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State Counsellor attends enthronement ceremony of Japanese Emperor in Tokyo

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received Mr Ichiro Aisawa, Chairman of the Japan-Myanmar Parliamentary Friendship Association, at the Imperial Hotel where she was staying in Tokyo yesterday morning.

The meeting focused on promotion of bilateral relations and friendship between Myanmar and Japan, promotion of cooperation between the two parliaments, to assist in promoting bilateral economic cooperation including the Thilawa industrial zone, the status of plantation of cherry trees in Myanmar with the management of JMPFA to mark the friendly relations between Myanmar and Japan and future plans of the association in Myanmar.

The meeting was also attended by Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe, Deputy Minister U Set Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to Japan U Myint Thu and officials.

Then, the State Counsellor met with King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, of Bhutan at the same venue. During the meeting, they discussed promotion of friendly relations and cooperation, development and conservation of culture and traditions and exchange of visits between the two countries.

The meeting was also attended by Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe, Deputy Minister U Set Aung, and Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Soe Han. In the afternoon, the



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attends Japanese Emperor Naruhito's enthronement ceremony at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo yesterday.

PHOTO: MNA

State Counsellor attended the enthronement ceremony of Japanese Emperor Naruhito, held at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo.

After the Emperor's enthronement speech, Prime Minister Shinzo Abe offered congratulations in response to the emperor's speech.

The ceremony was concluded with congratulations presented by the Japanese Prime Minister and cabinet members to Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako. In the evening, the State Counsellor attended a dinner hosted by the Emperor and Empress. They welcomed the heads of state, heads of governments and high-ranking delegations.

Later, the State Counsellor had conversations with members of the royal family and enjoyed dinner together with heads of state, heads of government and high-ranking delegations from 153 countries. — MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

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Joint Committee on Amending 2008 Constitution holds meeting 47/2019

MEETING 47/2019 of the Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

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

Hein, Joint Committee Secretary Dr Myat Nyana Soe, Joint Secretary U Htay Win Aung (a) U Pyone Cho and members who were Hluttaw representatives from political parties and Tatmadaw Hluttaw representative and officials from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office. — MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Meeting 47/2019 of the Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution held in progress in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Rakhine peace committee meets to finalize report



Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung addresses the coordination meeting for the final report of the Committee on Supporting Peace and Stability Rakhine State in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Committee for Supporting Peace and Stability in Rakhine State (CSPSRs) held a coordination meeting for the compilation of its final report yesterday at the Hluttaw Building I-20 in Nay Pyi Taw.

Speaking at the meeting, U Aye Tha Aung, the chairman of the committee, said facts about local conflicts in Myanmar have been collected from experienced persons.

The secretary of the committee was assigned to compile a draft report that was based on the collected facts, he added.

“The draft report will be discussed at the meeting so that it can be edited, added to, and deleted by the commit-

tee’s members. The edited version of the report will be compiled as the second draft report,” U Aye Tha Aung said.

The second draft report will be discussed and edited in the next meeting to finalize the third draft report, which will then be signed by the committee’s members and submitted as the final report, the chairman said.

Afterwards, U Tin Myint, the secretary of the committee, explained the draft report with the help of a projector.

The committee members then coordinated over changes for the draft report.

Afterwards, committee chairman U Aye Tha Aung made the concluding

remarks.

Also present at the meeting were the committee’s deputy chairman (1), Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint; deputy chairman (2), Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu; and, members Deputy Attorney-General U Win Myint, Rakhine State cabinet minister Colonel Min Than, Yangon Region cabinet minister U Zaw Aye Maung, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology (Rtd.) Dr. Nyi Hla Nge, and the deputy chief of the Myanmar Police Force, Police Maj-Gen Aung Naing Thu. — MNA ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Union Minister for Electricity and Energy receives Ambassador of Timor-Leste

