Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker meets with Myanmar mission in ROK

The delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat pose for the group photo with the ambassador and staff from the Myanmar Embassy in the Republic of Korea on 5 September. PHOTO: MNA

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Work on bridge linking Ayeyawady, Rakhine to start in Nov

CONSTRUCTION work on a bridge linking the Ayeyawady Region and Rakhine State will begin in November, according to the Ministry of Construction.

The Chaungwa Bridge is estimated to cost around K3.6 billion, and funds will be allocated for its construction from the Ayeyawady Region's budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year; according to the project engineer in-charge, Daw Thin Thin Aung, of the Bridge Special Group-18 of the Ministry of Construction.

The bridge will be located along the coast, on the Ngayokekaung-Gawyingyi Road, which passes through Ngaputaw, Pathein District, Ayeyawady Region and links with Gwa in Rakhine State. The bridge would benefit the transport in the two regions as it would make it easier to reach to Kathaungy and Nagapali beaches in Rakhine State. The iron reinforced bridge would be 866 ft long and 24 ft wide, with a clearance of 7 metres. The bridge would be able to withstand 60 tons of load.

Upon completion, the bridge would speed up the flow of trade between Ayeyawady Region and Rakhine State, and help develop the socio-economic conditions, and the state of health and education of the people residing in the two regions.
Main icons of Yangon University

Judson Church
Sir Charles Alexander Innes, who was the Chancellor of Yangon University during 1927-30 and 1931-32 academic years laid the foundation of Judson Church on 27 July 1931. The steeple has 180 stairs from the ground to the top. It was once the highest tower in Yangon.

Old Thitpok Tree or the witness of the university life
The over 100-year old Thitpok Tree (Tetrameles nudiflora. R. Br. Datiscaceae) is located in front of the Science Hall near Adipati (Chancellor) Road and Convocation Hall. The old tree existed together with other trees even before the buildings appeared on the university campus. As more and more students arrived at the university at the start of the new academic year in the early rainy season, the tree becomes green again with new leaves. The tree starts to shed leaves in December and January when the examinations are drawing nearer. Students leave the old tree when the summer holidays arrive. At that time the tree has already become barren. But when rainy season starts, the tree becomes green again with new leaves and the university campus is also crowded again with students. So it has been standing as the symbol of the university for over 100 years. It was installed with Blue Plaque as a heritage of Yangon by YHT. This is the first blue plaque which commemorates the natural heritage of Yangon.

Thitpok (Tetrameles nudiflora. R. Br. Datiscaceae) is a deciduous tree and one of the most well-known trees in Yangon. Although it is difficult to tell the exact age of the tree, it is undeniable that the tree has been in the campus since University of Yangon was set up in 1920.

Thitpok Tree is considered the main icon of University of Yangon, along with the Convocation Hall, Judson Church, the Inya Lake and Kant-kaw trees (Ironwood). Throughout its life, the tree has welcomed and said goodbye to generations of students. It has witnessed student movements since the colonial times. It has featured in literature portraying the university.

The tree is not only important to the University of Yangon, which itself will celebrate its centennial in 2020, but also invaluable for the city of Yangon.
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Convocation Hall
Buildings including the university itself were erected on the 400-acre compound of Yangon University. The Convocation Hall is a priceless place and a prominent structure for students. The Convocation Hall is also surrounded by beautiful flowering plants big and small.

It is always an auspicious place for the university.

Yangon University Library
It was built in 1931. A rich man of Indian origin and his wives donated K 200,000 for the library project. The government conferred an honorary doctorate on him for his contribution. Sir Spencer Harcourt Butler, who was the Chancellor of Yangon University and the Governor of Myanmar at that time, laid the foundation of the library on 18 December 1927. The library was commissioned into service in 1928 although it was completed in 1930-31. A committee was established to accept donated books.

Yangon University had University College Library and Judson College Library since its establishment.

The two libraries served as the reference bank for students and teachers. The goal of Yangon University Library was to serve as a research centre.

Hence, it collected copies of stone inscriptions, history of civilization, ancient literature, books on the culture of Myanmar and books on India, China, and Southeast Asian countries. In 1940, it had 23,433 books. They are rare books.

Bago Hall
It was built in 1928. Its name represents Otha Bago, a historical city. It has been a hostel since its completion. Its hostel tutors include renowned persons like Brig-Gen Maung Maung Win, U Thein Han (Zawgyi), U Wan (Minthuwun). Prominent persons who once stayed at Bago Hall included, U Thein Han (Zawgyi), U Wan (Minthuwun), former prime minister U Nu, ambassadors U Hla Maung and U Pe Kin, General Aung San, Col Maung Shwe, and film director and actor Bo Ba Ko.

The bed, table, cupboard, box, umbrella used by General Aung San and documentary photos were displayed at the room where he stayed during his days as a university student.

Adhipati (Chancellor) Road
Adhipati (Chancellor) Road is one of the significant places or structures of Yangon University. It has been a character of novels and short stories compiled by renowned writers, songs composed by well-known creators and poems written by famous poets. Originated at the university gate, the road passes through Pinya, Thaton, Bago, and Mandalay halls before reaching the Convocation Hall.

All these structures and places remind every alumnus of the good old days he/she spent at Yangon University. — Zaw Min Latt

(Translated by TMT)
Transport and Communications Minister visits Border Control Facilities in Myawady

UNION Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung visited Myawady, the border town with Thailand, in Kayin State on 5 October morning to meet the personnel from government and trade bodies who will perform duties at the Border Control Facilities.

