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VP U Myint Swe attends reception to mark 70th Founding Anniversary of PRC

VICE PRESIDENT U Myint Swe addressed a reception to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China (PRC) held at the Myanmar International Convention Center-II (MICC-II) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Vice President U Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay were welcomed on arrival by Ambassador of China to Myanmar Mr Chen Hai and officials.

Next the Vice President and wife together with the Chinese Ambassador observed the photo exhibit of Belt and Road Initiative and China-Myanmar Economic Corridor.

The ceremony started off with the playing of the song commemorating the 70th Anniversary of the Founding of the PRC followed by attendees of the event saluting the flags as national anthems of the Republic of Union of Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China were played. Afterwards the Chinese Ambassador delivered a message of greetings.

Vice President U Myint Swe then delivered a speech speaking of being honored for attending the event as the main guest on behalf of the government of Myanmar. The Vice President expressed his appreciation to the government and peoples of the PRC and the Chinese Ambassador. The Vice President spoke of his happiness in the recent appointment of Ambassador Mr Chen Hai and trusted that the ambassador would work closely hand in hand with the Myanmar government towards the continued development of bilateral relations.

From the time the PRC was established seven decades ago and especially during the last 40 years when reforms and the open door policy were practiced it was an honor to see the rapid social and economic developments of the PRC. Furthermore due to the efforts made during the past 70 years, more than 700 million of PRC’s population was freed from poverty. It has now become a country with the most rapid economic development in the world and had become the second biggest economically powerful country in the world. It was seen happily as the most successful country. During these years the PRC’s economy developed significantly.

In 1952, the PRC’s GDP was at about US$ 30 billion and by 2018 it had increased tremendously to US$ 13.61 trillion. In 1978, China’s GDP stands at 11th in the world and from 2010 to now it had established itself as the second most economically powerful country.

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Vice President U Myint Swe delivers the speech at reception to mark the 70th Anniversary of the Founding of the People’s Republic of China (PRC) at Myanmar International Convention Center-II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA
The PRC successfully implemented the Chinese Dream of National Rejuvenation and was believed to continue achieving more successes. Since the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries in 1950, the pacifist relations existed. In 2020 the 70th anniversary of establishing diplomatic relations will be commemorated in both countries. During this 70 year period, through mutual exchanges and close cooperation, significant progress was seen in politics, economics, culture, education and other sectors.

At the moment the bilateral relations has increased to all round strategic friendly relations level. In accord with the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence deeper and closer cooperation, significant progress was seen in politics, economics, culture, education and other sectors.

The PRC was Myanmar’s biggest trading partner country and it was the country with the second biggest investment in Myanmar. Close cooperation and friendly relations have been maintained and PRC being the biggest trading partner and investor played an important role in Myanmar-China bilateral relation. High level visits of leaders continue to raise the mutual respect and trust between the two countries.

The Vice President spoke of attending the 16th China-ASEAN Expo, Business and Investment Summit held in Nanning, Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region last week where views were exchanged with PRC officials on increasing bilateral and regional economic development work processes. PRC President Xi Jinping was honored for reviving and re-introducing the old Silk Road program. The current bilateral relations and cooperation will continue to thrive and grow in the future under the Belt and Road Initiative and Myanmar-China Economic Corridor program.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended the Second Belt and Road Forum for International Cooperation held in Beijing in April 2019. The forum raised the existing friendly bilateral relations to the next level and created opportunities to raise cooperation even further. Through signing of three agreements “Economic and Technical Cooperation Agreement,” “China-Myanmar Economic Corridor Cooperation Plan (2019-2030)” and “Agreement on Formulation of the Five-Year Development Program for Economic and Trade Cooperation” the momentum of bilateral cooperation has been raised further.

The PRC President Xi Jinping’s Belt and Road Initiative was expected and trusted to bring forth positive developments to Myanmar and mutual benefits. The PRC was appreciated for continuously providing assistance in education, health, social, rural development, poverty alleviation and the peace process of Myanmar. The PRC was providing positive assistance and support towards Myanmar government’s effort in resolving the Hakha State issue and this was highly valued and appreciated. It was hoped that Myanmar would continue receiving such understanding and support from the PRC in the future.

The Vice President spoke of continuing and raising the bilateral relations and cooperation together on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary of the Founding of the PRC.

Afterwards, Vice President U Myint Swe and wife, and Chinese Ambassador Mr Chen Hai cut the cake to commemorate the 70th Founding of the People’s Republic of China and posed for commemorative group photos. Later Vice President U Myint Swe and wife and attendees were hosted to a dinner by the Chinese Ambassador Mr Chen Hai. The ceremony was also attended by Union Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein and wife Daw Aye Thida, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win and wife Daw Than Tha Nwe, former President U Htin Kyaw and wife Daw Su Su Lwin, Union Ministers and their wives, Union Civil Service Board Chairman and wife, the Chinese Ambassador Mr Chen Hai, Ambassadors, diplomats and invited guests—MNA

Joint Committee on Amending 2008 Constitution holds meeting 41/2019

Meeting 41/2019 of the Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution was held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

UNION Attorney-General meets Landesa Country Director

UNION Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo received a delegation from the Landesa organization led by Country Director Dr Mark West at his office yesterday.

During the meeting, both sides openly discussed the duties of the UAG office, projects relating to rule of law and social justice, working for coherence between laws related to land management and their practical implementation, drafting the national land bill and improving the land management system, acquiring cooperation and technical assistance from Landesa in amending land laws, and conducting workshops to ensure inclusivity and public suggestions are directed to drafting the national land bill.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)
Infrastructure projects, private sector cooperation prioritized for tourism development

VICE PRESIDENT U Henry Van Thio, Chairman of National Tourism Development Central (NTDC) Committee addressed meeting number 2/2019 of the central committee held at the Mingala Thiri Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by central committee members Union Ministers, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, States/Regions Chief Ministers, States/Regions ministers, departmental heads, travel sector experts and representatives of travel organizations.