UNION Minister for Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing received Ambassador of Timor-Leste Mr Joao Freitas de Camara at Union Minister’s guest hall yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting matters relating to sharing Myanmar’s experience in electricity and energy sector development, increasing investment of international companies in Myanmar electricity and

energy sector, experience of gradually privatizing state own enterprises, opportunities and challenges in onshore and offshore oil and gas exploration and production works, power generation status from renewable energy according to Generation Mix and investment status of infrastructures in natural gas and electricity sector were discussed. — MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Union Minister U Win Khaing meets with Ambassador of Timor-Leste Mr Joao Freitas de Camara at the Ministry of Electricity and Energy yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with King of Bhutan Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**
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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with Mr Ichiro Aisawa, the Chairman of Japan-Myanmar Parliamentary Friendship Association, at the Imperial Hotel in Tokyo. **PHOTO: MNA**
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Union Minister for Information receives delegations from BBC, Ntegrator separately

UNION MINISTER for Information Dr Pe Myint separately received delegations led by BBC News and Current Affairs Director Ms Francesca Unsworth, BBC Media Action Executive Director Ms Caroline Nurse and Ntegrator Private Limited Managing Director Mr Jimmy Chang at Ministry of Information guest hall yesterday afternoon.

In the meeting with a delegation led by BBC News and Current Affairs Director Ms

Francesca Unsworth and BBC Media Action Executive Director Ms Caroline Nurse status of cooperation between Myanmar Radio and Television and BBC Media Action, programs to be broadcasted and importance of providing information and education works on Media and Information Literacy were cordially and openly discussed. In the meeting with a delegation led by Ntegrator Private Limited Managing Director constructing and establishing com-



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint and the delegation from BBC pose for a photo after the meeting. **PHOTO: MNA**

munity centres in district and township information and public relations department libraries and offices were discussed. — MNA (Translated by Zaw Min)

Govt to organize anniversary of ceasefire agreement on 28 Oct

THE government will hold the anniversary of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement next week in Nay Pyi Taw.

The organizing committee for this event met at the Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor yesterday morning. Secretary of the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre (NRPC) and Deputy Minister from the Office of the State Counsellor U Khin Maung Tin presided over the meeting.

Eight ethnic armed groups signed the NCA on 15 October 2015, followed by the two groups on 13 February 2018. The government has organized the anniversaries of the NCA every year to honour the historic achievements in the peace-making process of the country.

The first and second anniversaries were observed at the Myanmar International

Convention Center I and the third event was held at the Shwe San Eain Hotel with the participation of 10+10 ethnic armed group leaders of ceasefire signatories. The upcoming anniversary will take place at MICC II together with an official dinner on 28 October.

A meeting between government representatives and members of the Peace Process Working Team (PPWT) formed by the Peace Process Supervisory Team (PPST) was held at the NRPC in Nay Pyi Taw on 21 October to prepare for holding the upcoming anniversary which will be attended by senior government officials, Union level organizations, Union Ministers, Chief Ministers and their cabinet members, former senior officials in the peace process, peace negotiators, and leaders of ethnic armed groups. Deputy Minister U Khin



Deputy Minister for State Counsellor Office U Khin Maung Tin discusses preparations for holding Anniversary of Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Maung Tin also spoke of the need to make systematic arrangements to prepare for the ceremony, invitation, security, transportation, accommodation, entertainment, and information matters.

Director General from the Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor U Zaw Htay also made additional suggestions for the event.

At the coordination meeting, permanent secretaries,

directors-general, deputy directors-general, members of peace supporting teams and PPWT discussed about the preparations being made for the anniversary of the NCA. —MNA
(Translated by Aung Khin)

Union Minister reinforces ‘Health as Bridge for Peace’ concept for Rakhine state



Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe delivers the speech at the coordination meeting for the development of health sector in Rakhine State yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Ministry of Health and Sports organized a coordination meeting for health sector development in Rakhine State yesterday morning.

Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe presided over the meeting and said to make appropriate plans for the development of health in Rakhine State by re-

viewing the needs and situations in skills, social, administration and management in cooperating with relevant departments and ministries.

He also called for a coordination between the local government and the Department of Public Health of the Rakhine State.

The Union Minister also suggested social conflicts, instability, security and volatile situations need to be considered in carrying out healthcare services in Rakhine State; deficiencies and challenges could be identified by holding discussions at the camps to be able to adopt proper plans as he quoted the concept of ‘Health as a Bridge for Peace’ for stability of Rakhine State.

The Union Minister pointed out the important role of mobile clinics for temporary rescue camps and remote areas in Rakhine State.

