Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe meets with UNHCR High Commissioner in NY

UNION Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe, who is attending the 74th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, met UNHCR High Commissioner Mr. Filippo Grandi at the UN Headquarters in New York, United States on 26 September.

At the meeting, they discussed on continued cooperation between Myanmar and UN (UNDP/ UNHCR) for the implementation of the MoU to assist Myanmar for the repatriation of displaced persons from Bangladesh. The Union Minister emphasized the importance of helping livelihood for all communities in Rakhine State, by implementation of community development projects (Quick Impact Projects- QIPs).

— MNA

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Tatmadaw holds press conference in Nay Pyi Taw

THE Tatmadaw held a press conference at the Defence Services Museum in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the press conference, the Tatmadaw True News Team Vice Chairman Maj-Gen Tun Tun Nyi and Secretary Brig Gen Zaw Min Tun explained about the status of Ethnic Armed Organizations (EAOs) during the period 15 August to 15 September 2019, drug seizures during August and September, works conducted for the peace process, armed engagements with AA armed group in Rakhine State and status of AA, TNLA, MN-DAA armed groups in Shan State (North). The Tatmadaw True News Team then replied to queries raised by reporters from news agencies.

The press conference was attended by Tatmadaw True News Team, local news agencies, daily newspapers, journals, local television news agencies and locally-based foreign news agencies, according to news released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. — MNA

EMERGENCY CARE FOR EVERY HEART BEST
Second joint Waso robe offering held at Yangon Kaba Aye Hillock

The congregation led by Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko attends the second joint Waso robe offering ceremony. PHOTO: MNA

SECOND Waso robe offering ceremony jointly organized by Myanmar Theravada Buddhist Federation, Border Areas Hill Region Sasana Nuggaha Association, Yangon Region Sasana Nuggaha Association and Thai-land’s Dhammakaya missionary was held at Kaba Aye hillock Vizaya Dhamma Thabin hall yesterday morning.

First, Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko and guests took the five precepts given by State Sanghamahanayaka Committee Chairman Bhamo Sayadaw Dr. Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa and then listened to the recitation of parittas.

Next, Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko delivered an address on religious matters and Myan- mar Theravada Buddhist Fed- eration and Border Areas Hill Region Sasana Nuggaha Associ- ation Chairman Agga Maha Suri Sudhama Manjotarata Wunna Kyaw Htin Dr Khin Shwe and Dhammakaya missionary’s Dr Suthad Setboonsarng spoke about the reasons for making the donation. Afterwards, Mrs Malin Chonhirunrat and Mrs Bus- saba Siritwan recited verses on donating Waso robes.

Following this, State Sang- hamahanayaka Committee Chairman Bhamo Sayadaw Dr. Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa and Thailand’s Dhammakaya Sayadaw exchanged Buddha relics.

Later, Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko and guests offered Waso robes and offerings to Sayadawes and sanghas, listened to a sermon by State Sanghamahanayaka Committee Vice Chairman Mektila Sayad- aw Agga Mahapandita Bhaddant Kaswida and shared merits for the good deeds made. — MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Union Minister U Thaung Tun signs book of condolences for late former French president

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun signed the book of condolences for late Mr Jacques Chirac, the former French pres- ident, at the residence of Amb- assador of France to Myanmar in Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Street, Dagon Township in Yangon yesterday.

Mr Jacques Chirac, the former French pres- ident Mr Jacques Chirac was 86 years old when he passed away.

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ALI Ministry observes World Rabies Day

UNION Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu said that according to World Health Organization there was a fatality in the world every 15 minutes or annually 55,000 to 70,000 from rabies and most were in poor villages of Asia and Africa countries.

In respect of rabies, the Union Minister warned of possible perils of the deadly virus at the World Rabies Day 2019 event held at Hilton Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The Union Minister added that rabies was a 100 percent fully preventable problem and by vaccinating household pets, fatalities can be reduced. Ra- bies occurs in Myanmar and it was required to be reduced and eradicated.

Sustainable success to reduce and eliminate human rabies fatalities in Myanmar can be reached only through the government, relevant min- isterial departments, Hluttaw, private sector, animal breeders, supporters and non-government organizations cooperating and working together in a balanced way and the global aim of “Zero by 30” (zero human rabies deaths by 2030) can be reached, said the Union Minister.

Next, Four Paws Interna- tional director of project develop- ment Dr Amir Khalil delivered a remark and Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department di- rector Dr Min Thein Maw ex- plained about the basic works conducted for "Zero by 30.”

Scientist Louis Pasteur discovered the vaccine to cure rabies and his works and find- ings on rabies was honored by designating 28 September, the day on which Louis Pasteur passes away, as World Rabies Day. The theme for World Rabies Day 2019 was “Rabies: Vaccinate to Eliminate.” — MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)
Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe meets with Vietnamese Deputy PM, Thai FM separately at UNGA in New York

UNION Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe, who is attending the 74th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, met Mr. Pham Binh Minh, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Viet Nam and Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand separately on 27 September.

During the discussions, they exchanged views on matters of mutual interest. The Union Minister also briefed the two Ministers regarding the developments in Rakhine State. They also discussed ways to further strengthen bilateral cooperation as well as cooperation in regional and international fora.—MNA

Myanmar, Norway sign MoU to establish Foreign Office Consultations

U KYAW Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation, who is attending the 74th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, met Norwegian Foreign Minister, Ms. Ine Eriksen Søreide and signed the Memorandum of Understanding to establish Foreign Office Consultations between Myanmar and Norway at the United Nations Headquarter on 26th September. They also discussed holding of regular consultations according to the MOU, and to enhance development cooperation in the areas of mutual interest including fish for development programme.

The Union Minister also apprised the Norwegian Minister of the measures taken by the Government to receive the verified displaced persons from Rakhine State on the basis of the bilateral arrangements between Myanmar and Bangladesh. He also explained that many displaced persons wishing to return do not dare to express their desire due to the threats of ARSA terrorist group. However, he said there were a number of people who had recently returned to Rakhine State voluntarily with their own arrangement.

He also said that according to the recent report by DW News from Germany mentioned that there are more than thousands of ARSA terrorists operating inside the camps in Cox's Bazar. The threats posed by the ARSA terrorists have caused the major obstacles for the repatriation work and it is becoming a major security challenge. He also informed her of the government efforts to create conducive environment for the returnees with the cooperation of ASEAN and the UN agencies and he welcomed the constructive assistance provided by the international community and development partners including Norway.—MNA
Solar power to be installed in 51 villages in Tachileik

Officials are attempting to carry out the rural electricity access by solar power system in Tachileik Township. **PHOTO: MYINT MOHE (TACHILEIK)**

AS the rural power supply project continues to be installed outside the power grid system, new solar power will be made available in rural electricity access project, financed by World Bank loans. Only 48 villages registered to install solar power during this fiscal year. Now, the number of villages has increased to 51 in Tachileik Township, according to the Rural Development Department. We are working to enable access to electricity through the installation of household solar systems and micro power line systems in the no-electricity supply regions,” said U Zaw Moe. Officials from the Rural Development Department are conducting field inspections to install solar power in Tachileik Township during the first week of October.

