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Myanmar launches Unicode standard to expedite e-government plan



A ceremony to launch the nationwide migration of Unicode standard is opened by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Union Minister for Union Government Office U Min Thu, Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung and officials in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, patron of the e-Government Steering Committee, delivered an address at the official launching ceremony of Myanmar Unicode migration yesterday morning.

First, the Project K Group sang the Myanmar Unicode theme song after which the Myanmar Unicode migration

process video was screened.

The inauguration of Myanmar Unicode migration took place with the slogan of 'Let's Migrate All Together to Myanmar Unicode Standard System' which were written on the screens of tablets for the individual words 'Myanmar' by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, 'Unicode' by Union Minis-

ter for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung, 'Standard System' by Member of National Standard Council Member and Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun, 'All' by Union Minister for Union Government Office U Min Thu, 'All Together' by Member of Myanmar Language Commission Dr Myint Kyi, 'Migration' by

Myanmar Computer Federation Chairman U Min Zeyar Hlaing, and 'Let's' by Patron of Myanmar Computer Federation U Thein Oo. in Myanmar language on LED board.

They simultaneously touched 'send' for these words to announce the official migration of Unicode font system on the background LED board.

In her opening remarks, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi who is also Patron of the e-Government Steering Committee said that the inauguration of Myanmar Unicode was an essential step to support the e-government programme for the development of the country.

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Chairman of Foreign Affairs and Unification Committee Mr Hon Yoon Sanghyun hosts lunch for Myanmar Hluttaw delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat in the Republic of Korea. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Myanmar Hluttaw delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat landed on the Incheon International Airport in the Republic of Korea at 7: 35 am local time yesterday.

They were welcomed at the airport by officials from the National Assembly of ROK, Myanmar Ambassador to ROK U Thant Sin and officials from Myanmar Embassy.

At 12 noon local time, Mr Hon Yoon Sanghyun, the chairman of Foreign Affairs and Unification Committee, of National Assembly hosted lunch for Myanmar Hluttaw delegation.

They also visited Hwaseong Haenggung Palace in Suwon at 2:30 pm, and the Samsung Innovation Museum at 4 pm.

During the visit, the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker is accompa-

nied by Pyithu Hluttaw Judicial and Legal Affairs Committee Chairman U Tin Htwe, Pyithu Hluttaw Electricity and Energy Development Committee Chairman U Kyi Moe Naing and Pyithu Hluttaw Ethnic Affairs and Internal Peace Implementation Committee members U Kyin Wan and U Tun Kyaw and officials from Pyithu Hluttaw office.— MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations receives US-ASEAN Business Council



Union Minister U Thaung Tun holds a meeting with a delegation led by US Ambassador Scot Marciel and President & CEO of the US-ASEAN Business Council Mr Alexander C Feldman in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun received a delegation led by the US Ambassador Scot Marciel and Mr Alexander C Feldman, President & CEO of the US-ASEAN Business Council at the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The Union Minister briefed the US delegations on

the change and transformation taking place in Myanmar and underscored the growing opportunities for investors.

Delegation members representing US Companies — Abbott, Amazon, Bower Group Asia, Chevron, MasterCard, Visa, Ford, Google, Coca-Cola, Chubb and Diageo —spoke about the current status of their investment in Myanmar.

Union Minister urged the US-ASEAN Business Council

members to convey the positive business environment obtaining on the ground in Myanmar to potential investors backhome. He said that the ASEAN Free Trade Area (AFTA) and the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) which is scheduled to be concluded next month will create more trade and investment opportunities in Myanmar and the region.—MNA

Joint Committee on Amending 2008 Constitution holds meeting 44/2019

MEETING 44/2019 of the Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of the Joint Committee Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Aung

(a) U Tun Tun Hein, Deputy Chairman of the Joint Committee Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung, Joint Committee secretary Dr Myat Nyana Soe and members who were Hluttaw representatives from political parties and Tatmadaw Hluttaw representative and officials from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office. — MNA



Meeting 44/2019 of the Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Commerce Union Minister receives Czech Ambassador

UNION Minister for Commerce Dr Than Myint received Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Myanmar Mr Jaroslav Dolecek at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters related to promoting bilateral friendship, bilateral trade and

investment, economic cooperation, future businesses cooperation between the governments and peoples of the two nations, bilateral trade promotion, and making investments in manufacturing agricultural equipment. —MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



Union Minister for Commerce Dr Than Myint meets with Ambassador of the Czech Republic Mr Jaroslav Dolecek in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Myanmar launches Unicode standard to expedite e-government plan



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivers an opening address at the official launching ceremony of Myanmar Unicode Migration in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

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The e-Government was a system that conveyed the messages of departments to the public electronically. It was important to use a common standard communication system and language among the government ministries and its departments, inter-departments, the government and business companies, the government and public, inter-business companies, the business companies and the public and among the public. The use of Unicode standard system is an important stage under the e-Governance Master Plan.

If an order of government was written in Unicode, other non-Unicode (for example—Zawgyi font) cannot read it. Moreover, if someone used online banking to send money in non-Unicode fonts, the bank's system would not read the font properly as it uses Unicode. Therefore, it was very important to have a common font system which would help for a wider use in online applications such as online shopping, mobile money and mobile health, as well as e-visa, e-passport and e-ticketing.

Myanmar has seen a 12-point increase in e-Government Development Index from level 169 in 2016 to 157 in 2018.

The State Counsellor said that the reason for this significant surge included setting up over 40,000 kilometer of internet fiber cable from 2016 to 2018, building 15,000 mobile telecom stations and over 50 million mobile phone users. However, Myanmar still lagged behind neighbouring countries due to lesser use of services from online applications among the peo-

ple who lack skills and knowledge in these technologies.

She added that one more fundamental reason was that Myanmar hesitated to use Unicode at the national level, while the neighbouring countries have embraced this system, with Cambodia being the latest in 2010.

There were many advantages of the Unicode system. It meets international norms and Myanmar language writing system. The National Standard Council has approved the Unicode system with MMS ISO/IEC 10646:2017 on 21 September 2019. Everybody who knew the Myanmar language writing system could use the Unicode.

Although there were still some difficulties in writing Unicode, the languages of Myanmar ethnic people such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Mon, Rakhine and Shan could be used in this system. She said that the system was named as Unicode and the font was called Pyidaungsu.

Another advantage was that the Unicode was developed in an international norm, and that it could be translated into other languages by using the Google translate software. The handwriting form could be turned into printing font system in personal assistant devices such as computers, mobile phones tablets and iPad. The voice message could be converted into text message by using G-Board of Google when someone found it difficult to write.

For these reasons, people were urged to use the Unicode standard system. Every change would have some challenges at the initial stage. The relevant ministries and experts from the

Myanmar Computer Federation were trying to overcome these issues. Telecom companies and mobile phone producers and importers have participated to solve these issues. Artistes and celebrities were helping in the Unicode campaign.

The State Counsellor also said all the difficulties could be solved in unity. If every computer user and mobile phone user followed the Unicode system in accordance with the expectation of e-Government Master Plan, then the communication system and services among the government, business firms and public would surely improve.

She finally reiterated all-inclusiveness to follow the Unicode font system.

The campaign video clip of the State Counsellor was then screened at the event.

Next, the State Counsellor and the Union Ministers posed for documentary photos together with the attendees before

they looked around the Myanmar Unicode Migration booths displayed by telecom companies on the ground floor of MICC II.

The second session of the event was continued the explanation of Deputy Minister U Thant Sin Maung about implementation of e-Government and he also urged for using Myanmar Unicode across the country.

