Yangon to hold Thadingyut light festival

Yangon will celebrate the five-day Thadingyut light festival downtown at Maha Bandoola Park to mark the end of the four-month rain-retreat.

The festival will be held from 10 to 14 October, with lights projecting 30 prominent icons, including the traditional Shan long drum, owl, and rabbit.

Besides, well-wishers will donate food to 30,000 people on 13 October, the Fullmoon of Thadingyut.

Artists will perform at night during the festival.

The Yangon City Development Committee office downtown will also be lit up, with the lights depicting the YCDC and dolls. — Htin Paw Win (Kamayut)

Yangon Region government to sell land in three phases

By Nyein Nyein

PLOTS of land owned by the Yangon Region government will be sold in three phases for the purpose of setting up industrial businesses and public housing, said U Than, the Joint Secretary of the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC). “The land management committee will sell over 500 plots of land in Hlinethaya, Shwepyitha, and four Dagon townships in Phase 1; over 180 plots from Myaungtugar Industrial Zone will be sold in Phase 2; and, over 9,000 acres, which were previously marked as agricultural zone, in East Dagon and Dagon Seikkan townships will be put on sale in Phase 3,” said U Than. “Over 500 land plots, which will be sold in Phase 1, are not newly developed or designated by the regional government. Instead, they are plots that remained undeveloped when new townships were created in Hlinethaya, Shwepyitha, and four Dagon townships. Urban and housing projects have still not been implemented on the plots. Therefore, the regional government has been authorized to manage those land plots, and it plans to sell them,” said U Than.

“Land-use applications for 500 land plots were sold on 7 October at the office complex of the General Administration Department (Eastern District), and the applications have to be submitted on 8 November,” he added. — Htin Paw Win (Kamayut)
Union Minister for Transport and Communications receives Netherlands Ambassador

Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung received Netherlands Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Wouter Jurgens at the minister’s office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning. At the meeting views were exchanged and discussed on extending memorandum of understanding signed by the two countries on the management of the Integrated Water Resources, Management project and status of continuing the cooperation.

— MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Union Minister for NREC receives UNDP Res Rep

UNION Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (NREC) U Ohn Win received United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Resident Representative (Res Rep) Mr Peter Batchelor yesterday morning at the ministry’s guest hall. UNDP Resident Representative was concluding his tour of duty in Myanmar.

At the meeting past and ongoing cooperation with UNDP in environmental conservation and forestry sector and outcomes, 10-year reforestation and rehabilitation project, implementation of mangrove forest preservation and rehabilitation works and status of obtaining funding, work processes to establish bio-diversity fund and natural environment maintenance fund and programmes to cooperate with related players, and attending climate change congress as a member country were discussed and views exchanged. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

LIP Minister discusses e-ID system with Austrian Commercial Counsellor

UNION Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe received Mr Mag Gunther Sucher, Commercial Counsellor of the Austrian Embassy in Bangkok of Thailand, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. The meeting focused on preparation for collecting Unique IDs under the e-ID system that is a prior step for e-Government to be implemented between Myanmar and Austria. The process will include preparing for detailed reports, MoU and collaboration with departmental officials for technical assistance. — MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Int’l Relations Committee Chairman holds talks with Vietnamese Amb

PYITHU Hluttaw’s International Relations Committee Chairman U Zaw Thein received Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Luan Thuy Duong and party at Hluttaw Building (I-5) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon. They discussed better relations between the parliaments of the two countries and people, cooperation in ASEAN and ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly and goodwill exchange visits. — MNA (Translated by Aung Khin)
MOALI holds 6th Annual MSR of National Community-Driven Development Project

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation organized the 6th Annual Union-Level Review (MSR) for Myanmar National Community-Driven Development Project (MNCDDP), implemented by the Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation in collaboration with the World Bank.

Union Minister Dr Aung Thu made an opening remark at the event held at M Gallery Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The Union Minister said the development of living standard and socioeconomics of people is related with the development of the country, while the MNCDDP is one of the opportunities for this development.

The project has entered the sixth year with the initial support of the World Bank to help the respective communities lead and implement development programmes in their areas.

He added the Department of Rural Development could successfully introduce the project with rural communities and could accomplish the objective of ensuring social infrastructure development, an essential component of rural development, bringing about improved public services through a people-centered approach which creates resilient communities.

The review was annually held to share experiences and address challenges for better implementation of the project. As a result, a total of 7.1 million people from over 12,000 villages have enjoyed the benefits of this project.

Mr Geovrg Sargsyan, the Acting Country Director of World Bank, extended greetings, and Director General U Khant Zaw from the Department of Rural Development briefed on the project.

During the discussions, Director General of Department for Progress of Border Areas and National Races U Ye Naing, Deputy Director General of Department of Social Welfare U Aung Kyaw Moe, Project Manager and Director of the Department of Rural Development U Hla Kaing, Lead Social Development Specialist of the World Bank Mr Sean Bradley, Senior Consultant of Asia Foundation Mr Roger Shotton presented about the cooperation in regional development and its sustainability.

U Hla Kaing, the Project Manager, explained the works in the sixth-year term of the project, and the attendees made group discussions on the implementation and technical challenges.

The MNCDDP has covered over 12,000 villages in 63 townships, and it will be expanded to 13 townships.— MNA

Myanmar, Dutch discuss integrated water resource management

Myanmar and the Netherlands held coordination meetings to implement the works in accordance with the MoU signed between the two countries and the cooperation in the field of Integrated Water Resources Management during the period 2019-2020.

The event took place at the Ministry of Transport and Communications in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, with the opening remarks by Deputy Minister U Kyaw Myo, in his capacity as the Secretary of National Water Resources Committee (NWRC).

During the discussions, Director General of the Department of Rural Development Programme in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

UCSB discusses civil service reform plan with UNDP

Mr Henk Ovink, the Netherlands’ Special Envoy for International Water Affairs, discussed the existing cooperation and the future plan between the two countries.