Villagers can choose between 60 and 100 watt systems. Home owners will have to pay Ks 50,000 for a 60 watt system and Ks 150,000 for a 100 watt system, and solar panels will be installed, depending upon their choice. Currently, some 470 homes are registered for 100 watt solar power systems, while 727 homes are registered to have 60 watt solar power systems installed in the villages.

Under the electricity supply to rural area project in Tachileik, 97 villages have been connected to electricity during the 2016-2017 fiscal year, along with 17 villages in the 2017-2018 fiscal year. Now, the department will install solar power in 51 villages during the 2018-2019 fiscal year. —Myint Moh (Tachileik)  **(Translated by Hay Mar)**

4th Myanmar Entrepreneurs Carnival 2019 to be held in Taunggyi

To provide an opportunity for those who seek investments in technological innovations, the fourth Myanmar Entrepreneurs Carnival 2019 will be held in Taunggyi, according to the Shan State Young Entrepreneurs Association (SSYEYA).

A media conference to introduce the Myanmar Entrepreneurs Carnival 2019 was held at My House, Taunggyi on Friday.

The 4th Myanmar Entrepreneurs Carnival 2019 will be held in Taunggyi University Hall, Taunggyi, on 5 October by SSYEYA. Entrepreneurs from across the country, international experts and youths from Shan State east will be invited to attend.

The Myanmar Entrepreneurs Carnival 2019 will be held, with an aim to promote the lifestyle of youth and students from colleges and universities. The festival will include youth economic competitions, technological innovations, as well as investments by entrepreneurs.

“Through the technical expo, we expect that outstanding youth will be promoted in their businesses. At the show, youth and students from across Shan State will have the opportunity to display their innovative technologies, as well as their innovative products,” said an official from SSYEYA.

“One of the interesting things is that Technological University, Taunggyi, will exhibit solar cars at Myanmar Entrepreneurs Carnival 2019. Moreover, they have planned to display other useful applications, such as for hotel systems, road systems, drying machines for local farmers and solar potato drying machines,” said the official from SSYEYA.

The 4th Myanmar Entrepreneurs Carnival 2019 will also include lectures by experts, panel discussions, startup pitches, programming and performance programmes. —Aye Cho  **(Translated by Hay Mar)**
MIFFA holds convocation for first batch of globally recognized FIFTA Diploma Course

Onion prices increase by K 100 per viss in Pakokku market due to high demand

Border trade value hits over $ 9.9 bln in this fiscal year as of 20 September
Myanmar, Viet Nam hold cultural exchange event in Yangon

THE 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi held in Yangon

U Han Zaw and his wife, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Phyo Min Thein and his wife, Deputy Minister for Defence Rear-Admiral Myint Nwe and his wife, Tatmadaw officers, Ambassadors from foreign embassies in Yangon, minister counselors, representatives from international organizations and invited guests.—MNA

(Translated by Alphonus)

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein and delegation pose for a group photo at the event to mark 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was commemorated in Theinbyu Lethwei Stadium, Theinbyu Street, Yangon yesterday afternoon.

First, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Kyi Min and officials honored Mahatma Gandhi pictures with flower garlands and by lighting an oil lamp.

Next, Mahatma Gandhi 150th Birth Anniversary event organizing committee member Mr. Raju Goenka delivered a greeting speech and entertainments were provided with dhamma songs.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Deputy Minister U Kyi Min and Ambassador of India to Myanmar Mr. Saurabh Kumar then delivered speeches.

Afterwards, Mahatma Gandhi Commemorative Building Trustee Chairman U Maung Win spoke words of thanks and entertainments by Hindus were performed.

Later, Mahatma Gandhi Commemorative Building Trustee’s works, Mahatma Gandhi’s policies and works, works conducted to commemorate 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi were explained by officials and then the officials presented prizes to winners of essay, poem and painting competitions.

The 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was commemorated worldwide and a commemorative photo and painting exhibition will be held at Embassy of India in Myanmar on 29 and 30 September.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

THE 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was commemorated in Theinbyu Lethwei Stadium, Theinbyu Street, Yangon yesterday.

THE Pesticide Registration Board (PRB) has so far granted permits for over 3,800 pesticides, according to officials speaking at the board’s recent coordination meeting.

The 30th coordination meeting was held on Wednesday, when the members of the board reviewed applications for some 198 pesticides submitted by the pesticide registration technical committee.

Speaking at the meeting, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw said, as the chairman of the board, that he stressed the need to effectively carry out the enforcement of the pesticide law and rules to boost agro products, to reduce chemical residue and harmful impacts to farmers and to prevent counterfeit pesticides from being used by local farmers.

Not only registrations of pesticides were approved, but plans were discussed to hold awareness programmes on the technical know-how and systematic use of pesticides, the PRB Chairman said. For the export and import of pesticides that have earned provisional registrations and amendment registrations, endorsements will need to be sought from the Directorate of Trade. In addition, pesticides will be required to have registration numbers and the endorsement of local authorities printed in the Myanmar language on their packaging, the board stated. Otherwise, their sales will be prohibited. Also, action will be taken against pesticide producers who engage in unauthorized exporting, importing, sales or storage, the board warned.—MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Over 3,800 pesticides have received permits: Pesticide Registration Board

The 30th coordination meeting for reviewing applications for pesticide registration being convened. PHOTO: MNA
Greta Thunberg marches in Montreal for global climate protests

MONTREAL (Canada) — Teen activist Greta Thunberg urged Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and other world leaders Friday to do more for the environment as she led half a million protesters in Montreal as part of a global wave of “climate strikes.”

The 16-year-old Swede met privately with Trudeau but later told a news conference with local indigenous leaders that he was “not doing enough” to curb greenhouse gases responsible for global warming.

“My message to all the politicians around the world is the same. Just listen and act on the current best available science,” she said.

Thunberg generated headlines around the world earlier this week with her viral so-called “How Dare You?” speech at the UN climate summit, accusing world leaders of betraying her generation.

“You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words,” she thundered, visibly angry and close to tears. “The teen has inspired millions of youths, drawn to her cause by her passion and a mature, committed rhetorical style — articulated in near-perfect English — that belies her young age.