Chairman of Myanmar Computer Federation U Min Zeya Hlaing expressed thanks to the attendees and its Vice Chairman Dr Tun Thura Thet talked about the future plan for Union Migration.

Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung and the deputy ministers presented certificates to those who participated in the Myanmar Unicode Migration.

The event held at the Myanmar International Convention Center II in Nay Pyi Taw was attended by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Sein Win, Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Dr Pe Myint, U Min Thu, Thura

U Aung Ko, Dr Aung Thu, U Thant Sin Maung, U Ohn Win, U Win Khaing, Dr Than Myint, Dr Myint Htwe, U Soe Win, U Han Zaw U Ohn Maung, Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Union Auditor General U Maw Than, Chairman of Union Civil Service Board U Win Thein, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr Myo Aung, Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, deputy ministers, ministers of States/Region governments, Permanent Secretaries, departmental heads, ambassadors of international embassies in Myanmar, the patron of Myanmar Computer Federation, its chairman and responsible persons, chairpersons and officials from the associations of movie, Thabin and music, members of Myanmar Unicode standard drafting committee members of Myanmar Language Commission and invited guests. — MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi looks around the Myanmar Unicode Migration booths displayed at the launching ceremony of Myanmar Unicode Migration in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Vice President U Myint Swe addresses 55th Myanmar Police Force Day in Nay Pyi Taw

VICE PRESIDENT U Myint Swe delivered a speech at the 55th Myanmar Police Force Day held at the Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday morning.

After the Myanmar Police Force Day flag hoisting ceremony, a one-minute silence was observed in honor of Police Force personnel who gave their lives in the line of duty.

In his speech at the event, Vice President U Myint Swe said that after achieving independence, Myanmar Police Force reforms were conducted and on 1 October 1964 it was renamed "People's Police Force" and that day was designated as Myanmar Police Force Day. Its motto of "loyalty, integrity and courage" has been practiced and observed and it is now in its 55th year.

Throughout the ages the Myanmar Police Force had implemented four main tasks namely: internal security, peace and tranquility; rule of law; preventing and protecting from the drug menace; and conducting works that benefit the people.

Looking at the variety of crimes including acts of terrorism that were encountered nowadays the increase or decrease of crime were found to be related to social problems, problems of low education, economic problems and drug problems. Thus it was important not to rely only on the laws and the judiciary system that was practiced but also on the cooperation of the judiciary sector as well as ministerial departments, media, local and international non-government organizations, civil society organizations and all other sectors with the Police Force.

Furthermore all over the world too, unconventional and conventional security problems were being faced and cross border crimes were becoming a problem that a single entity or a country alone could not resolve it. It was a crime problem that must be resolved through regional and international cooperation.

Based on the 8 basic principles of UN crime prevention, the Myanmar National Level Crime Prevention Strategy (2018-2020) was drawn up and enacted on 15 March 2019.



Vice President U Myint Swe looks around the exhibition booths of 55th Myanmar Police Force Day held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

State/region, district and township level work programs were drawn up and implemented according to this strategy.

Various approaches based on background history, culture, development, ownership of resources, location and geographic conditions were seen to be used in the international arena to handle and resolve the drug problems. Myanmar like the nations of the world has also faced the drug problem for many years and successive governments were seen to have done their utmost towards eradicating and eliminating the problem.

Drug problem affects the people's health, social life and basic economy. It causes acts of terrorism, money laundering and illegal flow of money, corruption, exploitation and cross border crimes. On the other hand income from drugs causes related acts of armed and terror attacks.

According to 2017 and 2018 figures, opium planting and production was found to have decreased but due to the ease of producing and acquiring modern chemical based ecstasy pills resulted in wider usage and demand for it increasing the drug problem. A certain level of effectiveness was achieved due to the information and reports made

by the public after the government formed a Drug Activity Special Complaint Department on 22 June 2018 and some major sources were exposed and numbers of arrests were made. The Myanmar Police Force had conducted 25 special operations in cooperation with

organizations.

Starting from 1997, Myanmar has designated combating human-trafficking as a national duty. More than 20 years have passed and during that period a Central Body for the Suppression of Trafficking in Persons and Anti-Human

Myanmar Police personnel need to be free of corruption in order to earn the respect and trust of the people. They are urged to follow the rules and regulations and ensure the safety of the whole of society, in accordance with the law.

the Tatmadaw and was able to expose and arrests many drugs including heroin. The Myanmar Drug Law and Drug Control Policy 2018 was enacted and announced to resolve the drug problem and to implement the policy, the national strategic plan was drawn up and conducted country wide. In addition to this various means were used in cooperation with UN organizations, international and regional organizations, non-government organizations and civil society

Trafficking Police Force have been formed. Myanmar has signed on as member of United Nations resolution and ASEAN plan of action on the eradication of trafficking in persons and signed bilateral MOUs. Myanmar is drawing up and implementing five-year plans to combat human trafficking. The third five-year plan from 2017-2021 would be implemented in four sectors; cooperating in project with policy, prevention, legal action and protection.

Myanmar was a member country of INTERPOL and was cooperating in police work with INTERPOL headquarters and among member countries, exchanging news on crimes, conducting workshops, training courses and crime prevention operations on cross border crimes.

Similarly, it was working with the ASEAN National Police (ASEANAPOL) and member countries by attending annual conferences and cooperating in various sectors.

Police force personnel were sent to local and international workshops, discussions and trainings and from the experience gained, the capability of the personnel were not only raised but aimed towards making them to be on the same level internationally.

A Cyber Crime Unit was formed and expanded to prevent and expose cases of defamation, frauds, stealing of news and information, threats and intimidation in the internet social networks. As interconnection and relation with INTERPOL and ASEANAPOL increased and expanded, the organization and structure of the Myanmar Police Force has been expanded and upgraded to be in line with the modern era.

Outstanding members of the Myanmar Police Force were honoured every year, while those who fell while doing their duties for the country were posthumously honoured and the diligence of those who lost their limbs in action should also be acknowledged, he said.

With the aims of the Myanmar Police Force to be patriotic, capable and modern, the organization and structure of the Myanmar Police Force was modified and provided with modern equipment and security while individual members had to undergo continuous practices and exercises to have good discipline and capacity. Myanmar Police personnel need to be free of corruption in order to earn the respect and trust of the people. They are urged to follow the rules and regulations and ensure the safety of the whole of society, in accordance with the law.

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The Myanmar Police Force needed to educate and inform the public about law and crime while increasing cooperation with the public directly or indirectly to prevent and expose crimes.

The Vice President also stressed the need to ensuring transparency of the MPF in providing security services to the people, in accordance with the law, and sending correct information to the people as part of efforts for reducing the fears of

the people.

“I would like to urge you to ensure transparency, accountability and responsibility in your works to become good members of the Myanmar Police Force and to do your duties in the interests of the people with honesty and impartiality,” said the Vice President.

Afterwards Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe presented documents of honors to a DNA expert and retired Myanmar Police Force personnel, and one step promotion for

Myanmar Police Force personnel who performed their duties outstandingly. Other outstanding police personnel were also honored at the event by Myanmar Police Force Chief Police Lt-Gen Aung Win Oo.

Next Vice President U Myint Swe and attendees posed for commemorative group photos and inspected the photographic records and exhibits of the Myanmar Police Force equipment, uniform, arms, machinery, drug detecting devices and vehicles.

In the second part of the

event, Myanmar Police Force Chief Police Lt-Gen Aung Win Oo delivered a Myanmar Police Force Day speech and presented awards to outstanding police personnel.