The Joint Secretary of NWRC and the Acting Director General of Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, U Win Hlaing, and the Netherlands’ Special Envoy signed the agreed plans and the meeting minutes of Joint Steering Committee. — MNA

UCSB Chairman U Win Thein meets with UNDP Resident Representative for Myanmar Mr Peter Batchelor in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

MECA attending ASEAN Federation of Exhibition and Convention Association annual meeting

A Myanmar Exhibition & Convention Association (MECA) delegation led by MECA Chairman U Myo Thant left Yangon by air yesterday to attend the ASEAN Federation of Exhibition and Convention Association annual meeting that will be held in Manila, the Philippines, from 11 to 12 October. MECA was established in 2016 and became a member of ASEAN Federation of Exhibition & Convention Association in 2018.— UMFFC

THE Union Civil Service Board of Myanmar had a discussion with the United Nations Development Programme in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

UCSB Chairman U Win Thein hosted UNDP Resident Representative for Myanmar Mr Peter Batchelor in his office, and they held talks on the Civil Service Reform Strategic Action Plan (2017-2020) which is a joint project between UCSB and UNDP, its progress, the process under Leadership, Effectiveness, Adaptability and Professionalism in Myanmar’s Civil Service (LEAP) programme, courses and curriculum reforms at the Central Institutes of Civil Service and the future plans. — MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)
Gym fitness centre set up for civil service staff in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory

THE Ministry of Health and Sports has opened a free gym fitness centre for the civil service staff at Wunna Theikdi Indoor Stadium in Nay Pyi Taw.

Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe inspected the centre, equipped with 26 kinds of sports equipment, in the building with 60-ft width and 120-ft length.

The cost of the building was about K624.5 million, and the equipment about K175.7 million. He looked around the equipment conducted by Director General of the Department of Sports and Physical Education U Myo Hlaing.

The Union Minister gave advice on good ventilation, systematic registration of civil service staff, opening hours and supplies of additional sports equipment based on the number of visitors to the centre.

He also inspected a restaurant for the visitors who will come to the gym which will start functioning on 16 October.

— MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Bagan Archaeological Museum welcomes 295,284 travellers


The Bagan Archaeological Museum is situated south of the Gawdawpalin temple in old Bagan, NyaungU Township. It is open daily from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm except on Mondays and public holidays. The entrance fee is K1000 for foreigners and K500 for local travellers. Entry is free for students, children, and monks.

“The museum opened in 1904 near the northern entrance of the Ananda temple. Later, a modern museum was built and opened on 17 April, 1998,” said U Nyi Mon, the Deputy Director General of the Archaeology and National Museum Department.

The Bagan Archaeological Museum was constructed on a plot of land measuring 10.97 acres. The museum houses 10 exhibition rooms, including a special display room, and rooms featuring Bagan architecture, Bagan arts and crafts, Bagan palace—city, Bagan literature, Bagan social life, Bagan Buddhist art, Bagan Buddha images, Bagan frescos, and Bagan paintings depicting pagodas and monuments.

In the 2018-2019 FY, 284,930 locals and 10,354 foreign travellers visited the museum. In 2017, a children’s museum was also opened near the Bagan Archaeological Museum. Children can read books at the children’s museum. The statues of Anawyahta, Bayintnaung, and Alaungpaya will be showcased at the children’s museum.

— U Win Htein (Ngathayauk)

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Project on to boost wheat flour production, quality

THE Korea Project on International Agriculture (KOPIA) is implementing a three-year project to improve wheat flour production and quality of wheat flour products in Myanmar, with the support of the Agricultural Research Department and the Agriculture Department.

“As part of quality control programs in Myanmar, seeds of only paddy have been identified. Seeds for crops such as wheat and chickpea also need to be selected. Therefore, KOPIA has been providing agricultural aids in cooperation with the Agricultural Research Department and the Agriculture Department to boost the wheat flour production sector in Myanmar and obtain good quality yields,” said Dr Aung Myo Tint, the deputy director of the Maize and Other Cereal Crops Research Section.

To build a strong research sector, the departments will provide the necessary aids and technical help to wheat research farms participating in the project, including Zalote, Pango, Aungban, Kyaukme, and Nawngmun.

“A total of 150 baskets of quality seed samples have been distributed to farmers in 10 townships — Sagaing, Wetlet, Myinn, ChaungU, Lashio, Nawngkhio, PyinOoLwin, Kyaukme, Kalaw, and Pindaya,” said Dr Aung Myo Tint.

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“We need to do extensive research for producing quality wheat crops and wheat flour, which can be used to make quality wheat products, such as bread, cakes, and cookies,” he added. — Myo Win Tun (Monywa)

(Translated by La Wonn)

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The Land Management Committee will screen the applications and sell the plots to selected individuals and organizations for setting up businesses and housing projects.

“Some are competitive in applying for a particular land plot. We will systematically screen their applications. Some applications have been attached with the capital statements and project plans. The committee will screen the proposals, select the individuals and organizations, and forward their names to the regional government.

The land plots will be sold only with the approval of the regional government,” said U Than.

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Seintalone mango growers in Bogale Township get good prices

By Nyeein Nyeein

Seintalone mango growers in Bogale Township get good prices in the MICE market, sports tourism to be implemented in Nay Pyi Taw

Tourism focusing on the meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions (MICE) market and sports will be developed in Nay Pyi Taw in 2020, said U Naung Naung Han, the chair of the Union of Myanmar Travel Association.

Discussions are under way to launch MICE market and sports tourism in Nay Pyi Taw, he said.

“Nay Pyi Taw has potential to implement this plan. There are many hotels in the hotel zone. It is a good place for conferences and meetings, with city facilities. That is why we plan to develop a MICE market in Nay Pyi Taw. The next focus is sports tourism. Nay Pyi Taw has international swimming pool, stadium, and golf course. Motorcycle and auto racing are available there,” said U Naung Naung Han.

This year, the plan for sports tourism was drawn, and sports tourism activities are likely to begin in 2020. “Nay Pyi Taw has poor rainfall compared to Yangon. There are also indoor sports activities that can be held in the city. We are making efforts to start sports tourism from 2020,” he added.

Additionally, there are plans to create tourist destinations and trips near Nay Pyi Taw, he said. “Nay Pyi Taw has nearly 15 per cent of hotel room occupancy. It also serves as the headquarters of Myanmar ministries. Some foreign countries have also scaled up tourists arrivals through the MICE market. Therefore, Myanmar hopes to expand tourism with this market,” according to the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

Last month, the Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism, U Ohn Maung, attended the meeting of the executive committee for Sports Tourism and Gastronomy Tourism at the Inya Lake Hotel in Yangon. He encouraged all stakeholders to work together to develop sports and gastronomy tourism. Cross-border motorcycle and bicycle races and marathons will be more successful if travel entrepreneurs and the related departments are working together, the minister had said.

(Translated by El Myat Mon)

No tax stamps on receipts, mobile phone stores fined K60 mln

TAX fines of nearly K60 million were collected as of August from mobile phone and accessories businesses that failed to put tax stamps on receipts, according to the Internal Revenue Department (IRD) under the Ministry of Planning and Finance.

As of August, there were 596 cases where stores failed to put tax stamps on receipts, and the tax fines collected from them were estimated at K59.76 million. Thirty cases involved complaints from the public, and K1.48 million was awarded to people who filed complaints on the absence of tax stamps on receipts, said Daw Swe Swe Khine, the Deputy Director of the IRD.

