It was around 7 pm on 7th October in Yangon. Phoe Kyaw and Wai Wai set out their tour to Mount Kyaikhtiyo from downtown. It was their first-ever trip. Instead of exciting about the trip, the couple tried to release from work stresses as the tour was not on the Thadingyut holiday which falls from 11th to 15th October. It took the couple about two hours to Aung Mingalar Bus Terminal. They arrived at the bus station around 9 pm and bought the tickets of 9:30 pm. The bus to Mount Kayikhtiyo was about to leave in a few minutes. From the bus, Phoe Kyaw looked outside the bus and saw many people going here and there under brightly shinning lampposts in the compound. On the way to Mount Kyaikhtiyo, nothing could be seen outside the bus except lampposts.

It was exactly 1 am on 8 October when the bus operator announced that the bus has arrived in Kinpon Camp and all the passengers to surely check the things they carried before they left the bus.

Surrounded by darkness, a guest house was dimly lit at the place where the bus stopped. Some boys were pursuing passengers to rent rooms in the guesthouse, saying that the transport to Mount Kyaikhtiyo run only in the daytime. Without knowing where to go in the darkness, new comers to the place, mostly rented the rooms. The rooms of the guest house are priced from K 10,000 to 40,000 a night. The rooms priced K 10,000 are so-called room with no bed stands and no furniture. They only provided two pillows, two blankets and a mat to sleep on the floor. Most passengers rented K 20,000 rooms which are neatly equipped with air conditioning, bed stand, mattresses and television except private toilet and bedroom.

It was around 7 am on 8th October when the couple checked out the guest-house. It took them about ten minutes on foot to the Kinpon Camp station to climb up to Mount Kyaikhtiyo. They had breakfast near the station and Wai Wai said, “let’s us ride cable car.” Phoe Kyaw nodded.

The cable car ticket box is under the same roof with the cars which go to Mount Kyaikhtiyo. Two salesgirls smiled at them and explained about their cable cars routes and ticket fares. One of the salesgirls said, “A cable car can be ridden individually or with other passengers at the wishes of the riders.”

The cable car route starts only from Rathe Taung (Mount Hermit) which is one of the mountain between Kinpon Camp and the mountain where the Kyaihtiyo Pagoda (the Golden Rock) is located. Cable car fare is K 5,000 per one for a one-way trip and K 7,000 for a round trip. The tickets for a round trip are valid for two days. The seats of the cars are very tight. Each car departs from the Kinpon Camp station when all 42 seats are full. The bus fare to the top of the mountain was K 3,000.

Amyotha Hlutaw speaker discusses regional development tasks with locals in Myawady

AMYOTHA Hlutaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than met with locals from Myawady Town, Phalu Village in Phalu Village church compound.

At the meeting Amyotha Hlutaw Speaker said the Hlutaw had the legislative power, the Union Government had the executive power and the Supreme Court of the Union had the judiciary power according to the Constitution. In exercising these powers, the three must not interfere with what the other was doing but need to coordinate with one another. People are urged to openly raise matters and requirements and the Amyotha Hlutaw Speaker will do the best he can.

Next the locals raised education, health, road and bridge requirement matters of the village and Amyotha Hlutaw Speaker gave comments and suggestions to ensure coordination based on the responses of sector wise officials.

Amyotha Hlutaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than delivers the speech at the meeting with locals from Phalu Village in Myawady. PHOTO: MNA
Nay Pyi Taw Zoo and Safari Park teeming with visitors

Interview by Han Lin Naing
Photo by Michael Htan

Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden and Safari Park were found to be teeming with visitors during the Thadingyut public holidays. Following are the voices of the official and the visitors.

U Myo Min Htat, administrator, Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden and Safari Park

There were more visitors this holiday compared to last year’s Tahdingyut holiday. There was an average of six to seven thousand visitors every day. The zoo had 38 animal species totaling nearly six hundred. I'd like to invite all to visit and enjoy the zoo and the park.

Daw Swe Nwe Win (merchant, Tatkon Town)

I came from Tatkon near Nay Pyi Taw. I think there’ll be more visitors tomorrow so I brought my children today. Tomorrow, I'll pay respect to my parents in Bago. This year Thadingyut holiday was five day so public servants can travel to faraway places.

Ma Aye Thida Aung (company employee)

I'm visiting Nay Pyi Taw from Yangon with my family. We went to Upatassanti Pagoda, Bodhgaya and Water Fountain Garden. After visiting Safari Park, I'll return to Yangon later in the evening. It is convenient for workers like us to travel and visit places during long holidays.

Ko Zin (company employee)

I'm visiting Nay Pyi Taw from Yangon with my friends. We already went to markets and shopping centres in Nay Pyi Taw. After visiting Safari Park, we'll go to Water Fountain Garden and other parks. After staying in Nay Pyi Taw for two days, we'll return to Yangon and rest in our house during the remaining holiday.

Ko Soe Wai Lwin (gasoline station attendant)

After visiting Safari Park, I'll pay homage to Upatassanti Pagoda. I'm given five day-off during the holiday but due to work requirement I'll go back to work. May all be happy and healthy.

U Aung Than Hlaing (Deputy Town Administrator)

I came from Yangon togeth- er with a social welfare group. After visiting Nay Pyi Taw for a day, we'll return to Yangon. May our country prosper.

Ma Thet Thet Aung (grocery seller)

This is the first time I've been to Nay Pyi Taw. I'm visiting places we've never been to before with my family. I've been yarning to visit Nay Pyi Taw for quite some time. It is quite a pleasant place. We came to the zoo first. There are many places to visit. We will visit pagodas and significant places here. After visiting the zoo, we’ll go to Safari Park and Water Fountain Gardens.

Amyotha Hluttaw speaker discusses regional development tasks with locals in Myawady

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Afterwards Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker made cash donations to lay a concrete road in Myawady Town Phalu Village and relevant departmental officials presented cash supports to 69 handicapped persons from Phalu Village Tract.

In his concluding speech, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker said

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker presents cash supports to faraway places.

May all our people feel happy. May our country be prosperous and peaceful.

Ma Aye Thida Aung (Translated by Zaw Min)

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Daw Swe Nwe Win.

Ma Aye Thida Aung.
Myanmar Tatmadaw goodwill delegation continues tour of Japan

A Myanmar Tatmadaw goodwill delegation visiting Japan led by Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing was hosted to a dinner by Nippon Foundation President Mr Yohei Sasakawa and Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association President Mr Hideo Watanabe at the New Otani Hotel Hoon No Ma Hall on the evening of 10 October.

At the dinner Nippon Foundation President Mr Yohei Sasakawa, Myanmar Ambassador to Japan U Myint Thu, Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association President Mr Hideo Watanabe, Komeito Party President and member of the House of Councillors Mr Natsumi Yamaguchi, CDP Party leader and member of the House of Representatives Mr Yukio Edano, Minister of Finance, member of Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, member of Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and House of Representatives Mr Taro Aso delivered messages of greetings.

The Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief in return offered his deep appreciation to Nippon Foundation President, Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association Dr Myint Htwe for the opportunity to meet and exchange conditions.

The Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief presented commemorative gifts to Rector Dr Hiroyuki Itami and head of faculty of post-graduate international relations studies Dr Aung Niigata Station and Kamijo Power Station in Niigata Prefecture. The Tatmadaw goodwill delegation then visited Sekigoshan Saitokujii Temple in Niigata Prefecture Urasa Town, according to news released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

Union Minister opens Korean Ambassador’s Taekwondo Championship

THE opening ceremony of 2019 12th Korean Ambassador’s Cup Taekwondo Championship was held at Aung San Indoor Sports Stadium, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Region yesterday morning.

Present at the event were Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe, Deputy Director-General U Myo Hlaing and officials, officials from ROK embassy, Myanmar Taekwondo Federation President U Mya Han and executive committee member, competing team leader, coaches and competitors and judges.