“It’s incredible to be united in such a way for a common cause,” she told the cheering Montreal crowd, adding: “If the people in power won’t take their responsibility, then we will.”

This week, world leaders from all around the world gathered in New York. They disappointed us once again with their empty words and insufficient plans,” she went on.

“It should not be up to us, but somebody needs to do it. This is an emergency, and we will not be bystanders. We are the change and change is coming.”

Trudeau and other Canadian party leaders took a breather from a tight election campaign to join Thunberg at the Montreal rally — along with around 500,000 protesters, according to organizers.

Walking with his wife and children, Trudeau mingled with a boisterous crowd that brandished placards reading “Re:spect Mother Earth” and “Make America Greta Again” — a riff on a campaign slogan popularized by US president and noted climate skeptic Donald Trump.

— AFP

Three more elephants killed in Sri Lanka, bringing toll to seven

COLOMBO (Sri Lanka) — Wildlife officials found three more dead wild elephants in central Sri Lanka Saturday, raising the number believed to have been poisoned by angry villagers to seven. The animals were found at a forest reserve near Sigiriya, a fifth-century rock fortress and UNESCO-protected heritage site, police said. “Since Friday, we have found the remains of seven cow elephants, including a tusker,” police spokesman Ranwan Gunasekera said. Nearly 200 elephants are killed every year in the island, many by farmers after the animals stray onto their land.

Marauding elephants kill roughly 50 people annually, mostly when the creatures stray into villages near their habitat. A pregnant female and a male were among the four carcasses found on Friday. Wildlife experts and vets will carry out autopsies, said a police official in Sigiriya, north of Colombbo, as they suspect the animals may have been poisoned.

Police said there had been a spate of incidents involving wild elephants storming villages and destroying crops in the area. Killing the animals is in the current punishable by death.

Sri Lanka’s elephant population has dwindled to just over 7,000, according to the latest census, down from an estimated 12,000 at the beginning of the last century.

— AFP

Going underground in Slovenia ... to prepare for outer space

DIVACA (Slovenia) — In Slovenia’s dramatically beautiful Karst region, six astronauts have put through their paces for future missions — not in a flashy futuristic space centre but deep underground in the area’s network of cold, dark and muddy caves.

This Wednesday they emerged blinking into the light after swapping their space suits for caving gear and spending six days underground in the UNESCO-listed Skocjan cave system.

All in all they completed six weeks of training organised by the European Space Agency’s (ESA) CAVES programme.

But why were they heading underground?

“Living in a cave is very similar to living in space, mentally. Actually, I thought it was much harder than living in space. It was more dangerous by rainy weather conditions which had been put through their space suits for caving gear and spending six days underground in the UNESCO-listed Skocjan cave system. All in all they completed six weeks of training organised by the European Space Agency’s (ESA) CAVES programme. But why were they heading underground?

“Living in a cave is very similar to living in space, mentally. Actually, I thought it was much harder than living in space,” 43-year-old Japanese astronaut Takuya Onishi told AFP.

Onishi’s harsh tone is unsurprising given temperatures in the cave fluctuate between six and 10 degrees, not to mention 100-percent humidity and the fact the participants only had the light of their head lamps to guide them.

“Caves are a fantastic alien world. You actually live in an environment which is terrifyingly difficult, different and risky,” said Loredana Bessone of the CAVES programme.

‘Cavenauts’

This was the sixth time the programme had been run, but the first outing in Slovenia’s caves.

After two weeks of learning about speleology, or cave exploration, the “cavenauts” are dispatched to explore and map the underground maze, gathering scientific material and relying on teamwork to solve various problems.

The experiments include monitoring life in the caves such as microscopic organisms as well as assessing atmospheric conditions.

“The main goal for the astronauts is to work together as a team and achieve a mission in a very complex environment, to prepare better for an analogous situation, which is space,” the head of the programme’s science component Francesco Sauro said.

One of the astronauts, Germany’s Alexander Gerst, told AFP about the feeling of complete isolation from the world outside in the silent darkness.

You feel “deprived of all sensual input, out of your comfort zone,” said 43-year-old, who has already completed two missions on the International Space Station.

Onishi and Gerst were joined by colleagues from the United States, Canada and Russia.

‘Our planet is special’

NASA’s Jeannette Epps admitted that when it came time to finally leave, she was “kind of sad” despite the cold, slippery conditions which had made more dangerous by rainy weather.

“Just the smell alone and the sunlight on your face, I didn’t realise how different I felt being in the cave,” 45-year-old Epps said.

Onishi had slight prosaic concerns once he was “back on the ground”.

— AFP
ABIES is preventable through vaccinations and prompt and appropriate medical care. People continue to die from the disease every year throughout the world, mostly in rural areas. This is because a person dies within 15 minutes from the preventable rabies disease, mostly in Asia and Africa. Myanmar also suffers from the burden of infections. Myanmar sees about 200 deaths from rabies annually. About 40 per cent of these victims are children under 15 who have been bitten by a suspect rabid dog and it was found they were bitten while playing near the dog.

Myanmar is committed to the eradication of rabies in the country. If we do this, we are just as likely to have rabies as dogs. Therefore, they must be wormed and vaccinated, as well. It’s a safe bet to vaccinate both cats and dogs once a year.

If we look at the states and regions, the problem mainly occurs in Yangon, Mandalay and Bago regions where there are many stray dogs. This concern is intended to raise awareness in all our counties. All departments in every township should cooperate in protecting stray dogs by spaying or neutering them so that we don’t need to worry about rabies any longer.

We need to start working to eradicate rabies now. We must conduct research, connect with relevant organizations, set guidelines and make financial plans, which include protecting humans and dogs by providing vaccinations without charging them.

In cooperation with the World Organization for Animal Health, the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department drafted the national-level rabies control strategy, and it was approved in August last year. Starting from 2019, a project to vaccinate about one million dogs is being carried out in Yangon, Mandalay and Bago regions.

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WASHINGTO (United States)— Democrats charged aggressively into an impeachment investigation of President Donald Trump on Friday, ordering Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to turn over Ukraine-related documents and scheduling testimony for witnesses to alleged abuse of power by the US leader.

Three House committees gave Pompeo one week to produce the documents, saying multiple State Department officials have direct knowledge of Trump’s efforts to enlist the Ukraine government’s help in his US campaign for reelection.

“The Committees are investigating the extent to which President Trump jeopardized national security by pressuring Ukraine to interfere with our 2020 election and by withholding security assistance provided by Congress to help Ukraine counter Russian aggression,” they said.

Public support is growing for impeachment after the release of an anonymous whistleblower’s complaint on Thursday, reportedly made by a CIA analyst who had worked in the White House.