“Businesses will surely obey the rules if they are penalized. The tax fines are aimed at forcing businesses to follow the tax rules,” she added. Starting from 1 June, a 5 per cent commercial tax has been levied on mobile phones and accessories. The tax is collected from buyers, and tax stamps need to be affixed to receipts, said Daw Swe Swe Khine, the Deputy Director of the IRD.

“Businesses will surely obey the rules if they are penalized. The tax fines are aimed at forcing businesses to follow the tax rules,” she added. Starting from 1 June, a 5 per cent commercial tax has been levied on mobile phones and accessories. The tax is collected from buyers, and tax stamps need to be affixed to receipts, said Daw Swe Swe Khine, the Deputy Director of the IRD.

TAX fines are likely to increase under the 2019 Union Tax Law, which came into effect on 1 October. The tax fines will rise to K500,000 for first-time offenders, K1 million for second-time offenders, K1.5 million for third-time offenders, and K2 million for those found flouting the tax rules four times or more, said Daw Swe Swe Khine.

Earlier, the fines were K200,000 at the first instance, K500,000 at the second instance, K700,000 at the third instance, and K1 million at the fourth instance or more. The IRD generated K3.84 billion in revenue from five taxes as of August, 2019, an increase from K3.279 billion in the corresponding period of last year. The revenue is up K662 billion this year.

The tax collected includes income tax, commercial tax, special goods tax, state lottery tax, and stamp duty.

The revenue from stamp duty has been lower than in the year ago period, while the income generated by the four other taxes is higher. The decline in stamp duty revenue has been attributed to a slowdown in real estate deals and the construction industry.

—GNLM

(Translated by El Myat Mon)
Thadingyut holidays: MR to run special trains between Yangon, Mandalay

THE Myanma Railways will operate two special trains between Yangon and Mandalay from 10 October for the convenience of people who wish to return to their hometowns for the Thadingyut holidays.

The special trains will leave the Yangon Central Railway Station at 4:30 pm and arrive in Mandalay at 10:40 am.

The train from Mandalay station will leave at 6 pm and arrive in Yangon at midnight. MR will run up and down special trains on the Yangon–Mandalay line under this schedule.

Upper-class tickets for the trains will be available at the railway station from 8 October, and ordinary-class tickets will be sold from 9 October.

The fare has been set at K9,300 for upper-class seat and K4,650 for ordinary class seat. The special trains will stop at Toekyaungkalay, Bago, Daik-U, Pyuntaza, Nyaungeglin, Peinzaloke, Kyaukse, Toungoo, Kanyutkwin, Phu, Yamethin, Pyawbwe, Tatkon, Thazi, Kyaukse, Kanyutkwin, and Kyaukse stations.

A train with container coaches started operating from 3 October after the Myanmar International Terminal Thilawa Ltd (MITT) Port in Thilawa, Thanyin Township and Yayni station in Yawdashe Township, Thanlyin Township and Yayni station in Thilaw. The distance between the Myanmar Railways (MR) and Best Eternity Logistics Co Ltd under a contract with Mitthar, and Kyaukse stations.

The 11 up and 12 down, 5 up and 6 down, and 3 up and 4 down trains will be operated regularly, as part of Myanma Railways' push to offer better services to travelers.

MR starts container train from MITT Port to Bago Yayni station

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The container train started operations under a contract between MR and Best Eternity Recycle Pulp and Paper Co Ltd. The distance between the MITT jetty and Yayni station is 215.75 miles.

The container train has 27 coaches, and shipment from the MITT Port near Thilawa station is loaded directly onto the container coaches.

The train has a 200-horsepower engine. Each car can accommodate a load of 1,400 tons, according to MR.

Recently, two dry ports were opened on MR-owned land at Ywathargyi in Dagon East Township in order to transport containers by train from Yangon and Mandalay to the Thadingyut holidays. The special trains, 61 and 113, will run between Yangon and Bagan.

The Thilawa Special Economic Zone opened in 2015, and 113 foreign companies have been permitted to invest in the zone as of 1 September, 2019. Of them, 76 companies have started operating with a total investment of US$1.7 billion, according to data released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

MR to run Yangon-Bagan special trains during Thadingyut holidays

MYANMA Railways (MR) has announced it will operate special trains between Yangon and Bagan for the convenience of pilgrims travelling to Bagan.

Under the holiday schedule, the special train from Yangon will depart from the Yangon Central Railway Station at 21:15 pm on 11 October and will reach Bagan at 9 am on 12 October.

The train from Bagan station will leave at 5 pm on 14 October and arrive in Yangon at 12:00 am on 15 October. Officials from MR have arranged to sell tickets for the special trains at regular rates.

The train will charge K4,500 per seat for ordinary-class tickets, K12,000 per seat for first-class, and K16,500 per seat for upper-class tickets.

The special trains, 61 and 62, will run between Yangon and Bagan, and they will stop at Thayawady, Letpadan, Minhla, Okkho, Gyobingauk, Zegone, Nattalin, Paungde, Putesegone, and other stations along the Yangon-Bagan rail route. The 61 and 62 Yangon-Bagan special trains will run daily.

Moreover, MR will run more passenger trains to facilitate transportation during the Thadingyut holidays because the Kyimyindine-Pyay mail trains and the Kyimyindine-Tharaywa trains are normally filled with a large number of passengers during the Thadingyut public holidays.

Therefore, MR said it will increase the number of passenger coaches in those trains.
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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 drug-related offenses up to 5 October 2019 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