In his address to the event the Union Minister said Korean Ambassador’s Cup Taekwondo Championship was held since 2006 with an aim of prolonging the bilateral friendship and this was the 12th time it was being held. A total of 26 teams consisting of teams from six sports and physical education schools, ministerial department teams, state/region teams and club teams were participating with more than 550 competitors. The Union Minister thanked the Republic of Korea for raising the level of Taekwondo in Myanmar and for Myanmar to achieve success in international competitions.

Next, Ambassador of ROK to Myanmar Mr Lee Sang Hwa said cooperation programs were arranged and conducted in travel, culture, sports and other sectors to increase bilateral relations. The ambassador also spoke of his happiness in observing the development of Korea’s traditional sports of Taekwondo in Myanmar. This was followed by Myanmar Taekwondo Federation President U Mya Han delivering a speech of appreciation.

Afterwards, the Union Minister, ROK Ambassador, officials from the embassy, Sports and Physical Education Department Director-General and Myanmar Taekwondo Federation President U Mya Han greeted the competing teams and members and observed the competition.

Later in the afternoon the Union Minister attended a talk held in University of Medicine 1 explaining about the experience of Myanmar medical expert representative group’s United Kingdom study tour from 22 to 30 September conducted under the invitation of Cambridge Global Health Partnership (CGHP) and Tropical Health & Education Trust (THET). The talk also covered arrangements made to open a National Medical Skill, Simulation and Research Center.

The Union Minister commented on using the experience gained in the study tour according to the country’s situation, to continue cooperation with CGHP and THET group and the ministry’s continued support for National Medical Skill, Simulation and Research Center. — MNA (Translated by Zau Min)
THE residents of Yenangyoung Township, Magway region, purchased colourful lanterns during the Thadingyut festival, and the lanterns to be selling well in the local market, said Ko Mya Twin, a lantern seller.

The Thadingyut festival, the lighting festival of Myanmar, is held on the full moon of the Myanmar Lunar month of Thadingyut. During the lighting festival, people hang colourful lanterns in their homes.

Traditional lanterns are made from coloured paper and bamboo. Ahead of the crafting process, lantern makers collect and trim bamboo. Then they bend it into shapes and affix paper to the bamboo structure. Skilled artisans can shape lanterns into elephants, peacocks or even airplanes. Paper lanterns made of bamboo are becoming rare.

Lantern makers earn a small profit by selling lanterns, because the lanterns’ waterproof papers are ordered from China. Lanterns are selling for between K1,500 and K3,000 each, depending upon the size, design and cartoon patterns.

A man making traditional handmade lanterns at his workshop. PHOTO: TINZAR HLAING (IPRD)

Over 1,700 Chinese tourists visit Muse in 10 days

A total of 1,790 Chinese tourists booked return trips to Muse through the Myanmar-China border gate (Nandaw gate) from 1 to 10 October 2019, according to the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism in the Muse office.

“The Chinese tourists are visiting Muse daily through the Myanmar-China border gate (Nandaw gate). They visit tourist sites in Muse, through arrangements made by licensed tour companies,” said U Han Zaw Lin, the Assistant Director from the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism in Muse office.

The Chinese tourists are visiting such sites as the 165th Mile trade zone, ShweThamin Kyauktaw, famous pagodas, the Yarga Myaung cave, the Yarga Myaung pagoda, the municipal market and Pan Khan national races village.

To supervise the tourism business in Muse, the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism was formed to promote tourism in Muse and supervise tours.

The Chinese tourists visit Muse mostly on public holidays, such as the Chinese New Year in February, and other holidays in July, August and October.

The number of tourists visiting Muse has increased 30 per cent from January to June 2019, compared to the same period last year.—Salai Van Yoe Htan (IPRD)
(Translated by Hay Mar)

Chinese travellers are seen at the entrance of Myanmar-China border gate. PHOTO: SALAI VAN YOE HTN (IPRD)

Five injured in traffic accidents on highway before Thadingyut holidays

THERE were eight traffic accidents on the nation’s highways within two days of the Thadingyut holidays, resulting in five injuries, according to the highway police station.

“Many cars requested help on 12 October. One Buddhist monk and one layman were injured in an accident. There were also problems related to vehicles, such as running out of fuel, said an official from the highway police station.

Many cars are travelling on the highway, and the traffic police are patrolling the highway during Thadingyut holidays to reduce road accidents, in cooperation with the Red Cross Society and the fire brigade.

On 10 October, more than 800 cars per hour were travelling on the highway. To reduce the number of road accidents, the traffic police are also conducting regular educational talks and distributing awareness pamphlets.

Those who need help on the highway can call the highway traffic police at 19 42088801-99.—Aye Cho
(Translated by Hay Mar)
Myanmar and Russian scientists discover new species of frog.

RESEARCHERS from Mandalay University and Moscow State University have discovered two new species of frogs in Magway Region.

Dr Than Zaw from the Zoological Department of Mandalay University and Nikolay A Poyarkov of Moscow State University found a population of two new species at Pakokku Township and Kanpauk Village in Yezagyo Township, and named them Microhyla irrawaddy and Microhyla feldiana.

“We found the first frog near Ayeyawady Bridge in Pakokku Township. After DNA tests it was found that the frog is a new species. As we found it near the Ayeyawady River, we included “Irrawaddy” in its name. The other frog is from Kanpauk Village in Yezagyo Township,” said Professor Dr Than Zaw.

Local residents are familiar with the new species, but they have been recorded as new species.

— Aung Thant Khaing

Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin

AA group abducts fire department personnel, civilians from bus in MraukU

AA group stopped a Shwepyithit express bus near mile-post 127 of MraukU-Sittway road in Rakhine State MraukU Township and abducted 19 Fire Department personnel and 12 passengers on the bus on the morning of 11 October.

The express bus 6J/xxxx carrying 31 passengers, 19 Rakhine State Fire Department personnel and 12 civilians, was driven by U Nyi Nyi Hein of Mandalay Region Champmyathazi Township’s Aungginle Ward together with assistant U Ko Oo and bus attendant U Myint Soe @ Yamin Soe. The express bus left Mandalay for Sittway on the afternoon of 10 October and on reaching mile-post 127 at about 9:30 am on 11 October it stopped for a man in civilian cloth at the roadside who was signaling the bus to stop. Once the bus stopped about 18 armed men from AA group in sportswear emerged from the forest and abducted the 31 passengers into the forest.

As the driver, driver assistant and bus attendant were released with the express bus, the bus arrived in Sittway later.

AA group was conducting acts of disrupting peace and rule of law as well as abducting public servants and innocent civilians, according to news released by Myanmar Police Force.

— MNA

Translated by Zaw Min

Deputy Minister for Information receives Xinhua News Agency Vice President

Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun holds talks with a delegation led by Xinhua News Agency Vice President Mr Zhang Sutang at Ministry of Information guest hall yesterday.

During the meeting, matters related to the main duties and responsibilities of the ministry, technology development and changes in media, pros and cons of social media and the important role of media in increasing bilateral understanding and cooperation were openly and cordially discussed.

— MNA

Translated by Zaw Min

Myanmar earns over $700 mln from rice exports

Myanmar earned over US$700 million from rice and broken rice exports during the 2018-2019 fiscal year (FY), according to the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

Myanmar rice and broken rice exports declined by over 1.4 million tons this year, compared to fiscal year 2017-2018.

Myanmar rice exports declined this year because rice exports to China through the border gates have decreased by nearly half, said an official from MRF.

Currently, China has purchased only 20,000 bags of rice weighing 1,000 tons from Myanmar. More than 27 per cent of rice and broken rice was exported by Myanmar through border gates, while over 72 per cent was transported by sea. Myanmar exports rice mainly to China, the Philippines, and European and African countries through sea routes and inland trade routes. Last year, Myanmar exported over 740,000 tons of rice to China.

Rice from the countryside has been slowly working its way into Yangon’s rice market. A 40 kg bag of MraukU Pawsan rice was selling at Ks 40,000-44,000, according to Wardan and Bayinnaung Markets. Myanmar has also signed a Government to Government agreement to export 100,000 tons of rice to China by the end of 2019.