Present at the event were Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than, Constitutional Tribunal of Myanmar Chairman U Myo Nyunt, Union Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe and U Thaung Tun, Deputy Ministers, Deputy Attorney General, Royal Thai Police

Force Chief, Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Vice Chairman, Nay Pyi Taw Council members, Permanent Secretaries, Myanmar Police Force Chief, Directors General, Royal Thai Police Force Deputy Chief, Myanmar Police Force Deputy Chiefs, diplomats, retired high ranking Myanmar Police Force personnel, representatives of local and international non-government organizations, artists, invited guests, local and foreign media and officials.— MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Myanmar observes 2019 UN International Day of Older Persons

WITH the theme of “The Journey to Age Equality”, the 2019 UN International Day of Older Persons was organized at Myanmar International Convention Center II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe delivered a speech at the event to acknowledge the benefits of older persons for their past and present contributions in the society.

The 10th Goal of Sustainable Development set by the United Nations is aimed to reduce inequality within and among countries and aims to ensure equal opportunity and reduce inequalities of outcome, including through measures to eliminate discrimination, and to empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status.

The Union Minister also said that the old persons should not be neglected in the social, economic and political affairs of the country.

In commemoration of this day, the government will present K 1 million each to the eldest man and the eldest woman of the country this year.

The government has implemented the National Social Pension Scheme in 2017-2018 fiscal year to support income security for the old persons. Under this programme, over 180,000 older people aged 85 and above are receiving K 30,000 every three months. The government is planning to reduce the age level and to increase the amount of fund for each older person.

From 2019-2020 fiscal year,



Union Minister U Thein Swe presents certificate to the outstanding and honourable older persons at the event in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

the government will form the Inclusive Self-Help Group and the Social Strength at the village levels to help the old persons and younger generations. The budget has been allocated to form 150 groups of the Social Strength at the initial stage, and the programme will be extended in the following years.

The Union Minister conveyed the message at the event that each of these groups will receive K 1 million from the Department of Social Welfare and a certain amount of budgets from NGOs.

He concluded that the event was aimed not only to

honour the senior citizens but also to apply the values and powers of these people in state-building processes.

Then, the message sent by UN Secretary-General was read by UN Resident & Coordinator Mr Andrew Krikwood.

Next, the outstanding and honourable old men and women received certificates, medicines and cash presented by the Union Minister U Thein Swe, Union Ethnic Affairs Minister Nai Thet Lwin, Chairperson of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission U Win Mra, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare,

Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung.

Union Minister U Thein Swe also accepted cash donation of Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Ministry of Electricity and Energy, Ministry of Health and Sports, the Help Age International (Myanmar), Directorate of Industrial Collaboration, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association.

Union Minister Nai Thet Lwin also received cash funds from Myanmar Red Cross Society, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Department of Agriculture, Department of Ag-

ricultural Mechanization, and Department of Cooperative,

The 12 older persons from day-care centers performed with Zumba dance, and they were awarded with cash. The members of Social Strength played an opera and they received cash award from Union Minister Nai Thet Lwin and Deputy Minister U Kyi Min.

Next, the documentary video about caring older persons was shown and U Aung Myint, the senior citizen, expressed thanks.

The Union Ministers and the Deputy Ministers posed for document photo together with the older persons.

After the ceremony, they looked around photo exhibition on the activities of caring for older persons.

The ceremony was also attended by the wife of Union Election Commission Chairman, the wives of Union Ministers, the wife of Union Civil Service Board, the wife of Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, chairpersons of Hluttaw Affairs Committee, the wives of Deputy Ministers, the members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, the committee members of Yangon Region and Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee, Myanmar Women and Children Life Promoting Organization, Myanmar Women Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, social organizations, UN agencies, the honourable and outstanding older persons and the invited guests.

At the ceremony, each older person received K 100,000 and each honourable older person K50,000 and other gifts.— MNA

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Visitors need to be made better aware of preserving Bagan sites: tourism body head

By Nyein Nyein

TO make tourism sustainable at the UNESCO World Heritage Site of Bagan, visitors need to be made better aware of preserving monuments and respecting tourist guidelines, said U Naung Naung Han, the chairman of Myanmar Tourism Entrepreneurs Association.

“We have found that some visitors are destroying frescos. Some are writing their arrival dates and names with correction pens on pagoda walls. Some tourists have even climbed up to restricted areas. So, foreign as well as local tour companies need to control them. We need to conduct awareness training for them. If we are aware of the restrictions, we can share them with others,” said U Naung Naung Han.

Some related departments and local people have been less cooperative in conducting sustainability exercises at Bagan, said U Aung Aung Kyaw, the Director of the Department of Archaeology, National Museum.

“For example, if a department submits a budget, they must have a budget plan. We also need to have coordination so that the budget can be allotted among heritage sites. For example, we submitted a budget to supply electricity in some villages. When, we received the funds,



File photo shows a panoramic view of Bagan, Mandalay Region. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

we purchased concrete lamp posts to fix power lines. But, the authorities are not allowed to erect concrete posts in some places. So, we need more cooperation between the related departments. Some of the local people took photos of grass on the pagodas, and posted them with captions asking who was responsible for this, and what are officials being paid a salary for. They don't feel that they also have a responsibility towards the heritage sites. So, we need to take necessary measures to ensure more cooperation between and among the related departments and

local residents,” said U Aung Aung Kyaw.

“There were of 3,822 monuments in Bagan until it became a UNESCO World Heritage Site. About 400,000 tourists visited Bagan in this fiscal year,” he added.

In order to protect the heritage sites of Bagan, the Department of Archaeology, National Museum, and the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture have prohibited making a noise, talking loudly, touching frescos in ancient buildings, taking photos and videos in ancient buildings with frescos, taking photos and vid-

eos beside Buddhist images, and making tattoos of Buddha's image.

Moreover, the department has prohibited sleeping and sitting on Buddha's throne and the surrounding pagodas and terraces; selling, buying, destroying and causing damage to antiques, including Buddha images; illegal trade of Buddha images; acting in the pagoda; drawing and writing on the walls of pagodas; cooking and eating in the pagodas; and, throwing rubbish in the pagoda premises.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Yangon to revamp sewage, household wastewater management with JICA help

THE Yangon City Development Committee will upgrade the ancient sewage and household wastewater management system in seven townships — the six downtown townships and Dagon Township — with the help of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), according to the Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) under the committee.

“The population of Yangon has increased, so we will cooperate with the JICA to upgrade the sewage and household wastewater management sys-

tem. Currently, we are making arrangements to replace the sewage duct system in 2021 in the six downtown townships, using JICA's master plan. We are also making arrangements to secure ODA loans for the upgrade. It will be implemented within two-and-a-half years. It will take one year to draft the master plan and six months for conducting a detailed study of the master plan. Then, the project will be implemented in 2021,” said U Thein Min, the Deputy Head of the Engineering Department (Water and

Sanitation), YCDC.

Yangon's sewage management system was designed by British engineers over 130 years ago when there were 45,000 people living in six Yangon townships. At the time, the British engineers had implemented the sewage management system with two pipelines.

From 2009, the sewage and household wastewater from seven townships, including the six downtown townships and Dagon Township, has been flowing into the Yangon Riv-

er after passing through the Thanlyin wastewater treatment plant.