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<td>Information received of Daw Nilar Moe, who live in Tarlawgyi Village, Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.</td>
<td>On 29 September 2019, police searched the house of Daw Nilar Moe, 42, daughter of U Hwe Maung, who lives in Tarlawgyi Village, Myitkyina Township, and arrested her together with heroin. Acting on a tip-off, police also searched the house of Daw Tin Nwe, 37, daughter of U Kyaw Thein, but police did not find narcotic drugs. A case has been opened them with NaMaSa(Tarlawgyi) MaYa(pa)/65/2019 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of Poe Nge, who live in Thayargon Village, Phakant Township, Kachin State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.</td>
<td>On 4 October 2019, police searched the house of Poe Nge (a) Roe Chuang (a) Myo Tint, 34, son of U Aung Tin, who lives in Thayargon Village, Phakant Township. Police seized heroin from the house of Poe Nge who absconded from there. A case has been opened him with MaMaSa(Phakant) MaPa(pa)/204/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of Shanlay, who live in Chantha Ywarthit, Phakant Township, Kachin State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.</td>
<td>On 5 October 2019, police searched Shanlay's hut which located in a ravine near the Saungchain-Ahu-miteon village road, west of Chantha Ywarthit, Phakant Township, and found Lataung, 40, son of U Ghan Hsaing, together with heroin. Shanlay absconded from there. A case has been opened them with NaMaSa(Loikhin) MaYa(Pa)/68/2019 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of Kyi Khine who live in Thabyathar Village, Shwebo Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.</td>
<td>On 29 September 2019, police inspected a motorcycle on the Shwebo-Ye’u road Ooakshikan Village, Shwebo Township. It was ridden by Kyi Khine, 22, son of U Kyaw Tint, who lives in No 10 Ward, Shwebo Township, and arrested him together with ‘88/1’ stimulant tablets. A case has been opened him with NaMaSa(Shwebo) MaPa/19/2019 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Acting on a tip-off, police searched the house of Kyi Khine (a) Zaw Lin Tun, 35, son of U Hla Baw who lives in Thabyathar Village. Police found him accompanied by Pyae Son, 35, son of U Man Waung, who lives in Palaine Village; Zaw Lin, 44, son of U Shwe, who lives in Inpinpinng Village Kambu Township, and Maung Khine (a) Rakhine (a) Kyaw Moi Khine, 32, son of U Tin Shwe, and arrested them together with ‘WY’ and ‘88/1’ stimulant tablets. A case has been opened them with NaMaSa/Shwebo MaYa/pa/20/2019 under Section 19(a), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of Phoe Khwar who lives in Nantaw Village, Homalin Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.</td>
<td>On 1 October 2019, police inspected a motorcycle driven by Than Zaw (a) Zaw Gyi, son of U Phan, who lives in Thatkataung Village, on the road of Nantaw-Auktaunglaw, Homalin Township, and arrested him together with heroin. Acting on a tip-off, police searched the house of Phoe Khwar (a) Ne Win, 44, son of U Than Pe, who lives in Nantaw Village, but police did not find narcotic drugs. A case has been opened them with NaMaSa(Minokhine) MaPa/174/2019 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of Kyaw Hlaing who lives in Shwehtigon Village, Pinlebu Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.</td>
<td>On 2 October 2019, police searched the house of Kyaw Hlaing, 41, son of U Than Pe, who lives in Shwehtigon Village, Pinlebu Township, and arrested him together with ‘WY’ stimulant tablets and heroin. A case has been opened him with MaMaSa(Pinlebu) MaYa/pa/77/2019 under Section 19(a) and 20(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of Phoe Htoke and Ba Win who live in Kyunpin Village, Wuntho Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.</td>
<td>On 3 October 2019, police searched the house of Phoe Htoke (a) Sein Win Kyaw, 31, son of U Ba Win, who lives in Kyunpin Village, Wuntho Township, and police found him accompanied by his father U Ba Win, 65, son of U Hla Maung, and arrested them together with heroin. A case has been opened them with MaMaSa(Wuntho) MaYa/pa/73/2019 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>On 3 October 2019, police searched the house of Soe Naing, 47, son of U Poe Hlaing, who lives in Kyunpin Village, Wuntho Township, and found him accompanied by U Poe Hlaing, 44, and MaYa(pa)/204/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of Sarnkyin who live in Manwein Village and Tin Myaw who lives in Naungnai Village, Bamauk Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.</td>
<td>On 3 October 2019, police searched the house of Sarnkyin, 30, son of U Tin Lay, who lives in Manwein Village, Bamauk Township, and arrested him together with heroin. A case has been opened him with NaMaSa(Mansigyi) MaPa/34/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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4. To seize further drugs and to arrest drug dealers, people are urged to inform the Ministry of Home Affairs, region and state governments and to inform huge cases directly to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department of the Office of the President via following contact numbers:

- Landline No. — 067-590020
- Fax Phone No. — 067-590233
- Email Address — anticorruption@presidentoffice.gov.mm
Modern technology can help electoral processes.

HAVE made frequent trips in the past since 2016 to travel there as part of the sub-committee of the National Commission led by Vice President U Myint Swe after the conflicts that happened in Rakhine State in 2016. I have also visited the respective regions for various surveys and research programs during my tenure at the Institute of Economic Studies. UEC has collected information at various villages and collaborated with the pearl and fishery associations as well. Then when the UERHD was formed in 2017, I made more visits to my home area and coordinated as part of the Independent Investigation Commission. Personally, I have also visited Sittwe and Mrauk-U with my family.

Meeting in Sittwe:

This was different from past visits as I was meeting with private businesses in Sittwe. I had recently been acquainted with U Soe Paing, Chairman of a public company in Rakhine, during an investment seminar in Bangkok. Now, as I was both a researcher and an investment professional, one could say I was on the same page with the UEC, a government entity that acts as an investment professional in Rakhine.

I met with U Ko Aye, who had lived in contact with U Soe Paing last month and arranged for a seminar in Sittwe. We chose a day on which the Rakhine State football team was playing away from Sittwe, which they had to go abroad that day, to meet with the chairman, U Ko Aye. We also arranged to organize everything with the two of us.

Joining me in this seminar were UMPCCI Secretary-General U Aung Bji Soe, the leader of Rakhine Ethnic Myanmar Innovators Association U Tan Nang, and U Zaw Min Thein, the founder of the Rakhine State football team. We notified State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu of the meeting and seminar as well.

Exchanging perspectives:

I came to the early morning meeting to get more time. Ko Aye was waiting for me at the airport with the Chairman of the Rakhine Chambers of Commerce, the Chairman of the Rakhine Ethnic Entrepreneurs Association and other officials. We went to the Sil Shal factory near the beach and had Rakhine mont-d’or vermicelli mixed with thin soups. I quite enjoyed the mont-d’or as it was very delicious as well. We had lunch meeting at the restaurant after we finished our meal.

I explained the motive behind our visit and urged them to honestly put up the actual facts. The audience were experienced business people consisting of individual company owners, conglomerates and public companies who have previous experience. I listened to them and exchanged opinions. We had the opportunity to learn what the actual players in the field were facing. I was happy with their honesty and trust. U Aung Bji Soe and U Tan Nang shared their views and assumptions with them. When my turn to speak came up, I urged them to envision how they want the future when doing so.

The dream for Rakhine:

An armchair dream shared a dream they had since the formation of the UERHD. It was read before reaching the Kanyinchaung Economic Zone. The State Government was trying its best to achieve it. They were planning to open it in the coming month of December.

I want Maungtaw to become a border trade zone like Myawaddy and Rakhine.

I want Maungtaw to become a border trade zone like Myawaddy. People only think of Rakhine’s geographic location but it is already engaged in trade with neighboring countries. We must take advantage of the geographic location.