At the meeting the Vice President said the meeting was the second meeting after forming the NTDC Committee, Tourism Work Committees and Region Work Committees according to the Myanmar Tourism Law enacted on 17 September 2018. The aim of this meeting was to discuss, implement and coordinate the decisions made at the first meeting as well matters for the government and private sector to conduct.

During the present government’s term, it can be seen that investment increased due to changes and political and economic reforms resulting in increased job opportunities for the people. To develop the Myanmar tourism sector the government was also increasing the working rights of the private sector and inviting local and foreign investors. As the government was striving and implementing towards creating job opportunities and developing the private sector; States and Regions were urged to give priority to projects on constructing and developing basic tourism infrastructures and cooperate hand in hand with the government and the private sector. As the tourism sector developed in Myanmar, more jobs will be created for the Myanmar people while increasing their living standards as well.

The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism has established the Myanmar Tourism Master Plan 2013-2020 as a guide to future works. It was learnt that the ministry was cooperating with the World Tourism Organization and development partner organization Luxembourg Development Agency to draw up projects for the 2020 to 2025 period. Tourism required cooperation with all sectors and cooperation between private entities and relevant departments was required. State/Region governments were also learnt to be coordinating and drawing up region wise tourism master projects that would increase local participation.

The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism on its part was also raising Myanmar’s travel image through implementing the Digital Marketing system for tourism sector development, participating in international travel and tourism exhibitions, inviting news media to produce videos/audio to inform international travellers on visiting a peaceful and stable Myanmar, producing and distributing pamphlets, produce DVDs and increasing advertisements through Myanmar embassies, arranging and inviting FAM (familiarization) Trips and appointing travel ambassadors.

Investment in tourism plays a vital role in creating the country’s economic development and sharing the benefits of the tourism sector to local people was very important. Regional tourism work committees, relevant ministerial departments, state/region government members and private organizations were urged to coordinate and cooperate.

When thinking of attracting tourists travelling for various reasons services were required to be provided towards travel for leisure and relaxation, business travel, adventure travel, travel for gaining knowledge, travel for taking health care treatment, travel for sporting activities, nature based travel, travel for food etc.

Development of travel infrastructure, establishing new travel destinations, arranging train and boat voyages for travellers to enjoy natural beauties, upgrading local airport buildings etc. were urged to be conducted through government (public) and private cooperation. In doing this not only short term profit but long term benefits also need to be considered together.

Available travel resources need to be used as the main opportunity to develop the country’s economy. The Vice President urged and invited the central committee held at the Mingala Thiri Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

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Vice President U Henry Van Thio

With the government striving towards creating jobs and developing the private sector, States and Regions are urged to give priority to projects that focus on constructing and developing basic tourism infrastructure...

Vice President U Henry Van Thio
Information Ministry aims to boost public relations with mobile libraries

UNION Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint held a meeting with the heads of the Information and Public Relations Department from across the states and regions in his office, in Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday.

Speaking at the meeting, the Union Minister first mentioned that Daw Khin Kyi Foundation handed over their mobile libraries, machinery and books with a ceremony the other day. He reiterated from the speech he gave on that day by saying that the Ministry of Information (MoI) will endeavour to meet the level of trust put into the handover.

He said they must maintain the implemented mechanisms and expand the mobile library services to greater heights.

The Union Minister said a unique aspect of IPRD is it interacts directly with the public. He said that aspect was concealed in the former years as the IPRD was only known for its libraries and public interaction was limited to photo displays of government processes on notice boards.

But now, the IPRD offices across the nation must be transformed into thriving community centres that truly interact with the public, said the Union Minister. He said community centres need to become an indispensable part of every town and village and the successful public talks must focus more on relevant topics of public interest. He said more than two thousand public talks have been organized and many more should be on the way.

Next, IPRD Director-General Dr Choi Woong-seon from KODDI, they discussed the work progress of the state and region offices. This was followed by the subnational IPRD heads briefing on their respective local affairs.

Similarly, in the meeting with Director-General Dr Choi Woong-seon from KODDI, they discussed matters related to collaboration with KODDI for the establishment of national level rehabilitation and development centre, raising capacity of persons with disabilities in disaster response and creating job opportunities for disable persons, and signing a memorandum of understanding for bilateral cooperation.

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Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye receives dignitaries from int'l organizations separately

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye received officials from Korea Disabled People’s Development Institute (KODDI), World Bank and Embassy of Switzerland separately at Mayykabar Hall of his ministry yesterday.

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Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief receives Japanese Ambassador

THE Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, held a meeting with Japanese Ambassador Mr Ichiro Maruyama and his delegation at the Bayinnaung Guest Hall yesterday.

The two sides discussed strengthening friendly relations between both countries and their Defence Forces, Myanmar’s internal peace process, and exchanging trainees between the two militaries, according to the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.—MNA (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)
Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker attends parliamentary speakers meetings in Nur-Sultan

A DELEGATION led by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than left for Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan, on 22 September to attend the 4th Meeting of Speakers of Eurasian Countries’ Parliaments, which took place from 23 to 24 September.

The invitation to the meeting was sent by Mr Nurtan Nigmatulin, Speaker of Kazakhstan’s Lower House - Mazhilis, Mr Vyacheslav Volodin, Speaker of Russia’s Lower House - the State Duma, and Mr Moon Hee-sang, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea.

The Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and delegation departed from Yangon International Airport and arrived at the Nur-sultan Nazarbayev International Airport at 7:35 pm local standard time on 22 September. They were welcomed by Kazakhstan’s Deputy Speaker of Parliament Mr Vladimir Bozhko and other officials.

Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than met with the Deputy Speaker of the State Duma, Ms Olga Yepifanova, at 1:15 pm standard time on 23 September, where they discussed Myanmar-Russia bilateral relations and closer cooperation between parliaments.

Next, the Myanmar delegation visited the National Museum and the Palace of Peace and Accord. Mr Nurtan Nigmatulin hosted a welcoming reception for the visiting delegations at the Palace Sultanat Saray later in the evening.

On 24 September the next day, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and delegation attended the 4th Meeting of Speakers of Eurasian Countries’ Parliaments at the Congress Hall of the Palace of Independence.

After the opening ceremony, the attending delegation leaders delivered their addresses during the Plenary Session.

During his address, Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than said Asia and Europe were both vast continents that depended on each other and as such, it would be imperative to work together in trade, training and other sectors to achieve greater development and prosperity.

The Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker and delegation departed from Nur-Sultan on 25 September and landed in Yangon around 2:45 pm the next day. They were welcomed by Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tin and officials. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Central Bank of Myanmar Governor receives People’s Bank of China Kunming Branch’s deputy governor

CENTRAL Bank of Myanmar Governor U Kyaw Kyaw Maung received People’s Bank of China Kunming Branch Deputy Governor Mr Jing Wei at Gangaw Hall of CBM in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed banking sector cooperation between the two countries and settlement through interbank transactions for cross-border trading. —MNA

(Translated by TTN)
RTAD to issue Form D slips for old modified vehicles; allow owners to replace them

By Nyein Nyein

THE Road Transport Administration Department (RTAD) is planning to issue Form D slips to owners of old, modified vehicles so they can import new vehicles to replace them, according to U Lian Cin Mang, also known as Ngam Khai Pa Pa, the director of the department.

“Vehicle modification is not allowed under the vehicle law. Modification refers to changing the body of vehicles which are to be registered. Under the law, requests for registering such vehicles are rejected,” said U Lian Cin Mang.

In accordance with Section 18(e) of the 2015 Vehicle Law, the authorities are sending modified vehicles to the police for de-registration.

“We have found some vehicles which have been modified without permission from the authorities. We will take legal action against the owners of those vehicles under Section 18(e) of the vehicle law, and cancel the vehicle’s registration. In 2018, we had issued an order with respect to vehicle modifications. We also submitted a report to the ministry, suggesting severe action such as de-registration and cancellation of number plates of modified vehicles. We also began handing over such vehicles to the police station. Four or five months ago, the police stations housing the vehicles ran out of space. So, the police are not accepting modified vehicles at the stations. Therefore, we are keeping the vehicles in the office compound,” he added.

The RTAD, under the Ministry of Transport and Communications, will release some announcements beginning 1 October with respect to a permanent ban on vehicle modifications and issuance of Form D slips to owners of modified vehicles so they can import vehicles in place of the old, de-registered vehicles.

“When we cancel the registration of vehicles, it is mostly the owners who suffer. We have de-registered modified vehicles in accordance with the vehicle law. We have submitted these issues to the authorities. The vehicle associations from Yangon and Mandalay have also reported this matter to the authorities.

So, the officials have begun tackling these issues for people who actually suffer losses as the modified vehicles have to be de-registered.

Now, owners of modified vehicles will be issued Form D slips so they can import new vehicles,” said the director of the RTAD.

The department has already asked the vehicle owners to get in touch with it.

“If we find modified vehicles, we will issue Form D slips after de-registering them,” said U Lian Cin Mang.

According to official statistics from the RTAD, the department has found 362 modified vehicles.

Currently, more than 1.9 million vehicles are registered across the country, and over 540,000, or half of them are registered in Yangon.

Andaman sea trips for pre-high season start in Kawthoung District

THE opening ceremony of the Andaman sea trips for the 2019-2020 pre-high season in Kawthoung District was held on 26 September morning at the viewpoint in Bayin Naung Hill in Kawthoung Town.

U Nay Oo, the Kawthoung District Administrator; U Tin Myint, the chairman of the Township Development Affairs Committee, U Zaw Lin Tun, the Township Administrator; U Arkar Tun, the Assistant Director of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism in Kawthoung District, and officials from the related departments and tour agencies attended the event.

As part of the event, the Marine Police Force and the Fire Services Department, jointly performed search and rescue drills using speed boats, and the guests awarded honor prizes to them.

There are 30 untouched islands featured in the archipelago trips in Kawthoung District. Of them, visitors can make day trips to nine islands, and night trips to seven islands. At present, 12 hotels and resorts are offering their services in the area, and 28 tour agencies are operating 60 speed boats for visitors.

In the 2018-2019 high season, more than 350,000 domestic and international visitors visited the islands in Kawthoung District, according to the Assistant Director of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism in Kawthoung District.

Most visitors enjoy swimming, rowing, diving, snorkeling, and taking photographs of the coral reefs around the islands. In addition, they can explore pearl farms and observe the lifestyles of the Salon ethnic people.

—Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung)

(Translated by La Wonn)
Myanmar, New Zealand sign bilateral Air Services Agreement

MYANMAR and New Zealand signed an air services agreement on Wednesday in Yangon to operate air services between the two countries.