It accused Trump of pressuring Ukraine’s President Volodymyr Zelensky in a July 25 phone call to supply dirt on former vice president Joe Biden, the favorite to represent Democrats against Trump in the 2020 presidential election.

The complaint also revealed that White House aides, alarmed at Trump’s implicit offer to release aid in exchange for Zelensky’s help, sought to hide the record of the call in a highly secure computer system normally used only for the country’s most top-secret intelligence.

Congressional investigators on Friday announced interviews starting next week with five State Department officials, including former ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch, whom Trump reportedly forced out earlier this year for resisting his efforts to pressure Kiev to probe Biden.

The list also includes US special representative on Ukraine Kurt Volker, who resigned Friday after being ordered to answer questions in the impeachment investigation, a source familiar with the matter told AFP.

The whistleblower complaint said Volker met senior Ukrainian officials on how to “navigate” Trump’s demands of Zelensky.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi declared that the impeachment investigation would move quickly, saying evidence from the whistleblower’s complaint against Trump of abuse of power and an attempted cover-up was unambiguous.

“The clarity of the president’s actions is compelling and gave us no choice but to move forward,” Pelosi said.—AFP

Giant telescope project in Hawaii delayed by protests

LOS ANGELES (United States) — Anger is brewing on the Big Island of Hawaii over plans to build a giant telescope on a dormant volcano that is highly sacred to the region’s native population.

For months, hundreds of protesters have delayed the start of construction on Mauna Kea volcano of the so-called Thirty Meter Telescope, or TMT, which astronomers say will have a dozen times the resolution of the Hubble Space Telescope.

The demonstrators, who have converged on the site peacefully, argue that the $1.4 billion project would sit on a mountain in 13,796 feet (4,205 meters) above sea level — as high as the Himalayas are in the Northern Hemisphere because of its altitude — as the answer is a resounding “yes” from opponents.—AFP

Scorsese and Netflix unveil ambitious new film “The Irishman”

NEW YORK (United States) — Director Martin Scorsese unveiled his new film “The Irishman” Friday, kicking off the New York film festival with the ambitious Netflix movie that was more than a decade in the making.

The star-studded gangster epic had a budget of $160 million, using 117 different filming locations to shoot 390 scenes which together add up to a run time of 3 hours 29 minutes.

Scorsese and actor Robert De Niro started planning the film adaptation of Charles Brandt’s book “I Heard You Paint Houses” 12 years ago.

“Things got in the way,” Scorsese told journalists Friday after the world premiere screening. “We couldn’t get backing — there was no way for years,” he added.

“I’m just happy we all got finally to do it because it did take a long time,” said De Niro. “We were lucky to get people to put up the money.”

After several studios declined the project, it took Netflix’s deep pockets to get the green light for “The Irishman” — the nickname of Frank Sheeran, whose account of real-life events forms the basis of the book and film.

Former henchman Sheeran (played by De Niro) claimed to have killed more than 25 people on the orders of mafia boss Russell Bufalino (Joe Pesci) and truck driver union leader Jimmy Hoffa (Al Pacino). The film uses a new technology developed by Industrial Light & Magic (ILM) — the effects firm created by George Lucas — to digitally “de-age” actors on screen.—AFP

Mauna Kea volcano is sacred to Native Hawaiians. PHOTO: AFP

“The construction has been delayed for years because of this situation,” Christophe Dumas, a French astronomer and head of operations at TMT, told AFP. “The cost has also risen significantly… and the process to obtain a construction permit lasted 10 years.”

Protest leaders say the consortium of scientists behind the project can build their scope on a less controversial site, including on a mountain in Spain’s Canary Islands, where they say it would be a win-win situation for everyone.

Dumas argues, however, that Mauna Kea “remains the ideal site” in the Northern Hemisphere because of its altitude — 13,796 feet (4,205 meters) above sea level — as well as its remoteness and clear skies which make it one of the best places on the planet for astronomical observatories.

The new telescope, according to scientists, would enable astronomers to see “forming galaxies at the very edge of the observable universe, near the beginning of time.”

Already, Mauna Kea, which means White Mountain, is home to 13 telescopes housed in 12 facilities at or around the summit, which have been the source of a host of new discoveries and scientific studies.

Some question whether one more telescope — albeit a giant one — would make such a big difference. The answer is a resounding “yes” from opponents.— AFP

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Martin Scorsese and actor Robert De Niro started planning the film adaptation of Charles Brandt’s book “I Heard You Paint Houses” 12 years ago. PHOTO: AFP
Security tight as Afghans head to presidential polls

KABUL (Afghanistan)—Afghans head to the polls amid tight security Saturday to vote for their next president, following a bloody two-month election campaign that has been marred by repeated attacks across Afghanistan.

The Taliban, who already have unleashed a string of bombings, have in recent days issued repeated warnings they intend to attack polling centres and have told voters to stay away.

Wary authorities have placed an uneasy Kabul under partial lockdown, banning trucks from entering the city in an effort to stop would-be suicide bombers attacking the electoral process.

The capital's traffic, often gridlocked, has dropped to a trickle as schools and offices closed for the day and as many people choose to stay off the roads.

Some 9.6 million Afghans are registered to vote, but many have lost any hope that after 18 years of war any leader can unify the fractious country and improve basic living conditions, boost the stagnating economy or bolster security.

Several of the 18 original candidates have dropped out and the poll is considered a two-horse race between current chief executive Abdullah Abdullah, the country's vice president, and his main rival, Ashraf Ghani.

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

Campaigning was hampered by violence from the first day, when Ghani's running mate was targeted in a bomb-and-gun attack that left at least 20 dead.

BLOODY ATTACKS HAVE CONTINUED TO ROCK AFGHANISTAN, INCLUDING A TALIBAN BOMBING AT A GHANI RALLY LAST WEEK THAT KILLED AT LEAST 26 PEOPLE IN THE CENTRAL PROVINCE OF PARWAN NEAR KABUL.

The interior ministry says 72,000 forces will help to secure polling stations and better training for poll workers to ensure the vote is fair.

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China FM tells UN protectionism risks causing global recession

UNITED NATIONS (United States)—China's foreign minister warned Friday that protectionism could trigger a world recession as he vowed to stand firm in a trade row with the United States.


"Tariffs and provocation of trade disputes, which upset global industrial and supply chains, serve to undermine the multilateral trading regime and global economic and trade order," he said.

"They may even plunge the world into recession," he said.

Comments came amid an intense showdown with US President Donald Trump, who has slapped tariffs on the world's second largest economy, to undermine his acrimonious deal to keep trade talks alive.

Wang made clear that China would retaliate for any further tariff measures.