We need to unveil objectives for public companies. They encourage it. They run public companies which they have received experience. We listened to them and exchanged opinions. We had the opportunity to learn what the actual players in the field were facing. I was happy with their honesty and trust. U Aung Bji Soe and U Tan Nang shared their views and assumptions with them. When my turn to speak came up, I urged them to envision how they want the future when doing so.

Good corporate governance:

The Government during former President U Tin Oo’s leadership.

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I urge the people of the Rakhine State to take care of the environment. The Rakhine issue is currently the most important issue of the country. We are facing different forms of international pressures. We have economic issues, social issues and political issues. The UEC is working hard to find solutions for these issues. The different interests are considered on the ground as well. And State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in her visit to the UERHD and has ensured the support from the community.

As I was assigned to the task, I held negotiations with the business people and I still have. I am now doing our objectives for the public companies. I urge the people of the Rakhine State to take care of the environment.

We need to do our best to make the strategy a success. The performance of the sub-committees is critical to making the strategy a success. The people and responsible groups from different sectors in the electoral process is critical to making the strategy a success.

Facts and data from the previous general election are being used to draw a draft plan for holding the new election.

After the election, facts and data collected nationwide by the sub-committees will be summarized and posted on the website of the UEC to make the results public.

To make the electoral process smooth, the members of the sub-committees and the UEC need to ensure they provide information and documents to the people from all sectors through the UEC website and social media.

and social media. This objective is included in Chapter 3 of the strategic plan for the 2019-2022 polls.

To release timely information about electoral processes, we should take advantage of social media, especially Facebook, which is currently the most popular social networking site among Rakhine youths. Why? An estimated five million youths will be voting for the first time in the upcoming general elections. The Facebook platform also needs to be used to promote youth participation in the electoral process, and to launch educational and awareness campaigns.

It is undeniable that social media plays an important role in the modern world, and its pages are popular platforms for the citizens. We can see the impact of social media on the way people travel, share information about the latest news and events, and even vote in elections. However, there are also concerns about the use of social media, such as the spread of misinformation, fake news, and fake news and unverified and fake social media content.

Therefore, the sub-committees need to be well prepared to respond to fake news and rumors in a timely manner. The sub-committees should use new technologies effectively to successfully implement the commissions’ works and not repeat the mistakes in the 2019 general elections processes.
India hands over 10,000 vials of Anti-rabies Vaccines to Myanmar

On behalf of the Indian government, the Embassy of India in Yangon handed over 10,000 vials of Anti-Rabies Vaccines to Ministry of Health and Sports on 7th October in Yangon.

Deputy Chief of Mission Dr Sumit Seth presented the vaccines Dr Zaw Than Htun, Director General of the Department of Medical Research of the ministry.

The aim of the donation was to provide support to the Government of Myanmar for its fight against Rabies and to showcase the strength of India’s pharmaceutical industry in manufacturing high quality vaccines at a highly competitive price, according to the Indian Embassy.

The ceremony started with the opening remarks by Dr Sumit Seth, followed by the words of appreciation by the director-general Dr Zaw Than Htun presented the certificates of honour to Dr Seth.— GNLM

Brazil highways drive Amazon development — and destruction

Workers pave the BR163 highway in Itaituba — President Jair Bolsonaro’s government is eager to develop the Amazon to bolster Brazil’s weak economy. PHOTO: AFP

RUROPOLIS — Trucker Erik Fransuer spends months at a time driving back and forth on highways that cut through the Amazon in northern Brazil, delivering soy or corn to river ports. Fransuer is one of thousands of truckers plying the BR230 and BR163, major transport routes that have played a key role in the development and destruction of the world’s largest rainforest, now being ravaged by fires.

“I like the freedom of being on the road,” Fransuer, 26, says as he and other drivers relax in hammocks strung up between trucks parked side by side at a gasoline station in the dust-blown town of Ruropolis.

Fransuer spends at least 12 hours a day sitting in his big rig listening to fast-paced music as he bounces along the highways constructed nearly 50 years ago — and somehow still not finished.

Meter-wide potholes, bone-jarring corrugations, rickety wooden bridges and billowing red dust that wipes out visibility along dirt sections of the mostly two-lane roads make them hazardous to navigate at the best of times.

“That way, there’s no road,” says Fransuer gesturing in the direction of the BR163 connecting Ruropolis and Santarem, which until recently was a rough dirt track.

But it is changing.

Eager to develop the Amazon to bolster Brazil’s weak economy, President Jair Bolsonaro’s government this year plans to finish asphalt- ing the 1,770-kilometer (1,100-mile) BR163 stretching north from Cuiaba — the capital of the central-west state of Mato Grasso, Brazil’s grain-growing powerhouse — to Santarem.

Road workers are also paving sections of the more than 4,000-kilometer BR230, known as the Trans-Amazonian highway, which cuts across the rainforest from the Atlantic coast city of Joao Pessoa to Labrea in the west.— AFP

Unilever to halve use of new plastic

THE HAGUE — Anglo-Dutch commercial giant Unilever said Monday it will cut its use of new plastic by half by 2025, admitting the move was partly to appeal to young, more environmentally-conscious customers.

The firm, which owns brands including Dove soap, Ben and Jerry’s ice cream and Marmite, would cut annual use from the current 700,000 tonnes of a year to no more than 350,000 tonnes.

The move comes as multinationals face growing pressure to cut the use of plastics which are polluting both land and sea.

“Plastic has its place, but that place is not in the environment. We can only eliminate plastic waste by acting fast and taking radical action at all points in the plastic cycle,” Unilever chief executive Alan Jope said in a statement.

But Jope told the BBC that the company — whose 400 brands also include Knorr, Lipton tea and Magnum ice creams — was also trying to remain “relevant”.

“We do believe in trying to remain relevant for younger groups of consumers, and we know that millennials and Gen-Zennials, the next wave, really care about purpose and sustainability, and the conduct of the companies and the brands that they’re buying,” he told the broadcaster.

Of the 350,000 tonnes of “virgin plastic” Unilever will cut, it said 100,000 tonnes will come from an outright reduction in the use of plastic packaging, for example by making reusable or refillable packs, using alternative packaging or “naked products” that use none at all.

The other 250,000 tonnes of the reduction will come from using recycled plastics.

The firm said it would also “help collect and process more plastic bottles”.

— AFP

Shampoo could be sold in bars, eliminating the need for plastic bottles. PHOTO:AFP

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Scheer ups attacks on Trudeau in Canada election debate

GATINEAU (Canada) — Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s main rival Andrew Scheer of the Conservatives came out swinging against the Liberal incumbent in a Canadian election debate Monday after a dismal week that saw him blow a previous matchup.

