the first prize, Ei Ei Win came second, and Karen ethnic girl Pyarmyar finished third.

After the tourney, the Japanese team exhibited traditional Judo methods along with new tactics created by a new generation of players. The Japanese Judo instructors also urged Myanmar Judo players to train extensively using the new tactics.

After the demonstration, the Japanese athletes posed for a group photo with Myanmar Judo athletes and the winners of the 15th Japan Cup Judo Championship. —Saw Thein Win ■ *(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)*