President U Win Myint welcomes Nepali President in Presidential Palace

President U Win Myint and President of Nepal Mrs Bidya Devi Bhandari inspect the Guard of Honour in the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

HER EXCELLENCY Mrs Bidya Devi Bhandari, President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, who was on a State Visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the invitation of President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Win Myint was welcomed with a ceremony held in front of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal President Mrs Bidya Devi Bhandari was cordially greeted by President U Win Myint upon arrival at the Presidential Palace.

Next President U Win Myint and President Mrs Bidya Devi Bhandari took the salute of the guard of honor before they inspected it and introduce the members of their respective delegations.

After the welcoming ceremony Nepali President Mrs Bidya Devi Bhandari signed the visitors’ book and then the two presidents posed for documentary photos.

Afterwards the two presidents met in the Credentials Hall. During the meeting of the two presidents, they cordially discussed and exchanged views on increasing and strengthening bilateral friendship and cooperation, increasing trade and investment sectors, commemorating 60th anniversary of establishing diplomatic relations between Myanmar and Nepal, promoting travel sector, holding culture exchange events, commemorating 60th anniversary of establishing diplomatic relations between the two countries.

The meeting was also attended by Union Ministers U Kyaw Tint Swe, U Min Thu, Thura U Aung Ko and U Kyaw Tin; Myanmar Ambassador to Nepal Thiripyangchi U Tun Nay Lin, members of the Nepali presidential delegation, the Nepali Ambassador Mr Bhim Krishna Udas and senior officials.

After the call, the State Counsellor and the Nepali President witnessed the signing of MoUs by the Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko and the Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin the Minister for Foreign Affairs of Nepal Mr Pradeep Kumar Gyawali for cooperation in culture and tourism sectors.—MNA (Translated by Aung Khin)

Myanmar, Nepal sign MoUs to promote culture and tourism cooperation

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with President of Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal Mrs Bidya Devi Bhandari in the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

STATE COUSELOR DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI received the President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal Mrs Bidya Devi Bhandari, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

At the meeting, they discussed about promotion of friendly ties between the peoples of the two countries, promoting cooperation in the tourism and culture sectors, cooperation between the two countries in the international arena, establishment of the communications sector, cooperation in the exchange of information, participation of Myanmar senior officials in the Climate Change conference to be held in Nepal in 2020, organization of events in Nepal next year to celebrate the 60th anniversary of establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries.

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THE 2nd National Education Vice President U Henry Van Thio addresses the 2nd National Education Conference for Children with Intellectual Disabilities in Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The conference was aimed to promote inclusive education and special education programme for the intellectually disabled children, to coordinate the works and future plans based on education law and principles for persons with disabilities and to encourage their intelligence, knowledge and skills.

Vice President U Henry Van Thio made an opening speech at the ceremony. He said that the 2010 World Report on Disability of World Health Organization on Disabilities has shown that there are 1 billion people with disabilities worldwide, every tenth person of them are children, and 80 per cent of these children are living in developing counties. The disabled people are facing many difficulties in physical, social, economic and mental spheres, hindering them from joining with communities. They have difficult access to education, employment, healthcare, social and legal protections. They are also experiencing the highest death rate while a large number of these people are living in the poorest global communities.

Moreover, as their participation were neglected by different communities, the UN General Assembly has adopted the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) on 13 December 2016 to ensure equal opportunities for all persons with disabilities, to protect their human rights and to promote their rights and dignity.

Myanmar’s 2008 State Constitution has mentioned in the paragraph 32 (a) that 'The Union shall care for mothers and children, orphans, fallen Defence Services personnel’s children, the aged and the disabled.'

For fully protection and promotion of rights for the disabled persons, Myanmar signed UNCRPD on 7 December 2011, and observing the opportunities including Early Childhood Education and Life Long Learning.

According to the 2014 Population and Housing Census, 4.6 per cent of the country’s population, with over 2.3 million people, were the persons with disabilities, and an estimated 830,000 persons were intellectually disabled persons. Among them, over 90,000 were children.

The number of children with intellectual disabilities is increasing across the world, and that early childcare programmes and development assessments in children become crucial. The Minister of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement is operating a pilot project of the Early Childhood Intervention (ECI) in Ayeyarwady and Mon, and it will be expanded to the other areas.

The Vice President also remarked children with intellectual disabilities have less access to the schools due to some hindrances such as fewer numbers of schools and departments to generate training teachers for these children, lesser number of teachers compared with the students at these schools, the lack of parents’ knowledge, inappropriate view and treatment of societies to these children.

He also said the children have different intelligence and intellectual capacities. While some children need special cares and some developmental delays, they also have feelings like other children. They love others, and in return expect love and kindness which are important for their development.

The Vice President also said skilled teachers are required for developing such needy children to identify their capacities.

In addition to individual or a certain organization, the adults who have close relations with these children should also have knowledge on special education for these children. Especially their parents need to understand and participate in caring them. Such approach would make mutual understanding between the children and the parents. Moreover, teachers from the schools with disabled children need to know special methods to nurture such children.

To build a modern, developing, democratic federal union, all relevant ministries, social communities, experts, and people must create education opportunities for these children, so that no one gets left behind and everyone enjoys human rights without any discrimination.

VP U Henry Van Thio
President U Win Myint, First Lady host state banquet for Nepali President

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President U Win Myint and First Lady Daw Cho Cho hosted a state banquet for the President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, Mrs Bidya Devi Bhandari, and her delegation at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday evening.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was also present at the banquet together with Vice President U Myint Swe and his wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, Vice President U Henry Van Thio and wife Dr Shwe Luan, union ministers and other officials.

President U Win Myint and President Mrs Bhandari both delivered speeches at the beginning of the banquet.

President U Win Myint's speech

In his speech, President U Win Myint first said that it gave him great pleasure to extend a very warm welcome to the visiting Nepalese President and her delegation to Myanmar. He said that since this was her very first visit to Myanmar, arrangements have been made for visit to places of significance and for the convenience and success of the trip. He said he was convinced that this historic visit would elevate the bilateral relations to a new height and expand cooperation between Myanmar and Nepal.