During the pilot phase of the new sewage management system, new sewage pipelines will be laid, the services of wastewater treatment plants will be upgraded to meet the needs of the increased population, and renewable sewage pipelines will be installed using Japanese technology, according to the Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation), YCDC.—Myint Maung Soe

(Translated by Hay Mar)

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Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
2. With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offenses up to 28 September 2019 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

Sr	Nature of report	Details on seizure and legal action taken
1	Information received of Mya Ghe and Than Zaw Moe, his son, who live in Myothit Kalay Village, Hopin Township, Kachin State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 27 September 2019, police searched the house of Mya Ghe, 52, son of U San Pe, who lives in Myothit Kalay Village, Hopin Township, and arrested him together with ‘88/1’ stimulant tablets. His son, Than Zaw Moe, 24, absconded from there. A case has been opened them with NaMaSa(Hopin) MaYa(pa)57/2019 under Section 16(c), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2	Information received of Budid, Thein Htaik and Ko Oo who live in Yadana Mahnaung Ward, Meiktila Township, Mandalay Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 23 September 2019, police searched the house of Budid (a) Tun Zaw Thein, 29, son of U Bo Nu (a) Nu Win, who lives in Yadana Mahnaung Ward, Meiktila Township, and found him accompanied by Thein Htaik, 36, son of U Hla Han, who lives in Aungzayya Ward, Ko Oo (a) Ko Ko Oo, 25, son of U Thein Win who lives in Wunzin Ward. Police seized ‘88/1’ stimulant tablets from them. A case has been opened them with MaMaSa(Meiktila) MaPa (pa)29/2019 under Section 16(c), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3	Information received of Zaw Myo Naing who lives in Panlin Village, Mogok Township, Mandalay Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 27 September 2019, police searched the house of Zaw Myo Naing, 31, son of U Khin Maung, who lives in Panlin Village, Mogok Township, and arrested him together with stimulant tablets. A case has been opened him with MaMaSa(Mogok) MaYa (Pa)114/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4	Information received of Chit Ko Latt who lives in No 69 Ward, Dagon Seikkan Township, Yangon Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 22 September 2019, police inspected a motorcycle at Shwe Hninsi Street, No 25 Ward, Dagon Myothit (south) Township. It was ridden by Chit Ko Latt, 40, son of U Than Tun, who lives in No 9 Ward, Dagon Seikkan Township, and Min Ko Naing, 21, son of U Win Naing, who lives in No 18 Ward, Dagon Myothit (south) Township, and arrested them together with ‘WY’ stimulant tablets. A case has been opened them with MaMaSa(South-dagon) MaYa(pa)77/2019 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5	Information received of Zin Min Htaik (a) Pyaunggyi who lives in Ngakhonmasan Village, Twantay Township, Yangon Region, and Angelay who lives in ‘Beauty Village’ beauty parlour, Kanthaya Ward, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 26 September 2019, police arrested Zin Min Htaik (a) Pyaunggyi, 30, son of U Maung Gyi, who lives in Ngakhonmasan Village together with ‘WY’ stimulant tablets at the Baunddawgyoke junction, Twantay Tsp. Acting on a tip-off, police searched the house of Thaik Tun (a) Angelay, 38, son of U Ohn Hlaing, who lives in ‘Beauty Village’ beauty parlour, Kanthaya Ward. Police did not found narcotic drugs. A case has been opened them with MaMaSa(Twantay) MaPa (pa)6/2019 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
6	Information received of Nga Phylene (a) Maung Phylene who lives in Moekaungoo Village, Momeik Township, Shan State (north), distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 25 September 2019, police searched the house of Nga Phylene (a) Maung Phylene, 38, son of U Pwa, who lives in Moekaungoo Village, Momeik Township, and arrested him together with heroin. A case has been opened him with MaMaSa(Momeik) MaYa(pa)72/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
7	Information received of Aung Ko Myat who lives in 5 th street, No 14 Ward, Danubyu Township, Ayeyawady Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 22 September 2019, police inspected a motorcycle on the road of Danubyu-Yangon, near Yaytwingon Village, Danubyu Township. It was ridden by Aung Ko Myat, 40, son of U Tin Aung, who lives in 5 th street, No 14 Ward, Danubyu Township and arrested him together with ‘WY’ stimulant tablets. Acting on a tip-off, police searched the house of Ko Thet (a) Thet Hlaing Tun, 26, son of U Tin Aung, who lives in Thawbany Street, No 4 Ward, and arrested him together with implements used for narcotic drugs. A case has been opened them with MaMaSa(Danubyu) MaYa(pa)3/2019 under Section 16(c), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
8	Information received of Daw Zin Mar Kyaw who lives in Myatheintan Ward, Wakema Township, Ayeyawady Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 27 September 2019, police searched the house of Daw Zin Mar Kyaw, 45, daughter of U Kyaw Win, who lives in Myatheintan Ward, Wakema Township, and found her accompanied by Zaw Win Htut, 19, son of U Thant Zaw Lin, and Ma Hnin Yee Cho, 32, daughter of U Myo Chit who live in the same Ward, Htin Zaw Htet, 21, son of U Thein Aye who lives in No 8 Ward, Pathein Township, and Min Thant Naung, 21, son of U Ko Ko Hlaing, who lives in Aungchantha Ward, Nyaunglaybin Tsp, Bago Region. Police seized ‘WY’ stimulant tablets from them. A case has been opened them with MaMaSa(Wakema)MaPa (pa)3/2019 under Section 16(c), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

3. Out of the information sent to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department, so far a total of 769 cases have been opened files as of 28 September 2019. A total of 1200 people, including 1014 men and 186 women had been arrested with 6949.1584 g of heroin, 1318.72 g of ICE, 39776.95 g of opium, 329.6 g of low-quality opium, 19809.27 g of speciosa powder, 7833.19 g of speciosa, 2.5 liters of liquid speciosa, 341408 stimulant tablets, 8363.22 g of marijuana, 0.1 liters of opium tincture, 513.26 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 29.15 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 0.001 g of crushed ecstasy powder, 18 firearms, different kinds of 257 cartridges and one grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the department will report on further exposed cases.

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

Contacts:
Landline No. — 067-590200
Fax Phone No. — 067-590233
Email Address — antinarcotics@presidentoffice.gov.mm

Adolescents crucial to combating non-communicable diseases

THE younger generation can play a crucial role in curbing cancer, diabetes, chronic lung disease, and cardiovascular diseases, the four main types of non-communicable diseases. More than two-thirds of preventable and premature deaths in adults attributed to NCDs are associated with risk behaviour that started during adolescence.

The risk of NCDs is increased by tobacco use, alcohol abuse, unhealthy diet, and physical inactivity.

There were 3 million inpatients, 12 million outpatients, and 760,000 kidney and liver transplants and heart surgeries performed during the three years from April, 2015 to April, 2018.

There has been an annual increase in non-communicable diseases, such as diabetes, hypertension, cardiac-related complications and cancer, while the spread of communicable diseases has reduced.

According to figures released by the World Health Organization in 2018, about 65 per cent of deaths in Myanmar can be attributed to non-communicable diseases caused by four risk behaviours: consumption of tobacco and related products, alcohol, unsafe food; lack of physical exercise; and, air pollution.

Premature deaths in the 30-70 age group make up 24 per cent of the total deaths in the country.

The number of deaths from non-communicable diseases has risen from 48 per cent in 2014 to 52 per cent in 2017.

The people of Myanmar are still not equipped for leading a high-quality life, which is why they are still facing threats from these diseases.

We welcome the activity to be jointly implemented by the Ministry of Health and Sports and Plan International Myanmar from 2019 to 2021, which aims to reduce non-communicable diseases through protection from known risk factors among young people.

As adolescents make up one fourth of the total population of the country, they play an important role in the economic development of the country. Adolescents are our future, in whom we have invested many hopes, and they have a right to the highest attainable standard of health and well-being. They deserve to get the appropriate treatment and protection from risk factors and effective prevention from non-communicable diseases from our societies or health systems.