"China is committed to resolve (disputes) in a calm, rational and cooperative manner and is willing to demonstrate utmost patience and goodwill," Wang said.

"Should the other side act in bad faith, or show no respect for equal status or rules in negotiations, we will have to make necessary responses to safeguard our legitimate rights and interests and to uphold international justice," he said.

Wang said the US was "acting with arrogance and impudence".

"The lessons of the Great Depression should not be forgotten," China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi told the UN General Assembly. PHOTO: AFP

Japanese lawmakers, sources familiar with their itinerary said. —Kyodo News

Huge tanker blast sparks fire injuring 18 in South Korea

SEOUL (South Korea)—A huge oil tanker has exploded in a South Korean port Saturday, sparking a raging fire that spread to a nearby vessel, leaving 18 people injured, authorities said.

A ball of fire shot up high above the ship and thick black smoke billowed into the air.

"China FM tells UN protectionism risks causing global recession"
Most vaping-related lung injuries linked to marijuana products: CDC

WASHINGTON (United States) — Many of the hundreds of e-cigarette users who have developed lung problems in recent months, some of them fatal, used black market marijuana products, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Friday.

The CDC was cautious to say the investigation was ongoing, and that the cause of the illnesses “remains unknown at this time,” but the report did name one counterfeited brand, Dank Vapes, as potentially problematic.

So far in the United States, more than 800 people have developed lung injuries associated with e-cigarette use. Twelve have died.

Of 514 patients who gave information about their past use of vaping products, 77 per cent of them said they had used products containing THC — tetrahydrocannabinol, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana.

A minority, 16 percent, say they only used nicotine products.

“These reports suggest that THC-containing products play a role in the recent cases,” said CDC principal deputy director Anne Schuchat.

“We do not know yet what exactly is making people sick — for example, whether a particular solvent or adulterant are leading to lung injury, or whether cases stem from a single supplier or multiple ones.”

It was the first time that the CDC had offered such data, though they had already noted that THC had been consumed in numerous cases.

The announcement came as more and more US states, along with other countries, are considering a total ban on e-cigarettes.

The administration of US President Donald Trump is planning to ban the sale of flavored vaping products nationwide in the coming weeks.—AFP

Sony, Marvel strike deal for new ‘Spider-Man’ film

LOS ANGELES (United States) — Spider-Man will spin his web on the big screen once again.

A breakdown in talks between Sony Pictures and Marvel had imperiled the web-slinger’s celluloid universe, but the companies announced Monday they would produce the third Spider-Man film, starring British actor Tom Holland.

The film, which follows up on “Spider-Man: Homecoming” and “Spider-Man: Far From Home” — both released in July 2019, the studio said.

Marvel Studios president Kevin Feige will take up his usual role as producer.

“I am thrilled that Sony continues to develop their own Spider-verse, you never know what surprises the future might hold,”

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Philippines-China painting exhibition opens in Manila

MANILA — A Philip- pines-China painting exhi- bition, themed “In Harmo ny with Nature”, opened in the Metropolitan Museum of Manila on Saturday in a bid to strengthen cultural exchanges.

A total of 65 paintings by five Filipino artists and five Chinese artists are presented in the exhibition, which also showed drawings created by the two countries’ artists during a joint trip in Palawan of southern Philippines in September.

“This is a unique project which seeks to cul tivate the artistic encounters between Chinese and Philippine artists and will foster a better understanding of mutual cultures,” Joselito Campos, Chairman of the Metropolitan Museum of Manila Board of Trustees, said at the opening ceremony.

Before the opening ceremony, 10 Filipino and Chinese artists created a painting named “In Harmony with Nature” together.—Xinhua

“You should be the only hero with the superpower to cross cinematic universes, so as Sony continues to develop their own Spider-verse, you never know what surprises the future might hold.”

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“DURGA PUJA (2019) INVITATION”

THE SARADITYA DURGA PUJA (Sandhi Mai Daw Puzaw Pwe) will be celebrated from Friday, the 4th October 2019 to 10th October 2019 Tuesday, the 8th October 2019 Hindu temple Sri Sri Durga Bari No.307, Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Kyakktada Township, Yangon.

All are cordially invited to attend the Durga Puja Celebration with family and friends.

Durga Puja Celebration Committee 2019

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I HADN’T been to the village for years. I left the village in 1988 and for the past thirty years or three decades, I went back sometime but never for long. The most was to stay a night and return so I know almost nothing about the village. I don’t know what changes there were. Whether there were any changes in climate or weather or businesses were good or bad. Worse yet is the fact that my relatives didn’t even knew me anymore. For me, everything was new.

Ever since my parents passed away, I lost connection with the village. Although I had my siblings there, no contact was made unless there was some specific and strong reason. All were busy with their own works. Sometime I felt a yearning for the village but except for such few occasions I was so far away from the village.

But awhile ago, I have this strong unknown yearning to go back there. Full Moon Day of Tawthalin was when my village was full of people. That was when there was a big offering ceremony to the monks. I decided to go back to my village at that time. So I ended up taking a night express bus from Yangon without making any prior arrangements.

My thoughts wander more widely as I sat on the bus. I was wondering what changes there’ll be in the village. Will I found my friends of my youth? How did they go through their lives? Such thoughts came into my mind without stopping.

At 10 pm, the Shwe Mandalar aircon express bus I was on left Aung Mingalar Express Bus Terminal. By coincidence, the MTV entertainment programme on the bus played a song about my native land of central Myanmar. That was a priceless song for a native of central Myanmar returning back home after staying long in the big city Yangon.

At about 5 am, the express bus reaches Meiktila Thegon gate. From there, it went along Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung Road and after about 10 minutes, reached Mondaing model village. Along the road were shops and green farmlands, patches of toddy palm forests, rows of Magyi, Kokko (Albizzia lebbek) and Tama trees, village ponds and an occasional monastery showing a picturesque view of my home land.

There were many pagodas built since Konbaung era near my village and the historical Mondaing brick monastery was prominent at the entrance to the village. The huge brick monastery was built by U Pan Ya and Daw Sein Tha in Myanmar Era 1111 (1748). This was before Konbaung Dynasty, the last dynasty of Myanmar monarchy that was founded only in 1752. By now it was more than 270 years old! The monastery was where I first had my education until fourth standard. When I was young, the old pagodas were engulfed in bushes and vegetations but this time around, the surrounding areas of the pagodas were
for me. My sister Ma Shwe Kyi said, “Now we have electricity. So everyone was using electric stoves for cooking and no one was collecting firewood anymore. With electricity, water was also readily available. Your niece dug a tube well and now with a flick of a switch, electric motor pumps up water for use.”