President U Win Myint re-called with delight his first State Visit to Nepal in August 2018 with much appreciation for the warm welcome and hospitality accorded to him and his delegation. The opportunity to pay homage at Lumbini, the Scared Birthplace of the Lord Buddha, during this visit, and the warmth and friendliness of the people made the visit to Nepal a memorable one, said the President. He said he was honoured to be the host during the Nepalese President’s State Visit to Myanmar and happy to have the opportunity to reciprocate the exceptional hospitality accorded to him during his visit to her beautiful country.

The President said that based on the close historical background of Myanmar and Nepal, cultural affinities and mutual understanding, the two countries have enjoyed traditional bonds of friendship since the establishment of diplomatic ties. The many similarities that the two countries share constitute strong bonds between the two peoples and countries, he said.

The President said he was happy to see that over the years, exchanges of visits at various levels between Myanmar and Nepal have further consolidated existing friendly relations and intensified cooperation in various sectors. He said he had the opportunity to exchange views with the Nepalese President earlier today on matters pertaining to the fostering of bilateral ties and the deepening of their cooperation to best serve the interests of the two peoples and countries. He said it was his firm conviction that through joint efforts, they would be able to realize their full potential for cooperation in areas such as trade and investment, tourism, transport, industry and culture.

He continued to say that they were also happy to witness the growing closer coordination and cooperation between the two countries, in both regional and multilateral frameworks, such as the Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation (BIMSTEC), the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) and the United Nations. He assured the Nepalese President that Myanmar would continue to collaborate closely with Nepal both at the regional and international fora and strengthen mutual support in the interests of their two peoples.

He said he was delighted to know that the Right Honourable President and the Nepali delegation would also be meeting the Nepalese community in Pyin Oo Lwin tomorrow since people of Nepali origin have been living harmoniously with other local communities and also contributing to the socio-economic development of Myanmar, said the President.

President U Win Myint extends greetings at the banquet at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

PHOTO: MNA

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developing travel sector in 2020 that was designated as Visit Nepal Year, raising contact and understanding between the peoples of the two countries, continuing cooperation in the regional and international arena and reducing the effect of climate change.

At the meeting President U Win Myint was accompanied by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, U Kyaw Tint Swe, U Min Thu, Thura U Aung Ko, Dr Than Myint, U Thaung Tun and U Kyaw Tin, Myanmar Ambassador to Nepal Thiri Pyanchi U Tun Nay Lin and officials while Nepali President Mrs Bidya Devi Bhandari and party was accompanied by Nepali Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Bhim Krishna Udas. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)
President Win Myint, First Lady Daw Cho Cho, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and Nepali President Mrs Bidya Devi Bhandari and attendees pose for a group photo at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

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He said he sincerely hoped the Nepali President would enjoy the visit to Bagan, which has been recently recognized as a world heritage site by UNESCO. He said he was confident that the visits to the ancient temples of Bagan and the magnificent Shwesandaw Pagoda in Yangon would provide her and the Nepali delegation with new ideas for linking Buddhist pilgrimage sites between Myanmar and Nepal, particularly Bagan and the Sacred Lumbini, so that the shared heritage and cultural affinity between the two peoples would be enhanced.

U Win Myint said he was looking forward to celebrating the 60th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the two countries, which was just around the corner in the year 2020. He said it also coincided with the “Visit Nepal Year”. In this regard, he took the opportunity to wish the Nepali Government every success in its “Visit Nepal Year” ventures and that the national objective of “Prosperous Nepal, Happy Nepali” would materialize.

Nepali President’s speech

Next, President Mrs Bidya Devi Bhandari delivered a speech. She said she was happy to pay this state visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the invitation of His Excellency President U Win Myint. She said it was her pleasure to express earnest thanks and deep appreciation to President U Win Myint and the Myanmar government for extending a warm welcome and excellent hospitality to her and her delegation. She said she brought best wishes and love for everyone from the land of Buddha, pioneer of world peace.

President Mrs Bhandari said there have been frequent exchanges of high-level visits between Myanmar and Nepal recently. On this occasion, she fondly recalled the Myanmar President’s visit to Nepal in 2018, where they had fruitful discussions on the issues of mutual interest at bilateral, regional and multilateral level in a friendly and cordial environment. She believed such exchanges of high-level visits would further contribute to deepen the relations between the two countries and people and would also widen and enhance the bilateral relations.

She said Nepal and Myanmar have been enjoying excellent relations which was based on mutual trust and understanding. She added that the relationship went far beyond formal bilateral ties as the rich culture, traditions and similar values have equally contributed in strengthening people to people relations.

She said Lumbini, gifted with historical and cultural heritage, was not only the birthplace of Siddhartha Gautam but also the fountain of Buddhism. She said she was confident that the Government of Nepal would get continued support and goodwill from the Government of Myanmar in its pursuit to develop Lumbini as a center of world peace.

Buddha’s eternal messages have guided lifestyles of the people of the two countries, said the Nepali President, adding that global values of non-violence, peace, love, compassion, goodwill and coexistence were Buddha’s gifts to humanity.

She said that to promote the eternal messages of Buddha and to contribute to human welfare, the Government of Nepal has proposed to organize United Nations International Day of Vesak in 2021 in Lumbini. She shared her confidence that the proposal of the Government of Nepal would be materialized.

She also took the opportunity to praise former United Nations Secretary General and Myanmar national U Thant for his immense contribution to the development of Lumbini.

The Nepali President also congratulated President U Win Myint on the recent decision of the UNESCO enlisting Bagan as a World Heritage Site. She said she was extremely delighted to know that an arrangement had been made for her and her delegation to visit Bagan.

She said that Nepal and Myanmar shared similar development aspirations and challenges. She added that she reiterated the sharing of good practices between the two countries to achieve the development goals.