The televised grudge match brought together on stage a record six party leaders.

But the main focus stayed on the two frontrunners who are in a dead heat with only two weeks left before the 21 October ballot. Each is looking to sway a big block of undecided voters.

From the get-go, Scheer went on the attack, calling Trudeau “a phoney and a fraud.” He raised Trudeau’s wearing of blackface makeup, his medi-ment.

He accused Scheer of his undermined-climate proposals at a time of global crisis, while defending his record over the past four years in office — including a strong economy, less poverty and low unemployment. He also accused Scheer and his Tories of fostering “politics of fear and division.”

Scheer seeks to make impact

Scheer, who is untested and relatively unknown after only two years as leader of the Conservative Party, has struggled to endear himself to voters in this campaign.—AFP

IS threat to spread if Turkey invades northern Syria

BEIRUT — A feared Turkish invasion of northeast Syria could spark a resurgence of the Islamic State group, analysts and Kurdish forces have warned, despite Ankara’s pledge to prevent the jihadists’ return.

Ankara has threatened an offensive in Syria against Kud-ish militias it considers terrorists and US forces on Monday pulled back from Turkish border areas, opening the way for an invasion President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has said could come at any moment. An open assault would reverse years of successful Kurdish-led operations to defeat IS and allow some of its surviving leaders to come out of hiding, said the Syrian Democratic Forces (SDF), the Kurdish militia that controls much of northeastern Syria. With little other leverage left in the regional game, Sam Heller of the International Crisis Group think tank, told AFP the SDF has an “interest” in warning of an IS threat if open conflict breaks out with rival Turkey.

“But the fact is that ISIS is still a threat, one that seems likely to metastasise if the SDF is forced to divert attention and resources to a defensive battle against Turkey,” he said, using another acronym for IS.

While a Kurdish-led operation earlier this year saw the death of IS’s territorial caliphate, the organisation isn’t dead and sleeper cells have been active in SDF-held areas and in Syria’s vast desert where they continue to hit regime forces with deadly attacks and ambushes.

Charles Lister, director of the US-based Middle East Institute, said US President Donald Trump was “granting IS the gift of rebirth.”

Stolen truck slams into cars in Germany, several injured: police

BERLIN — A stolen truck ploughed into cars in the centre of the German city of Limburg on Monday leaving several people injured, police said, adding that the driver had been detained.

“Based on what we have learned and several witness ac-counts, the man seized control of the truck at about 5:20 pm (1520 GMT),” police said in a statement.

“Soon after, the truck slammed into cars waiting at a stoplight near the main railway station of Limburg in Hesse state, “crushing them together”.

“Several people are being treated in hospital” and the driv-er, who is in custody, was slightly injured, police added.

German news agency DPA quoting regional police put the number of people hurt at 16 in-cluding one person in a critical condition. Police said it was too soon to speculate about a motive.

“We currently do not have sufficient information about what was behind it,” they said.—AFP

UK debt burden to rocket under no-deal Brexit: think-tank

LONDON — Britain’s debt burden would jump to its highest level in 50 years if it leaves the EU without a deal, a leading think-tank warned Tuesday.

The Institute for Fiscal Studies (IFS) said that due to Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s public spending plans, govern-ment borrowing was set to top £50 billion ($61 billion, 56 billion euros), equal to 2.3 per cent of GDP, or total national economic output.

The figure is double what the Office for Budget Responsibility public body was forecasting in March, four months before Johnson took office pledging a public services spending boost.

It also breaks the govern-ment’s self-imposed fiscal rule of keeping borrowing to below two percent of GDP in order to balance the books by the mid-2020s. The IFS economic research institute said that even a relatively benign no-deal Brexit would likely lead to borrowing approaching £100 billion or four percent of GDP.

As a result, accumulated national debt would climb to at least 90 percent of GDP (Gross Domestic Product) for the first time since the mid-1960s, the IFS said.

Britain is due to leave the European Union on 31 October, with or without a Brexit deal, according to Johnson.—AFP

Over 8 mln illegal cigarettes seized in Bulgarian capital

SOFIA — Authorities in the Bulgarian capital have captured 8.03 million undeclared ciga-rettes, the Interior Ministry and the National Customs Agency said in a joint statement on Tuesday.

As much as 7.3 million ciga-retties without labels were found on Friday when the authorities inspected a truck parked in front of a warehouse in the Sofia dis-trict of Ibarsk, the statement said.

A subsequent inspection at the warehouse in front of which the truck was parked found another 730,000 illegal cigarettes, it said. The damage to the state coffers amounted to 1.69 million US dollars, it said.—Xinhua
Macron vows ‘unrelenting fight’ against Islamist terror after police killings

PARIS — French President Emmanuel Macron vowed an “unrelenting fight” against Islamist extremists on Tuesday as he paid tribute to the four Paris police staff stabbed to death last week by a radicalised colleague.

Michael Harpon, a 45-year-old computer expert in the police intelligence-gathering department, used a kitchen knife and an oyster shucker to kill three male and one female colleague in a 30-minute rampage that ended when an officer shot him in the head.

The attack in the police’s inner sanctum caused shock in France, where the government is being pressed to answer how Harpon’s radicalisation went unnoticed, despite him having high-level security clearance.

“We will wage an unrelenting fight in the face of Islamist terrorism,” Macron vowed at a ceremony at the police headquarters near Notre-Dame cathedral where the attack took place. Macron said it was “inconceivable and unacceptable” that Harpon, who had worked for the police since 2003, had managed to carry out an attack “in the very place where we pursue terrorists and criminals”.

He blamed the attack on “a distorted, deadly Islam” which he vowed to eradicate and vowed to build in France a “society in a state of vigilance”.

At the same time he warned against lapsing into a climate of permanent suspicion, asserting: “This is not a fight against a religion but against the distortion of it which leads to terrorism.”

Thursday’s attack brought to 255 the number of people killed in attacks blamed on, or claimed by Islamist radicals since 2015.

Harpon, a father of two, had converted to Islam about 10 years ago and adopted increasingly radical beliefs.

He had been in close contact with a hardline Salafist imam in the months before his rampage last week, according to investigators.—AFP

Cosmology trio win Nobel Physics Prize

OSLO — Canadian-American cosmologist James Peebles and Swiss astronomers Michel Mayor and Didier Queloz on Tuesday won the Nobel Physics Prize for research increasing our understanding of how the universe evolved after the Big Bang, professor Goran Hansson, secretary general of Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences, told a press conference.