During the visit, he was accompanied by U Saw Pyi Thar, the Minister for Environmental Conservation, Forest, Mine, Roads and Transport of the State’s government and officials.

At the meeting, the officials briefed on the tasks of relevant departments, charges for border crossing and infrastructural development plan. The traders also discussed the possible procedures at the facilities. On 6 October morning, the Union Minister and party held a meeting with the Mon State’s Anyotha Hluttaw representative, the State Hluttaw representative, the Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and officials from the Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems.

At the meeting, the officials discussed prevention of flooding, easy flow of water and future plans near Belin river. — MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

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The manufacturing sector has absorbed FDI of $1.34 billion from 225 projects in the last Financial Year. The agriculture sector has attracted six foreign investment projects with a capital of $19 million. The livestock and fisheries sector has drawn 14 foreign investment projects worth $136.89 million. Two projects worth $93.28 million have been approved in the power sector.

The real estate sector has also raked in $210.9 million from four foreign projects. The hotels and tourism sector has drawn an FDI of $82.6 million through seven new projects. The industrial estate sector has also attracted one project worth $46.45 million. Over $600.74 million in FDI has been pumped into the other services sector.

The MIC set an FDI target of $5.8 billion for the 2018-2019FY, but it fell short of reaching the target as the MIC carefully and systematically screened the proposals, according to the DICA.

Therefore, the FDI target was not reached this fiscal year,” said U Thant Sin Lwin, the director-general of the DICA.

Foreign direct investment into Myanmar was registered at $1.76 billion in the last mini-budget period, $5.7 billion in the 2017-2018 FY, $6.6 billion in the 2016-2017 FY, and $9.4 billion in the 2015-2016 FY. — GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Deputy Information Minister discusses quality improvement of GNLM newspaper

DEPUTY Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun met with the editorial staff for advice on the quality improvement of the Global New Light of Myanmar, the semi-state owned English language newspaper, on Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon. Yesterday.

At the meeting, the Deputy Minister called for ensuring the quality of newspaper in terms of accuracy of figures and data, correct English writing and reliability for the readers.

He also coordinated the works of newsroom discussed by the editorial staff before he looked around printing machines of the newspaper. — MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

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Two more bridges — the Makyizin Bridge and Pathein Bridge No. 2 — are under construction in Pathein District, Ayeyawady Region, in the 2019-2020 fiscal year. Once the Chaungwa bridge is completed, the number of bridges will increase to three.

Rakhine State is uniquely positioned to support the emergence of economic and industrial zones, with its range of pristine beaches and cultural heritage sites. — Pwint Thitsar
Mung bean price on the rise since Sept-end; breaches K800,000 per ton

The price of mung beans has been gradually increasing since September-end, and it is currently pegged above K800,000 per ton, according to a commodity depot in Yangon.

With India’s October-end bean import deadline approaching, bean and pulses are being traded daily at high prices. However, merchants are trying to ensure the trading volume is under control so there is no sudden spike in prices.

At present, mung beans are fetching K800,000 per ton in the Yangon market, an increase of K20,000 within one week.

At the 4th ASEAAN-India Expo and Summit held last Feb-

ruary, a Myanmar delegation, led by the Union Minister for Com-
merce and comprising pulses and beans merchants, forwarded a request to Indian government officials to purchase 400,000 tons of mung beans from Myanmar. But, there has been no response to the request, according to the association.

India, the main buyer of My-

anmar pulses, has announced an import quota of 150,000 tons for mung beans and 200,000 tons for pigeon peas for exporter coun-
tries. The import deadline has been set for the end of this month.

Besides India, Myanmar beans are purchased by Bang-
ladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Dubai, Malaysia, Indonesia, China (Tai-
pei), Japan, some ASEAAN, and European countries. But, the volume of demand is small, ac-
cording to the domestic pulses market.

The Ministry of Commerce has been conducting a series of discussions to sell My-

anmar beans through government-to-government (G2G) pacts. In addition, the ministry has been exploring more external markets, said U Aung Htoo, the Deputy Minister for Commerce.

India’s move to restrict im-
portation of pulses in August, 2017 severely affected growers in Myanmar. The price of pulses also plummeted drastically.

In the 2017-2018 fiscal year, over one million tons of mung beans, pigeon peas, and green grams were shipped to foreign countries.

The Myanmar Government made the purchases at just $131 million owing to the price drop, according to data provided by the Ministry of Commerce.—GNLM (Trans-

lated by Eli Myat Mon)

Number of companies registered on MyCO reaches 67,392 in Sep-end: DICA

The number of companies regis-
tered on the online registry sys-
tem MyCO has touched 67,392 as of end-September, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

Registration and re-registra-
tion of companies on the MyCO website commenced on 1 Au-
gust, 2018, in keeping with the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

Since then, more than 21,000 new companies and 46,000 existing companies have registered and re-registered on MyCO, which has brought the total number of registered companies to over 67,000 by September-end. Over 90 per cent of companies have submitted online applications for registration, while the rest have filed their applications manually, according to data provided by the DICA.

MyCO is receiving more than 1,000 applications from new companies every month, and last month, 1,181 companies regis-
tered through the platform, ac-
cording to the DICA.

The DICA had set a six-
month deadline from 1 August, 2018 to 31 January, 2019 for regis-
tration and re-registration. At the time, it had said that companies which failed to re-register would be struck off from the register.

Over 60,000 companies were previously registered in Myan-
mar and all of them were notified to re-register on MyCO. When the deadline closed, 46,377 old companies had re-registered on MyCO and over 10,000 companies had failed to do so.