She said Nepal was moving forward with the aim of sustainable socio-economic transformation of the society especially in the backdrop of historical political transformation and stability that has been achieved. She said these development efforts were motivated by the national aspiration of “Prosperous Nepal, Happy Nepali.” Towards that end, the Government of Nepal was progressing in a planned way. She said Nepal had concentrated her efforts to graduate from LDC status as early as possible and become a middle-income country by 2030 and achieve sustainable development goals by that time.

The Nepali President said she was happy to observe the remarkable progress made by Myanmar, a friendly country in various sectors. She said she appreciated the efforts made to uplift the living standards of people and to make Myanmar prosperous, and also extended best wishes for the continued progress of Myanmar.

She said she looked forward to working closely with the Government of Myanmar in various sectors in the days ahead for the benefit of both peoples. She believed both our countries could gain important achievements by cooperating in areas of trade, tourism, investment and cultural exchanges. She added, similar-ly, regional cooperation through BIMSTEC could be an important platform for deeper engagements in the areas of common interest between the two countries.

She said she believed that both countries could contribute to regional peace, stability, development and aspiration for prosperity through effective regional cooperation.

She stressed the fact that, while moving forward towards prosperity through infrastructure development, industrialization and agriculture modernization, enough measures should be taken not to disturb the ecology. Nepal and Myanmar were both mountainous countries affected disproportionately by the harmful effects of climate change. To gather international cooperation regarding minimization and mitigation of harmful effects of climate change, Nepal planned to organize “Sagarmatha Dialogue” in Kathmandu in April 2020. She hoped there would be participation at a higher level from Myanmar for the dialogue, said President Mrs Bhandari.

She commended the contributions made by Myanmar nationals of Nepali origin in strengthening the people to people relations. She thanked the Government of Myanmar for the continued cooperation and protection accorded to them. She also thanked President U Win Myint again for the warm hospitality and excellent arrangements made for her visit.

She said the Government and the people of Nepal extend best wishes to the Government and people of Myanmar, for lasting peace, prosperity and economic development.

State banquet

Next, President U Win Myint and the First Lady, the Nepali President and State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi joined in on the banquet with invited guests. After dinner, the Nepali President and her delegation were entertained with performances by artists from the Department of Fine Arts at Thilain Hall of the Presidential Palace.

The Nepali President, President U Win Myint and the First Lady then presented flower bunches to the performing artists and took a documentary photograph.

 Afterwards, President U Win Myint handed over a travel photo album to the Nepali President.

—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)
Senior General calls on Nepali President

UNION Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein held two separate meetings with Ms Eva Gil, Resident Representative for Democracy Reporting International (DRI), and the Ambassador of the Republic of Korea, Mr Lee Sang-Iwa, at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. At the meeting with Ms Eva Gil at 10 am, both sides discussed implementation of a mobile application for disseminating electoral knowledge, compiling an election monitoring guide and conducting trainings, and matters related to civic education and voter education.

The UEC Chairman then met with the ROK Ambassador at 2 pm where they discussed preparations to make the 2020 General Elections free, fair, transparent, publicly trustworthy and in line with the people’s wishes. They also discussed preparations for domestic migrant workers, people fleeing from conflict zones and citizens who will be abroad to be able to exercise their voting rights, invitations to domestic and foreign election monitoring groups, organizing ICT utilization and electoral management trainings, civic and voter education, protection mechanisms against hate speech, fake and incorrect news on social media during the election period, and possible cooperation on preparing for the upcoming general elections. UEC members and officials from its office were also present at both meetings.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

UEC Chairman separately meets DRI rep, ROK Amb

DEPUTY Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Than Htutt discussed about opening a technical institute for youths at border regions with professors from the Nippon Foundation, the International University of Japan and Kosan Technical Institute during a meeting at the Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College, Yangon, yesterday.

During the meeting, the Deputy Minister said they have opened seven technical training schools for national youths in border areas who have only received limited education. These schools teach courses in construction, electronics, welding, auto mechanics, and mobile phone repairing and help with securing employment later on.

The Deputy Minister said they have also opened a technical training school in Hpa-an with help from Bridge Asia Japan and similar ones in Laukkai, Kutkai, Dawei, Labutta, Ponnagyun and Kyaukpyu. He said 2,057 trainees were able to secure jobs after the courses, making it a 38.80% success rate from the 5,304 total.

The Deputy Minister said they aim to open a technical institute in Yangon that offers three-year courses. He said this will bring forth a large number of skilled labour which will increase living standards and support effective implementation of technical and vocational education training (TVET).

The experts from Japan have recently visited Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College (Yangon), the technical training school in Hpa-an, Hpa-an Technological University, Yangon Technological University, and the Government Technical High School Ywama in Yangon.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)
Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Indian Vice Admiral

COMMANDER-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Vice Admiral G Ashok Kumar, AVSM, VSM, VCNS of the India Navy and his delegation at Zeya Thiri Beikman Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

According to news released by the Office of the Command-er-in-Chief of Defence Services, during the meeting both sides discussed how the navy forces of both countries exchange information for maritime security as they share a common maritime border. They also discussed how the Tatmadaw emphasizes border cooperation in the hopes of strengthening relations with Myanmar’s five neighboring countries. They then talked about exchanging trainees, conducting Goodwill visits, and sharing technical know-how.—MNA

(Translated by Zau Htet Oo)

41st AMAF: Union Minister Dr Aung Thu attends agricultural meetings in Brunei Darussalam

BRUNEI Darussalam hosted the 41st Meeting of the ASEAN Ministers on Agriculture and Forestry (41st AMAF), the 19th AMAF Plus Three and the 5th ASEAN-India Ministerial Meeting on Agriculture and Forestry (5th AIMMAF) in its capital Bandar Seri Begawan on 15 and 16 October.

Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu attended these meetings which took place at the Empire Hotel in the capital. The opening ceremonies of the meetings on 15 October were attended by the Crown Prince and Senior Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office, Haji Al-Muhtadee Billah Ibni His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Mu’izzaddin Waddaulah, for the welcoming speech.