Thus, the activity is a welcome step forward in reducing the mortality rate of our people from non-communicable diseases. If we can provide quality healthcare to all families and people in our nation, then we will not only prevent premature deaths, but empower our citizens to lead healthy lives. A healthy life leads to a healthy mind, and healthy citizens would bring prosperity and development to Myanmar.

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Myanmar fisheries sector: Current status, opportunities for policy reform

By Win Kyaing (Fisheries Department)

ACCORDING to the 2018 statistics of Myanmar Fisheries Department, there are total 491345 acres of fish farms—247007 acres of fish

farms and 244338 acres of prawn farms. Kinds of fish include freshwater fish—carp, white carp, large carp, river catfish, freshwater pomfret, golden Hamilton carp, grass-eating carp, big-head carp, climbing perch, giant sea perch, banded snakehead, and freshwater catfish.

Myanmar Fish Breeding

Myanmar people have very much consumed varieties of local fish species for a long time; in the last two decades, fishes in natural lakes have become rare, thus rising their prices and farm fishes becoming main foods especially a variety of carps. This kind of carp tops among the 10 items of fishes exported; Myanmar is the second-largest carp exporting country in the world. River catfishes are mostly second-largest bred in the country for local consumptions and dry raw materials of fish products. Other fish species are locally consumed and only some have been exported. Exports from fish farms have generated incomes of over US\$ 100 million.

Prawn Breeding

There are as many as 244338 acres in prawn breeding sector; three kinds of species of lobsters,



Workers processing marine products at a cold storage facility in Yangon.

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spotted prawns and vannamei scale. Freshwater lobsters are are bred and produced on a large being bred separately as well as

mixing with different kinds of fishes. Saltwater spotted prawns are being cultured in traditional ways in ponds along the coastal regions especially in the Rakhine State which produced en masse. The number of young spotted prawns in nature have decreased; at the same time, output of the spotted prawns from a fish-breeding pond has become lower and lower. While prawns have been bred and produced in ponds by means of scientific methods in Ngwe Saung Area, Ayeyawady Region, Kyunsu Township, Taninthaye Region, Thayechaung and Kawthoung Townships and Thandwe township, Rakhine State.

Scientific breeding systems

Traditional methods of fish and prawn breeding are practiced in Myanmar, and modern, scientific breeding techniques are really needed. To produce young fish and prawns with the help of multi-purpose incubators, high breeding techniques, modern food businesses, high-price productions, programs for exporting international markets, research and developments must be managed for their changes.

The productions of fish and prawns filled with opportunities

and potentials should be prioritized to upgrade food sectors for playing an important role in the sectors. As food raw materials getting from agricultural byproducts are used, meeting the requirements of food materials. These raw materials

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should be privately owned in close contact with agricultural planning. Food processing factories must be encouraged by all means.

Marine products were exported according to the following chart. During a period of 11 months from 1 October, 2018 to 31 August, 2019, 544533.187 metric tons were exported generating an income of US\$ 667.007 million. But little progress has been made during a period of 14 years, so the momentum of progress cannot be seen considerably.

Myanmar's climatic similarity

with other ASEAN neighbors as Vietnam and Thailand, the food is enough for consumption for its citizens and tourists. In 2018, Vietnam exported marine products worth of US\$ 8800 million and Thailand did over US\$ 6000. Vietnam possesses 48.81% of land areas of those of Myanmar; but agriculture and animal husbandry (especially fisheries) and systematic policies, planning and projects were applied to bring success in a very short time.

Opportunities

Political changes have been made in Myanmar under the incumbent government to exempt from political and economic blockage; trading rights as the generalized system of preferences (G-SP) must be firmly grasped. The utilization of state-owned natural resources, such as water and land, and workforce as well as the exploitation of opportunities offered by the moderate climate need to be balanced in accordance with the demand in the international market. Choosing kinds of fish and prawns in accordance with our climate must be managed in modern, multipurpose planning.

Fishery sector plays an important role for the security and safety of our national food pro-

Substitute day to be granted for Deepavali National Holiday

The Deepavali National Holiday will fall on 27 October (Sunday) this year (15 Waning Day of Thadingyut ME 1381).

The following working day of 28 October (Monday) will be substituted as a holiday, and that 27 and 28 will be proclaimed as the public holidays under the Section 25 of the Negotiable Instruments Acts.—MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Heads of Service Organizations appointed

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each of their names on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(1) Dr Aung Win Pro-rector University of Myitkyina Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education	Rector University of Myitkyina Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education
(2) Dr Soe Soe Khaing Pro-rector University of Computer Science Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education	Rector University of Computer Science (Monywa) Department of Higher Education Ministry of Education

Myanmar Daily Weather Report
(Issued at 4:00 pm Tuesday 1st October, 2019)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is a few cloud over the Andaman Sea and central Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF THE 2 October, 2019: Weather will be partly cloudy in Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions. Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin and Northern Shan States, fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing Region and Chin State, scattered in Mandalay region, Southern Shan and Rakhine States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfall in Lower Sagaing Region. Degree of certainty is (80%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (3–6) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of continuation of rain or thundershowers in Upper Myanmar areas.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 2 October, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 2 October, 2019: Partly cloudy.



Workers drawing fishing net full of carp caught in a pond at a fish farm in the Ayeyawaddy Region.



Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Soe Win holds talks with US Ambassador Mr Scot Marciel, US-ASEAN Business Council President Mr Alexander C Feldman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Finance and Planning Union Minister receives US Ambassador

UNION Minister for Planning and Finance U Soe Win received Ambassador of the United States Mr Scot Marciel, US-ASEAN Business Council President Mr Alexander C Feldman and party at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters related to participation by businesses organizations from the US and US companies investing in Myanmar Financial Inclusion Roadmap, strengthening economic ties between the two countries, creating positive economic environments for businesspersons and investors, and economic developments of the two nations. — MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye attends conference on ageing community in ROK



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye and attendees pose for a photo at the opening ceremony of 4th ASEM Conference on Global Ageing and Human Rights of Older Persons in Seoul yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye and Myanmar delegation attended the opening ceremony of 4th ASEM Conference on Global Ageing and Human Rights of Older Persons in Seoul, the Republic of Korea, yesterday morning.

The two-day event was opened with the speech of National Human Rights Commission of Korea Chairwoman Ms Young-Ae Choi. It was hosted by the National Human Rights Commission of Korea and the European Union, and cooperatively organized by the ASEM Global Ageing Center and the EU.

The Union Minister discussed at the event about promotion and protection of human rights for all the ages

and genders in Myanmar, the enactment of Elderly People Law in 2016, the National Pension Scheme started in 2017 for the older persons aged 85 and above, the importance of physical and mental well-being of senior citizens, their participation in education, social and economic affairs, sharing their knowledge and experiences with the younger persons, their access to modern technologies, benefits for them from these technologies and management on the increasing population of ageing people.

In the afternoon, Dr Win Myat Aye and party met with President of Korea International Cooperation Agency Ms Lee Mi-kyung, and discussed to expand the World Friends Korea programme supported

by the agency as it benefitted his ministry, to generate social workers, to dispatch Myanmar trainees for short and long-term training programme for human resources development with the support of the agency, collaboration of KOICA in establishing Social Work Institute in Yangon, development of the disabled, rehabilitation programmes for land-mine affected disabled persons, socioeconomic development of rural people, ongoing works for the rights of people from all age levels and cooperation with KOICA in this work, and the participation of KOICA at the 30th anniversary of the Korea-ASEAN Dialogue Relations which will be held in Busan in November.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Ethnic Affairs Union Minister receives Thai Ambassador



Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Nai Thet Lwin meets with Thai Ambassador Mrs Suphatra Srimaitreephithak in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Ethnic Affairs Nai Thet Lwin received Thai Ambassador Mrs Suphatra Srimaitreephithak at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to assistance from Thailand for Myanmar's peace effort, making investments at Myanmar side along the border, conducting vocational trainings and creating job opportunities for ethnic people.