After the deadline ended, companies which wanted to re-
store their corporate status were asked to shell out a fee and pro-
vide sufficient reasons, according to the DICA.

According to regulations, companies had to provide suffi-
cient reasons why they failed to register before the deadline. They had to shell out a fine after the lapse of the six-month deadline, said an official from DICA.

As per Chapter III of the no-
tification (06/2018) issued by the Ministry of Planning and Finance on 23 July, 2018, if an existing company had failed to re-register on the electronic registry system within the deadline, the regis-
trar could strike its name off the register and publish a notice in the Gazette. Once the notice was published, the company would be dissolved, while the liability of the directors and the members of the company would continue to be enforced.

Under Section (d) of Chapter III, a registrar could restore an existing company or corporate body which had failed to re-regis-
ter, if it provided sufficient cause before its name was struck off the register. Such companies were to be restored after they shells out a fine prescribed by the Union Minister.—GNLM ™ (Translated by Eli Myat Mon)

Maritime trade registered a sharp drop of $1.68 bln last fiscal

The value of Myanmar’s mar-
time trade for the period be-

 tween 1 October, 2018 and 20 September, 2019 in the last fis-
cal year totaled US$2.41 billion, a decline of over $1.68 billion compared with the year-ago pe-

riod, according to data provided by the Ministry of Commerce.

Maritime exports were val-

ue at $9.5 billion, while imports were registered at $14.6 billion.

Compared to the same pe-

riod in the 2017-2018 fiscal year, imports were lower by $1.28 billion, while exports registered a drop of $394 million.

In the October-Septem-

ber period, the value of trade through the border gates was estimated at $9.9 billion, an in-
crease of $1.13 billion amid tight confiscation of illegal untaxed goods and trade suspension by Myanmar’s main trade partner, China.

Meanwhile, the country’s total external trade crossed $34 billion, which is slightly lower than $34.35 billion recorded in the year-ago period.

Myanmar exports ag-

icultural products, fishery products, minerals, livestock, forest products, finished indus-
trial goods, and other products, while it imports capital goods, consumer goods, and raw in-
dustrial materials.

The country currently has nine ports involved in sea trade. The Yangon Port is the main gateway for Myanmar’s maritime trade, and includes the Yangon inner terminals and the outer Thilawa Port.

— Mon Mon ™ (Translated by Eli Myat Mon)

Singapore FDI crosses US$2.4 bn in last fiscal year

TWENTY-five Singapore-listed enterprises brought in US$2.4 billion into Myanmar in the last fiscal year 2018-2019, making Singapore the nation’s largest foreign investor, according to data released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Ad-

ministration.

Between 1 October, 2018 and 30 September, 2019, Sin-

gapore is followed by China, which invested an estimated $634.5 million in 140 projects.

Singapore has remained the largest foreign investor in My-

anmar since 2012, pulling in the largest FDI of $724.4 mil-


During last fiscal, a total investment of $4.15 billion, including expansion capital, flowed into the country, and 282 businesses from China, France, Hong Kong, India, Ja-

pan, Malaysia, the Republic of Korea, Singapore, Switzerland, Thailand, the Netherlands, the UK, the USA, Samoa, Viet Nam, China (Taipei), and Seychelles entered Myanmar.

Additionally, Singapore emerged as the second foreign investor in the Thilawa Special Economic Zone, after top inves-
tor Japan.—GNLM ™ (Trans-

lated by Eli Myat Mon)
Fish, prawns from Kyaukpyu being sent to Yangon alone: depots

Fish and prawns from Kyaukpyu, which have registered a low demand in Bangladesh, are being sent only to the Yangon market, according to Kyaukpyu fish and prawn commodity depots.

In 2017, most of the fish, prawns, and crabs produced in Kyaukpyu were sent to the Sittway market and Bangladesh, said a fish and prawn seller. “At the end of 2018, we could not send the fisheries products to the Sittway market and Bangladesh because there were armed conflicts in the border area. So, the road was not safe for transporting our products. Currently, we are sending the fisheries products only to the Yangon market,” according to a local fishery dealer from a purchase depot.

The value of border trade between Myanmar and Bangladesh as on 20 September stood at US$22.29 million, a decrease of 65.216 million compared with the same period in the previous fiscal, according to statistics provided by the Ministry of Commerce.

Border trade between the two countries is conducted through the Sittway and Maungtaw cross-border camps. From 1 October to 20 September, trade through the Maungtaw gate reached US$8.8 million, while trade at the Sittway border checkpoint was valued at US$13.6 million.

Myanmar exports fisheries products, including dried fish, to South Asian nations, and imports kitchen ware and clothing items from them.

Items traded at the Myan-

The total border trade of Myanmar with four neighboring countries reached US$9.9 billion in the 2018-2019 fiscal. —Aye Cho

US companies likely to invest more in Mandalay

The recent meeting between Mandalay Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MRCCI) and representatives from US-ASEAN Business Council showed some hope from US-ASEAN Business Council for American companies coming to invest in Mandalay, said MRCCI Secretary U Okkar Kyaw.

He added, “These representatives are opening offices in ASEAN nations. The Deputy US Ambassador urged American businesses to come invest in Mandalay. The MRCCI has an American Economic Center and ASEAN intends to work closely with them,” he added.

The meeting on 3 October was attended by the US Embassy’s Deputy Chief of Mission Mr George Sibley and seems to show the US’ interest to invest in Mandalay.