The 41st AMAF also approved the 31 targeted plans in 2019, including norms for food safety, agriculture and forestry, guidelines for good manufacturing practices in agriculture and livestock, and the rules for organic agriculture in ASEAN countries.

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The Union Minister also signed the MoU on ASEAN Cooperation in Agriculture and Forest Products Promotion Scheme (2019-2024) that aims to promote twelve-products in the international markets.

The Union Minister and party also separately met with the Director General of the Philippines-based International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) and the Vice Chairman of the US-ASEAN Business Council.

In that afternoon, the Union Minister attended 5th AIMMAF and discussed the progress made in the implementation of the ASEAN-India Plan of Action (2016-2020), priority projects for 2019-2020, and approved the meeting’s joint statement.

They also enjoyed dinner hosted by the Minister for Primary Resources and Tourism Dato Ali bin Apong in the evening.

The Union Minister and party arrived back to Yangon yesterday afternoon.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Conference discusses social inclusion of children with learning disabilities

THE 2nd National Education Conference for Children with Intellectual Disabilities in Myanmar was jointly organized by the National Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and the Myanmar Special Education Association at Myanmar International Convention Center II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

In the afternoon session of this conference, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye said to identify and promote the capacities of disabled persons and to ensure their rights. The 2019 Child Law has granted the rights and opportunities for the intellectually disabled children, and their parents or guardians could represent them for promoting their welfare. He also suggested the conference should discuss inclusiveness of intellectually disabled persons, ways for future coordination, equal rights for them, their participation in the communities and no discrimination against diversities.

Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi also said the National Education Law has clearly mentioned the special need education and the inclusive education to prevent any discrimination in learning and to reduce dropout rates. He also said teaching for disabled children is included in the basic education level, and teachers should be trained for this special education, while the Ministry of Education is providing stipend for the disabled children at schools.

Then, Chairman of Myanmar Special Education Association U Htar Oak explained their activities. During the discussion, officials from Department of Labour, Department of Basic Education, Department of Public Health, Department of Social Welfare and Myanmar Special Education Association held talks on ‘Possible Inclusiveness of Children with Disabilities in Social Community’.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)
Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo visited Executive Vice President of Japan External Trade Organization (JETRO) Mr Ichiro Sone in Tokyo, Japan, on 16 October morning.

The meeting focused on opening of intellectual property office in Myanmar, assistance of JETRO in this regard and training programmes for trade-mark inspection staff and IT assistance.

The Deputy Minister also gave interview to the Japanese media.

In the afternoon, he also met with Deputy Director General Mr Murakami Hironobu from Japan International Co-operation Agency and discussed their technical assistance for opening IP office.

The Deputy Minister also made a speech at the opening ceremony of Myanmar Intellectual Property Seminar held at JETRO headquarters.

Next, work committee secretary Information and Public Relations Department Director General U Ye Naing explained about arrangements made to successfully hold Youth All-Round Development Festival (Magway).

Afterwards, meeting attendees explained about sector wise work processes and work committee chairman Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun coordinated on the explanations made. The meeting came to a close after the Deputy Minister delivered a concluding speech.

Youth All-Round Development Festival (Magway) will be held in December at Magway University. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)
The prescribed laws are effective and the people observe them. Those who enforce them, and those who are obliged to follow the cases without provision of the law are those who enforce them. We would like to add a word of caution here — carving out plots of land for construction, and making illegal transactions, and those who have the authority to resolve disputes between those who fear those who enforce them, and those who are obliged to follow the law, need to be held accountable for their actions.

We have found that in some countries with no land disputes, officials who have the authority to resolve land disputes are obliged to have a clear understanding of the law in all its cases. This is as vital in its implementation as the rule of law.

Those government officials who have the authority to resolve land disputes are obliged to have a clear understanding of the law in all its cases as well as the rule of law. It is encouraging to see that the existing laws related to land management are being amended as part of efforts for drafting the National Land Law, which would guarantee sustainable land management, land rights, protect the rights of ethnic minority groups, settle land disputes, and encourage responsible and sustainable land utilization among investors.

To ensure sustainable development and the development of the country our land resources need to be managed and utilized properly. One condition of land management and land management of land resources can improve the socio-economic conditions of the people.

Section 25 of the Farmland Law prohibits squatters on farmlands, and those who violate the section will face a fine of six months to two years, or a fine of K20,000 to K300,000. Besides, farmland can be temporary or even forever, but to squatters the permission was not taken.

However, the Central Farmland Management Council at the recommendation of the relevant technical committee, can permit use of farmland for other purposes, in accordance with Section 30 of the Farmland Law. The farmland can be used for other purposes for development, urbanization and urban areas. The development of such urban areas, which needs to be done first, is important, and this needs to be coordinated with Nay Pyi Taw or the concerned region or state.

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The government is working to develop the urban areas. It is important to note the mandated authority is in the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing Policy (MOUDP) that will work to develop the urban areas.

Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Thursday 17th October, 2019)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is a few cloud over the North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and chance of isolated showers.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL: AFTERNOON OF the 18 October, 2019: Weather will be partly cloudy in Lower Sagarin Region, Kayin and Mon States, rain or thunderstorms will be fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region and (Southern and Eastern) Shan States. Rain will be received in Lower Sagarin Region, Shan and Chit States and isolated in the remaining regions and States with isolated heavyfalls in (Southern and Eastern) Shan States.

STATE OF THE SEA: sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar, and moderate to rough in Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of continuation of light rain or thunderstorms in Taninthayi Region.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 18 October, 2019: Isolated rain or thunderstorms.

FORECAST FOR VANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 18 October, 2019: Likelihood of isolated rain or thunderstorms.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 18 October, 2019: Partly cloudy.