They also cordially dis-

cussed matters related to promoting ethnic affairs relations between Myanmar and Thailand, and cooperation from Thailand for ethnic people's participation in the implementation of Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP).

The ambassador and party also observed the traditional ethnic costumes booths in the ministry before the meeting. — MNA

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Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi extends greeting at the celebration of Day of German Unity in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Day of German Unity celebrated in Yangon

THE celebration of Day of German Unity was held at Novotel Hotel in Yangon yesterday evening.

The event started with national anthems of Myanmar and Germany before Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi and German Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Thomas Karl Neisinger extended greetings there.

The ambassador hosted a dinner for the attendees, including Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein and wife, ambassadors of foreign missions in Yangon, chargé d'affaires, representatives from international organizations and the invited guests.

The German Unity Day on 3 October has been the German National Holiday since 1990, when the reunification of Federal Republic of Germany (West Germany) and the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) was formally completed. — MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Yacht jetty, Eco Smart City planned in Yangon Region

APPROVAL has been granted for the construction of a yacht jetty on Bago River and a Smart City, with 6,000 apartments, at Shu Khinn Thar in Thakayta Township of Yangon Region.

The projects were introduced at a ceremony held at the jetty hall on Monday evening.

“We have already granted permission for the construction of the yacht jetty. Construction will begin very soon. The jetty will berth sailboats as well as ships,” said Ko Ti Ti, the head of the Emerald Bay Urban Planning Project.

Emerald Bay will be the first Eco Smart City with a sailboat jetty in Yangon Region. A Yacht Club will be established to develop the best living community by celebrating the river festival.

“We canvassed many sites in Yangon Region to implement the project. Now, we have found a site, with a wide expanse of land. The site is also close to Yangon as well as to the Thilawa Special Economic Zone. So, we believe that it will be the most beautiful and developed place in Yangon Region,” said the investment director of the project.

As part of the project, eleven 32-storied buildings will be constructed on 27 acres of land within five-and-a-half years. The first phase of the project will begin in March, 2021. The project will have over 6,000 apartments, with parking capacity for 7,200 cars.

The urban planning project is being implemented by the Yangon Golden Paragon Investment Company for six months now. Currently, the project is 25 per cent complete. — Myint Maung Soe

(Translated by Hay Mar)



People visit Emerald Bay at Shu Khinn Thar in Thakayta Township in Yangon region. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAH**

Public Accounts Committee Chairman receives Head of Asia, Pacific Public Sector Operations at EIB



Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee Chairman U Aung Min meets with Ms Angela Marcarino Paris, Head of Asia and Pacific Public Sector Operations at Luxembourg-based European Investment Bank in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

PYITHU Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee Chairman U Aung Min received Ms Angela Marcarino Paris, Head of Asia and Pacific Public Sector Operations at Luxembourg-based European Investment Bank (EIB), at the Hluttaw Building (I-3) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed the matters related to the policy framework signed by EIB and Myanmar, and the implementation condition for the matters. — MNA

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Abe promotes merits of Japan-US trade pact, vows steps for farmers

TOKYO — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said Tuesday Japan's national interests are protected under a trade agreement with the United States but he vowed to prepare measures to address the concerns of farmers in the country before the pact takes effect.

"Because rice, which is important to our country, was exempted from tariffs cuts, it is an outcome that protects our national interests," Abe said during a meeting in Tokyo of senior editors from media outlets subscribing to Kyodo News.

"We will take sufficient measures...by the end of



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (l) and US President Donald Trump shake hands in New York on 25 September, 2019, after reaching a bilateral trade agreement during their talks. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

the year to deal with worries among farmers," Abe said. Earlier in the day, Abe instructed his Cabinet ministers to come up with steps to boost the competitiveness of Japanese farm

products before the trade pact enters into force, likely on 1 January.

Japan and the United States reached a bilateral deal last week to cut tariffs on farm products and

industrial goods, capping five months of negotiations that began with Washington threatening to impose higher levies on Japanese auto imports on national security grounds.

The pact, which needs parliamentary approval, will see Japan reduce its tariffs on beef, pork, cheese and wine among other items, helping appease US farmers and producers feeling disadvantaged by foreign rivals in what is now an 11-member revised Trans-Pacific Partnership free trade pact. US President Donald Trump pulled his country out of the original pact in 2017. —Kyodo News ■

Japan Gov't to oblige mobile carriers to lift SIM locks immediately

TOKYO — The government said Tuesday it will require mobile phone companies to allow customers to switch carriers more easily by immediately removing locks on handsets that bind them to a specific network.

The move comes after two of Japan's major carriers, KDDI Corp. and SoftBank Corp., announced their new sales practices last month, including preventing customers from using competitors' networks for 100 days with the so-called SIM locks in exchange for allowing them to purchase handsets on installment. The Ministry of



File photo taken 7 November, 2018, in Tokyo's Shinjuku Ward shows the logos of Japan's three major mobile phone companies – NTT Docomo Inc., KDDI Corp., the operator of "au" services, and SoftBank Corp. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

Internal Affairs and Communications is responding to criticism that such prac-

tices effectively enclose customers and stifle fair competition in an already

saturated market.

NTT Docomo Inc., the industry leader by number of subscribers, meanwhile, has already allowed subscribers to unlock their handsets immediately, its spokeswoman said.

After soliciting public comments, the ministry will introduce the new rule by revising relevant guidelines in mid-November. SoftBank and KDDI, which operates the "au" brand, have said they will follow the rule. The SIM locks are designed to reduce the risk that customers would flee without paying installments for handsets. —Kyodo News ■

Chinese companies in Saudi Arabia support youth employment in job fair

RIYADH — A total of 20 Chinese enterprises operating in Saudi Arabia took part in a job fair to recruit local talent, attracting hundreds of Saudi graduates and job seekers.

The Saudi-Chinese Career Fair, held at the Prince of Sudan University in Riyadh on Sunday,

aims to inform Saudi graduates and local youth of the opportunities available in the Chinese companies operating in the country.

Addressing the opening ceremony, Chinese Ambassador to Saudi Arabia Chen Weiqing said that in recent years, with the sustained and rapid de-

velopment of China-Saudi Arabia relations, more and more Chinese-funded enterprises have landed in the kingdom.

The Chinese-funded enterprises are not only immersed in traditional fields, such as energy, electricity and infrastructure construction, but also

explore in emerging industries, including e-commerce and telecommunications, contributing the Chinese wisdom to Saudi economic and social development and injecting vitality into economic and trade cooperation between the two countries. —Xinhua ■

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Invitation for Request for Bids

Ministry of Transport and Communications (MoTC) now invites eligible firms to submit the proposals for "Spectrum Management System" as part of the Telecom Sector Reform Project supported by the World Bank's Loan. The deadline for submission of Request for Bids is November 15th, 2019 by 10:30 AM (Myanmar Standard Time).

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The detailed information and requirements can be seen in the Request for Bids and it can be downloaded at PTD Website: <https://www.ptd.gov.mm>.

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Ministry of Electricity & Energy National Electrification Project Notice for Pre-Bid Meeting

The Ministry of Electricity and Energy now invites Pre-Bid Meeting for International Competitive Bidding (ICB), Concrete Poles for National Electrification Project (Phase II), MOEE-NEP-P2/C1-G8/19 as per the following schedules. Interested concrete pole manufacturers and suppliers may register list of attendees.