The business council delegation was led by its President & CEO Mr Alexander C Feldman with representatives from US companies Abbott, Amazon, Bower Group Asia, Chevron, Chubb, Coca-Cola, Diageo, Ford, Google, Jhpiego, MasterCard and Visa engaging in discussions with merchants and businesspeople from Mandalay. —Khine Set Wai

1,200 irrigation wells to be dug for villages in Pwintbyu Township

A total of 1,200 wells will be dug, with the assistance of the Asian Development Bank (ADB), to supply irrigation water to villages in Pwintbyu Township, Minbu District, Magway region, which currently do not have access to water for agricultural purposes, said U Sithu Phyo Win, the head of the Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department in Pwintbyu.

The irrigation water supply project through digging of 1,200 wells will be implemented for seven years, beginning from the 2019-2020 fiscal.

Currently, a team led by U Sithu Phyo Win is working on a survey of villages which lack irrigation water supply, in cooperation with the Township Agricultural Department.

With the aim to supply agricultural water to local farmers to help them grow crops conveniently in the villages of Pwintbyu Township, about 1,200 wells will be dug within seven years, beginning 2019-2020, said U Sithu Phyo Win.

“Currently, a survey is being conducted in those villages. We are implementing the project to supply water to help promote the quality of life of local farmers through income earned from the agricultural sector,” he added.

The project, which will be implemented soon, will cover about 15,000 acres of farm land, said U Sithu Phyo Win —Ye Win Naing (Nyaung U) —The Global New Light of Myanmar

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Building inclusive platforms

PUBLIC participation is the main driving force behind the development of a nation, regardless of its administrative or political system. Above all, the success of national development undertakings depends on the unanimous involvement of the people. Although national development is the aspiration of both the leaders and the public, we can achieve progress, in accordance with the objectives, only if the needs and goals of the people are met, and strong bonds of interaction are established between the leaders and the people. By this means, active public involvement in the political affairs of the country. With the aim of broadening the scope of public involvement in the drive for democracy, the Information and Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Information is running community centers across the nation.

A community center in a small village, residents of all ages a local duty with departments and other necessary issues. These centers serve as a platform not only for the whole community but also for individuals to conduct social affairs and express social needs. Many countries are also running community centers,” said the Union Minister for Information while explaining the goals and reasons for opening the centers and their usefulness.

A community center is neither a government office nor a private business or community organization. It is a place where people can discuss social or communal or individual affairs and requirements freely, or share information, seek knowledge, or learn vocational and other education, among other things. Community centers serve as venues for roundtable talks, forums, training courses, competitions, and exhibitions. But, it is important that the people use the centers, which are offering various services and tools, effectively.

Democracy calls for high intellectual power and wisdom or the abundance of valued added human resources, and community centers can serve as the foundation for this clannish claim.

U R B A N I Z A T I O N is a condition in which a man phenomenon. We are in a new stage of human history where more than 50% of the world’s population lives in urban centers. In the early twentieth century, 20 per cent of the global population lived in cities. Today, this figure has exceeded 50 per cent and predictions suggest that it will reach 70 per cent in 2030. Most of the rapid urbanization is taking place in developing countries. In Myanmar, 29% of its people live in urban areas. Yangon city houses 5.2 million, followed by Mandalay and 400,000 in Nay Pyi Taw. Myanmar is in an early stage of its urbanization, compare to its South East Asian neighbors.

As urbanization increases, cities face increasing waste management crisis. Environmental and mental sanitation and public health are affected by waste management failure in the cities. Globally, cities produce 7-10 billion tonnes of solid, liquid, domestic, industrial and commercial waste every year. Unless urgent actions are taken by reducing, reusing, recycling and rethinking waste management in cities, global waste is expected to grow by 70 per cent in current levels by 2050.

Waste management remains a daunting task, which must be handled with holistic and inclusive management approach. There is a pressing call for deeper management of waste with an innovative approach in order to maintain environmental sanitation that is suitable for human living.

Waste management has been attracting increasing attention and has featured prominently in discussions on the Agenda 2030 for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), the New Urban Agenda, as well as the Paris Agreement.

The New Urban Agenda and the Paris Agreement all consider waste management as an urgent and critical issue that must be addressed to ensure future prosperity and sustainability of our planet. In this regard, frontier technologies such as Artificial Intelligence (AI), Internet of Things, renewable energy technologies and biotechnologies can play a key role in innovating waste management globally, in addition to practical and appropriate techniques that are tested and proved in the context of developing nations like Myanmar.

According to the World Economic and Social Survey 2018 by the United Nations, frontier technologies hold enormous potential to improve how people work and live. They will also significantly accelerate efforts to achieve the SDGs and address climate change. As the world marks the “World Habitat Day” on 7th of October this year with the theme “Frontier Technologies as an Innovative Tool to Transform Waste to Wealth”, UN-Habitat is advocating for the use of innovative and appropriate technologies for sustainable waste management to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 11: inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable cities.

In general, cities’ waste management system in developing countries face challenges in terms of operations and management, from collection to transportation, intermediate treatment and final disposal of wastes. The poor waste management in cities because of a range of social, economic and institutional constraints we not only being causing environmental pollution and negatively impacting public health through soil and water contamination, air pollution, but also impacting on global climate, biodiversity and ecological health. Open landfill sites are a huge source of methane gas emission, contributing significantly to climate change. Innovative technologies and appropriate techniques will help in managing waste effectively.

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In order to address these challenges at the national and city levels, the Government of Myanmar rolled out the “National Waste Management Strategy and Action Plan for Myanmar 2021-2030” with a mission “to develop and implement the holistic and integrated waste management system in Myanmar which is based on principles of inclusiveness, zero waste, zero emission and zero landfill. A circular economy to achieve a sustainable development and the Paris Agreement.”