Invitations to your writers for Sunday Special

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles and short stories from young Myanmar writers. Interested candidates can send their work to the Global New Light of Myanmar at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Road, Kyauktada, Yangon, or email them to gng@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information:

(1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.)
(2) Own name and full (or different) your permission.
(3) Your level of education (BSc, MSc or PhD) from your University (if any). A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other publications.
(4) A color photograph of your work.
(5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other publications.

We welcome your input and look forward to hearing from you.

[Shashank Mishra is the Managing Director of Construction in the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing Policy (MOUDP), Myanmar]
Five-day trade show held in Myitkyina

A five-day trade show was opened on 17 October in the City Hall of Myitkyina Town-ship in Kachin State by the Smart Business Group. Chief Justice of Kachin State High Court U Tu Jar, State Transport, Communications and Electricity Minister U Win Nyunt, State Development Affairs Minister U Naw Li, also known as U Zat Khaung Kam Ree, and the event organizing committee chairman formally cut a ribbon to open the ceremony. Then, they visited the booths.

“We convene trade shows mostly in Yangon, Mandalay and other regions. But, we’ve found people here are interested in trade shows, and so, we convened one for the first time here in Myitkyina last April. The companies are also happy to exhibit their products at the trade show here. So, we are holding the trade show for the second time here in Myitkyina. We are showcasing products which are more suitable for this region. It took us at least one-and-a-half months’ preparation for holding this show,” said Daw Siwe Zin Win, a member of the event organizing committee from the Smart Business Group.

The five-day trade show is being held from 17 to 21 October, from 9 am to 9 pm.

At the expo, more than 100 shops will showcase products, including electrical apparatus-es, personal goods, food, warm clothes, and medicines. Moreover, visitors will have a chance to win about 30 items through the lucky draw, including gold and jewellery, according to the event organizing committee. —Myo Myint Soe (State IPRD)

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Myanmar receives 84 migrant workers through Kawthoung border gate

A TOTAL of 84 migrant workers including 68 men, 12 women and 4 children were repatriated by the officials from the Ranong Immigration Department through Kawthoung border gate on Wednesday.

The Thai government handed over those workers to Myanmar after taking some penalties and actions against those workers under the Thai-land law due to the expired visa and lack of proper documents.

The officials from the General Administration Department, Labour, Immigration and Population Department, Anti-Trafficking in Persons Police Force, Labour Department and Disaster Management Department received the workers and provided the necessary health care services. The officials from the related department sent back those migrant workers to their native towns. —Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung)

(Translated by La Wonn)

Micro hydropower generated in Sanpya village, Naga Self-Administered Zone

A micro hydropower project was implemented at Sanpya Village in Lahe Township, Naga Self-Administrated Zone, Sagaing Region in the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

The project was implemented to supply electricity to households in Sanpya Village. For the project, K7.56 lakh was spent from the Rural Development Department funds.

The 5KV micro hydro-power generators can supply 24-hour electricity to 23 households in Sanpya Village. Although 3KV micro hydro-power generators were installed earlier on a self-help basis, not all households in the village had access to electricity.

“We want to express our heartfelt thanks to the government department for providing the funds to implement the hydropower project to enable 24-hour access to electricity to each household in Sanpya Village,” said U Bar Man, the head of Sanpya Village. —Sa Nai Maung (Khamti)

(Translated by Hay Mar)
Conical hat makers flourishing in Wuntho Township

AS traditional conical hat (Khannaak) businesses are flourishing in Wuntho Township, Sagaing Region, the hat makers conducting the business on a manageable scale are earning well.

Earlier, conical hat businesses were only seen in Khetcho Village. Nowadays, residents in Taungbola, Kinn, and Chaung-zone villages have taken up conical hat businesses due to high demand from farmers across the country. “Hat makers need to trim the bamboos for raw drawing. After that, the raw bamboos pass various stages, such as shaping and painting Borders on it. Conical hats fetch between K500 and K800, depending on the design and quality. Moreover, conical hats are selling well in Kachin, Sagaing, and Mandalay markets because the hats are sewed into two layers with raffia, thread, plastic string, and plastic sheets,” according to Ma Nan May Oo, a conical hat maker from Taungbola Village.

These days, farmers are likely to wear traditional conical hats to protect against the sun and rainfall. Apart from the farming and harvesting season, residents in Wuntho Township are conducting this business on a manageable scale to earn additional income for their family. —Myint Tun Min

Livestock export exceeds $360 mln in last fiscal

LIVESTOCK export from 1 October to 30 September in the last fiscal year 2018-2019 touched a high of US$366 million which is a sharp rise compared to corresponding period of last year.

Earlier, the livestock sector witnessed only $4-13 million valued trading. Following up the trading permit of livestock in late 2017, livestock export has been rising. Myanmar is exploring new export market for cattle.

This sector is mainly driven by private sector while income from public sector is even less than $1 million.

The livestock sector has potential for foreign investment, according to the Commerce Ministry’s statement. The export of cattle is officially allowed from Myanmar. Myanmar’s government is planning to enter into a Government to Government pact with China in order to get a legitimate trade channel.

In a bid to encourage legal trade routes, increase income and create more jobs for local residents, livestock trade was allowed in Myanmar in late 2017, along with decentralized cattle exports from the respective region and state governments. But, the power was transferred from regional governments to the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, as they faced certain difficulties in the movement of cattle, according to an announcement from the Ministry on 22 May.

Cattle in Myanmar are mainly exported to China through the Muse border gate, as well as to Thailand. Normally, a large cow is valued at over K1.6-2.3 million, but the suspension of trade has led to Chinese traders resorting to manipulating prices by offering a lower price of around K1 million in early 2019.

As of 28 March in the last FY, over 464,000 heads of cattle were authorized for export. More than 400,000 heads of cattle were sent out of the country so far.

At present, cattle that are above five years old are being exported, along with the required vaccination certificates, health certificates, and farming registration certificates. According to the 2018 cattle census, there are 11.5 million heads of cattle in the country.