“Under the agreement signed, airlines from Myanmar and New Zealand may operate air services between the two countries, with liberalized provisions,” said the statement released by Department of Civil Aviation.

The agreement was signed by U Kyaw Myo, Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications and Mr Stephen Marshall, Ambassador of New Zealand to Myanmar.

The signing ceremony held at the DCA in Yangon was also attended by officials from the DCA and the Embassy of New Zealand in Yangon, and representatives from Myanmar National Airlines and Myanmar Airways International.—MNA (Translated by GNLM)

JMM to produce 180,000 tpa coated steel products

JFE Meranti Myanmar (JMM) announced yesterday that its production facility in the Thilawa Special Economic Zone will produce 180,000 tpa of coated steel products of ALZU brand.

Production is expected to begin in December.

With the production of coated steel products, the industry sector would be developed, and import-substitute steel products would also ensure a better future for Myanmar industry, said Dr Sebastian Langendorf, the CEO of JMM. The JMM production line will include a galvanizing line of approximately 180,000 tpa capacity and a color-coating line of approximately 90,000 tpa capacity.

The factory has created about 300 jobs at present, and is expected to generate about 500 jobs, depending on the demand for products.

JMM was founded in 2017 as a joint venture between JFE Steel, Meranti Steel, JFE Shoji, Marubeni-Itocha, and HANWA.

The joint venture has received a total investment of US$85 million.—Zarni Maung (Translated by GNLM)

Myanmar-India border trade reaches $194.6 mln

BORDER trade between Myanmar and India has touched US$194.6 million in the current financial year, an increase of $57 million compared with the same period in the previous fiscal, according to a statistical report released by the Ministry of Commerce. Between 1 October and 13 September, Myanmar exported commodities worth $171.3 million to India, and imported goods worth $23.317 million.

The two countries conduct border trade mainly through the Tamu, Reed, and Thantlang cross-border trade camps. A major part of bilateral imports and exports are delivered through ships.

India mainly exports medicines, oil cakes, electronic products, motorbikes, cotton yarn, non-alloy steel, and other construction materials to Myanmar.

Its imports from Myanmar include areca nuts, ginger, saffron, turmeric, bay leaves, and fruits and vegetables, besides human hair, and fishery and forest products. Myanmar’s trade with China, India, Thailand, and Bangladesh through the border checkpoints has reached $9.6 billion, including $6.7 billion in exports and $2.89 billion in imports.—Zwe (Translated by Hay Mar)
The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions for poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation platform. For submission guidelines, visit the Global New Light of Myanmar at bit.ly/GlobalNewLightOfMyanmar.com with the following information: (1) A short bio about yourself, (2) Your full name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your age, (4) Your school/university, (5) Your school/university degree, (6) 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 house, (7) A color photo of the submitter. (8) Copy of your NRC card, (9) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.), (10) Editor’s Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar.

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BAY INFERENC: Monsun is weak over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weather is partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 27 September, 2019: Rain or thunderstorms will be widespread in Southern Shan, Chin and Kayah states, fairly widespread in Nya Pyi Taw and Nya Pyi Taw East, scattered in Lower Sajek, Maungtaw, Maungdaw, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Region, Noth, Northern Shan and Buthidaung States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Wave height will be about (3–6) feet off and along Monsoon waters. Wave height will be about (3–6) feet off and along Monsoon waters. Wave height will be about (3–6) feet off and along Monsoon waters.

FORCAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 27 September, 2019: Some rain or thunderstorms. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 27 September, 2019: Isolated or minor repairs were being carried out. This process may be repeated several times. Some so-called eco-roads that end up doing more harm than good. The evolution of the road constructions have come a long way. From the dirt roads to gravel roads, cobblestone roads, metalled roads, tar roads, reinforced concrete roads, asphalt concrete roads, and finally the roads constructed with the use of cement, tar or bitumen, which is a real product that contains cements, carbon and hydrogen, approximately 1–5% sulfur, 8% each of nitrogen and oxygen, plus a small trace of minerals made up the rest. Later the use of bitumen was reduced when the asphalt concrete roads that were being used were started with the use of cement, tar or bitumen, which is a real product that contains cements, carbon and hydrogen, approximately 1–5% sulfur, 8% each of nitrogen and oxygen, plus a small trace of minerals made up the rest. Later the use of cement, tar or bitumen was reduced when the asphalt concrete roads that were being used were started with the use of cement, tar or bitumen, which is a real product that contains cements, carbon and hydrogen, approximately 1–5% sulfur, 8% each of nitrogen and oxygen, plus a small trace of minerals made up the rest. Later the use of cement, tar or bitumen was reduced when the asphalt concrete roads that were being used were started with the use of cement, tar or bitumen, which is a real product that contains cements, carbon and hydrogen, approximately 1–5% sulfur, 8% each of nitrogen and oxygen, plus a small trace of minerals made up the rest. Later the use of cement, tar or bitumen was reduced when the asphalt concrete roads that were being used were started with the use of cement, tar or bitumen, which is a real product that contains cements, carbon and hydrogen, approximately 1–5% sulfur, 8% each of nitrogen and oxygen, plus a small trace of minerals made up the rest. Later the use of cement, tar or bitumen was reduced when the asphalt concrete roads that were being used were started with the use of cement, tar or bitumen, which is a real product that contains cements, carbon and hydrogen, approximately 1–5% sulfur, 8% each of nitrogen and oxygen, plus a small trace of minerals made up the rest. Later the use of cement, t

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Service, infrastructure, and Myanmar’s tourism sector need to pave with roads with plastic wastes

By Khin Myaung Myint

As the plastic wastes are becoming mundane in the environment and the ecosystems, some innovators have come up with a wonderful solution to handle the plastic wastes. This idea has been around for sometime and a few countries in the west put emphasis on their development in the tourism sector and attracting more global sight to elevate the market. This has produced nice results in the travel industry and Myanmar’s tourism sector is just as important and so on.