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A group of well-wishers donated Waso robes for 1,800 novices and normal robes for 600 nuns, totally worth of K130.5 million, in Thakayta Township, Yangon, yesterday afternoon. The 8th donation of this group was held in the Vinuttirasa Religious Hall of Jina Marn Aung pagoda.

Taking five precepts from the Vice Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Aggamaha Pandita Bhadanta Kawvida and recitation of Paritta by members of Sangha, the well-wishers donated alms. Dr Bhadanta Iddhibala, the patron of Mula Sa Taung Pyae Monastery in Thingangyun Township and the President’s Outstanding Award Winner, extended an appreciation on the donation, and Deputy Director of Yangon Region Religious Affairs Office U Tun Myint Oo clarified the donation. The Vice Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee delivered a sermon and the congregation shared the merit gained before they offered donation items to the monks, nuns and nun下次。— MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

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“There are free care centres in Yangon and Mandalay for the cancer patients who were given up by doctors due to terminal ill. The terminally ill cancer patients were provided with free cares. The hospice care in Myanmar globally ranked 76th," said Dr Hla Maung at the donated cash presentation ceremony for cancer patients at the U Hla Tun Myitta Yeik Mon Cancer Foundation in Yangon yesterday. Hospice is a type of care provided for terminally ill cancer patients who were given up by doctors.

In 2015, Lien Foundation and The Economist Intelligence Unit jointly conducted a survey on terminally ill cancer patients in 80 countries, and compiled a list.

According the list, the top ten Hospice care countries are Britain the first, Australia the second, New Zealand the third, Ireland the fourth, Belgium the fifth, Chinese Taipei the sixth, Germany the seventh, Netherlands the eighth, the United States the ninth and France the tenth.

Out of the eighty countries, Myanmar ranked seventy-sixth after U Hla Tun Myitta Yeik Mon Cancer Foundation centres were established in Yangon and Mandalay. Public accountant and financial advisor Outstanding Humanitarian Service Award recipient U Hla Tun established the foundation in 1998 after his only daughter died of blood cancer.

Since the establishment of the foundation, 2,713 hospice patients in Yangon and 3,481 patients in Mandalay were provided cares. — Myint Maung Soe

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Best villages in use of alternative fuels to firewood honoured

Dr Hla Maung, the patron of U Hla Tun Myitta Yeik Mon Cancer Foundation encourages the patient.

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 Indonesian naval cadets stage Drum Band performance in People’s Square

YANGON Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein attended the Drum Band Performance of the naval team of Indonesia’s Bima Suci which arrived in Yangon on Saturday at the People’s Square in Yangon yesterday.

The Indonesian ship KRI Bima Suci 945 captained by Lieutenant Colonel Wuluyo arrived at the Thilawa Port on Saturday as part of its friendship sailing mission to Myanmar. The Indonesian naval staff came to visit famous places in Yangon. With the aid of Yangon Region Government, they organized a Drum Band Performance at the foot of the Shwedagon Pagoda which is one of the wonders of the world.

E&E Deputy Minister inspects 230KV Shwesaryan power station, SEA oil, gas pipeline control centre

DEPUTY Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr Tun Naing inspected the 230KV Shwesaryan main sub-power station in Patheingyi Township and the Control Centre of South East Asia Oil and Gas Pipeline in Mandalay on 5 October.

Afterwards, the deputy minister visited the South East Asia Oil and Natural Gas Pipeline Control Centre (Mandalay) which is jointed operated with the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise and inspected the operation at the control room.

Trade value through Maese reached over $1.4 mln as of 20 September

THE trade value through Maese border gate, which was opened in 2016, reached over US$1.4 million from 1 October to 20 September in this fiscal 2018-2019, recording an increase of over $35.2 million when compared to the same period last year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

From 1 October to 20 September in this fiscal, the border trade value through Maese gate hit $1.44 million, with $1.132 million from export and $0.308 million from import. This time last year, border trade was valued at $1.068 million with $0.428 million from export and $0.640 million from import.

Outsiders battle political elite as Tunisia votes

TUNIS—Outsider candidates challenged Tunisia’s political elite on Sunday as voters returned to the polls weeks after a presidential election that reshaped the country’s post-Arab Spring political landscape.

The ink-stained fingers once proudly displayed after the 2011 revolution were briskly wiped clean as Tunisians fed up with the status quo cast ballots for MPs for the third time since the uprising.

The vote comes after traditional political parties were eclipsed in favour of independent candidates during the first round of presidential polls last month in a trend that looked likely to continue.

Sixty-year-old voter Mohamed Daadaa said he had “no hope for a positive change” in Tunisia.

“I don’t trust anyone or any political party. Life just gets worse in this country,” he said.—AFP

THE Global New Light of Myanmar
Xi and Kim hail ‘immortal’ China-North Korea relationship

BEIJING— Chinese President Xi Jinping has promised to promote a “long-term, sound and stable” relationship with North Korea, state news agency Xinhua said Sunday, as the two countries mark 70 years of diplomatic relations.

North Korean leader Kim Jong Un also sent a message to Xi saying their countries’ “invincible friendship will be immortal” on the road of accomplishing the cause of socialism,” said Pyongyang’s state news agency KCNA on Sunday. North Korea was among the first countries to recognise the People’s Republic of China after it was founded in 1949. Xi said the relationship between the Asian neighbours had played an “important and positive role in maintaining regional peace and stability,” said Xinhua.