Date : **Monday 7th October 2019**

Time : **10:00 AM**

Location : **Yadanar Hall, Office No. (27),
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Registration : **Project Management Office**

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China holds huge parade to mark 70th anniv. of Communist Party rule

BEIJING — China held a huge military parade in Beijing on Tuesday as part of its celebrations marking the 70th anniversary of the founding of the communist People’s Republic of China, with President Xi Jinping pledging to attain “the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.”

Among the most closely watched military hardware in the parade was the Dongfeng 41, a nuclear-capable intercontinental ballistic missile believed capable of hitting almost anywhere in the United States.

Ahead of the parade, Xi delivered a keynote speech in which he stressed the Communist Party’s 70 years of achievements, including developing the nation’s economy into the world’s second-largest after the United States.

“Over the past 70 years, people of all nationalities in

the country have worked hard together to achieve the great achievements that have drawn attention from the world,” Xi said. “No power can stop the progress of the Chinese people and the Chinese nation.”

Xi has also pledged to step up efforts to give China’s military forces “world-class” status by the mid-21st century. The Chinese president is the head of the country’s military.

The focus on military strength in the National Day celebrations may possibly raise concerns among its neighbors in the region, where China has been engaged in territorial spats in nearby waters, the experts say.

Without elaborating on how to deal with such demands, Xi said in the speech, “We must support the principle of peaceful reunification and one country, two systems,” adding, “We will



Female soldiers march during a military parade in Beijing on 1 October, 2019 as part of celebrations marking the 70th anniversary of the founding of the communist People’s Republic of China. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

maintain long-term prosperity and stability of Hong Kong.”

On the occasion of the founding anniversary, US President Donald Trump, Russian President Vladimir Putin, North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and other foreign leaders have sent congratulatory messages to Xi, Chinese media reported.

Around 15,000 military personnel, more than 160 aircraft and 580 pieces of equipment featured in the parade, which passed along Chang’an Avenue, the capital’s major thoroughfare, and through Tiananmen Square.

National Day is a key holiday in China’s political calendar. On 1 October, 1949, communist leader Mao Zedong declared the founding of the People’s Republic of China after defeating Chiang Kai-shek’s Nationalist army and finally ridding the nation of foreign forces.

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Tender Closing Date & Time - 15-11-2019, 16:30 Hrs
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THE agricultural sector is the lifeblood of Myanmar people. Myanmar was the world's largest exporter of rice in the mid-20th century. Being an agro-based country, Myanmar's major exports are agricultural products and rice is one of them. More than 75 per cent of total rice production is consumed in the country where over 70 per cent of the total populations reside in rural areas and surplus rice volume is being exported to foreign countries. Myanmar is looking to become one of the world's top three rice exporters in the next few years.

Myanmar has seen a dramatic increase in agricultural exports, earning about US\$ 2.6 billion in the financial year 2017-2018. Thanks to the expansion of rice markets globally, Myanmar's rice exports have risen to the highest level in 55 years in the fiscal year 2017-18, with rice and broken rice exports to foreign countries increased to more than 3 million tones, earning US\$



Myanmar ships about 2.06 million metric tons of rice and broken rice to foreign countries in current FY, fetching over US\$ 623 million. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

Myanmar earns over \$ 623 mln from rice export in current FY

By Kyaw Htike Soe

949 million and 1.39 million tons of rice worth US\$ 406 million was shipped by sea, according to the Ministry of Commerce. Myanmar exported about 2.06 million metric tons of rice and broken rice to foreign countries from 1 October 2018 to 16 August 2019, fetching over US\$ 623 million, according to a source from the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF). The Southeast Asian country earned over US\$ 490 million from freighting rice to 61 countries and US\$ 107.147 million from transporting broken rice to 36 countries during this

period.

"Myanmar shipped 3.58 million metric tons of rice which is the all-time highest record of rice in the fiscal year 2017-2018. But the export amount of rice to foreign countries declined after China suspended the import of rice from Myanmar. I think it would be difficult to surpass the old record of rice export to foreign countries," said U Myint Lwin, Deputy Chief Executive Officer of the MRF. China is the major rice export market for Myanmar. China offered Myanmar to officially purchase rice, accord-

ing to a source from MRF. The proposal is made in accordance with the inter-government law so the offer will not be banned, said U Ye Min Aung, President of the MRF. "We don't rely on solely Chinese market for rice export. We export rice to more than 60 countries. So we should consider the relations between the buyer and the supplier that had already been established in over 60 countries," he added.

The MRF suggested the government that a negotiation should be made based on domestic rice demand if rice is



Myanmar's rice export is expected to reach around 2.5 million metric tons in the current fiscal year. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**



Myanmar looks to become one of the world's top three rice exporters in the next few years. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

officially exported to not only China but also other markets. Rice merchants and trader's associations voiced concerns over illegal purchase of rice in border areas by Chinese merchants. Myanmar mainly exports rice to 62 countries including China, Bangladesh the Philip-

pines, Ivory Coast, Cameroon and Madagascar. The country mostly transports broken rice to Belgium, followed by Indonesia, China, the Netherlands, United Kingdom and Sri Lanka, up from 40 countries compared to the previous year. The country set a target to export

about 2.5 million metric tons of rice and broken rice to foreign markets as foreign demand was declined this financial year, the rice merchants said. An import ban on Myanmar's agricultural products such as rice, sugar and maize by China last year has led to a standstill in trade, a rice merchant said.

"The Philippine government plans to put a ban on import of rice from foreign countries for three months. We will clarify about the situation to the regional government how to store rice purchased from farmers when rice harvest season starts and how to export rice to foreign markets," said a rice mill owner from Bago Region. Around 52 per cent of the rice exports were conducted by sea route while the remaining was transported through border gates. Myanmar's rice exports are expected to reach around 2.5 million metric tons in the current fiscal year, according to the MRF. The Ministry of Commerce is seeking possible ways and means to increase rice exports to foreign countries in cooperation with the MRF. Myanmar exported 1.8 million metric tons of rice and broken rice in 2014-2015 FY, 1.4 million metric tons of rice and broken rice in 2015-2016 FY, 1.7 million metric tons of rice and broken rice in 2016-2017, fetching US\$ 405 million and amounting



to 1.78 million tons of rice than previous year.

The country transported about 3.6 million metric tons of rice and broken rice in 2017-2018 FY and earned US\$ 544 million, according to the Myanmar Rice Federation. In addition, 1.633 million tons of rice valued at US\$ 543 million was exported to neighboring countries via border trade

METRO opens new showroom in downtown Yangon

METRO Wholesale Myanmar, the country's leading wholesale company for food and non-food assortments, yesterday launched its new showroom and head office located at No 22/24 Yaw Min Gyi Street, Dagon Township, Yangon. The showroom is strategically located in downtown Yangon, close to the businesses of its hotel, restaurant and caterer (HoReCa) customers, and it will showcase METRO's expanding range of food and non-food assortments.

The new showroom opening comes a few months after METRO officially launched operations at its state-of-the-art warehouse in Thilawa Special Economic Zone where incoming goods are received, stored, processed and packed in compliance with stringent quality and food safety standards. Since then, METRO has tripled its customer base, reflecting the growing appetite and positive response from the HoReCa sector for the company's innovative and modern one-stop-shop solution that is unique to Myanmar.

"METRO is committed to be the market leader in Myanmar which promotes fostering of relationships, entrepreneurship and sustainable business. We are grateful to have received a tremendous response from the

HoReCa sector for our services, and we are glad to support a growing customer base in Yangon, Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw. Our growth momentum will continue as we plan to launch another showroom in Mandalay in the near future," said Mr Jens Michel, CEO of METRO Wholesale Myanmar Limited, at the showroom opening ceremony held yesterday.