According to the Myanmar Micronutrient and Food Consumption Survey (MMFCS) (2017-2018), malnutrition is mostly found at women and the under-five children in Rakhine State.

Dr Myint Htwe also appraised health workers and physicians for their efforts to overcome various challenges in the State. He also pledged to fulfill the function of health sector development in Rakhine State.

Then, Rakhine State Social Minister Dr Chan Thar presented the works of local government for health sector; their challenges and difficulties.

Dr Nyan Win Myint, the Deputy Director of Central Epidemiology Unit of Department of Public Health, discussed preparations in repatriation programmes in Maungtau and healthcare services for the returnees to the area. — MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

DUHD, UN-Habitat organize workshop to develop strategy for National Urban Policy in Myanmar



Union Minister U Han Zaw delivers the speech at the Consultation Workshop on National Urban Policy in Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



THE Department of Urban and Housing Development under the Ministry of Construction organized a workshop to draft a strategy for Myanmar National Urban Policy at Thiri Mingalar Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

In the opening remark, Union Minister for Construction U Han Zaw said the first step for preparations of the National Urban Policy of Myanmar was started in December 2014, with the five thematic areas and three priority areas. He also said the National Urban Policy could ensure the future urban development as it is related with the three priority areas of Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan, the Myanmar Climate Change Master Plan and the Urban Policy.

Then, Country Programme Manager of UN-Habitat Mr Bijay Karmacharya extended greeting and Deputy Director-General Daw Aye Aye Myint, the Department of Urban and Housing Development explained preparations to draft a strategy for Myanmar National Urban Policy.

The officials and participants also discussed the five thematic areas and three priority areas.

Then, the Country Programme Manager of UN-Habitat presented the future plan for drafting National Urban Policy.

The workshop was also attended by Deputy Ministers U Hla Kyaw, Dr Ye Myint Swe, Dr Tun Naing and U Soe Aung, experts and members from National Urban Committee, representatives from partner organizations and officials. The workshop will continue on 23 October.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Zabuthiri, Dekkhinathiri get new law offices

OPENING ceremonies of new law offices in Zabuthiri and Dekkhinathiri townships were held at the respective law offices yesterday where Sanghas were offered meals in the morning and day time respectively. Both events were attended by Union Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Attorney General U Win Myint, officials of Union Attorney General Office and invited guests. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Union Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo sprinkles scented water on stone plaque of the new law office in Zabuthiri Township yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Red Carpet Show of movie “Now & Ever” held at Thamada Cinema

THE red carpet show of the movie “Now & Ever” was held on Monday at the Thamada Cinema in Yangon.

The movie produced by Central Base Productions was scripted by Zenn Kyi and directed by Christina Kyi. The main casts are Zenn Kyi and Paing Phyto Thu.

In the movie, Wutt Hmone suffered from a trauma and had to receive assistance from Psychologist Thiha who then fell in love and got married with her. This is a drama movie and the story is the life of the couple who struggle against their bad lucks and the atonement of misdeeds with their love.

The movie will be screened at the theaters in Myanmar starting from 31st October. They are also to screen it in Singapore, Thailand, Australia and the United States, according to Zenn Kyi. — Win Thet Min

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



Myanmar to grow Chinese strain of paddy on trial basis to boost exports

TO ship about one million tons of rice to China annually, the Myanmar Rice Miller Association is planning to get paddy seeds from China and cultivate them in Myanmar on a trial basis.

“Our market in China is just for raw rice. China really needs fine rice for cooking and baking. We still can’t export fine rice because we don’t have a brand. We are teaming up with millers, farmers, and merchants to produce a brand that they desire by getting pad-

dy seeds from them,” said U Kyaw Win, the chairman of the Myanmar Rice Millers Association.

Under a similar arrangement, China purchases about 1 million tons of rice from Vietnam every year, according to reports.

“We can ship one million tons of rice per year if we can grow these seeds all over the country,” said U Kyaw Win.

According to reports, the seeds can only be grown in cold weather, and only for two

years, if cloned. Rice grown from the seeds is of fine quality and does not go soft within 24 hours of cooking, according to the association.

“The new strain of rice will be grown in Myanmar under the name ‘Nathame’ and will be tested on 2,000 acres, starting this year,” said U Kyaw Win.