Since March 2018, Xi and Kim have met five times. Xi was the first Chinese leader to visit the reclusive North in 14 years when he made a highly symbolic trip to the nuclear-armed state in June.

Kim said the two countries would “steadily defend the cause of socialism and preserve peace and stability of the Korean peninsula and the world,” according to KCNA. —AFP

Sri Lanka president abandons re-election bid

COLOMBO— Sri Lankan President Maithripala Sirisena has decided not to stand for re-election in November polls as the politically influential Rajapakse family nominated two candidates by central registration Sunday.

Sirisena’s name was not on a list of 41 candidates who paid deposits by Sunday’s noon deadline to contest the November 16 presidential poll, according to Election Commission records. It means Sirisena will leave office the day after the election, cutting short his five-year term by 52 days. A spokesman for Sirisena’s Sri Lanka Free-Don Party (SLFP) confirmed he was not seeking re-election.

Sirisena caused a constitutional crisis last year when he sacked Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe and replaced him with former President Mahinda Rajapakse. The Supreme Court later ruled against Sirisena’s action and reinstated Wickremesinghe. Two of Rajapakse’s brothers — younger sibling Gotabhaya and elder Chamal — have paid deposits to be candidates and challenge Rajapakse’s brothers — younger sibling Gotabhaya and elder Ch...

Irán says China’s CNPC pulls out of gas project

In the case of Iran, a spokesman for Sirisena’s action and reinstated Wickremesinghe, the deputy leader of Wickremesinghe’s United National Party.—AFP

Iran’s oil minister said Sunday that China’s CNPC has withdrawn from the development of an offshore gas field and that state-owned Petropars will take over the entire project. The South Pars gas field was to be developed jointly by France’s Total, China National Petroleum Corporation and Petropars under a $4.8-billion (4.1 billion-euro) deal signed in July 2017. The deal came after Iran reached a 2015 agreement with world powers that gave it relief from sanctions in exchange for limits on its nuclear programme, ending years of economic isolation.

Total left the project three months after US President Donald Trump’s administration withdrew from the nuclear accord in May last year and reimposed sanctions on Iran’s oil industry and other key sectors of the economy.—AFP

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of Electricity and Energy

Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise (Invitation for Open Tender) (6/2019–2020)

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2. The Open Tender forms including Description of Materials / Qty with detailed specifications and Tender Terms & Conditions can be available during office hours commencing from 7 October 2019 at the Finance Department, Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, No. (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

3. The interested Bidders should submit the Technical Specifications with Original Bid Bond and Commercial Quotation in each separate sealed envelopes on which to be addressed to the Managing Director, Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in Tender Box of the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than 14:00 pm on 7 November 2019.

4. Tender Closing Date & Time 7–11–2019, 14:00 pm Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise Ph No. + 95 67 – 411206
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Consignees of cargo carried on M.V. SINAR BINTAN VOYNO. (652N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 7-10-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T.M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: MS SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINE
Phone No: 2301191/ 2301178

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MANDALAY REGION GOVERNMENT
MANDALAY CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
PYEYITAGON WATER SUPPLY PROJECT
REQUEST FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Mandalay City Development Committee (MCDC) is preparing an agreement with the Dutch DRUVOS-program on a loan from Dutch banks for the Pyeyitagon Water Supply Project (around €60 million) to be executed by a consortium led by Bullard Neckam International Projects (BNIP).

The Pyeyitagon Water Supply Project consists of a raw water intake from the river, a water treatment plant, a transport main of 13.5 km, a water storage reservoir and booster pumping station, a piped network of approximately 273.5 km and a total of 30,000 connections to households and industries in Pyeyitagon Township in Mandalay.

MCDC acts as Client of the main contract with the Contractor during the design and implementation phase. MCDC becomes owner of all assets of the project and becomes fully responsible for operation and maintenance of the system. MCDC needs supervision services to supervise the execution of the main contract for the design and implementation phase, which will be executed according to the PIDC Yellow Book. The services include supervision of design and implementation phase in a period of estimated 2.5 years (maximum 3 years) duration, not the supervision of operater and maintenance phase.

MCDC now invites eligible international consulting firms to express their interest in providing the services. Interested consultants must provide specific information indicating that they are qualified to perform the services, demonstrating the required qualifications and relevant experience.

Based on the received EOIs shortlist of best ranking firms will be selected based on quality by MCDC. The shortlisted consultants will be invited to submit a Technical and Financial Proposal, based on a Request for Proposal-document to be issued to them. Review of the proposals is based on Quality Cost Based Selection Method.

Further information including the minimum requirements and a draft-TOR can be requested via the email-address mcdc.pwsp@gmail.com.

Expressions of interest must be sent to the email-address mcdc.pwsp@gmail.com before Monday 4 November 2019, 9:00 hrs. (Myanmar Time).

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Water and Sanitation Department
Mandalay City Development Committee
26th Street, between 71st and 72nd Streets, Chan Aye Thar San Township
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Tomb of Poet King Nat Shin Naung in Thanlyin

By Thiha (the Traveller)

We knew of Nat Shin Naung ever since we were young after being taught about him in our school lessons. But I learnt more about him as I grew up because this great poet was a very interesting person. Yaza Datu Kalyar, known for her beauty, was a person known together with him. She was 19 years his senior and he won her heart through his poems. He was not only an outstanding person in the soft arts of poems but also in the hard and tough works of warfare and fighting. He was also known as the grandson of Bayintnaung. The tomb or a pagoda entombing his remain was right beside Kyai khauk Pa-goda in Thanlyin Township. Most visitors overlooked and went past this significant place without ever knowing the background about it.