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The winners of this year’s Nobel Prize in Physics at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences on 8 October, 2019 in Stockholm. PHOTO: AFP

Member of the Nobel Committee for Physics Ulf Danielsson shows on a graphic as he speaks to the media during the announcement of the winners of the 2019 Nobel Prize in Physics at the Royal Swedish Academy of Sciences on 8 October, 2019 in Stockholm. PHOTO: AFP

He praised the winners for their “extraordinary” achievements.

“My congratulations to the winners: for their extraordinary achievements,” Hansson said.

The trio will receive the prize in Stockholm on 8 December, the anniversary of the 1896 death of scientist Alfred Nobel who created the prizes in his will and testament.

In 2018, the honour went to Arthur Ashkin of the US, Gerard Mourou of France and Donna Strickland of the US for laser inventions used for advanced precision instruments used in medical eye surgery and in industry.

After Marie Curie in 1903 and German-American scientist Maria Goeppert-Mayer in 1963, Strickland became just the third woman to be awarded the Physics Prize since 1901.

This year’s Nobel prize season kicked off on Monday with the Medicine Prize awarded to Americans William Kaelin and Gregg Semenza, and Britain’s Peter Ratcliffe. They were honoured for research into how human cells sense and adapt to changing oxygen levels, which opens up new strategies to fight such diseases as cancer and anaemia.

The winners of this year’s Chemistry Prize will be announced on Wednesday.

The Literature Prize will follow on Thursday, with two laureates to be crowned after a sexual harassment scandal forced the Swedish Academy to postpone the 2018 award, for the first time in 70 years. On Friday the action moves to Norway where the Peace Prize is awarded, with bookies predicting a win for Swedish teen climate activist Greta Thunberg on betting sites such as Ladbrokes. PHOTO: AFP
Brazil’s central bank drafts bill to modernize foreign exchange market

BRASILIA — Brazilian President Jair Bolsonaro on Monday submitted to Congress a bill drafted by the Central Bank of Brazil to modernize the foreign exchange market.

“The objective of the bill is to establish a new, more modern, more concise and legally secure framework for the foreign exchange and capital markets in Brazil and Brazilians abroad,” said the bank in a press release.

According to the bank, the bill will reduce the red tape for companies needing foreign currencies for imports and exports, end restrictions on exporters’ use of their overseas revenues, and generally make foreign exchange transactions easier. The bank also said that “the bill should facilitate the participation of foreign investors in the financial and capital markets by making the central bank registration process more efficient.”— Xinhua

Vietnam’s internet economy growth second fastest in Southeast Asia: report

HANOI — Vietnam’s digital economy is the second fastest-growing market in Southeast Asia, according to a recent report by Google, Temasek and the US-based global management consultancy Bain.

The internet economy of Vietnam is estimated to reach a value of 12 billion US dollars in 2019, with an annual growth rate of 38 percent since 2015, and expected to total 40 billion US dollars by 2025, local online newspaper VietnamExpress cited the e-Conomy Southeast Asia 2019 report as reporting on Monday.

The annual report assesses the region’s six largest markets namely Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam, across five sectors of online travel, online media, ride hailing, e-commerce and financial services.

Indonesia led the region, which has grown at an average rate of 33 per cent a year since 2015, with an average growth rate of 49 per cent a year.

With the gross merchandise value traded over the internet in Vietnam set to account for over 5 percent of the country’s gross domestic product (GDP) in 2019, the country is emerging as the most digital of all economies of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), read the report.

E-commerce is a key driver behind the impressive numbers, where such homegrown marketplaces as Shopee and Tiki compete with regional players like Lazada and Shopee.— Xinhua

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**Myanmar and World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index**

By Aung Htoo

_The Global New Light of Myanmar_ 9 October 2019

World Bank consultant Mr. Jose Ricardo Silva said on Friday 27 September 2019 that Myanmar was among the top 20 improvers list in the World Bank’s Ease of Doing Business Index 2020.

In a time when Myanmar was facing criticisms locally as well as internationally, it was a delight to hear this good news. It was to be expected that there still will be local criticism to this news too. World Bank Ease of Doing Business Index was not widely known in Myanmar. There were many factors that complicated the business market in Myanmar. The list would be long and almost never ending with corruption, red tapes, authorized persons taking advantage of granted rights and power, not following the contract/agreement, not following rules and regulations, illegal trade, unauthorized collection of various fees etc.

The first thing to do in straightening and strengthening the market economy was to re-establish the private sector that was the foundation of a market economy. However, the majority of the private sector businesses were not in the mainstream or formal sector but rather in the informal market sector. Most private businesses in Myanmar exist as small and medium enterprises (SMEs) that were weak in having proper accounts. Most don’t have a proper business plan and have no way of raising capital or investment. When companies were permitted to be formed, capitals or investment from the people, the unregistered businesses and SMEs, were untaxed and thus could not be put up as capital or investment in a legal sense. Remittance of Myanmar nationals working overseas amounted to US$ 2 to 4 billion but most were transferred back to Myanmar through the informal “Hundi” money transfer system rather than through the formal and legal banking system.

### Raising the Ease of Doing Business Index ranking

To improve the situation the government had drawn up and was implementing Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan. Special economic zones were established. Efforts were made to attract foreign investment as well as to develop the travel and tourism sector. Additional efforts were also made toward fulfilling the fundamental requirement for economic develop like road, communication and infrastructure development, developing the private sector and SMEs, eradicating and preventing illegal trade, raising employment opportunities, developing electronic management and raising the ease of doing business ranking index.

### Drawing up of transparent work procedures

Transparent work procedures for government services were drawn up. Hluttaw was also interested in ease of doing business by businesses and conducted discussion in the Hluttaw about it as well as including the matter in its reports as well. However, in their discussions, the Hluttaw representatives pointed out that Myanmar’s Ease of Doing Business Index hadn’t improved much.

### Three reforms per group

However in comparison internationally, during 2019 the index didn’t decline but there were no progress either. In 2018-2019, support groups were urged to increase reform works and for each group to conduct at least three reforms. Due to this Directorate of Investment and Company Registration conducted four reforms. Yangon City Development Committee conducted seven reforms. Ministry of Electricity and Energy conducted three reforms. Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation conducted three reforms. Customs Department and Ministry of Commerce conducted three reforms and Union Supreme Court conducted two reforms.

### Raising the index marks

In doing reforms, legal and law reform need and take time. An example would be the enactment of Insolvency Law and Secured Transaction Law. If such laws can be enacted more marks can be obtained for Ease of Doing Business Index through progress in ability to acquire loan index and resolving financial difficulty index. Private Sector Development Committee led by Vice President U Myint Swe was working toward reducing formalities and processes and had held 29 meetings with private business persons.