Myanmar exported 3.5-4 millions tons of rice in 2016, 2017, and 2018 and over 2 million tons this year.— Aye Min Thu
(Translated by Ba Htoo Kyaw)

Agriculture service centre to be opened in November in Myeik Township

WITH the aim to fulfill the needs of farmers and raise agricultural awareness among them, the Myeik Township Agriculture Department will open an agriculture training and service centre in the second week of November at Ky-

walkuu Village, Myeik Township, Taninthayi Region.

“The Agriculture Service Centre will spread awareness on correct planting methods, seeding methods, and other plantation methods, such as rubber

extraction, coffee, vegetable and flower plantation,” said Daw Thandar Myint, an official from the Township Agriculture department.

There are ten townships in Taninthayi Region, and the service center will be launched in Myeik Township in the second week of November, according to U Win Myat Soe, the head of the Township Agriculture Department.

According to data from the department, there are 42,493 acres of paddy fields, 155 acres of pepper plantations, 693 acres of vegetable farms, 87 acres of corn farms, 87 acres of sweet potato, 37,013 acres of rubber, and 5,912 acres of oil palm plantations in 161 villages in 22 village-tracts in Myeik Township.—Myint Oo (Myeik)
(Translated by La Wonn)



Agriculture training and service centre of Myeik Township Agriculture Department. **PHOTO: MYINT OO (MYEIK)**

Nanphalon market crowded ahead of Deepavali

MYANMAR-INDIA border market Nanphalon in Tamu Township, Sagaing Region, is crowded with buyers as the Hindu festival of Deepavali is approaching, according to traders at the market.

Thanks to the Indian festival, food and beverages, apparel, electrical appliances, household goods, and fruits such as coconuts, apples, and oranges are selling well at the Nanphalon market, said traders.

“Normally, the market sees the highest trade during festivals and in the open season. The Indian rupee is primarily used

for trading at the Nanphalon market,” said merchants.

“The religious festival is being celebrated in Moreh town in Manipur State of India. The Nanphalon market is seeing good trade with visitors flocking to the border market. The exchange rate of the Kyat against the rupee is pegged at K20. Merchants across the country are supplying goods to the Nanphalon market. The market is alive with buyers and sellers,” said a vendor.

As the India-Myanmar border is open for visitors, the Nanphalon market is busy with

traders every day. It is also the biggest market on the Myanmar-India border as people from seven states of India come to purchase goods at the market.

Myanmar-India border trade is carried out through the Tamu and Reed gates. Myanmar exports agro products, forest products, and fishery products, while it imports pharmaceuticals, electrical appliances, automobiles and auto parts, motorcycles and spare parts, and consumer products from the neighboring country.—Chindwinthar
(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

ASEAN Secretariat announces logo design competition for ASEAN youths



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The contest is open to all passport holders of ASEAN Member States aged between 18 and 35 years by 31 December 2019, except the staff or officers of the ASEAN Secretariat or their immediate family members.

The prizes in the contest will be 2,000 euro plus two nights’ hotel stay in Jakarta, return flight from an ASEAN Member State to Jakarta for the launch and awarding ceremony, 1,000 euro for 1st Runner Up and 500 euro for 2nd Winner Up.

The competition entry form can be downloaded at www.asean.org, and is to be sent back to sofiany@asean.org by 22 November 2019.

The details of the contest can be browsed on the official webpage www.asean.org by typing 2020 Years of ASEAN Identify Logo Design Competition.—GNLM (Translated by Aung Khin)

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Local People enjoy shopping at the Nanphalon market near Myanmar-India border in Tamu Township, Sagaing Region. **PHOTO: CHINDWINTHAR**

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Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
2. With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offenses up to 19 October 2019 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