My sister as well as all the villagers’ life had changed due to availability of electricity. My life in the village was without electricity and each household use at least ten cart load of firewood a year. As our village had more than 500 households, imagine how much trees were cut and burnt as firewood. Deforestation worsened compounded the lack of rain in our central dry region. With electricity available now, trees can grow and become forests rather than forests depleted of trees for being turned into firewood.

Mondaing Village Tract chairman Ko Aye Lwin said a total of 24 villages in Mondaing Village Tract start to have electricity in April. Houses as well as roads were lit up with lights at dusk making it looks more like an urban area than a rural area I once lived in.

Availability of electricity changes the life of the villagers. Cooking food was no longer a tedious job that starts with day long collection of firewood or cutting down trees. Rain fed water was plentiful during the raining season but being in the central dry region, there was serious shortage of water in other season. With electricity, pumps and tube wells, this was no longer an issue. Ease in preparing food and obtaining water allows villagers to give more time toward productive activities. Availability of electricity also prompts enterprising villagers to start small scale enterprises which in turn improve the general economic situation of all. The improvement and development of the economy was obvious with every household having motorcycles and televisions. There were even 17 households with cars and trucks. These vastly improved the travel of people and flow of goods to nearby town of Meiktila that was a considerable distance without motorized transport.

The school in the village was just a middle school when I attended it. Now it was upgraded to high school. Youngsters from our village as well as nearby villages were now attending this high school. When we were young, we had to go to Meiktila to attend high school resulting in many dropping out of school after middle school. Now, our youngsters will become better educated with a high school at a convenient distance from home.

Htila Bagan attracts visitors and business. Electricity improves the lives of the villagers as well as the economy. These development combined with availability of high school education will definitely improve further the socio economic lives of the people in the coming few years.

My little village that I left in search of greener pastures had become a green pasture itself. The pagodas were now teeming with devotees and visitors and some pagodas even had shops selling foods and gifts.

My boyhood friend Ko Saw Lwin who had opened a shop in a pagoda compound said, “This place has changed. It is now known as Htila Bagan and many far and near visitors come during religious days and weekends by cars and buses.”

So the pagodas once engulfed in bushes and vegetations were now on open ground becoming Htila Bagan attracting devotees, visitors and business.

When I reached my sister’s house near the pagoda, I was more surprised to see my sister and her husband watching a television. When I left the village, they didn’t even have a radio and it was indeed a pleasant surprise cleared of those eye sores. The pagodas were now teeming with devotees and visitors and some pagodas even had shops selling foods and gifts.

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Maldive Int'l Challenge: Thet Htar Thuazar misses final with a loss to Viet Nam’s Thi Thit

MYANMAR Badminton star Thet Htar Thuazar faced a 1-2 loss to Viet Nam’s Thi Thit (Tgi) in their opening group match of the CTFA U-19 Challenge Cup.

Thet Htar Thuazar, who has been the standout player for Myanmar this year, seemed to have lost some of her concentration and missed a number of shots by her opponent Thi Thit (Tgi), ending the match at 16-21. After Thet Htar Thuazar’s 1-2 loss to Thi Thit, the three rounds total points were 14-21, 21-15 and 16-21, as Thet Htar Thuazar lost the final match and the chance at the championship title.

By taking advantage of the lack of concentration of Myanmar’s defense, Chinese Taipei scored its first and winning goal at 25 minutes with a fast action header.

After the goal, Myanmar played more actively than their previous play. Myanmar opened its attack, as it sought an equalizer in the second half.

The two teams played well and showed a reliable defence line and fixed middle line, resulting in the ball being passed mostly around the midfield area of the pitch in the later minutes of the second half.

Though Myanmar had many chances to tie the score, Myanmar’s strikers could not find the net, with their kicks remaining far from the goal until the final whistle.

CTFA U-19 tourney: Myanmar suffers 0-1 loss to Chinese Taipei

MYANMAR U-19 national football team suffered a 0-1 loss to the Chinese Taipei U-19 team in their first group match of the 2019 CTFA U-19 International Tournament in Kaohsiung, Taiwan yesterday.

Both teams played energetically from the start, using long and short passes while launching their opening attacks.

Chinese Taipei deserved the win, with its players executing and tackling well. Throughout most of the match, Chinese Taipei controlled the ball and passed crisply.

Although Myanmar displayed speedy play at the beginning, its strikers could not penetrate its opponents’ defense line due to some hesitations.

By taking advantage of the weak point against Brighten.

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Lampard gets first home league win as Chelsea beat Brighton

London (United Kingdom) — Frank Lampard admitted he was relieved to finally earn his first home Premier League win as Chelsea manager after goals from Jorginho and Willian sealed a 2-0 victory against Brighton on Saturday.

Lampard had presided over two draws and a defeat in the league at Stamford Bridge since the Blues legend was hired from Derby in the close-season.

A League Cup thrashing of minnows Grimsby in midweek was Lampard’s only win on home turf until Jorginho’s second half goal broke Brighten’s resistance.

Willian bagged the second goal to guarantee Chelsea that avoiding failing to win their opening four home league matches for the first time since 1986-87.

“The home games have been frustrating for different reasons, so today is a nice one. You are aware of it. You want to win,” Lampard said.

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Kane strikes

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Liverpool win ugly to romp clear in Premier League as Kane saves Spurs

LONDON (United Kingdom) — Liverpool sent out an ominous warning to the rest of the Premier League on Saturday, proving they can win ugly as Harry Kane rescued 10-man Tottenham.

Frank Lampard’s Chelsea beat Brighton 2-0 at Stamford Bridge, winning at home for the first time in the league under their new manager, courtesy of a Jorginho penalty and a Willian strike.

Elsewhere, there was a first league win of the season for Wolves, against bottom club Watford, while West Ham’s draw at Bournemouth lifted them to third in the table.

JurgenKlopp’s Liverpool won their seventh Premier League game out of seven to pull eight points clear of Manchester City, thanks to Georginio Wijnaldum’s fortunate strike in a 1-0 victory at Sheffield United.

The European champions looked short of invention against the well-organised Blades until Wijnaldum’s shot from the edge of the box 20 minutes from time trickled between the legs of United goalkeeper Dean Henderson.

Liverpool, who have won 16 consecutive league games, finished a single point behind champions Manchester City in the Premier League last season but are now setting a searing pace as they chase their first title since 1990.

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There is a saying, “Birds die flying in the sky. Men die inventing and thinking on the earth”. We all agree with this saying. The advance of science and technology has brought the different parts of the world into closer touch with one another than ever before. We can reach distant lands within a brief short time with the help of flight. We can communicate with people far away by means of the telephone and the wireless. Among them, mobile phones are one of the things scientists have invented to make us convenient for a better life.