Myanmar grows 14 million tons of rice per year and consumes 10 million tons.—Aye Maung

Translated by Hay Mar

Myanmar and Russian scientists discover new species of frog.

The map shows the point where AA group kidnap Fire Department personnel and civilians from a bus in MraukU. PHOTO: MNA
Iraqi and Vietnamese directors scoop top prize at Busan film festival

BUSAN (South Korea) — An Iraq-Qatar co-production looking at life in war-torn Baghdad and a Vietnamese tale of a young bookie struggling to support himself and his loved ones have shared the top award at the 24th Busan International Film Festival.

Iraqi director Mohanad Hayal’s “Haifa Street” and “Rom”, from Vietnam’s Tran Thanh Huy, won the festival’s New Currents award, which hands out two prizes of $30,000 to first- or second-time Asian directors, early Saturday.

“The decision was tough and these two films are not first and second, this was not a horse race,” said New Currents jury head Mike Figgis, the Oscar-nominated director of “Leaving Las Vegas”.

“We saw a lot of great work from young, exciting filmmakers who understand the art of cinema.”

“Haifa Street” was a film with tension from beginning to end, the jury said in a statement.

This is a mature, grown-up relationship drama “Moonlit Winter”. — AFP

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This year BIFF screened 299 films from 85 countries, with 118 world premieres, and almost 200,000 attending across its 10-day run.

The event ends on Saturday with the official prize-giving, and with the world premiere of Korean director Lim Dae-hyun’s mother-daughter relationship drama “Moonlit Winter”. — AFP

2019 New Zealand Lifestyle and Travel Expo kicks off

Raymond Hua, New Zealand Member of Parliament, hailed the achievement in cultural exchange between New Zealand and China.

The event is not merely about tourism, but also about promoting the good relationship between New Zealand and China in different levels, and it is not only in an economic and business sense but also brings culturally and socially meaning, Hua highlighted.

Paul Yeo, the industry relations manager at Tourism New Zealand, encouraged Chinese to bring friends and families to enjoy the unique scenery of New Zealand.

“New Zealand’s second largest international visitors’ market is China, growing from a very small beginning, to be the second most important source. We welcome our Chinese visitors, with 16 flights arriving in this country every week, not only in 2019 but also in the future”, Yeo added.

The travel expo features unique New Zealand travel products, with approximately 80 exhibitors including tourism agencies, tour operators, airlines, and food companies across China, New Zealand and the Pacific regions. — Xinhua

K-Pop’s BTS rocks out in ultra-conservative Saudi

RIYADH (Saudi Arabia) — The Saudi capital burst into life with the cheers of young fans of Korean pop group BTS as they performed in the kingdom seeking to transform its ultra-conservative image.

The seven members of the wildly popular K-pop band were sweating it out as they danced and sang Friday night in front of thousands of Saudis and expatriates in Riyadh’s 70,000-capacity King Fahd International Stadium.

“I am very happy that they are here in Saudi Arabia for the first time,” said a young girl, Amira, who wore a veil loosely over her head.

“I hope that there will more of these kinds of concerts,” she told AFP.

Another young Saudi, who asked not to be named, said she was happy that her country was “opening up to pop music”.

She added that she was a big fan of BTS songs and that they “personally touched her.”

Many welcomed the group’s decision to perform in Saudi Arabia, which has loosened decades-old restrictions on entertainment as part of a push to improve its image and attract tourists in a broader plan to diversify its economy away from oil.

But others criticised BTS for performing in the kingdom due to its oft-criticised human rights record and targeting of dissenters and homosexuals.

While the contentious liberalisation drive has also seen women gain some more freedoms, including being able to drive and travel more independently, the crackdown on rights campaigners and dissidents has intensified at the same time.

As Saudi Arabia boosts its entertainment offering, its record has put off some artists, including rapper Nicki Minaj, who pulled out of the Jeddah World Fest in July, citing human rights concerns.

Janet Jackson, 50 Cent and Chris Brown were among artists who did not turn down the kingdom’s invitation to perform. — AFP
Boeing splits CEO, chairman role amid MAX crisis

NEW YORK (United States) — Boeing unveiled a shift to its leadership structure on Friday as it manages the 737 MAX crisis, announcing that Dennis Muilenburg will remain chief executive but step down as chairman.

The company said splitting the roles would allow Muilenburg to focus full time on running the company “as it works to return the 737 MAX safely to service” while ensuring full support to customers sharpening Boeing’s focus on safety.

“This decision is the latest of several actions by the board of directors and Boeing senior leadership to strengthen the company’s governance and safety management processes,” it said in the statement.

The company named David Calhoun, currently lead independent director, to serve as non-executive chairman.

Calhoun said the “board has full confidence in Dennis as CEO and believes this division of labor will enable maximum focus on running the business with the board playing an active oversight role.”

Boeing’s top-selling 737 MAX plane has been grounded since mid-March following two deadly crashes that killed 346 people.

Boeing is targeting regulatory approval for the plane’s return to service this year following upgrades, but the aerospace giant has noted government authorities will have the final say.

A report Friday by international aviation regulators criticized the US Federal Aviation Administration’s certification of the MAX.

It said the agency lacked the necessary manpower and expertise to evaluate key flight-handling changes on the plane and also delegated too much to Boeing staff.—AFP

High-stakes conflict threatens DR Congo gorillas

KAHUIZI-BIEGA NATIONAL PARK (DR Congo) — Aged almost 17 years, Bonane is an eastern lowland gorilla, a survivor in most 17 years, Bonane is an east-central lowland gorilla, a survivor in most of the world’s population.

In Munyange village on the eastern lowland, Bonane is an east-central lowland gorilla, a survivor in most of the world’s population.

“The invasion began in August (2018). In December, it accelerated, guided by armed eco-guards.” said Hubert Mulongoy, the park’s management say the Pygmies and park rangers, are doing what they can to ease the conflict.

“The deforested zone is a tiny slice of the protected terrain — a tropical highland treasure almost the size of Delaware, extending over 6,000 square kilometres (2,300 square miles).

The park reaches up to neighbouring North Kivu and Maniema, largely lawless provinces where militia violence, poaching and illegal traffic in minerals are rampant.—AFP

Messaging app Telegram has 300 million monthly users worldwide and raised more than $1.7 billion in funds in the US and overseas through a cryptocurrency issue.—PHOTO: AFP

US regulators block Telegram from raising funds through cryptocurrency

NEW YORK (United States) — US securities regulators won an emergency court order Friday to block the messaging application Telegram Group from raising funds by selling unregistered cryptocurrency to investors.

“The farmers vowed to use every means to undermine us. Using the Pygmies to come and destroy the park is one of them,” said the director, who is given round-the-clock protection by two armed rangers.

“I’ve done what others didn’t dare do.” Marine Gauthier, a university academic and consultant in forestry management, said it was “plausible” that the Pygmies were being manipulated, “but that doesn’t detract from their long-standing and genuine anger.”

Park authorities say some Pygmies are among the ranks of the rangers and are doing what they can to ease the conflict.

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The company, whose encrypted messaging program Messenger has some 2.9 billion digital tokens called “Grams” without registering the tokens as securities and disclosing risks to investors.

“Defendants plan to sell billions of securities that will quickly come to rest in the hands of US investors without providing those investors important information about their business operations, financial condition, risk factors and management,” the SEC complaint said.

The SEC requested an temporary restraining order saying “once Grams reach the public markets, it will be virtually impossible to unwind the Offering, given that many purchasers’ identities will be shrouded in secrecy, and given the variety of unregulated markets where Grams may be sold, including platforms that promise anonymity and encryption capability to mask transactions.”