Who was Nat Shin Naung?

An outstanding poet, musician and an equally outstanding military commander, he was the grandson of King Bayintnaung. His father, ruler of Toungoo, was Min Ye Thiha Thu. Nat Shin Naung was born in 1587. As a military commander, he took part in King Nanda’s unsuccessful attempt to conquer Siam in the early 1590s. He was in a battle where King Naresuan of Thailand was victorious over the Crown Prince of Myanmar. The date 18 January had been commemorated in Thailand as Royal Thai Armed Forces Day.

Nat Shin Naung also participated in his father’s successful attack or revolt against King Nanda’s capital city in Bago on 1599. The joint attack on Bago was by forces of Taungoo and Arakan (Rakhine) where King Nanda was captured and taken as prisoner to Taungoo. Captive King Nanda was reportedly assassinated by Nat Shin Naung without authorization from his father. Nat Shin Naung became Crown Prince when his father Min Ye Thiha Thu became King of Toungoo. Crown Prince Nat Shin Naung married his love Yaza Datu Kalyar, the source of his famous poems, in 1603. But their love story ended as tragedy with the death of Yaza Datu Kalyar seven months later.

On his father’s death in 1609, Nat Shin Naung became King of Toungoo. By that time, Myanmar that has fallen apart into small states after the sacking of King Nanda’s capital city Bago, was mostly unified under the leadership of King Anaukpetlun. The kingdom of Anaukpetlun was known in Myanmar history as Nyaungyan Dynasty and King Anaukpetlun completed the re-
WHILE ago our group of media personnel attended a press conference held at Junction City and then went on to attend a talk on Danu history held by author Min Lwin Oo (Aungban) at Danu National Congregation Hall (Dhammayone) near the eastern stairway of Shwedagon Pagoda. Together with me were Evergreen Media photographer Takkatho Han Min Oo, Myanmar reporter Ko Aung Myo Kyaw (Maung Myo Aye) even though invitations were sent out. At the top of the stairway was a thin tall Danu man dressed in a traditional Danu costume with a headdress who cordially greeted us. The talk had already begun when we arrive and there were many Danu nationals mostly dressed in traditional Danu costume listening attentively to the talks. Many Danu women were dressed in a bright red tradition al Danu costume making them stands out among the crowd. Also at the event were Danu monks. Author Min Lwin Oo (Aungban) was talking of a book he wrote about Danu based on Danu history. He explained that the Danus were of Tibeto Burmese origin and even though their written letters make it sound like a different language it was in fact the same language spoken in a local accent that makes it sound like a different language. The written letters were also the same added author Min Lwin Oo (Aungban). Danu ethnic nationals were one of the 135 ethnic national races of Myanmar. Danus mainly lived in five townships and of these five, the two, Pindaya and Yawnghu townships were designated as Danu Self Administered Zone. Pindaya Town was the capital of Danu Self Administered Zone. The adjacent townships of Yaw ka, Kalaw and Nawngkhi also had Danu ethnic national population. By percentage Danu ethnic nationals made up 85 per cent of Yaw ka Township, 75 per cent of Pindaya Township, 42 per cent of Naw ng khi Township and 30 per cent of Yawkaw Township. There were also some Danu villages in some townships. There were 25 villages in Thazi Township, 3 or 4 villages in Pau yang Township and 20 villages in Taunggyi Township. According to 2014 Census, there were a total of about 400,000 Danu in Myanmar. In Shan State, Danu was the fourth largest by population while in the whole country it is the fifth largest by population. Danu ethnic nationals were simple people by nature and lived on farming. Explanation by author Min Lwin Oo (Aung ban) came to our lunch table and explained about the various foods. He said a Myanmar representative group led by Bogoke Aung San was given a Danu food when they came for discussing the Panlong Agreement in December 1946. The dishes offered include the cooked ground nut and Bogoyoke Aung San was said to have finished the meal by eating continuously the cooked ground nut together with vegetables. As we learnt about this, all of us tasted the peanut dish and was quite attracted by its rich flavour.

There were many Danu dishes that we heard of but had never tasted before. Rice cooked together with vegetables making the rice pulpy was a well known dish of the Danu people during the rainy season. There’s also a dish cooked from underground insect mixed with vegetable. A mixture of rice and potato with fried vegetable was also said to be of a unique taste. Unfortunately these were not included in the lunch that we had and we looked forward to the day to taste it all together with the ethnic Danu nationals when we visit Yw an gan, Pindaya, Yaws kaw, Kalaw, Aungban and Nawng khi.
World Cup qualifiers: 23 players selected for match against Kyrgyzstan

THE Myanmar national football team head coach Miodrag Radulovic has announced the names of 23 players chosen for the upcoming World Cup qualifier match against Kyrgyzstan, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.

Team Myanmar has been undergoing special training over the past few weeks in Yangon to prepare for the qualifiers. The match with Kyrgyzstan is scheduled to take place on 10 October at the Dolen Omurzakov Stadium in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

The 23-player squad comprises both talented youths and veteran footballers.

Three goalkeepers have been chosen on the team — Kyaw Zin Phyo, Fye Phyo Aung, and Fye Lyin Aung. The team has eight defenders — Zaw Min Tun, Soe Moe Kyaw, Zaw Lin, Zaw Ye Tun, Fye Phyo Zaw, David Han, Kyaw Zin Lwin, and Nanda Kyaw.