The world has witnessed a significant growth of mobile phones in the recent years. Also in Myanmar, there has been an enormous increase in the number of mobile phone users. Mobile phones are the most commonly used devices in our society. No one can deny that this rapidly evolving gadget has changed our life styles to different direction.

Regardless of gender, how old they are or how young they are, everyone uses a mobile phone without any age limit. A mobile phone or smart phone is not only a communication device but also a gadget which integrates several useful tools. However, we should notice that even a coin has both sides, head and tail. Similarly, mobile phones have good and bad effects. So we should analyze the pros and cons of using mobile phones.

To start with the good point, mobile phones help us in several ways. We can make or receive calls wherever we go since they are hand-held portable devices. We don't need to worry about how far we are apart. We can communicate with each other within a few seconds. Moreover, today's mobile is not only to make voice call but also to enjoy video call so that especially those people who have been separated each other for a long time can see each other through a phone screen. So we can say that a mobile phone changes our earth to a global village.

Another evident advantage is that mobile phones make us our lives free from worries and anxieties whenever we see or watch a comedy or funny video on Facebook. Moreover, we can do online shopping with the help of mobile phones. So we don't need to go to supermarkets or outside ourselves to buy the things we want. Everything from ordering a pizza to calling to check movie times is easier with a mobile phone, as the communication device you need is right at your finger tips. So mobile phones are convenient to use for everyone.
They are proud, arrogant and boastful.

She is old and feeble.

The soil is soft and fine.

The morning was misty and windy.

The roads are narrow, muddy and dirty.

She was very popular with the young men.

We were under-fed and ill-housed.

They were tough and rough.

He was cunning.

Those countries are wealthy and powerful.

This subject is as deep as it is wide.

He is homeisck.

We are not selfish.

That officer is sometimes womanish.

She is very childish.

The flowers in that garden are very lovely.

They are sincere and friendly.

That little town is very lively.

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He is obstinate and impulsive.

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I am optimistic.

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Let us lift up the one who is falling down

In the secular world, there are many people who are falling down from their current status of life and there are also many people who are down hearted. The task of lifting up the one who is falling down and encouraging the one who is down hearted are liked by most people. However, not everyone can be able to lift such people up and encourage them. The ones who can be able to lift them up and encourage them are called the man of philanthropy.

Philanthropy is ‘Parahita’ in Pali terms meaning to have a keen interest in the welfare of others in both worldly affairs and the way to escape from worldly desires and attachments except that of oneself and perform it. To directly summarize its meaning, it performs the welfare of all kinds of creatures. The people who perform the welfare of all kinds of creatures are the man of philanthropy. The organization that performs the welfare of all kinds of creatures is philanthropic organization. The attitude that performs the welfare of all kinds of creatures is philanthropic mind.

Performing the welfare of the others is the way of Noble persons. It can also be said that they are the one who possess the attitude of Bodhisattva (Bodhisatta). As they are performing the welfare of others, they cannot heed their own interest and benefit as well as they repay their time own time to the others. Therefore, all of them are the ones of Noble attitude, aren’t they?

Only when the ones who are performing the welfare of the many other people cannot be said as the man of philanthropy, the one who is performing the welfare of the certain person who is in his surroundings and actually needs necessary aids can be said as a man of philanthropy. That is why he or she has the attitude of performing the welfare of the other. In this case, the one who needed aids is convenient due to the man of philanthropy who helped the other as much as he could. It is like the example in which a piece of straw is greatly reliable for a drowning man. It is more essential to fulfill the needing one as much as one could than counting the amount of aids.

The Bodhisattva (Bodhisatta) helped the welfare of others not distinguishing whether one was the relative or not, in His every existence. Finally, when he became the Lord Buddha, He performed the good of the others without caring His life until His cessation of strife. The ways of the man of philanthropy are identical to that of Bodhisattva (Bodhisatta) and so is their attitude of performing for the others. Therefore, the work of philanthropy can be done just by the Noble people but not everyone.

Beneficial Flowers

not letting their egos late at night
those getting up early for others’ right
their hands,
unable to nurture young florets
be able to clean weed yet,
for our garden,
Oh! they’re not ugly flowers, then.

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Besides, almost up-to-date mobile phones have HD camera function. That’s exactly the point we use them not only for making and answering call but also for taking photographs. Some teenagers install BG12 or 360 Camera Application in their phones. When there is a celebration such as wedding ceremony, birthday party, staff party and other significant events, we can take group photos for a remembrance. These photos will be a memory for us when we are moved from one place to another. Moreover, when we feel boring, we can enjoy listening to music by touching Music Player Application, which we installed in our phones. Also a mobile phone acts as a clock. So we can set alarm to wake us up when it is time to get up. For the facts mentioned above, mobile phones are one of the useful things in our daily lives.

We all know that using mobile phones provides us great advantages. On the other hand, we should be aware of its disadvantages. From a medical point of view, the frequently use of mobile phone can damage the users’ eyesight. This can cause most teenagers to wear thick glasses because they use mobile phones too much all the time. Some teenagers, especially students spend their precious time using phones instead of studying lessons. As a result, they become addicted to playing online games such as Clash of Clans (COC), Mobile Legends (ML), and PUBG Mobile. These games take too much time and they are harmful to the players. To play these network games, the players have to buy the prepaid card. So it costs a lot. If they play these games with their phones all the time, they will stay up late without doing their job or studying school lessons. Their performance at school will drop notably. In my opinion, students of today are leaders of tomorrow. If they fail the exam and they fail to carry out their tasks, we will lose great and brilliant leaders of the country we love.

The excessive use of mobile phones can do worse certain relationships. For example, in a home, if family members use the mobile chatting with the people from Viber or Messenger, surfing the internet and playing games, they do not have much time to have chitchat with their family members. If they do so all the time, their home will not be a home sweet home. To show love, sympathy, empathy, understanding, compassion and warmth to their families is a must for all family members.

Moreover, some people use mobile phones in the wrong way. They search some porn websites and download nude photos and videos. This leads to rape, especially child sexual abuse (child molestation). An adult or older adolescent uses a child for sexual stimulation without controlling his mind when he sees nude photos or videos. This is the worst effect of the use of mobile phones all the world.

In conclusion mobile phones play an important part in people’s lives in all countries. It is natural that the use of mobile phones has two sides, good and bad. However, we should be aware of its cons. If we use them properly, we will get its pros. But we will get its cons if we use them in the wrong way. Let’s use the mobile phones being aware of their effects, to be the masters but not to be the slaves of mobile phones.
Fishing and livelihoods of local people in Maungmakan

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Fishing is a major source of income for local residents of the Rakhine, Taninthayi and Ayeyawady coastal areas. During our recent visit to Maungmakan Beach in Launglon Township, Dawei District, Taninthayi Region, we witnessed the daily lives of local families who rely upon fishing for their livelihoods.