The SEC in the past year has ramped up its efforts to combat companies raising funds through questionable digital currencies, which it said are ripe for potential fraud.—AFP
Loans and assistance needed to expand coffee market

JUST as agricultural products, such as rice, beans and pulses, being in significant foreign currency, also coffee can become an important cash crop. This is because Myanmar’s coffee is of high grade. In coffee quality specifications used throughout the world, a Cupping Score of 80 and above is considered a special grade coffee, and coffee produced in Pyin Oo Lwin, Ywangan and Thandaung has a score of between 86 and 88, while coffee produced in Chit Suey State was of special quality, reaching a score of 90.

Coffee is a type of high-value industrial crop. The Arabic coffee produced by the Ywangan region in Shan State is recognized worldwide as a special grade coffee. In addition, it is an organic product. Now, Arabic coffee is in high demand in foreign markets.

The seventh month of Myanmar lunar Calendar ‘Taisyut’s day corresponds to October and November. Literally meaning ‘Thinn Kaung’ is ‘Rain is retruned in end’ of Monks with the ways of residing in the monasteries during crops growing period of these months. Wadhaungs and Theinlads (July, August and September respectively) are few to go or out.

Astrologically named Tula (Bull) as the constellations name this month is a man holding a balance. The astrologers ‘Awiwai’ and the Moon shine astride in nocturnal firmament. Five different species of aquatic flowers Lotus (Nymphaea alba), Red Lotus (Nymphaea Rubra), Blue Lotus (Nymphaea Stellata), Pa- doma Lotus (Nelumbium Spec- cinum) and Poun Najei Kya (Lanka Arborus). Hence Lotus flower is traditionally designated as the flower of this month. White and Padoma Lotus are very sacred for Buddhists. Lotus is the symbol of purity as it is perfect in beauty, fragrance and purity stemming out of the muddy water. Besides Lotus we can see the symbols of golden fan, Sakka Deva’s golden fan and Sakka Deva his philosophy Abhidham- ma.

Lord Gotama Buddha observed his seventh Lent in Tavata- tima to preach his mother of previous existence new Santusita deva his philosophy Abhidhamma: Sitting on the brown emerald slab called Pindaka and under the shade of Futo Kathit, Tree from the Tooth (Ratu Gada), Lord Buddha expounded the dhamma. Many devas accompanied Lord Buddha holding celestial regalia. Pancha Thidiva deva with five hair knots, on the right played Volera harp in praise of Lord Buddha, Sayama Deva held a yakshita yodichak, Satun- neva Deva held a holy studyed gold fan and Sanika Deva how Viaraputa Carchi shield to cele-brate the auspicious occasion. All deities of the whole Universe gathered to pay their homage to Lord Buddha as best they could. The stair-ways were illuminat- ed by the lights radiated from the deities. At the gate way of the city of Sukhavatia on Earth, Lord Buddha sat on foot on Earth. The welcoming crowd paid a resounding welcome homage to Lord Buddha the entire city was lit by oil lamps. The full moon above is the sky and oil lamps flickering.

To commemorate this great event Myanmar people annually hold Tavatimavisa or Simey Myintmoe Festival or Thidin Kyut Light Festival or Thinkey Light Festival Myintmoe (Mt Meru upon which is Tavatimavisa). In the time of Myanmar Kings, Light Festival of Thinkey Kyut was held and celebrated without fail. A spe- cial law was issued from Roy- al Treasuries Special commit- tees and sub-committees were formed to royal order. Minister, civil and military services men were tasked to the successful holding of this festival. Festivals of Mt Meru were built on four sides of the royal palace city on which the grand descent of Lord Buddha from Tavatimavisa was reenacted accompanied with re- ligious songs and music. Their Majesties and the court made entourage visiting Pandales of Replica Mr Mya Oil lamps line up the streets from Palace city to prominent Pagodas in four directions. Music, dance and song entertainments were held. The grand descents of Lord Buddha from the Above world, light and cash and kind to outstanding performances. Myanmar chroni- cles (history books, as well) Treaties, kept detail account of such events. On the 1st waning moon day of this month Acjary Pyuvas are held across the country, schools, Universities, Government Ministries, Departments, Companies Armed Forces Army, Navy and Air. Regard- less of race, religion, rank and creed all hold and participate in such pyus.

The recipients of Pyuvas are all age groups and all faiths, Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims, Christians, Li Paus, Ya makers are the same. They offer cash or kind to the pujas recipients and best from them saying they might have committed physically, verbally or mentally against their teachers, superi- tors, bosses. The recipients utter three times sad(a) (well done) three times and unanimously exclai all are pardoned and wish them peace, health and long life. The same pujas are paid to your parents and elders in your family.

Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

The Global New Light of Myan-
mar is accepting submissions of original writing from young people of Myanmar. The theme for the 13th October will be ‘Back to Earth’. For submission details please visit www.globalnewlightofmyanmar.com. If you are unable to submit via the website please send your submission to: Global New Light of Myanmar, 50th Street Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, Myanmar or by email to info@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: Name of school/college/university (as you present it on your ID), Age, Class, Grade, Gender, Ethnicity, Nationality, Religion, email, phone number, full name, address, PIN code, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and any other social media account you wish to add. We hope to see your work in our paper soon.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF THE 13th Oc- tober, 2019: Rain or thunderstorms will be fairly widespread in Nyauphi, Southern and Eastern Shan and Kaktal Regions, Karin and Bassein States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (90%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myan- mar waters. Wave height will be about 0–4 feet and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likely of continuous widespread rain in Myanmar peoples, festive occasions, schools, Universities, Governments, Ministries, Departments, Companies Armed Forces Army, Navy and Air. Regard-

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12th October, 2019: Isolated to thunder showers. Degree of certainty is (90%).
Patients back in hospital after ‘EVALI’ vaping illness

WASHINGTON (United States)—Some patients who have been discharged from hospital after recovering from lung injury associated with vaping have had to be readmitted, US officials said Friday as they named the mysterious illness that has killed 26.

Authorities issued new clinical guidance and are now referring to the condition as “e-cigarette or vaping product use associated lung injury” or “EVALI.”

Around 1,300 people have fallen ill since March, almost all hospitalized, with the rate of new cases showing no signs of slowing despite a series of dire public health warnings.

A 17-year-old this week became the youngest person to die from the illness, and 80 percent of cases are among individuals under 35.

Anne Schuchat, a senior official with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), told reporters: “We’re aware of a handful of individuals who have been readmitted for clinical care after discharge for lung injury. We need to understand these accounts better.”

The CDC recommended every patient return for outpatient follow-up within seven days. Schuchat told reporters nationwide research suggested products containing THC, particularly those obtained off the street or from unknown sources, were linked to most of the cases and play a major role in the outbreak.

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But authorities cannot definitively exclude nicotine products, since 13 percent of all patients reported nicotine use only. A CDC spokeswoman later told AFP that because the information was self-reported, it was potentially unreliable.

Specifically, patients might not always know what substances they use or might be hesitant to reveal use of substances that are not legal in their state.

For now, investigators suspect that some portion of the cases are due to a risky practice linked to the preparation of THC, but cannot say for certain whether other cases have other causes innate to the vaping process. — AFP

Emirati astronaut returns home to hero’s welcome

ABU DHABI (United Arab Emirates)—An Emirati astronaut who became the first Arab to reach the International Space Station received a hero’s welcome home on Saturday.

Hazzaa al-Mansoori of the United Arab Emirates was greeted by Abu Dhabi’s powerful Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan at the capital’s airport.

Men, women and children lined a red carpet to welcome back Mansoori and his colleague Sultan al-Neyadi—who underwent the same training and served as a backup astronaut.

Children rushed towards the first Emirati spaceman to present him with flowers and hugs, as a group of men performed the traditional Yola dance.

Although Mansoori’s mission was short—eight days in total—it has been the source of great pride in the UAE, a newcomer to the world of space with ambitions to send an unmanned probe to orbit Mars by 2021.

The 35-year-old former military pilot’s whirlwind mission has had wall-to-wall coverage in Arab media. He returned to Earth on 3 October. Mansoori arrived home on Saturday following a stopover at the Roscosmos training base in Star City outside Moscow.