Now is the time to promote tourism in our nation, so we still have to face the challenges and restraints of weak policies and laws, and fraction cooperation between related government departments, insufficient basic infrastructure and management, inability to create a viable solutions to draw in more tourists, lack of proper planning facilities like those in other countries in the Southeast Asian region, weak structure due to the network, having only a fistful of airlines connecting internationally, an outdated financial system, and issues regarding clean food and water, according to experts.

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Thursday. Australia’s wastewater drones could become safer thanks to world-first drones which were given a test flight Thursday. The high-tech drones known as “croc spotters” were tested near Cairns, Queensland, patrolling along riverbeds and detecting animals as they went.

Armed with what designers say is a world-first artificial intelligence algorithm, they can identify the reptiles in creeks, rivers and beaches. Despite the animals’ formidable reputation, attacks from freshwater and saltwater crocodiles on relatively rare in Australia. But five attacks in Queensland’s touristic north in 2017-2018, including two fatal attacks, and unusual sightings more than 40 kilometres inland had authorities concerned. The technological solution came from adapting newly developed shark-spotting drones to detect a different kind of apex predator.—AFP ■

Two Govt officials face corruption charges involving hydropower projects

THE Anti-Corruption Commission probed into a corruption report on Director-General U Chit Toe of the Department of Hydropower Implementation and Director U Min Khine of the Design and Printing Sub-Department.

The ACC discovered that U Chit Toe intentionally overlooked delay damages worth Euro 225,500.90 when issuing a taking over certificate for a company handling phase three of the design and construction of underground works of Upper Yeywa Hydropower Project.

The commission also found U Chit Toe to have hired his department’s piece-work labourers instead of the workers of the company that won the tender for two processes of Shweili-3 hydropower project. In addition, he solicited K71.5 million for paying the department labourers.

Concerning U Min Khine, the ACC found that he solicited a total of K 30 million from different related companies as payment for signing a contract above the previously agreed upon price for the hydropower designs he was managing, ensuring FSR processes would operate smoothly, and for trips abroad.

The ACC has found both men had abused their position and authority and opened cases against them under Section 56 of The Anti-Corruption Law in No. 1 Police Station of Zabuthiri Township and Payaung Police Station of Ottarathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw, and also in Pyaygyidan Township Police Station of Mandalay Region yesterday. —MNA (Translated by Zau Htet Oo)

South Korea mayor dumps tonne of trash on beach for clean-up day

SEOUL — A South Korean mayor who dumped a tonne of trash on a clean beach to give environmental campaigners something to pick up has said sorry for his deception.

Officials trucked in litter and waste that had already been collected from rubbish-strewn coasts, and scattered it all over the pristine sand coastlines, so he trucked in a tonne of rubbish for volunteers to pick up. PHOTO: AFP

Waste litters beaches all over the world, but one South Korean mayor found there wasn’t enough on his local coastline, so he trucked in a tonne of rubbish for volunteers to pick up. PHOTO: AFP

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Race against time to finish Brazil’s particle accelerator

BRASILIA — Brazilian scientists are racing against time to finish building a particle accelerator the size of the Maracana football stadium before government funds run out or it is superseded by rival technology.

The fourth-generation synchrotron, called Sirius, is in the final stage of construction and will be used to make advances in medicine, health, energy and the environment.

Work on the gigantic particle accelerator in Campinas, some 90 kilometers (55 miles) from Sao Paulo, began in 2015. Six synchrotron light beams are expected to be operational in 2020 — short of the 13 scientists had hoped for, but sufficient for testing to start.

"Time is very important in science," said Harry Westhöhl Jr, scientific director at the Brazilian Synchrotron Light Laboratory (LNLS). "If we could run (the accelerator) today, it would be without a doubt the most efficient synchrotron in the world.

"If it is a decade from now, it will be an excellent synchrotron, but not the most competitive one." The particle accelerator measures 518 metres (1,700 feet) in circumference and is expected to cost a total of $585 million.

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A man works on a particle accelerator at the Sirius campus. PHOTO: AFP

From the mouths of babes: bottles that weaned prehistoric infants

TOKYO — Archaeologists have uncovered the first evidence that our prehistoric ancestors in Europe weaned their infants the same way we do now, using specialised baby bottles to feed them animal milk.

The discovery casts rare light on childhood and child-rearing in ancient humans — an area that experts say has long been overlooked.

“This is the first direct evidence for what babies and infants were eating and drinking in prehistory,” Julie Dunne, the study’s lead author and a bio-molecular archaeologist at the University of Bristol, told AFP.

The research, published Thursday in the journal Nature, focuses on three bowls found in Bronze Age burial grounds in modern-day Bavaria.

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67 injured as shallow tremor rocks Mirpur, Jhelum and adjoining areas

MIRPUR — At least 67 individuals suffered minor injuries in Azad Jammu and Kashmir’s Mirpur city after a shallow tremor hit Mirpur on Thursday. Additional ly, Radio Pakistan reported that tremors were also felt in Jhelum and adjoining areas.

According to the medical superintendent of Divisional Headquarters Hospital in Mirpur, Dr Farooq Noor, the injuries occurred in Thothal, Kalyal and a katchi abadi in F1 sector of Mirpur.

An AFP reporter in Mirpur described the ground shaking, while Pakistan’s top meteorologist, Muhammad Riaz, said the epicentre of the 4.4-magnitude tremor was 12 kilometres deep.