Visit to Maungmakan Village

During the fishing season, small fishing boats, locally called Boat-Ma and carrying five or six crew members, go to sea early in the morning. In the rainy season, they return in the evening, but in summer they spend about three days at sea before retuning. When they arrive back on shore, their families and daily wage workers sort out the fish caught by each boat, prior to their catch being sold.

First, they sort out fish and crabs, which are marketable in China and Thailand, while other fish, such as crabs and oysters, are sold in the local market. “It’s not easy to make ends meet with a big family,” said Daw Chit Su, a housewife who has been working in fishing for over 30 years, “but somehow we manage.”

Despite working for 30 years, her family does not have any savings. She sometimes must decide not to send their children to school when the fishing boats could not go to sea due to severe weather. “We have struggled for education for our children,” said Daw Chit Su.

Life at sea

While some own fishing boats, other families are fishing on a manageable scale, using traditional nets and floating balls.

There have been many incidents of fishing boats getting caught in storms at sea. “I have been working this kind of fishing since I am 20 years old. I had to overcome dangers at the risk of my life,” said U Nyi Nyi Lat, “In one incident, I had to swim for two hours to reach shore.”

But, those who own fishing boats have found easy business, especially in rainy season. U Thet Naing, who owns a fishing boat, said he has to hire five crew members to fish in the season for each trip at a cost of K10000 per head. The marine resources in Maungmakan are supplying food to local people and supporting their livelihoods.

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**SUNDAY COMICS**

**HAHA**

Don’t go near the drain, Mi Phoe.

My ball fell into it.

The ball has flowed away.

Is it this ball?

Yes.

You must pay for it.

What did you just say?

Ann!

A dog has taken away the slipper you left.

I’ve got my ball back.

Give me my slipper back. Give it back. Bad dog.

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**PEOPLE**

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Cartoon: Maung Shwe Win

Are you looking for a job?

Yes.

I’ve found what I hope for.

To me, salary doesn’t matter the most.

Good, you ought to do what you are good at.

What kind of job are you looking for.

Job that gives bribe.

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**SUNDAY JOKE**

Cartoon: Maung Aung

A shirt costs over 100,000 ks.

My watch is Swiss and shoes are high end Italian.

You worth is not your accessories.

My standard of living is as you see.

I can spend as I wish.

All my clothes are made in US.

It is about the quality of your character. If you can’t match quality of your clothes, I’m sorry.

OMG!
I was sitting at a dwarf table outside of the tea-shop. There was a motorbike coming towards the direction of which I was sitting. However, it halted at the entrance of a compound of the house which was the next door to the tea-shop. The rider of the motorbike let the white-greened child down from his bike. No sooner did the child go into the house quickly than the rider drove his bike away. At that moment, another motorbikes got to there his bike away. At that moment, the rider of his bike said, ‘Cut’ The Other; ‘Chop’ The One; at the end. After the school, the children together with the teacher got to the house that accepted the round-table tuition. They were going to study their lessons already taught in school but they would study their lesson soon with the method that was not used at school. I would only like to know the responsible personals about the current ground-situation. I do not mean to take action on the respective teachers. If the teachers from the school do not do the tuition work, the parents are surely going to look at the ones who will teach their children as tuition.

The State-implementing Education System is not the one in which all of what the teachers say are crammed into the head of the students and made them vomit again. It is the system which encourages the student to be thankful, to dare to think, to create something by themselves, to appear the attitudes to create something by themselves and to be mature their self-relying mind instead of relying upon the teachers and parents. The State is earnestly expecting the future society in which the students will possess the qualification of all-round development in the fields of not only academic lessons but also art, music, painting and sports.

As this is the transitional period, the old system and the new system are gradually mixing especially starting to transform and it still makes some teachers and parents confused. Some greedy parents still want their children to stand first in the class. Only when the children are able to recite the lessons bit by bit, some teachers and parents think that their students and children are well-digested in their lessons. This is a false deep-seated belief. It roots in the mindset of both parents and teachers. Therefore, we can see sending children of KG to Grade 3 and also Grade 6 to their respective tuition classes. It can be seen not only in my town but also in Yangon, the commercial city, and Nay Pyi Taw, the capital city of Myanmar.

At schools, they are taught by the new methods: reciting, dancing, drawing, painting, cooperating, etc. However, when they get to the tuition classes after school, they are made reciting or learning by heart, writing again on the note books in line with the old teaching method that The State starts abandoning. As a result, the children who do not attend the tuition classes are seeming to be illiterate compared with those who go to the tuition classes. In this way, although it is not a rule to attend the tuition classes, it seems only when the children attend the tuition classes will be convenient. It is like the forced pulling the students down into the old system instead of being familiar with the new system and growing up in it.

There is a problem I would like to emphasize. Most of the children are puzzled whether they have to write down by their own thinking as taught in schools or they have to write down what they learn by heart, which their teachers gave them in the tuition classes. What is more, when it is added with the greed of some parents who want to be show-off, KG + 12 Education system is like that ‘The world is a sphere at school but flat at home’.

To succeed a new system, it is very important to change the basic mindset of those who will be participating in the implementation of it especially for those who are responsible personals and teachers of the Basic Education Level including the parents. In my opinion, responsible personals should do the continual inspections about how the staff are performing the system to be prospering. In addition, they should also explain the respective parents and listen to their voice of feedback. It will not be enough to ask for the figurative facts from the office of Township Education Officer. Just this work does not make the Education System prospering. It is necessary for the responsible personals that they have to go to the classrooms and observe how their teachers are implementing the New Education System. Otherwise, all of them will perform their works just as the duty. No matter how nice the New Education System is, The State will not be able to obtain the good results.

For every State, Education is the greatest and widest Politics. Assuming the meaning of above sentence and bearing it in everyone’s mind, only when all of us try our best, we will be able to achieve our goal. Otherwise, the situation ‘Chop’ the one, ‘Cut’ the other will be met again.
Red with anger, when scattered
Will the children of future ever recover?
Once they’d been raised in hopes of optimism,
Before the cheerfulness turns yellow with criticism.
Then the youngsters cried, when in good time
Has the pure whiteness left unpainted and come in shine?
Though with white they entered,
The sad world has imprinted their souls with colours,
Where colour blue is hardly personified as trust dealer.
Who’s ever blacked out their faith across the moonlight shimmering?
And instead, turned his green into jealousy and anger?
Who stole the growth and energy from a natural peacemaker,
Where colour blue is hardly personified as trust dealer.

**By Phyu Min Thu**