### Resolutions and coordination conducted

Up to the 29th meeting, a total of 358 suggestions and recommendations were received, resolved and coordinated. Reforms conducted in 2018-2019 for Ease of Doing Business Index 2020 was sent to Doing Business Unit of World Bank headquartered in Washington on 20 June 2019. Ease of Doing Business Index 2020 will be published on 31 October 2019. During the year 2018-2019 reforms conducted such as enactment of Myanmar Company Law and implementation of an online company registration system, cost reduction in company registration, more transparency in service works conducted by the government, reduction of documents required in applying for business permits and reduction of stages in work processes will result in achieving more points in the Ease of Doing Business Index 2020. This will result in rise in Ease of Doing Business Index 2020 ranking and more efforts will be made toward further progress in Myanmar e-government system.

### Arrangements made for more reforms

The government will continue its effort toward increasing ease of doing business. Arrangements were made to conduct more reforms for 2021 Index and a total of 40 were earmarked. As the practice of an e-government system will support the progress in Ease of Doing Business Index, the government will continue its effort toward the progress and development of an e-government system.
Total FDI inflow into Myanmar hits $4.4 bln in 2018-2019 FY

US$4.4 billion of foreign direct investment has been channeled into Myanmar in the fiscal year 2018-2019 which ends on 30 September, according to a senior official from the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration under the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations. “We set a target to attract US$5.8 billion of FDI in the financial year 2018-2019. But we have only received US$ 4.4 billion of FDI. So we still need more than one billion US dollar to meet our target,” said Daw Tin Aye Han, Deputy Director-General of the DICA.

The deputy director-general made the remarks during a press conference held at the DICA office in Yangon on 17 September. The Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) gave nod to 262 foreign investment projects worth more than one billion US dollar in July this year. The new foreign investments are worth US$364.474 million and can create 16,681 job opportunities for Myanmar citizens. The MIC also greenlighted 27 foreign investments valued at US$349.747 million in August, creating 12,099 job prospects for Myanmar people. The MIC permitted 13 Myanmar citizen-invested projects in seven sectors during this period. The investment by Myanmar businesses are worth more than Ks. 228.920 million and can create up to nearly 1,700 job opportunities for Myanmar citizens. The MIC approved 262 foreign investment projects worth US$395.64 million from 1 October 2018 to 14 September 2019. The investment volume including the promotion of investment which was permitted under the Special Economic Zone during this period reached US$362.28 million.

The FDI inflow into Myanmar from 1 October 2018 to 27 September 2019 totaled US$4.4 billion, she added. The monthly meeting of the MIC was held at its office in Yangon on 14 September. The meeting gave the green light for eight projects in fishery and livestock, manufacturing, hotel, real estate, oil and gas, transport and communications sectors. The MIC also approved the investment projects worth more than US$200 million and Ks. 25 billion during its monthly meeting held in Yangon on 31 August. The MIC approved six projects in the livestock and fisheries, manufacturing, hotel and tourism, mining sectors during its monthly meeting held on 27 September. The investment projects permitted by the MIC during the meeting were valued at US$147.903 million and Ks. 2 billion, creating 1,083 job opportunities for Myanmar citizens. Italy invested US$3.20 million in hotels and tourism sector in Myanmar for the first time, an official from the DICA said. Italy joined the list of countries which invest in Myanmar, the director from the DICA said.

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“A container ship docking at Botahtaung Jetty in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

The huge production plant of Yakult is located at Thilawa Special Economic Zone. Yakult Myanmar Company Limited is a $47 million investment by a Japanese company. PHOTO: YE HTUT TIN (NLM)
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**Team Myanmar in Bishkek for World Cup Qualifier against Kyrgyzstan**

**Yangon United signs U Tin Maung Tun as head coach**

**Struggling Lyon plan to dismiss coach Sylvinho**

**2022 World Cup Qualifiers: Myanmar, Kyrgyzstan match to be shown live on MRTV**

**Yangon United president Pyae Phyo Tay Za (R) hands over the contract to the new head coach U Tin Maung Tun (L) during the signing event yesterday.**

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**Players and members of the coaching team of the Myanmar national football team are in Bishkek City, Kyrgyzstan, and the team is undergoing special training in the city ahead of the 2022 World Cup Qualifier against the host team, Kyrgyzstan, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.**

The match between Myanmar and Kyrgyzstan will be held on 10 October at the Dolen Omurzakov Stadium in Bishkek.

Team Myanmar left for Bishkek City on 6 October from Yangon International Airport, and currently, the team is training and making strategic preparations at the training center in Bishkek city. The team is being trained by members of the coaching team, led by head coach Miodrag Radulovic.

There are 23 outstanding players on the squad, but two Myanmar football stars — midfielder Maung Maung Lwin and striker Kyaw Ko Ko — have been left behind in Yangon as both of them are suffering from knee problems and need to rest for about two weeks, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.

Team Myanmar has met Kyrgyzstan twice at the group stage of the 2017 and 2018 qualifiers for the AFC Asian Cup. In their first meeting in 2017, Myanmar played to a 2-2 draw against Kyrgyzstan, but in their second match in 2018, Myanmar suffered a 5-1 loss to Kyrgyzstan.

The upcoming match will be decisive for team Myanmar’s hopes of realizing its World Cup dream. — Lynn Thit (Tgi)

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**LYON — Lyon have decided to sack Brazilian coach Sylvinho just 11 matches into the season after a dreadful run of form, the Ligue 1 club said on Monday.**

The former Arsenal and Barcelona full-back only took charge of the team recently signing new players, including Kyi Lin and Maung Maung Win from Zwekapun United. With my talented players, I dream of winning every championship. And I believe we could do that with all of our courage,” he said.

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**YANGON UNITED, the defending champions of the 2019 General Aung San Shield, have formally signed U Tin Maung Tun as head coach on a two-year contract, according to a statement issued yesterday by the football club.**

Speaking about signing up with the team, U Tin Maung Tun said: “I am very proud to be the head coach at Yangon United. I am overwhelmed by the trust invested in me by the club owner and officials, and I would like to thank them.”

U Tin Maung Tun has been with Yangon United since 2009 as an assistant coach. He also served as the acting head coach and led the team to victory in the 2015 edition of the Myanmar National League and the 2019 General Aung San Shield, according to the Yangon United.

Taking over the mantle of the head coach, U Tin Maung Tun shared his vision for the team. “I am pleased about our team recently signing new players, including Kyi Lin and Maung Maung Win from Zwekapun United. With my talented players, I dream of winning every championship. And I believe we could do that with all of our courage,” he said.

“As the head coach here, I would do my best in the AFC Cup. Winning the AFC Cup is what I want most for my team,” he added.

The head coach also said he would like to express his heartfelt thanks to fans for their support, which has been a source of real strength for him and the team. — Lynn Thit (Tgi)