METRO's new showroom offers a convenient shopping experience for customers who can browse a wide selection of high-quality imported and locally-sourced products. To meet the evolving demands of its customers, METRO has expanded its product range by 50 per cent since March, now offering more than 3,000 food and non-food products which include fresh produce, groceries and dairy, beverages, frozen foods, canned & dry goods, wines and cheeses, METRO own brand products, professional items and personal care products — all under one roof and at attractive prices. METRO has targeted to source 75 per cent of its assortments locally, reflecting its growing support to drive the business of local food producers as well as elevate their production standards to an international level. Utilising a combination of e-commerce and food service distribution (FSD), METRO's customers benefit from an innovative



New METRO Wholesale Myanmar Showroom 1.

and market-leading delivery business that sets new local standards in terms of quality, traceability, product freshness, and safety. Once an order is placed through METRO's website or mobile app platforms, delivery is carried out through a third-party logistics service provider with a fleet of modern temperature-controlled trucks.

METRO Wholesale Myanmar was recently the first foreign direct investment wholesaler in Myanmar to be awarded the Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Point (HACCP) Certification. The certification was awarded following rigorous checks of METRO Myanmar's facilities and supply chain management at its warehouse in Thilawa SEZ.

Added Mr Jens Michel, "We will continue to work hard to raise

the bar of food safety in Myanmar together with our suppliers, partners and the authorities. This includes our ongoing Food Safety and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) trainings, as well as Crop Production Handling trainings for food suppliers and producers across different states and regions in coming years."

At its new showroom and across its operations, METRO Wholesale Myanmar has also commenced reducing METRO Plastics Footprint Initiative to phase out conventional single-use plastics and replacing them with reusable, recyclable or compostable alternatives. This initiative is part of METRO's global voluntary self-commitment to significantly reduce its plastic footprint by 2025. —GNLM ■

First health expo of Ar Yu International Hospital

AR Yu International Hospital will host its first Health Expo from 4 to 6 October in Yangon under a theme of "Move on to Healthier & Happier Lifestyles." Persons interested in international health care services, healthier and happier lifestyles are invited to attend the free-of-charge event during the three-day event from 9 am to 4 pm.

The Ar Yu Health Expo was conducted under the supervision of MEDEZE Thailand, the home of the Medeze Group representing the golden standard of the Medeze Stem Cell Family. Dr Than Htut Oo, Head of the hospital said "Health plays a crucial role in daily life.

People need awareness on attaining a healthy lifestyle, pre-



PHOTO: AR YU

vent and detect diseases as soon as possible. Medical checkup

services of the hospital conducted with modern diagnostic

equipment will be explained at the event with a basic message of prevention being better than cure."

Basic medical checkup services such as blood pressure, body mass index (BMI), diabetes, uric acid, bone density and body fat test will be provided free to attendees during the event. Furthermore the hospital's medical checkup packages will be available at discounted prices during the event.

The event will be held at Ar Yu International Hospital in Tamway Township, Yangon. Ar Yu International Hospital established in June 2018 was a joint venture of GaMonePwint Co., Ltd of Myanmar and Thonburi Healthcare Group of Thailand. —Zaw Min ■

30 national women's footballers selected preliminarily for SEA Games

THIRTY players from the Myanmar national women's football team were selected preliminarily yesterday to undertake training in preparation for the 2019 Southeast Asian Games, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.

The players are goalkeeper May Zin Nwe, Mya Phoo Ngone, Thanda Oo, and Zu Latt Nadi; and, defenders Khin Than Wai, Aye Aye Moe, Khaing Thazin, Ei Yadana Phyoe, Wai Wai Aung, Khin Myo Win, Chit Chit, Zun Yu Ya Oo, Phyu Phyu Win, and May Thet Mon.

The midfielders are Khin Malar Tun, Thin Thin Yu, Khaing Thazin Oo, Nge Nge Htwe, Khin Mo Mo Tun, Lae Lae Hlaing, May Thu Kyaw, and Pont Pont Pyae Maung, while the forwards chosen on the

squad are Ye Ye Oo, Nu Nu, Moe Moe Than, Khin Moe Wai, July Kyaw, San Thaw Thaw, Win Theingi Tun, and Myat Noe Khin.

With the preliminary players selected, the women's team will also take part in the China Invitational Women's Football Tournament organized by the Chinese Football Association (CFA) from 4 to 12 November.

The other teams in the tournament are Brazil, New Zealand, Myanmar, and host China.

Afterwards, the team will return to Myanmar from China on 17 November and continue training. During the training, the team will also play a friendly match against Chinese (Taipei) on 20 November, in preparation for the SEA Games. — Kyaw Khin ■



The Myanmar national women's football team will take part in the China Invitational Women's Football Tournament 4 to 12 November in preparation for 2019 SEA Games. **PHOTO: MFF**

Myanmar fighters in Japan for lethwei tourney



The Myanmar lethwei fighters (from left to right in front row) Htet Aung Oo, Aung Khine and Saw Mu Htaw Gae arrive in Japan on 30 September. **PHOTO: MYANMAR WORLD LETHWEI CHAMPIONSHIP.**

MYANMAR lethwei fighters reached Japan on Monday to compete in the 'Lethwei In Japan 14' tournament, which will be held at 5 p.m. (local time) today at the Korakuen Hall in Tokyo, according to the Myanmar World Lethwei Championship.

The 'Lethwei In Japan 14' tournament will be held today (2 October). The event will fea-

ture five bouts.

Myanmar's Saw Mu Htaw Gae will fight Pilao Santana from the Netherlands in the men's 61.5-kg weight class.

Myanmar's Htet Aung Oo will be pitted against Higashi from Japan in the men's 64.5-kg weight class.

Myanmar's Aung Khine will take on Japanese fight-

er Tokeshi in the men's 75-kg weight class.

Japanese fighters Ryo Narushima and Kazuharu will also fight in the men's 58-kg weight class.

In the women's 66-kg weight class, Julija Stoliarenko (Lithuania) will be matched against Yuiga (Japan). — Kyaw Khin ■

World champion Hassan 'shocked' by Salazar doping ban

DOHA (Qatar)—Newly crowned women's 10,000 metres champion Sifan Hassan said she was "shocked" by Alberto Salazar's doping ban on Tuesday, insisting her "conscience was clean" over working with the coach.

Hassan, who is coached by Salazar at the running guru's Nike Oregon Project, sprinted to a brilliant gold medal in the 10,000m at the Khalifa Stadium on Saturday.

The 26-year-old Ethiopian-born Dutch athlete, who is coached by Salazar, is targeting a second gold in the 1,500m in Doha.

However on Tuesday her preparations were upended after the United States Anti-Doping Agency (USADA) announced it had handed Salazar a four-year suspension for doping violations.

"I am shocked to receive the news of today's ruling, especially during this time in which I am fully preparing for my next race in the world championships in Doha," Hassan said.

"This investigation is focused on the period before I joined the Oregon Project and therefore has no relation to me."

Hassan said although she was aware of the investigation into Salazar before she joined the Portland-based camp, she had been reassured by the monitoring of the team.

"I was aware of the ongoing investigations when I joined the team and have always had a clean conscience, knowing we are being monitored to the absolute fullest by USADA and WADA (World Anti-Doping Agency)," she said.—AFP ■



Netherlands' Sifan Hassan celebrates with the national flag after winning the Women's 10,000m final at the 2019 IAAF World Athletics Championships at the Khalifa International stadium in Doha on 28 September 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**