“This truly has been an international collaboration and I am humbled to have been part of this,” Mansoori tweeted shortly before his arrival.

Mansoori flew to the ISS after the UAE signed a contract with Roscosmos to allow him to become a “spaceflight participant,” a term used for people from outside the main space agencies who take short trips to the station. — AFP

Amazon calls for government regulation of facial recognition tech

WASHINGTON (United States)—Amazon is endorsing the idea of government regulation of facial recognition technology, as part of a wide-ranging statement of its principles on a range of social and political issues.

The US tech giant, which has come under scrutiny by antitrust enforcers and has been criticized over its use of facial recognition software, set out its positions in a statement posted late Thursday on its corporate website.

Some of those stances, such as its endorsement of a raise in the federal minimum wage, were previously disclosed by Amazon.

The statement also reiterated recent comments by Amazon founder and chief executive Jeff Bezos on efforts to battle climate change.

On facial recognition, Amazon said it believes that “governments should act to regulate the use of this technology to ensure it’s used appropriately.”

The company noted that it offered its own set of guidelines for facial recognition that “protects individual civil rights and ensures that governments are transparent in their application of the technology.”

Thursday’s statement said governments “should work quickly to put in place a regulatory framework” for the technology, which has been used increasingly around the world amid criticism on privacy and civil liberties concerns.

Amazon also said it supports diversity and rights of persons of any gender, race, ethnicity, age, religion and sexual orientation and “strongly” endorses immigrant rights and immigration reform.

The company said it will back US federal privacy legislation “that requires transparency, access to personal information, ability to delete personal information, and that prohibits the sale of personal data without consent.”

The federal minimum wage of $7.25 per hour in the US “is too low and should be raised,” Amazon said, noting that it has promised to pay a minimum of $15 an hour and has encouraged others to follow suit. — AFP
Hagibis slams into Japan

Tokyo, the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) said. The storm has weakened, but was still packing gusts of wind up to 216 kilo- metres per hour (134 miles per hour) around an hour before the central eye hit the shore. And it claimed its first victim hours be- fore arriving on the coast, when strong winds from its outer bands flipped a car in Chiba east of To- kyo and killed the driver.—AFP

One dead as ‘unprecedented’ Typhoon Hagibis slams into Japan

TOKYO (Japan)—Powerful Typhoon Hagibis slammed into Japan on Saturday, killing one even before making landfall and prompting authorities to issue their highest level of disaster warning over “unprecedented” downpours.

More than 7.3 million people were placed under non-compulso- ry evacuation orders as officials reported serious flooding and sev- eral landslides that left at least three people missing. More than 31 were injured, four seriously.

Even before making landfall, Hagibis caused enormous disruption, forcing the cancellation of two Rugby World Cup matches, delaying the Japanese Grand Prix and grounding all flights in the Tokyo region.

It crashed into Japan’s main Hachijo island just before 7:00pm local time (1006GMT), barrelling into Izu, a peninsula southwest of Tokyo, the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) said. The storm has weakened, but was still packing gusts of wind up to 216 kilo- metres per hour (134 miles per hour) around an hour before the central eye hit the shore. And it claimed its first victim hours be-}

N. Korea demands Japan compensate for “sinking” of fishing boat

BELING—North Korea on Saturday accused Japan of deliberately sinking a North Korean fishing boat that sank following a collision with a Japanese patrol vessel this week and demanded com- pensation, according to the Korean Central News Agency.

The patrol ship of the Japanese Fisheries Agency “committed a gangster act of sinking our fishing ves- sel which was on a normal navigation,” a North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesper- son asserted in response to a question put by KCNA.

Although the crew was rescued by the Japanese side, the unnamed spokes- person claimed their safety “subjected to a serious threat.”

“We strongly demand that the Japanese govern- ment compensate for the in- fliction of the material dam- age by sinking our vessel and that it work out steps to prevent a recurrence of such incident,” the spokesperson added.

The collision occurred at around 9 a.m. Monday, some 350 kilometers northwest of the Noto Peninsula in Ishika- wa Prefecture, with the North Korean ship sinking about 20 minutes later, according to the Fisheries Agency and the Japan Coast Guard.

All of the crew members that abandoned the fishing boat were rescued and handed over to another North Korean boat that was in the area, the coast guard said.

The incident took place near an area in the sea called Yamanotai, known as fertile waters for squid and other types of fish. The agency be- lieves the North Korean boat was illegally catching squid.

Japan’s Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga, the top government spokes- man, said Friday that Japan is weighing the release of video footage showing the collision.—Kyodo News

Modi, Xi bid to bury India and China’s differences

MAHABALIPURAM (India)—India’s Prime Minister Naren- dra Modi called Saturday for a “new era” in relations with China as he held talks with President Xi Jinping aiming to overcome troublesome differences between the world’s two most populous nations.

Modi and Xi stroked along a pristine Bay of Bengal beach and held one-on-one talks from chairs overlooking the ocean be- fore their delegations sat down to official negotiations at the historic resort town of Mahabalipuram, south of Chennai.

The two leaders met for the second time in 16 months in a bid to ease tensions over border disputes, the troubled Kashmir region and China’s domination of trade between their huge econ- omies. They reaffirmed a pledge made at the last summit in Wu- han, China, that “both sides will prudently manage their differ- ences and not allow differences on any issue to become disputes,” said an Indian government state- ment. Modi said the Wuhan sum- mit had given “increased stability and fresh momentum to our re- lationship.”

“Our Chennai vision to- day has launched a new era of cooperation between our two countries,” he added. Xi said in his opening remarks to the summit delegations that he and Modi held “candid discussions as friends.”—AFP

India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi (R) told Chinese President Xi Jinping their summit would launch a “new era of cooperation” between the Asian giants. PHOTO: AFP

Indonesia marks Bali bombings anniversary

DENPASAR (Indonesia) — Dozens of mourners on Sat- urday commemorated the 17th anniversary of the Bali bomb- ings that killed more than 200 people on the Indonesian re- sort island, as Islamic militant attacks continue to plague the country. Grieving families and representations from several embassies laid flowers and lit incense sticks at a memorial in the popular tourist hub Kata, where radical Islamists deto- nated bombs in 2002.

A candlelight vigil was also being held to mark the coun- try’s deadliest terror attack and remember the 202 victims – mostly foreign holidaymakers from more than 21 countries. Local militant group Jamaah Is- lamiah JD IDF was blamed for the bombings, which took place at two popular night spots, which accounted for all the victims, and the US consulate.—AFP
Turkey steps up assault on Syria
Kurds defying sanctions threats

RAS AL-AIN (Syria)—Ankara stepped up its assault on Kurdish-held border towns in northeastern Syria on Saturday, defying mounting threats of international sanctions, even from Washington.

Buoyed by a night of steady advances in the countryside, Turkish troops and their Syrian allies entered the battleground town of Ras al-Ain, sources on both sides said. The Turkish defence ministry hailed its forces’ capture of the first Kurdish-held town of the offensive so far. But Ras al-Ain’s Kurdish defenders denied the town had fallen and an AFP correspondent near the town said Turkish troops and their Syrian allies had entered but had yet to capture it.

The Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces, who were the main ground partner in the US-led campaign against the Islamic State group, have taken mounting losses against the vastly superior firepower of the Turkish army.

At least 20 SDF fighters were killed in clashes overnight, taking their losses since the Turkish offensive began on Wednesday to 74, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based war monitor, said.

—AFP

US-China partial trade deal: the main points

WASHINGTON (United States) — US President Donald Trump on Friday announced a partial trade deal with China after talks in Washington with Vice Premier Liu He.

Here are the main points of the agreement, which has yet to be signed.

A deal, in principle

Trump said he hoped to have a deal signed with President Xi Jinping “in four weeks, five weeks, something like that.”

The signing could take place in the middle of November in Chile on the sidelines of the Asia–Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit.

“We have a fundamental understanding on the key issues... but there is more work to do,” Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin told reporters.