“It’s hell. I am running to save my life,” Mohammad Bilal, told AFP moments after the tremor. “I thought most of the building would have tumbled down,” said Sagheer Ahmad. “Allah is very kind to us.” City residents huddled in the streets, some still barefoot, others reciting verses from the Quran. Some patients were also evacuated from a nearby hospital.—AFP

Alleppo film-maker vows to continue showing reality of Syria

LONDON — A Syrian film-maker whose documentary on the siege of Aleppo brought a Cannes audience to tears has said she wants to show the world the reality of her country.

Waad al-Kateab’s powerful and intimate film “For Sama” is a love letter to her infant daughter, documenting the desperate conditions she and her husband were living through, in case they didn’t survive.

Charting five years of her life from student protester to wife and young mother in Syria’s battle-ravaged second city, it won an emotional standing ovation at the Cannes film festival in May.

For Kateab, the film is more than the story of one family’s struggle.

“It’s a realistic depiction of everything that’s happening now in the country,” she told AFP on Wednesday in London, where the documentary is touring.—AFP

A file photo dated 15 May, 2007 shows that former French President Jacques Chirac gestures before his handover ceremony in Paris, France. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

Former French President Chirac dies at 86

PARIS — Former French President Jacques Chirac died Thursday in Paris at the age of 86, French media reported.

Chirac was elected to the presidency twice, in 1995 and 2002, after serving as prime minister twice and mayor of Paris.


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A man works on a particle accelerator at the Sirius campus. PHOTO: AFP

The bottles unearthed in prehistoric children’s graves were used to wean infants, experts believe. PHOTO: AFP
British PM faces mounting pressure as parliament reconvenes

LONDON — British Prime Minister Boris Johnson faced enormous pressure as the parliament re-opened Wednesday after the Supreme Court ruled his act to suspend the parliament for five weeks was unlawful.

Johnson faced MPs in the House of Commons hours after the opening of the parliament as both the main opposition Labour Party and the Scottish Nationalist Party called for him to resign.

Johnson, for his part, accused opposition politicians of attempting to sabotage Britain’s exit from the European Union (EU).

Politicians on the Conservative benches gave Johnson a lengthy and prolonged applause, cheering their support for the embattled prime minister.

Johnson said when he pro- rogued parliament he was fol- lowing the same process as his Downing Street predecessors.

He said: “I think the (Su- preme) court was wrong to pro- nounce on what is essentially a political question at a time of great national controversy.”

“This parliament must stand aside and let the govern- ment get Brexit done or bring about a vote of no confidence and face the day of reckoning,” the prime minister added.

Earlier Wednesday, Attorney General Geoffrey Cox de- fended the legal advice he had given to Johnson and his advi- sors about the right to suspend parliament.

Cox, who had also faced calls to resign, told the MP: “The Government accept the judg- ment and accept that they lost the case. At all times, the Gov- ernment acted in good faith and in the belief that their approach was both lawful and constitution- al.”—Xinhua

Chemical plant fire in northern France threatens Seine

CAEN (France) — Thick black smoke billowed over the north- ern French town of Rouen on Thursday after a spectacular fire broke out at a chemical factory, leading authorities to close schools and warn about possible pollution of the nearby Seine river. Two hundred firefighters and sixty fire vehicles were battling the blaze that erupted at around 2:30 am at a storage facility owned by a manufacturer of industrial lubricants and fuel additives. “Let’s not panic about this situation, but we need to be very careful,” Interior Minister Christophe Castaner told RTL ra- dio, adding that “there is nothing to worry about, there is no risk from the smoke.”

Schools and creches nearby would remain shut, he said, while local authorities have asked people living near the factory to stay at home and everyone else to avoid unnec- essary journeys. “The smoke is really striking and wherever you are in Rouen you can see it,” Marina Andre, a 25-year-old who works in a bar near the factory, told AFP.—AFP

Trump calls impeachment inquiry a “disgraceful thing” after release of Ukraine phone call transcript

WASHINGTON — US President Donald Trump said Wednesday House Democrats’ decision to launch a formal impeachment inquiry into him was a “disgrace- ful thing,” shortly after the White House released a memo of a phone conversation between the president and his Ukrainian counterpart.

Speaking to reporters in New York, Trump said the impeachment inquiry was “the single greatest witch hunt in American history.”

“It’s a disgraceful thing,” the president said. “The letter was a great letter, meaning the letter revealing the call.” The White House earlier in the day released a rough transcript of the phone call on July 25 between Trump and Ukrainian President Volody- myr Zelensky.—Xinhua

In Syria, a vast underground hideout housed rebel base

DAMASCUS — Tunnels run for hundreds of metres, con- necting caves strewn with mat- tresses that formed what the Syrian army and its Russian allies say was a vast rebel un- derground network.

The road leading to the entrance of the tunnels in Lataminah in northwestern Syria is lined with the charred shells of cars and armoured vehicles.

According to the Russian army, which organised a press tour of the site for dozens of journalists, the network of caves dug into a rocky out- crop could shelter up to 5,000 people.

“We think this network was dug about four years ago with sophisticated machinery, of a kind which is not available in Syria,” a Syrian army colonel said as he led reporters into the tunnels, escorted by Russian demining experts.—AFP

Netanyahu faces tough odds in forming Israeli government

JERUSALEM — Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu launched into what could prove to be an impossible mission to form a new government Thurs- day after the president tasked him with doing so following deadlocked elections.

The mandate from Presi- dent Reuven Rivlin on Wednes- day night gave Netanyahu a temporary victory, but he must now cobble together a coalition without a clear path to a ma- jority.