The authorities have issued cattle export licenses to more than 300 companies in Magway region. There are some 5,000 companies holding cattle export licenses across the country. — Ko Htet

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)
BYD delivers over 50,000 electric buses globally

XI’AN—China’s leading new energy vehicle (NEV) maker BYD has so far delivered more than 50,000 electric buses to global clients, a manager of the company said in Xian, capital of northwest China’s Shaanxi Province.

According to Liu Zhenyu, general manager in charge of BYD’s Xi’an business, said the electric buses of BYD have entered dozens of countries and regions including the United States, Britain, Japan, India and Chile.

BYD has provided pure electric buses to more than 90 cities in Europe, grabbing around 20 percent of the local electric bus market share. In the Asia-Pacific region, the NEV maker’s electric buses have been put into use in Japan, the Republic of Korea, Singapore and India, Liu said.

In India, for example, over half of electric buses on the street were made by BYD, he added.

BYD’s Xi’an new energy industrial base was put into production in September 2014. With an annual output of more than 300,000 passenger cars, it has become BYD’s biggest vehicle production base in China.

BYD has set up electric bus plants and research centers in foreign countries such as the Netherlands, the US and Brazil. —Xinhua

S Korea top court upholds Lotte chairman’s suspended prison sentence

SEOUL — South Korea’s Supreme Court on Thursday upheld a suspended prison sentence against the chairman of South Korea’s Lotte Group over a bribery scandal that led to the ousting in 2017 of the country’s then president.

In October 2018, the Seoul High Court overturned a lower court ruling that sentenced Shin Dong-bin to 30 months in prison, by suspending the sentence for four years.

The original Seoul Central District Court ruling in February 2018 found Shin guilty of giving 7 billion won ($5.9 million) in bribes to Choi Soon-sil, a close friend of then President Park Geun-hye, to secure favors including a license for duty-free shops.

Shin was imprisoned immediately after the district court ruling. But in October the same year, the Seoul High Court reduced his sentence and released him from prison.

The appeals court said at the time that it took into account the possibility that Shin felt he had to offer bribes to Park for fear not doing so would affect the overall running of the conglomerate.

Shin did not appear for Thursday’s ruling. Lotte issued a statement later apologizing over the case. —Kyodo News
China says efforts ‘accelerated’ on US trade deal

BEIJING — China said Thursday that its negotiators have “accelerated ef- forts” to hammer out the details of a partial deal with the United States, as the two sides edge towards an agreement in a lingering trade war.

The initial deal was anounced on Friday by US President Donald Trump and included promises to increase purchases of US farm products and protec-tions for intellectual prop- erty — but lacked specific details.

“At present, the eco-nomic and trade teams of the two sides have ac-celerated efforts and con-solidated our political will at a specific text for the first phase of the agreement,” Chinese commerce minis-try spokesman Gao Feng said at a regular briefing in Beijing.

The two sides were also working towards an “early agreement”, he said, without offering details. Trump said Wednes-day that he hopes to sign the agreement with his Chinese counterpart President Xi Jinping at the APEC summit in Chile next month.

But Gao declined to say whether the text of the partial deal, or a full agreement, would be ready before the mid-November deadline. “The two sides have also had substantive dis-cussions on the work ar-rangement for the next stage,” he said.

Trump — who heralded the partial deal on Friday as a major breakthrough in the long-running trade spat — had toned down his enthusiasm by Wednesday, saying the specifics were still being worked out.

—AFP

Fashion statement: Trump to inaugurate new Louis Vuitton US site

Bernard Arnault, chief executive of French luxury behemoth LVMH, met with Donald Trump in New York in January 2017, just weeks after he was elected president.

WASHINGTON — Presi-dent Donald Trump will at-tend Thursday the opening of a new production site in Texas for the posh hand-bag maker Louis Vuitton, drawing the French lux-ury powerhouse into the US leader’s job-creation pitch as he gears up for next year’s re-election campaign.

Bernard Arnault, head of the LVMH con-glomerate that owns the Louis Vuitton brand, will also attend the event at the “Rochambeau Ranch” near Dallas, named for the general who led French troops alongside the 13 colonies in the American Revolution.

“Thanks to the Trump Admin’s economic pol-icies LVMH will open Louis Vuitton Rocham-beau in Texas. Along with this investment, LVMH CEO Bernard Arnault pledged for 1,000 NEW opportunities for local artisans & leather crafts-men,” Trump’s daughter Ivanka Trump tweeted on Wednesday.

Arnault was one of the first high-profile French business leaders to meet with Trump in January 2017, just weeks after his election, when he suggested it would be reasonable to expect expanding Louis Vuitton in the United States.

The American mar-ket is the second-largest for LVMH overall, and it already has two US pro-duction sites in California for Louis Vuitton, whose handbags can cost thou-sands of dollars.

It says half the Louis Vuitton workers it hires have no previous experience in leathercraft, and receive intensive in-house training before being al-lowed to cut or sew. Trump’s plan is likely to be seized on by the new US president Thursday at what media commentators are billing as a major campaign rally in Dallas, seeking to rally supporters as he faces off an impeachment inquiry.

—AFP
Gov’t plans to postpone Emperor Naruhito’s enthronement parade to 10 November

TOKYO — The Japanese government is planning to postpone Tuesday’s scheduled enthronement parade in Tokyo for Emperor Naruhito to 10 November in consideration of the hardships people are suffering in the wake of last weekend’s powerful typhoon, a government source said.

Earlier on Thursday, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, while in the town of Marumori, Miyagi Prefecture, hit hard by the disaster, said, “We’re are planning to postpone it in view of the damage” caused by Typhoon Hagibis.

26 October had been earlier set as an alternative date for the parade in the event of inclement weather but circumstances have apparently required it to be re-scheduled later.

The enthronement ceremony and a banquet are expected to be held Tuesday as planned, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said.