“We will not sign an agreement unless we get, and can tell the president, that this is on paper,” Mnuchin said Liu needed “to go back to do some work with his team, but we have made a lot of progress over the last two days,” signaling that approval from the highest level in Beijing would be sought. Previous apparent break-throughs have faced opposition in Beijing and seen a resumption of the trade war.

Agriculture

China has pledged to rapidly increase purchases of US farm goods to $40-50 billion a year – a sharp rise that would be more than double the level in 2017. In 2017, before the trade war started, China imported $19.5 billion of US farm output, falling to just over $9 billion in 2018.

Financial services and currencies

“We’ve had good discussions with... the head of the People’s Bank of China, their central bank,” Mnuchin said Friday.

“We have also had extensive discussions on financial services opening up their markets to our financial services firms. So we have pretty much almost a complete agreement on both of those issues.”

“Currency has been a very big concern... and we have an agreement around transparency into the foreign exchange markets and free markets, so we are very pleased with that.”

The US Treasury in August branded China a currency manipulator, accusing Beijing of deliberately weakening the yuan to gain unfair trade advantages.

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Dala Shipyard constructing marine vessels for 150 years

Dala Shipyard in Yangon Region, Dala Township, Aungmin-gala Ward had been constructing and maintaining marine vessels for more than 150 years to transport people and goods over water.

During fiscal year 2019-2020 the shipyard will construct one tugboat and two container barges for Inland Water Transport.

Oldest shipyard
Of the six shipyards owned and operated by Inland Water Transport, Dala Shipyard was the oldest. It was established just after the second Anglo-Myanmar war and was more than 150 years old now. It was established in 1865 by Irrawaddy Flotilla Co., Ltd. and was gradually expanded.

Name change and transfer of ownership
After Myanmar gain independence, Irrawaddy Flotilla Company was nationalized in 1 June 1948 and the shipyard became a government owned shipyard. The company became Inland Water Transport Board. In 1 March 1971, it became Inland Water Transport Corporation and by 1 April 1989, the name changes to Inland Water Transport while the shipyard continued to conduct ship repair and construction works.

Question on future plan raised in Hluttaw
During the last week of August, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Htwe, Pyithu Hluttaw representative Dr Sein Mya Aye, Yangon Region constituency 1 Hluttaw representative U Tun Yin, Yangon Region constituency 2 Hluttaw representative U Htwe Tin and officials visited Dala Shipyard. Afterward questions were raised in the Hluttaw on plan to upgrade the long serving shipyard or to open a school where marine technology and related subjects can be taught.

Transporting to people and goods
Marine transport was the cheapest mode of transport and Inland Water Transport had been playing an important, cheap and low cost role in transporting people and goods. With a wide delta area, long coast line, major rivers flowing through the country and despite the development of other land and air transport modes, marine transport will still play an important and cheap role in Myanmar for transporting people and goods. Dala Shipyard will also continue to play an important role in this.

By Naing Lin Kyaw (Dala)
Efforts were being made from all directions toward making Yangon a developed city like other cities of the world. It was being implemented through short term three to five years project to long term projects. One such project is Dagon Seikkan Smart City project that will soon be implemented.

At Malaysia-Myanmar Connect 2019 event held on 30 August 2019 Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein said, “Dagon Seikkan Smart City project will be implemented in cooperation with top Malaysian company Berjaya. The project will provide apartments for retiring 30,000 public servants.”

Initially the project was to be implemented by government budget but as this will take some time to complete a decision was made to implement it under a public-private partnership arrangement. Tender winning Berjaya Company will implement the project in a short time frame with full conveniences for the people who’ll live in it.

Implementation of housing projects

Yangon was expanding and basic infrastructures were being increasingly constructed and implemented. However, there still are requirement for housing and Yangon Region government was striving toward implementing low cost, fair price housings in outlying township of Yangon. This will allow young individual as well as family wise settling in Yangon where there are many job opportunities. Be-
ONE Championship: Aung La N Sang to battle Brandon Vera in Tokyo today

BURMESE Python Aung La N Sang will battle Filipino heavyweight champion Brandon Vera at the ONE Championship: Century in Tokyo, Japan today (13th October).

Aung La N Sang posted on his social media page yesterday, “Tomorrow it’s all going to be done. I face Brandon Vera in the One Championship Circle. It’s an honor for me to face someone I’ve been a fan of for the last decade.”

The bout between Aung La N Sang and Brandon Vera will be the main event of the ONE Championship: Century for light heavyweight world championship.

The co-main events are the bouts between Japan’s Shinya Aoki and Filipino Honorio Banario, Brazil’s Bibiano Fernandes and Philippines’ Kevin Belingon, Thai fighter Rodtang Jitmuangnon, along with Brazil’s Walter, Armenian-Italian Giorgio Petrosyan and French-Algerian Samy Sana.

The prelims 5 is the bout between Japan’s Met Yamauchi and Taiwan’s Jenny Huang in women’s atom weight class, the prelims 4 is the bout between two Japanese fighters Yosuke and Arjan Bhullar in heavy weight class, the prelims 3 is the bout between Japan’s Shoko Sato and Brazil’s Rafael Silva in Bantam weight class, the prelims 2 is the bout between Brazil’s Hernani Perpetuo and Japan’s Hiroyuki Tetsuka in welter weight class, and the prelims 1 is the bout between two Japanese fighters Koshiba Matsumoto Takasuke Kume in light weight class.

The bout between Aung La N Sang and Brandon Vera is scheduled for around 5pm. — Kyaw Khin

Burmesse Python Aung La N Sang (l) and Filipino heavyweight champion Brandon Vera (r).

PHOTO: AUNG LA N SANG FACEBOOK PAGE

‘Super-human’ Kipchoge smashes mythical two-hour marathon barrier

VIENNA (Austria) — Kenya’s Eliud Kipchoge on Saturday made history, smashing the mythical two-hour barrier for the marathon in the “best moment” of his life on a specially prepared course in a vast Vi- enna park.

With a time of 1hr 59min 40.2sec, the Olympic champion became the first ever to run a marathon in under two hours in the Prater park with the course readied to make it as even as possible.

“Tam the happiest man to- day. The message that no human is limited is now in everybody’s mind,” an elated Kipchoge told reporters after the run, adding he expected more athletes to match his feat in the future.

“From the first kilometres I was really comfortable. I have been training for it for the last four and a half months, and above all I have been putting in my heart and in my mind that I’ll run an under-two-hour marathon.”

The 34-year-old already holds the world record for the distance with a time of 2hr 01min 39sec, which he set in the flat Berlin marathon on Sep- tember 16, 2018.

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Rugby World Cup warned of fresh cancellation as typhoon slams into Japan

TOKYO (Japan) — Rugby World Cup officials warned that a third match could be cancelled and urged fans to stay safe as a powerful typhoon slammed into Japan on Saturday, leaving two people dead.

Ireland confirmed their place in the quarter-finals with a 47-5 bonus-point win over Samoa — the only game possible as Typhoon Hagibis smashed into the country, causing serious flooding and several landslides.

Organisers had already taken the unprecedented step of scrapping England’s game against France and New Zea- land against Italy on Saturday over the unusually large typhoon.

They warned Namibia and Canada of the “potential of cancellation” of their game on Sunday in Kamaishi, which was badly hit in the 2011 earthquake and tsunami disaster.

“We have advised the Na- mibia and Canada teams of the current situation and potential of cancellation, and our message to fans not currently in Kamaishi is not to travel before confirmation of the match status”, World Rugby said.—AFP

Kenya’s Eliud Kipchoge (white jersey) celebrates as he crosses the finish line at the end of his attempt to bust the mythical two-hour barrier for the marathon on 12 October 2019 in Vienna. PHOTO: AFP

PHOTO: AFP

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It was around 7 pm on 7th October in Yangon. Phoe Kyaw and Wai Wai set out their tour to Mount Kyaikhtiyo from downtown. It was their first-ever trip. Instead of exciting about the trip, the couple tried to release from work stresses as the tour was not on the Thadingyut holiday which falls from 11th to 15th October.