He will attempt to do so while facing potential corrup- tion charges pending a hearing scheduled for October 2-3, and there are warnings that Israel could soon find itself headed to yet another election — a third since April.

When accepting the man- date, Netanyahu again called on his main opponent Benny Gantz to join him in a unity government, but his challenger dismissed the premier’s negoti- ating tactics so far as unserious.

Gantz says he should be prime minister under a unity government since his centrist Blue and White party finished as the largest, while also insisting he will not serve in a govern- ment with a premier facing a serious indictment.

Blue and White has sought to convince members of Net- anyahu’s right-wing Likud to replace him as leader and form a unity government together, but there is no sign for now of that happening.

The situation has led Net- anyahu’s critics to accuse him of effectively holding the country hostage, arguing that a unity coalition would be possible if he would step down.

But Netanyahu points out he has the support of more smaller parties in parliament than Gantz and has vowed not to abandon them in coalition talks.

He has given no indication he would willingly give up the post he has held for more than 13 years in all, a tenure that has made him Israel’s longest-serv- ing prime minister.—AFP

PHOTO: AFP

Israel’s Attorney General Geoffrey Cox (Front) speaks at the House of Commons in London, Britain, on 25 September, 2019. PHOTO: XINHUA
Japan ministers, businesses hail trade pact with US

TOKYO — Japanese government ministers and business leaders on Thursday hailed the newly reached bilateral trade agreement with the United States that will cut tariffs on industrial and farm products.

The deal “has great significance as it ruled out protectionist steps that could distort global supply chains,” Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Ishu Sugawara told reporters.

Under the agreement, reached between Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and President Donald Trump on Wednesday in New York, Japan assured an assurance that it will remain exempt from higher US auto tariffs.

“It will contribute to the stable development of Japan-U.S. trade, centering on the auto industry,” Sugawara said. The two countries will continue negotiations to eliminate US tariffs on Japanese cars and auto parts.

Akio Toyoda, president of Toyota Motor Corp, who heads the Japan Automobile Manufacturers Association, also welcomed the pact. “The environment for fair and free trade in the auto sector will be maintained and reinforced,” Toyoda told a meeting of the industry body, which was attended by Sugawara.

“Every (Japanese) automaker continues to make efforts to be the best auto manufacturer in every country,” Toyoda also said at a press conference later in the day.

Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries Minister Taku Eto said he hopes the trade deal will help increase Japanese beef exports to the United States as it expanded the low-tariff quota for Japanese beef.

In a reprieve for Japanese rice farmers in what is a politically sensitive area, the agreement did not include a tariff-free quota for American rice that would cause an influx of cheaper products. “Now producers can feel safe,” said Toru Nakaya, president of the Central Union of Agricultural Co-operatives.

— Kyodo News

ADB lowers S Korea’s 2019 growth outlook to 2.1 pct

SEOUL — The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has lowered South Korea’s 2019 growth outlook to 2.1 per cent, according to South Korean Finance Ministry.

The revised forecast was down from 2.4 per cent estimated in July, citing the deepening of the global trade dispute and economic slowdown in major economies, the Ministry of Economy and Finance said.

The 2020 growth forecast for the South Korean economy was also cut from 2.5 per cent to 2.4 per cent.

The country’s real gross domestic product (GDP), adjusted for inflation, expanded 1.6 per cent in the second quarter from three months earlier, after unexpectedly diminishing 0.4 per cent in the first quarter.

The Bank of Korea (BOK) slashed this year’s growth outlook for the economy from 2.5 per cent to 2.2 per cent in July. The central bank cut its target rate from 1.75 per cent to 1.60 per cent in the month.

— Xinhua

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MY OCEAN PROBE VOY. NO. (024/N)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V OCEAN PROBE VOY. NO. (024/N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 27-09-2019 and cargo will be discharged in the premises of M.P. where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expense and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MYANMA RAILWAYS

INVITATION TO SUBMIT EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO PROVIDE PROJECT ASSURANCE SERVICES FOR LANDMARK PROJECT AND INTERNATIONAL HOTEL PROJECT

1. Myanma Railways has signed Build Operate Transfer (BOT) concession agreements with Meeysaht Development Limited (MDL) and Peninsula Yangon Limited (PYLL) on 23rd July 2016 to implement International Hotel Project and Landmark Project respectively, which are located at No. 372, Hogyoke Aung San Road, Pabedan Township, Yangon Region.

2. To enable monitoring and controlling of the projects implementation as stated above, the Project Management Unit (PMU)/ Project Assurance Committee (PAC) was formed.

3. Myanma Railways (MR) would like to invite reputable local and/or international Project Assurance Services Company (PASC) to assist PMU/ PAC and to undertake Project Assurance activities. The objectives of Project Assurance activities are to monitor validity and viability of the projects in terms of progress to date and prediction of project outcome. The Quality (specification), Time (schedule) and Cost always have to be bounded to ensure ongoing viability.

4. The PASC is responsible to the Myanma Railways (Owner of the projects, shall be called Project Owner hereon) for the above stated projects. The projects have been started from 01/11/2018 and the construction period is expected to be four years and any Extension of Time (EOT) granted thereon. The Project Assurance activities are required to be carried out for the rest of the construction period including EOT if any.

5. EOI Documents and Background information of the proposed Project Assurance Services Company (PASC) could be obtained from the Deputy General Manager: Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung Township, Yangon, Myanmar. Phone: +95 1 291958, 291949 with effect from 23rd September 2019 (Monday) during office hours.