Dignitaries from over 190 countries and international organizations will attend the rite for Emperor Naruhito, who ascended the throne on 1 May, 2019. An imperial parade to celebrate their ascension is likely to be postponed as a result of deadly typhoon Hagibis. PHOTO: AFP

Japan’s Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako during their first public appearance after ascending to the throne in May, 2019. An imperial parade to celebrate their ascension is likely to be postponed as a result of deadly typhoon Hagibis. PHOTO: AFP

Hong Kong pro-democracy march organizer brutally attacked

HONG KONG — A prominent pro-democracy group that has organized mass marches in Hong Kong’s months-long anti-government protests was brutally attacked late Wednesday, his group said.

Jimmy Sham, 32, was attacked by four to five people with hammers in the Mong Kok area of Kowloon before he was found lying on the ground and bleeding from his head, according to the Civil Human Rights Front.

Sham is conscious and in stable condition but needs to remain in hospital for a while for head injuries that required stitches, in hospital for a while for head injuries but needs to remain in hospital for a while for head injuries.

Police are investigating the attack, while police officers will be assigned to protect him.

Figo Chan, a senior member of the group, said the mastermind behind the attack may have wanted to use the incident to deter people from taking part in the march planned Sunday, as Sham was also attacked 28 August, before a major march. “This is not an isolated case. Even the police have said the attack was possibly premeditated,” Chan said.

The police, citing eyewitnesses, said the perpetrators in Wednesday’s attack bashed Sham for over 10 seconds and left swiftly in a large van. They were wearing same-colored outfits, with face masks on, they said. The police are investigating whether the two attacks are related.

“Is it a shame that even the convener of the Civil Human Rights Front, a group that supports only peaceful and rational protests, would be target-ed,” pro-democracy opposition legislator Tanya Chan said.

“Could it be possible that someone wants to stir up more chaos in Hong Kong and use that as an excuse to suspend or cancel the district council election?” Sham is slated to stand in a district council election on 24 November.—Kyodo News

Malaysia looks to strengthen navy as sea tensions grow

KUALA LUMPUR — Malaysia must strengthen its navy to better defend the country’s waters, a minister said Thursday, as tensions mount over Beijing’s growing assertiveness in the South China Sea.

China has laid claim to nearly all of the sea and has built numerous military outposts on small islands and atolls, angering other countries with competing claims to the waters, including Malaysia.

Tensions have also flared between China and the US, which has sent warships through the South China Sea to assert international rights to freedom of navigation.

In a speech to parliament, Malaysian Foreign Minister Saisuddin Abdullah said the government wanted to “control the presence” of warships in the sea, in part by boosting the strength of its navy.

“We need to improve our assets capabilities to control the waters, especially in the context of facing superpowers in the South China Sea,” he said.

“Even Malaysian warships in the navy are much smaller than coastguard boats from China.”

Saisuddin added that Malay- sia, or regional bloc the Associa tion of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), could ask the US and China to “reduce or not increase the presence of their ships”.

Other claimants in the sea include Vietnam, the Philippines, Brunei and Taiwan.—AFP

Indonesia, S Korea conclude talks on bilateral trade deal

JAKARTA — Indonesia and South Korea announced here on Wednesday the conclusion of talks on a bilateral trade deal between the two countries.

It was announced by Indonesia’s Trade Minister Enggartiasto Lukita and his South Korean counterpart Yoo Myung-hee.

The two signed a document marking the conclusion of the talks “Should this agreement takes into effect next year, Indo nesia may see a 20 per cent trade growth with South Korea next year compared with last year,” Lukita said on the sidelines of the document signing, which was witnessed by Indonesian Vice President Jusuf Kalla.

The two-way trade between Indonesia and South Korea after the implementation of the trade deal may reach 30 billion US dollars by 2022, significantly higher than 16.62 billion dollars recorded in 2018, Lukita said. The trade deal will be officially announced by Indonesia and South Korea leaders in the ASEAN-South Korea summit summit in November in South Korean city of Busan, Lukita said.—Xinhua

Last month a US Navy destroyer sailed close to Chinese-controlled islands in the South China Sea, to assert freedom of navigation rights. PHOTO AFP
UK’s Johnson says ‘great new deal’ reached on Brexit

LONDON — Prime Minister Boris Johnson on Thursday announced what he said was a “great new deal” for Britain to leave the European Union, as leaders gathered in Brussels for talks.

“We’ve got a great new deal that takes back control,” he wrote on Twitter, calling on lawmakers in London to approve the agreement at a rare Saturday sitting of parliament.

A previous deal brokered by Johnson’s predecessor, Theresa May, was rejected three times by parliament, where the governing Conservative Party does not have a majority.

All eyes in London will now turn to whether Johnson, who has vowed to take Britain out of the EU by the end of the month, has enough support to push through the agreement in parliament.

Northern Ireland’s Democratic Unionist Party earlier said it could not support what was being proposed on customs and consent issues for the border with Ireland post-Brexit.

It also said there was a “lack of clarity” on sales tax. A DUP source said after Johnson’s announcement that the party’s position had not changed.

But Jeremy Corbyn, leader of the main opposition Labour Party, said the new deal should be rejected by MPs.

“It seems the prime minister has negotiated an even worse deal than Theresa May,” he said in a statement, referring to a previous accord thrown out by MPs in November last year.

The proposals were “putting food safety at risk” and would open up Britain’s cherished free state healthcare system to “take-over by private US corporations”, he added.

“This sell-out deal won’t bring the country together and should be rejected,” the veteran socialist said.

There was also opposition from the smaller opposition Liberal Democrats, which has said it would not honour the 2016 referendum result to leave the EU if it came to power.—AFP

French FM holds Iraq talks on IS prisoners in Syria

BAGHDAD — France’s top diplomat held talks in Baghdad on Thursday about transferring foreign jihadists from northern Syria, where a Turkish offensive has triggered fears of mass jailbreaks, to be tried in Iraq.

European governments are worried that the Turkish operation will allow the escape of some of the 12,000 suspected Islamic State (IS) group fighters — including thousands of foreigners — held by Syrian Kurds.