Sr	Nature of report	Details on seizure and legal action taken			
1	Information received of Win Shwe, who lives in Shaduzwut Village, Phakant Township, Kachin State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 7 October 2019, police searched the house of Win Shwe (a) Win Swe, 53, son of U Thu Taw Lay, who lives in Shaduzwut Village, Phakant Township. Police found him accompanied by Thawdar, 38, son of U Nyi Nyi Tun, who lives in Teingauk Village, Tanai Township and arrested them together with heroin. A case has been opened against them with NaMaSa(Kamine) MaYa(pa)12/2019 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Acting on a tip-off, police also searched another house in the Win Shwe's compound that is rent to Ma Htu (a) Pauk Sar Htu, 42, daughter of U Pauk Sar Yaw, and arrested her together with heroin. A case has been opened against her with NaMaSa(Kamine) MaYa(pa)13/2019 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.	5	Information received of Phe Aung who lives in Taung Innlay Village, Kawlin Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 10 October 2019, police searched the house of Phe Aung, 48, son of U Tun Paw, who lives in Taung Innlay Village, Kawlin Township, arrested him together with opium. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Kawlin) MaYa(pa)61/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2	Information received of Daw Khaung Hnwel (a) Nandar Hlaing, who lives in Magayanyen Village, Waingmaw Township, Kachin State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 11 October 2019, police searched the house of Daw Khaung Hnwel (a) Nandar Hlaing, 52, daughter of U Lwan Khaung, who lives in Magayanyen Village, Waingmaw Township. Police arrested her together with heroin. A case has been opened against her with NaMaSa(Hsadone)MaPa(pa)11/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.	6	Information received of Ohn Hla who lives in Taungpon Village, Kawlin Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 12 October 2019, police searched the house of Ohn Hla, 50, son of U Aung Shwin, who lives in Taungpon Village, Kawlin Township, and found him accompanied by Bo Hein (a) Phoe Sar, 29, son of U Set Aung, who live in the Oakshitkon Village, Kanbalu Township. Police arrested them together with heroin. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa(Kawlin)MaYa(Pa)62/2019 under section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substance Law.
3	Information received of Daw Thi Thi Khaing, Daw Kyin Mya and Daw Aye Sa who live in Nyaung Pin Kwin Village, Katha Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 6 October 2019, police searched the house of Daw Thi Thi Khaing, 37, daughter of U Kyaw Oo, who lives in Nyaung Pin Kwin Village, Katha Township, arrested her together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against her with NaMaSa(Innywa)MaYa (Pa)19/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Similarly, police searched the house of Daw Kyin Mya, 32, daughter of U Thoung Aye, who lives in the same village. She absconded from her house and police found her husband, Tint Lwin, 51, son of U Aye Ko, together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with NaMaSa(Innywa)MaYa (Pa)20/2019 under Section 19(a) and 20(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Police continued to search the house of Daw Aye Sa, 52, daughter of U Kywar, who lives in the same village, and arrested her and her husband, Maung Htay, 55, son of U Aye Pe together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened them with NaMaSa(Innywa) MaYa (Pa)21/2019 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.	7	Information received of Ma Ei Khaing and Ma Than Htay who live in Pawel Village, Mawlaik Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 17 October 2019, police searched the house of Ma Ei Khaing (a) Tin Moe Khaing, 35, daughter of U Pwe Maung, who lives in Pawel Village, Mawlaik Township, and arrested her together with heroin. A case has been opened against her with MaMaSa(Phaungpyin) MaYa(pa)161/2019 under Section 16(c) and 20(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Similarly, on 19 October 2019, police searched the house of Ma Than Htay, 46, daughter of U Phoe Htway, who lives in the same village, and arrested her together with heroin and opium. A case has been opened against her with MaMaSa(Mawlaik) MaYa(Pa)45/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substance Law.
4	Information received of Daw Pu Cho who lives in Inngyi Village, Katha Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 6 October 2019, police searched the house of Daw Pu Cho (a) Wei Wei, 41, daughter of U Dingar who lives in Inngyi Village, Katha Township, and found her accompanied by Chit Min Thu, 22, son of U Si and Aung Nyein Oo, 35, son of U Kyaw Tun, who live in the same village. Police arrested them together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with NaMaSa(Innywa)MaYa(Pa)22/2019 under section 19(a), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substance Law.	8	Information received of Hlaing Win who lives in Thangar Village, Phaungpyin Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 17 October 2019, police inspected Hlaing Win, 42, son of U Aung Tin, who lives in Thangar Village, Phaungpyin Township, on the road of Thangar Village road and arrested him together with heroin. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Phaungpyin)MaPa (pa)162/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
			9	Information received of Oh Ni and Mya Maung who live in Min Than Village, Myeik Township, Taninthayi Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 6 October 2019, police searched the house of Oh Ni, 34, son of U Myint Lwin, who lives in Minthan Village, Myeik Township, and arrested him together with speciosa. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Myeik) MaYa(pa)209/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Similarly, police searched the house of Mya Maung, 43, son of U Maung Shein, who lives in the same village, and arrested him together with speciosa. A case has been opened him with MaMaSa(Myeik) MaYa(pa)210/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
			10	Information received of Daw Aye Nwe who lives in Thaechaung Village, Kyunsu Township, Yangoon Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 2 October 2019, police searched the house of Daw Aye Nwe (a) Aye Aye Nwe, 37, daughter of U Aung Than, who lives in Thaechaung Village, Kyunsu Township, and arrested her together with speciosa. A case has been opened against her with MaMaSa(Kyunsu) MaYa(pa)36/2019 under Section 19(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