It took the couple about two hours to Aung Mingalar Bus Terminal. They arrived at the bus station around 9 pm and bought the tickets of 9:30 pm. The bus to Mount Kyaikhtiyo was about to leave in a few minutes. From the bus, Phoe Kyaw looked outside the bus and saw many people going here and there under brightly shining lampposts in the compound. On the way to Mount Kyaikhtiyo, nothing could be seen outside the bus except lampposts.

It was exactly 1 am on 8 October when the bus operator announced that the bus has arrived in Kinpon Camp and all the passengers to surely check the things they carried before they left the bus.

Surrounded by darkness, a guest house was dimly lit at the place where the bus stopped. Some boys were pursuing passengers to rent rooms in the guesthouse, saying that the transport to Mount Kyaikhtiyo run only in the daytime.

Without knowing where to go in the darkness, new comers to the place, mostly rented the rooms. The rooms of the guest house are priced from K 10,000 to 40,000 a night. The rooms priced K 10,000 are so-called room with no bed stands and no furniture. They only provided two pillows, two blankets and a mat to sleep on the floor. Most passengers rented K 20,000 rooms which are neatly equipped with air conditioning, bed stand, mattresses and television except private toilet and bed room.

It was around 7 am on 8th October when the couple checked out the guest house. It took them about ten minutes on foot to the Kinpon Camp station to climb up to Mount Kyaikhtiyo. They had breakfast near the station and Wai Wai said, “let’s us ride cable car.” Phoe Kyaw nodded.

The cable car ticket box is under the same roof with the cars which go to Mount Kyaikhtiyo. Two salesgirls smiled at them and explained about their cable cars routes and ticket fares. One of the salesgirls said, “A cable car can be ridden individually or with other passengers at the wishes of the riders.”

The cable car route starts only from Rathe Taung (Mount Hermit) which is one of the mountain between Kinpon Camp and the mountain where the Kyaikhtiyo Pagoda (the Golden Rock) is located. Cable car fare is K 5,000 per one for a one-way trip and K 7,000 for a round trip. The tickets for a round trip are valid for two days.

The seats of the cars are very tight. Each car departs from the Kinpon Camp station when all 42 seats are full. The bus fare to the top of the mountain was K 3,000.

By K. Author
A. He first gathered the egg. Then, he milked the cows. Next, he fed the pigs. Afterwards, he filled the pots with water. So, the priestess in the evening made buns and offered them to the deity after the aarti.

B. Ko Ko joined the Rangoon University in 1956. He majored in Myanmar. He wanted to be a writer. He worked hard. He read a lot. He also made a lot of friends. He took part in the sports activities of the University. He graduated in 1959.

We went on a picnic last Sunday. We went to the Thanda Lake. We went in a car. There were altogether five of us. We left early in the morning. It was a fine morning. The morning breeze was cool and fresh. We sang all the way. We arrived there at about 6:30. We left the car under a big tree and went up to the Pagoda terrace. We saw many visitors there. Some were sitting in the rest houses and listening to the sermon. Some were going here and there. Some were worshipping at the statues of Buddha. Some were offering flowers and candles. Some were looking at the paintings on the walls. Some were ringing the bells. Some were feeding the fish and tortoises in a pond nearby.

Yesterday morning I got up early. I brushed my teeth and then washed my face in the bathroom upstairs. I came downstairs and had tea. Afterwards I went to town. I took the No 8 bus. I got down at the Sule Pagoda bus stop. I had an appointment with a friend in the Bandoola University. We arrived there at about 6:30. We left the car under a big tree and went up to the Pagoda terrace.

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Some were sitting on the benches and watching others. Some were taking physical exercises. They were swaying their bodies to and fro slowly. Some were just strolling. Some were sitting at tables and drinking beer. Some were talking. He was telling her something and she

(D) (1) Shall be, will be in the perfect tense
2. She has been a nurse for over five years.
3. They have been soldiers since 1979.
4. We have been University students for three years.
5. Ko Ko has been at the Yangon University in 1964.
6. They have been my customers for many years.

(E) “I was, were” in the perfect tense
1. Ko Ko was at the Yangon University in 1964.
2. He was at home last night.
3. She was in the hall when the explosion took place yesterday.
4. They were then in the boat on the river.
5. We were in Paris when the war broke out.
6. He will be a famous artist some day.

(2) We shall be members of the reading club next month.

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)
A moment-existence is a just limited time of particular years. How-

ill of us have already known that the sun is the supreme above all the types of energy in nature. Walking and working under the soft and tender rays of sun is a pleasing and refreshing one. Especially, it is a very distinctive taste for sun-bathing during the cool moment of early winter morning like this season. In fact, the sun is a benefactor for all living organisms. Sci-

entists, authors and poets have differently composed and similed about the sun from their respective aspects as all organisms including humans have a privilege of a moment-existence on the earth, one of the planets which circulate centering the sun. A moment-existence is a just limited time that is a period of particular years. How-

ever, humans observed the sun very well during their existence period and shared their useful observed information. Thus, that there is unbebenefited one among many beneficial ones of the sun has been known not for long.

Its name is Ultraviolet (UV) ray. It is frightening as much as the beauty of its name. Originally, humans do not need to heed UV. This is why human possesses a naturally resistant thing called Melanin, a pigment which is present in the Malpighi- an layer of the epidermis of human skin. Melanin can almost totally prevent the UV. Nature is very lovely because it has installed the mechanism into human’s body to defend the calamity that it offers by itself. However, Melanin is not potent now as it cannot vie with above harmful level of index 11. The danger level of index of UV is 11. The cause why the index is far above over the index II will be presented when I have got an opportunity next time. Now, I am going to present the nature of the owner of the beautiful name called UV first.

UV is a type of radiation which is the portion of the electromagnetic spectrum between X-rays and visible light that is between 40 and 400 nm. The UV spectr um is divided into several groups such as Vacuum UV, Far UV, UVA (Ultraviolet rays ‘A’), UVB (Ultraviolet rays ‘B’) and UVC (Ultraviolet rays ‘C’). Artificial sources include tanning booths, black lights, curing lamps, germicidal lamps, mercury vapour lamps, halo-

gen lights, high intensity discharge lamps, fluorescent and incandescent sources, and some types of lasers. Unique hazards apply to the different sources depending on the wavelength range of the emitted UV radiat ion. UVA is the most commonly encoun-
tered type of UV ray. UVA exposure has an initial pigment-darkening effect followed by Erythema if the exposure is excessive. Atmospheric ozone absorbs very little of this part of the UV spectrum. UVA is need-
ed by humans for synthesis of vitamin D. However, overexposure to UVA has been associated with toughening of the skin, suppression of the immune system and cataract formation. UVA light is often called black light. Most phototherapy and tanning booths use UVA lamps.

UVB is typically the most destruc-
tive form of UV radiation because it has enough energy to cause photochemical damage to cellular DNA, yet not enough to be completely absorbed by the atmos-

phere. UBV is needed by humans for synthesis of vitamin D. However, harmful effects can include erythema (sunburn), cataracts and development of skin cancer. Individuals working outdoors are at the greatest risk of UBV effects. Most solar UBV is blocked by ozone in the atmos-

phere and there is concern the reductions in atmospheric ozone could increase the prevalence of skin cancer.

UVC is almost never observed in nature because it is absorbed completely in the atmosphere as Far UV and Vacuum UV. Germicidal lamps are designed to emit UVC radiation because of its ability to kill bacteria. In humans, UVC is absorbed in the outer dead cell layers of the epidermis. Accidental overexposure to UVC can cause corneal burns, commonly termed weld-

ers’ flash, and snow blindness, a severe sunburn to the face. While UVC injury usually clears up in a day or two, it can be extremely painful.