The issue was top of the agenda for French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian in his talks with his Iraqi counterpart Mohammed Ali al-Hakim, President Barham Salih and Prime Minister Adel Abdel Mahdi.

Le Drian said he had discussed with Iraqi leaders “the way to implement an appropriate judicial mechanism” to try French and other fighters “in the best conditions”.

The aim is for foreign jihadists to be tried in Iraqi courts while upholding certain principles of justice and respect for human rights, a French diplomatic source said. One issue will be Iraq’s use of the death penalty, which is outlawed throughout the EU.—AFP

Right-wing extremist threat rising in Australia: Spy agency

SYDNEY — Right-wing terrorists pose a growing threat in Australia, the country’s spy agency has warned, describing the extremist networks as “more cohesive and organised” than ever.

The Australian Security and Intelligence Organisation’s (Asio) annual report released Wednesday said extreme right-wing networks are not only better organised now but “more sophisticated” than in the past.

“The threat from the extreme right wing in Australia has increased in recent years,” it said.

“Extreme right-wing groups in Australia are more cohesive and organised than they have been over previous years, and will remain an enduring threat.”

The Christchurch mosque attacks that claimed the lives of 50 people “brought the right-wing extremist threat back into focus,” Asio said.

Suspected white supremacist Brenton Tarrant, an Australian citizen, is accused of carrying out the rampage in neighbouring New Zealand in March.

The spy agency predicted that any future right-wing attack in Australia would likely be “low capability” and carried out by a lone wolf or small group, though it did not rule out the possibility of a “sophisticated weapons attack”.

Australia’s strict gun laws have been widely credited with helping to avoid mass shootings, such as the Christchurch massacre.—AFP
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**MFF meet focuses on preparedness of teams for international tourneys**

With the aim of improving Myanmar football standards, the Myanmar Football Federation held a coordination meeting on 16 October at the MFF headquarters in Yangon.

The meeting was aimed at charting a strategy for Myanmar national football teams to achieve victories in upcoming international tourneys.

The meeting was attended by veteran Myanmar footballers, former goalkeepers U Tin Aung and players U Ye Nyunt, U Ban-nye Tin Aung, U Aye Maung Gyi, U Soe Min, U Tha Tone Aung, U Kyi Lwin, U Tin Myint Aung, U Kyaw Min Htoo, and U Aung Naing; the current head coach of the Myanmar national women’s football team, U Win Thu Mo; and, officials from the MFF led by the secretary general of the MFF, U Ko Ko Thein, and technical director Dr Alex.

At the meeting, the attendees discussed and reviewed the recent matches of the Myanmar national men’s football team in the World Cup Qualifiers, and focused on gaining victories in the next matches of the qualifiers.

Next, officials discussed preparations to ensure Myanmar national football teams get wins in upcoming men’s and women’s football events in the 2019 South East Asian Games, scheduled to be held next month in the Philippines.

Also, officials discussed the Myanmar U-19 women’s football team’s preparation for the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) U-19 women’s championship, which will start on 28 October in Chonburi, Thailand. The officials also focused on the Myanmar U-19 men’s team’s preparation for the 2020 AFC U-19 Championship qualification, which will begin from 6 November in Yangon. —Lynn Thit (Tgi)

**Man Utd lose Pogba, De Gea for Liverpool clash**

**LOndon —** Manchester United’s hopes of upsetting the odds against Premier League leaders Liverpool on Sunday suffered a fresh blow as manager Ole Gunnar Solskjaer confirmed both Paul Pogba and David de Gea will miss the clash at Old Trafford through injury.

De Gea pulled up with a muscle problem during Spain’s 1-1 draw away to Sweden in qualifying for Euro 2020 on Tuesday and is expected to be sidelined for a few weeks.

“David needs a scan,” Solskjaer told Sky Sports. “I think he’ll be out.”

Pogba was absent for France during the international break due to the recurrence of an ankle problem that has seen him start just once in the Premier League since August.

The World Cup winner played 90 minutes against Rochdale in the League Cup and Arsenal last month, but missed United’s latest defeat at Newcastle just before the international break.

“He came back and played a couple of games, maybe played through the pain barrier,” added Solskjaer.

“He had a scan after the Arsenal game and maybe needed a few weeks’ rest in a boot, so hopefully he won’t be too long, but he won’t make this game, no.”

Solskjaer is, though, hopeful that Aaron Wan-Bissaka and Anthony Martial will make their return from injury against Liverpool, even if they are not yet fit enough to play 90 minutes.

“Hopefully Aaron and Anthony will last through the training this week and be available for selection. If it’s for half a game or 30 minutes, I don’t know, but let’s see where they’re at,” said Solskjaer.—AFP

**US boxer Day dies from brain injuries: promoter**

**LOS ANGELES —** American boxer Patrick Day died Wednesday after suffering a serious brain injury during his knockout defeat to Charles Conwell last weekend, promoter Lou DiBella said in a statement.

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Seconds later Conwell roocked Day with a massive left hook that resulted in Day falling backwards and his head bouncing off the canvas. Referee Celestino Ruiz called off the fight at one minute, 46 seconds of the round.

Day lay on the canvas for several minutes receiving medical treatment before being removed from the ring.

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**Myanmar Lethwei event to be held in Taiwan on 20 Oct**

AN event titled ‘Lethwei in Taiwan’ will be held in Taipei City, Taiwan, on 20 October to showcase Myanmar Lethwei, according to the Myanmar Lethwei World Championship.

The lethwei event will be the first for Taiwan, according to event’s organizers.

There will be a variety of bouts at the event pitting Myanmar Lethwei fighters with martial artists from the United States, Japan, and Taiwan using the fighting style of Myanmar traditional lethwei, including its range of clinching techniques.

All the matches will be fought bare-knuckled, without gloves, with only tape and gauze allowed on the hands of fighters.

In the 62-kg event of the tourney, Boy Kar (Myanmar) will fight against Nishizawa Takuya (Japan).

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