12	Information received of people near old Ngayant inn, Shawliwaing group, Shwetaung Ward, Mogok Township, Mandalay Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 10 October 2019, police inspected Tun Lu, 37, son of U Khin Hlaing, who lives in Thayargon Ward, near old Ngayant lake, Shawliwaing group, Mogok Township, and arrested him together with heroin. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Mogok)MaPa (pa)116/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. On 14 October 2019, police inspected Byarlu, 67, son of U Ar Huu, who lives in Pantahoe Village, near old Ngayant lake, and arrested him together with heroin. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Mogok)MaPa (pa)117/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.	16	Information received of Tun Naing who lives in Taungni Village, Taunggyi Township, Shan State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 19 October 2019, police searched the house of Tun Naing, 36, son of U Kalar, who lives in Taungni Village, Taunggyi Township, and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Shwenyaung) MaYa(pa)66/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
13	Information received of Tin Ko who lives in Akhiwin, Shwetaung Ward, Mawlamyine Township, Mon State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 8 October 2019, police inspected a motorcycle ridden by Tin Ko, 45, son of U Tin Aung, who lives in Akhinwin, Shwetaung Ward, and Ma Eileazabet, 22, daughter of U Martoo, on the Taungyoetan road, Hlaing Ward, Mawlamyine, and arrested them together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with NaMaSa(-Daiwunkwin)MaPa (pa)24/2019 under Section 19(a), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Acting on a tip-off, police searched Tin Ko's house and seized some ICE. A case has been opened against him with NaMaSa(Mupon)MaPa (pa)32/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.	17	Information received of Kyaw Min Thein who lives in Kyone Sein Ward, Wakema Township, Ayeyawady Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 7 October 2019, police searched the house of Kyaw Min Thein, 55, son of U Kyaw Sein, who lives in Kyone Sein Ward, Wakema Township, and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Wakema) MaYa(pa)4/2019 under Section 16(c) and 20(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
14	Information received of Daw Mae who lives in Bo Tun Zan Ward, Dawbon Township, Yangon Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 10 October 2019, police inspected Daw Noe Noe Win, 45, daughter of U Han Maung, who lives in No 67 Ward, Dagon Seikkan Township, on the Metta road, Bo Tun Zan Ward, Dawbon Township, and arrested her together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against her with MaMaSa(Dawbon)MaPa (pa)39/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Acting on a tip-off, police searched the house of Daw Mae (a) Khin May Zin, 62, daughter of U Thein Myint, who lives in Metta road, Bo Tun Zan Ward, and arrested her and her daughter, Ma Zar Ni Lwin, 34, daughter of U Khin Nyo, together with 760 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa(Dawbon)MaPa (pa)40/2019 under Section 19(a), 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.	18	Information received of Akyeekaung who lives in Mya Yadana Ward, Myaungmya Township, Ayeyawady Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 11 October 2019, police inspected a motorcycle ridden by Ye Thu Htet (a) Ko Ye, 22, son of U Win Chit, who lives in Anaut Sanpya 3 street, No 3 Ward, at the A3 street Mya Yadana Ward, Myaungmya Township, and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. Acting on a tip-off, this stimulant tablets were bought from Akyeekaung (a) Hein Min Lat son of U Myint Han. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa(Myaungmya)MaPa (pa)14/2019 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
15	Information received of Ye Yint Kyaw who lives in Ponnagon Ward, Tamway Township, Yangon Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 12 October 2019, police searched the house of Ye Yint Kyaw, 22, son of U Aung Kyaw San, who lives in Ponnagon Ward, Tamway Township, he absconded from his house. Police arrested his wife, Ma Hnin Pwint Hlaing, 22, daughter of U Maung Myint, together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa(Innywa)MaYa (Pa)39/2019 under Section 19(a), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.			