6. The completed proposed EOI Documents shall be submitted at above mentioned address not later than 14:00 hours on 28th October 2019 (Monday). Submission by mail, Email or Courier Services shall NOT be entertained.

7. Enquiries can be made by contacting U Naw Maw Maw, Deputy General Manager (Supply), Tel +95 9 361309 / +95 1 291958 or U U Aung Thein Latt, General Manager (Finance), Tel +95 9 3090653 / +95 1 291954.}

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Myanmar Railways

PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

HUAWEI founder hints at problems with access to western finance

SHENZHEN — The founder of embattled tech giant Huawei said Thursday that the firm’s financing from western banks was not “very smooth”, but insisted the group would resume growth in 2022 despite bit- ing US sanctions.

Amid a broad trade war with Beijing, Wash- ington added the Chinese tech giant to a commerce department “blacklist” in May, imperilling the firm’s access to critical US compo- nents and software.

Speaking at a panel discussion organised by the company at its headquar- ters in Shenzhen, southern China, CEO and founder Ren Zhengfei admitted the US sanctions had affected Huawei’s financing.

“In the past we used to get financing from west- ern banks, now the western bank financing pipeline has slowly been not so smooth,” Ren said.

“So we’ve changed to trying domestic banks,” he told the audience.

Huawei planned to raise up to 30 billion yuan ($4 billion) in its first dom- estic bond issues, Chi- nese business news maga- zine Caixin reported earlier this month.

Ren said Thursday he was not sure of the precise figure.

The tech giant is the world leader in high-speed 5G mobile communications and a top smart- phone producer.

The firm is ramping up production of its 5G base stations, Ren said.

“A large number of western companies have already received our products that don’t have US components in them,” Ren told academics and report- ers at the forum, saying he believed customers had faith in Huawei as a sup- plier. Ren said operations remained at full-throttle, but added “there will be no huge increase” in business next year.—APF

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Indonesia braces for more violence after law-change protests

JAKARTA — Hundreds of Indonesians gathered in several major centres across the archipelago Thursday as authorities braced for more violent opposition to a major overhaul of the criminal code.

The unrest was sparked by a proposed bill that includes dozens of law changes – from criminalising pre-marital sex and restricting sales of contraceptives, to making it illegal to insult the president.

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Little hope for peace as Afghans prepare for weekend vote

KABUL — Afghans go to the polls Saturday to vote in a presidential election that few expect will have much effect in bringing peace to the war-torn country.

With the Taliban threatening violence against anyone who participates, and concern that the widespread fraud which blighted previous elections will resurface, analysts fear a low turnout will seriously undermine the result.

The security threats, coupled with a trust issue in the election’s transparency, may translate into a very low turnout,” Afghanistan analyst Ahmad Saeidi told AFP ahead of the vote.

“Those who undermine the legitimacy of the election process and any future government that may come out of it.”

The stakes are high. Whatever the turnout, Afghans are choosing a leader who will almost certainly have to negotiate with the Taliban at some point — even though the hardline Islamist group is doing everything it can to undermine the process.

Eighteen names were originally on the ballot, but the poll is considered a two-horse race between current President Ashraf Ghani and Abdullah Abdullah, the country’s chief executive.

Both claimed victory in the 2014 election — a vote so tainted by fraud and violence that it was forced then-US President Barack Obama to push for a compromise that saw Abdullah awarded the subordinate role.—AFP

M6.5 quake in eastern Indonesia claims 20 lives

JAKARTA — A magnitude 6.5 earthquake struck eastern Indonesia on Thursday morning, killing at least 20 people and injuring over 100 others, authorities said.

The temblor posed no tsunami risks, Indonesia’s Meteorological, Climatological and Geophysical Agency said. But local media reported that hundreds of people fled to higher ground in Ambar, the provincial capital on nearby Amion Island, for fear of tsunami.— Kyodo News
Shan United bags MNL awards for August, September

SHAN United, the defending champion of the Myanmar National League (MNL) 2019, has taken the awards for the best player and coach, declared by the organizing committee of the league for the months of August and September.

Nanda Kyaw, the left side defender of the team, has been declared the best player, and head coach U Aung Naing has been deemed the best coach for the month of August and September.

An awards ceremony was held for the team on 24 September, before the General Aung San Shield final match between Shan United and Yangon United.

Salah, Egypt fall out again after vote in FIFA awards goes astray

CAIRO: Egypt’s football association has asked FIFA for clarification after its vote for national icon Mohamed Salah was dropped from the final tally for the world’s best player award.

The results are based on the votes of national coaches, team captains and members of the press in selecting their top three players of the year.

When FIFA released its results, Egypt was curiously absent from the final vote count.

In comments online blame was aimed at Egypt’s football federation for failing to ensure Salah would be given the maximum chance in all votes, although he eventually finished fourth, 26 votes behind winner Lionel Messi.

Salah hinted at his disappointment through his social media activity, changing his Twitter bio to say he only plays for Liverpool and removing any mention of his affiliation to Egypt.

To add insult to injury, Hany Daniel, the Egyptian journalist in the voting, picked Senegalese forward Sadio Mane, Salah’s Liverpool team-mate, ahead of the Egyptian striker who he relegated to third place behind Cristiano Ronaldo.

Messi won with 46 votes while Salah scored only 26 in fourth. Salah posted a conciliatory tweet after saying “no matter how much they try to change my love for you and your people”, referring to Egypt, “they won’t be able to”.

Hours after the controversy, the Egyptian Football Association said it had asked FIFA for an explanation about why its vote “was not approved”.

The statement released late Tuesday said the association had sent its votes officially to FIFA on August 15 and they were registered on August 19.—AFP