The seven midfielders selected on the squad are Yan Aung Kyaw, Lwin Moe Aung, Zin Min Tun, Hlaing Bo Bo, Kyi Lin, Ssu Thu Aung, and San Lan Maung.

Abraham, Mount fire Chelsea to victory at Southampton

SOUTHAMPTON — Tammy Abraham and Mason Mount celebrated their England call-ups by firing Chelsea to a 4-1 rout of struggling Southampton on Sunday. Abraham, Mount and their Blues team-mate Fikayo Tomori were all named by England manager Gareth Southgate in the squad for the forthcoming Euro 2020 qualifiers in the Czech Republic and Bulgaria.

The promising young trio hogged the spotlight once again at St Mary's as Abraham and Mason Mount combined to give the Clarets a 2-0 lead in the first half.

 Mounted by a spirited away side, the team were well on top after 30 minutes, with Abraham scoring a goal in the 7th minute and Mount scoring his first goal for the Blues just before half-time.

The Blues dominated the second half, with Mount scoring his second goal of the game in the 53rd minute and Abraham netting his second goal of the game in the 82nd minute to seal the victory.

Chelsea striker Tammy Abraham netted the win at Southampton. — PHOTO: AFP

MNL names best players of 2019 season

THE Myanmar National League recently announced the names of players who delivered the best performances during the 2019 season of the football league on its official social media page.

The league has adjudged Yadanarbon F.C.’s Win Naing Soe as the best player in attacking position, with a scoring total of 18 goals plus 5 assists throughout the season.

Yadanarbon’s Win Naing Tun has been named as the player with the second-best attacking position, with a total score of 10 goals and 4 assists in the season.

Kaung Si Thu from Southern Myanmar FC. has been declared as the player with the third-best attacking position, with a total score of 9 goals and 7 assists.

Meanwhile, Mg Mg Lwin from Yangon is in the fourth position, with 8 goals scored and 7 assists.

The Myanmar National League has also named the goalkeepers with the most clean sheets. He did not let opponents score a single goal in seven matches.

Goalkeeper Kyaw Zin Phyo from Yangon United has the most clean sheets. He did not let opponents score a single goal in seven matches.

Goalkeeper Kyaw Zin Htet from Ayeyawady United and Tay Zar Aung from Rakhine United also registered the most clean sheets, as they did not allow any goals in seven matches.

Keeper Ko Ko Naing also performed well, not letting any goals in six matches of the tournament. — Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Traore double rocks Man City’s title defence as Wolves triumph

MANCHESTER — Two late goals from Wolves’ Adama Traore inflicted a stunning 2-0 defeat on Manchester City to leave the Premier League champions trailing Manchester United by eight points.

It was a thoroughly deserved victory for Nuno Espirito Santo’s men, who enjoyed the better chances and became the first team to stop City scoring at the Etihad Stadium for 34 matches.

Even with only eight games played, Liverpool now have a golden chance to win their first league title for 30 years after starting the season with eight straight wins.

And as time ticked on, the urgency of the situation for Pep Guardiola’s side was apparent as they have already dropped more points at home than in the whole of last season. City were again made to pay for a series of key defensive injuries and badly missed the creativity of Kevin De Bruyne in midfield.

Wolves had two days less rest and a trip back from Istanbul to cope with after winning at Besiktas in the Europa League on Thursday night.

However they never tired and finally took their chances through Traore in the final 10 minutes.

Twice in a matter of moments during the first half, Ruben Neves played through by Adama Traore in the final 10 and finally took their chances as he struggled to move the ball with their usual fluidity and Wolves goalkeeper Rui Patricio was not called into action until past the half-hour mark when he pushed away Raheem Sterling’s shot. Guardiola was not happy and made a tactical switch at half-time as he sent on Oleksandr Zinchenko in place of Kyle Walker and pushed Joao Cancelo over to his preferred right-back position. — AFP ■

Five players have been chosen to play the forward position. They are Aung Thu, Win Naing Soe, Than Paing, Kaung Si Thu, and Dway Ko Ko Chit.

Two Myanmar football stars — Maung Maung Lwin and Kyaw Ko Ko — are not on the list as both of them are suffering from knee problems and will rest for about two weeks, according to the MFF.

Team Myanmar have met the Kyrgyzstan team twice at the group stage of the 2017 and 2018 editions of the AFC Asian Cup qualification. In their first meeting on 10 October, 2017, Myanmar played to a 2-2 draw against Kyrgyzstan, and in the second match, Myanmar lost 5-1 to Kyrgyzstan. — Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

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The promising young trio hogged the spotlight once again at St Mary’s as Abraham and Mount netted to maintain their superb starts to the season. Abraham has nine goals in all competitions for Chelsea this term, underlining why Southgate is keen to give him action in a competitive match to ensure he commits to England. The 22-year-old striker has won two caps for England in friendlies against Brazil and Germany in 2017, but he had flirted with switching his international allegiance to Nigeria, who he qualifies for through his father.

Tomori, 21, is also eligible to represent Nigeria, but the centre-back showed his England credentials with another composed display to keep Southampton at bay.

Mount, 20, bagged Chelsea’s second goal to once again showcase the predatory instincts that have helped the midfielder make a smooth transition to the Premier League following last season’s loan alongside Tomori at Derby. Danny Ings got one back for Southampton, but N’Golo Kante and Michy Batshuayi struck to make it four successive wins in all competitions for Chelsea, who are beginning to thrive in Frank Lampard’s first season in charge. — AFP ■

Chelsea striker Tammy Abraham netted the win at Southampton. — PHOTO: AFP