The photochemical effects of UV radiation can be exacerbated by chemical agents including birth control pills, tetracy-

cline, cyclamates, antidepressants, coal tar distilled found an antidermatant shamp-

oos, lime oil and plastic diffusers used in office lighting. Sun-blocking lotions offer limited protection against UV exposure. Accidental UV overexposure can in-

jure unaware victims due to the fact UV is invisible and does not produce an immedi-

ate reaction. Labelling on UV sources usually consists of a caution or warning label on the product or the bulb packaging cover or a warning sign on the entry way. Some type of emission indicator as required with lasers products is rarely found. Reported UV accident scenarios often involve work near UV sources with protective coverings removed, cracked or fallen off. Depending on the intensity of the UV source and length of exposure, an accident victim may end up with a lost-time injury even though totally unaware of the hazardous condition. Hazard communication training is especially important to help prevent accidental exposures in the workplace. All in all, exposure guidelines for UV radiation have been established by the American Conference of Governmental Indus-
trial Hygienists and by the Internation-
al Commission on Non-Ionizing Radiation Protection. Handheld meters to measure UV radiation are commercially available, but expert advice is recommended to ensure selecting the correct detector and diffuser for the UV wavelengths emitted by the source. UV radiation has numerous useful applications but increased awareness and control of UV hazards are needed to prevent accidental overexposures. I present this article to my dear reader in order to avoid the harmful UV rays which will be abundantly emitted soon in the coming summer season using appropriate utensils which are within our reach.
I n the British Colonial Period (1885-1948) a Great Britain was commonly known and called “Bilat [Bi Lat]” which Myanmar used. So it is said Great Britain, United Kingdom (UK) England London were also commonly used. In fact “Great Britain” and United Kingdom (UK) were not one single country. They are composed of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland plus “Great Britain” and United Kingdom (UK) was a political and administrative unit. It included England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. These countries have their own political systems and legal systems. Each country has its own parliament and government. England has a parliamentary system, while Scotland, Wales and Ireland have devolved government systems.

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Hey! Good morning!

I have completely finished my warmup activities.

Fake, fake. Such troublesome fakes.

But they are so cheap.

Fake pharmaceuticals, fake liquor.

Fake food, fake rice.

What fake product did you get?

Fake love and compassion.

Ha!

She said she loves me dearly but then she left me for another guy!

Where are you going with all that baggage?

It’s for a trip.

When will you be back?

Imm, you always leave when Thadingyut is near. What’s up with that?

Oh, nothing. Except for the fact people always ask me when I’m going to get married!

Oh my...
here are two ways of criti-
cism in the world. The one
is positive criticism while
the other is negative. The
positive brings the progress while
the negative the regress. However,
the ones who always yeam for the
development take positive criticism
as supporting things while they will
always avoid the negative with the
heedful mind for their success.

There are people who always
speak well. But, the important thing is
it is not sure these sweet words bring
us profits. The ones who utter right-
eous any bitter words give us more
advantages than those who utter only
sweet words.

But, in the world, the ones who
utter righteous and bitter words are
hardly found. There are two kinds of
those who find our errors and criticize
them. They are the ones who blame us
for our profits and the ones for our loss.

In our daily lives, though we can
always encounter with those who
always find our errors and blame us,
it is hard to meet with those who
mend our errors with good
intentions.

Once upon a time in
Italy, there was a young
painter. He painted a picture.
Then, he showed it to every
artist and asked for their views.
They always said it was really a
masterpiece.

So, the young painter himself
was so satisfied with his work that he
found no weakness in it. He always
enjoyed his work every day.

One afternoon, he brought his
painting to the downtown area
and made a show there. He also hung
a letter beneath his painting in which
“Anyone who finds a weakness in this
painting mark a drop on it.”

In the evening, when he went
there to check what happened there,
he found his painting was full of
drops and his painting had become
just a black—board. He felt so de-
pressed that he heavily cried out.

His father was a wise man. So he
said his sons.

“Don’t feel so depressed, my
son. You see how
little spiders are
making their webs
tirelessly. Whenever
their webs were destroyed, they tried
again. Like this, my son, you paint
again which is similar to the old one
exactly. Then, you hang it again in the
same place. But, mind you, you don’t
write as you did before. Change it.
You write to anyone
who finds a weakness in this
painting please mend it well.”

The young painter did as his fa-
ther said. He drew a similar painting
and hung it in the same place. This
time, he found no one marked a drop
on it.

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for one-way trip, and the fare to Rathe Taung where cable
car line starts was K 2,000. The cable car station at the
foot of Rathe Taung is beautifully decorated with flowers
and other things including house models to take photos.

Riding cable car, passengers can enjoy the aerial
views of the greenish mountains, and the view of bushy
sky and the golden Kyaikhtiyo Pagoda.

The sun was brightly shining when the couple set
foot on Mount Kyaikhtiyo. Near the car and cable car
stations on the mountain, bare men and women were
asking travelers to hire them for carrying baggage. There
were also chairs carried by bearers. The aged or sickly
tourists mostly rode the chairs.

On the way to the pagoda, host house agents are
advertising for rooms, asking almost every passengers
to rent. Following one passenger to another, flowers and
ready-made meal (soon) sellers are selling their goods.

Around the pagoda, there are buildings where Buddha
images are enshrined and the buildings where people can
view and bow to the pagoda. Some pilgrims are offering
meals, water, light and incent sticks in the building where
Buddha images are enshrined. The couple sat at a building
near the Golden Rock and bowed to the pagoda.

The waterfall which is not far from the pagoda is
also popular. The couple arranged to go there, but, no
car transported there on that day as it was in off-season.
Therefore, they had lunch on the mountain and went
down back to Rathe Taung, riding cable car.

It took about half an hour them to climb up Mount
Hermitt. On the mountain, the couple took meditation
for 20 minutes, and said they felt that the top of Mount
Hermitt way very peaceful and quiet.

It was around 4 pm when they arrived back at Kin-
pon Camp. There was no regular bus running to Yangon
from the Kinpon Camp later 1 pm. There are only a last
bus in Kyakhito Town for Yangon that leaves at 4:30 pm
which is about 30 minutes’ drive away from the Kinpon
Camp.

When the car from Rathe Taung arrived at Kinpon
Camp, a bus ticket agent was selling tickets for Yangon
with K 4,000. The bus had no air conditioning. But the
couple bought tickets for Yangon as they didn’t want to
go Kyakhito. On the bus, it was hot, but the things being
seen through the bus windows were very beautiful.

The bus after driving about 3 hours arrived at Saw
Bwar Gyi Gone in Yangon around 7 pm which was around
the same hour of the previous day when Phoe Kyaw and
Wai Wai began their tour to Mount Kyaikhtiyo. The round
trip only took them about 24 hours.
The importance of a Good Teacher

By Phyu Min

By the shoulders of teachers because they are the main pillars of the higher education and fully responsible to produce well-disciplined citizens. Therefore, the role of teachers, needless to say, is important nowadays.

A teacher is a person who gives the instruction of lessons to pupils. In other words, he is the guide to the youths. The youths generally have no sound reasoning power. It is highly probable that they may go astray. Hence, it is important for a good teacher to teach his pupils book lessons and train them on how to become moral men.

A good teacher plays an important part not only in raising the standard of education of our country but also in character building of a nation. Of course, teachership is not a garland of honour and respect but a garland of patience and concern to be adorned by the students. In other words, a good teacher is the noblest servant of his students. It is true that the most faithful servant always fulfils his master’s desire.

Similarly, a good teacher always gives his helping hand in every difficulty of his students. Unselfish service is his motto. His character is stainless pure and flawless. No teacher can ever win every difficulty of his students. Unselfish service is his motto. His character is stainless pure and flawless. No teacher can ever win every difficulty of his students. Unselfish service is his motto. His character is stainless pure and flawless. No teacher can ever win every difficulty of his students. Unselfish service is his motto. His character is stainless pure and flawless. No teacher can ever win every difficulty of his students. Unselfish service is his motto. His character is stainless pure and flawless. No teacher can ever win every difficulty of his students. Unselfish service is his motto.