3. Out of the information sent to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department, so far a total of 782 cases have been opened files as of 19 October 2019. A total of 1254 people, including 1,052 men and 202 women had been arrested with 7,048.9894 g of heroin, 1,341.92 g of ICE, 39,914.11 g of opium, 329.6 g of low-quality opium, 52739.27 g of speciosa powder, 7,833.19 g of speciosa, 2.5 liters of liquid speciosa, 347,081 stimulant tablets, 8,363.22 g of marijuana, 0.1 liters of opium tincture, 513.26 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 29.15 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 0.001 g of crushed ecstasy powder, 18 firearms, different kinds of 257 cartridges and one grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the department will report on further exposed cases.

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

Contacts
Landline No. — 067-590200
Fax Phone No. — 067-590233
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Over \$69 bln invested in Sagaing-Monywa, Ohn Taw-Shwebo roads: Firm

MORE THAN US\$69 billion has been invested in the Sagaing-Monywa and Ohn Taw-Shwebo roads, which were upgraded under a build-operate-transfer (BOT) system, said U Aung Zaw Naing, the CEO of Shwe Taung Highway Co. Ltd.

“We have conducted the road project since 2008. The road between Sagaing and Monywa is over 74 miles long, while the road between Ohn Taw and Shwebo is 43 miles long. When the project was handed over

by the Ministry of Construction, the road between Sagaing and Monywa had a width of only 18 feet and that between Ohn Taw and Shwebo measured 12 feet. At the time, it took two-and-a-half to three hours to travel between Sagaing and Monywa and over 2 hours from Ohn Taw to Shwebo. The roads were too narrow and therefore, dangerous for traveling. We widened the Sagaing-Monywa road to 24 feet in 2008, and we upgraded the Ohn Taw-Shwebo road and



Sagaing-Monywa and Ohn Taw-Shwebo Roads are upgraded with BOT system.
PHOTOS: MYO WIN TUN (MONYWA)

increased its width to 24 feet in 2012.

The Shwe Taung

Company upgraded not only the road, but also constructed 152 bridges,

which measure under 180 feet in length,” he said.

The roads were up-

graded with the aim to make travel safe and ensure smooth trade, and this has contributed greatly to regional development, he added.

“Constructing new roads is easier than upgrading old ones. The maintenance of roads costs K1.5 billion per year. A four-lane road will be more costly,” said U Aung Zaw Naing.—Myo Win Tun (Monywa)

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Understanding causes, approaches key for ending malnutrition in Rakhine

INKEEPING with the idea of 'health as a bridge for peace', we must make efforts to provide quality healthcare for people, paying special attention to conflict-ridden areas.

According to the Myanmar Micronutrient and Food Consumption Survey: 2017-2018, women and children aged under five in Rakhine State are suffering from malnutrition. The survey has called for immediate action, and the Ministry of Health and Sports and local authorities have made joint efforts for tackling poor nutrition in the state. Malnutrition is responsible for more illnesses than any other single factor.

To tackle malnutrition as well as address some of the underlying issues related to it in households, as part of healthcare

activities, we must take into consideration social conflicts, instability, security, and the changing situation in Rakhine.

Collecting necessary information on the requirements, challenges, and opinions of households suffering from malnutrition at the grassroots level, especially at the IDP camps, through discussions, is a must to ensure that the right decisions are made and the right tasks are drawn up.

Mobile clinics can be very effective in helping people at IDP camps and villages, which are not easily accessible due to social problems, get access to healthcare. We need to find ways to provide regular healthcare services to such areas.

In spite of the obstacles and challenges, the Ministry of Health and Sports is implementing the five-year Multi-Sectoral National Plan of Action on Nutrition (MS-NPAN) 2018-2023. Myanmar is also expanding its vaccination programme and actively

participating as a member country in the Scaling Up Nutrition (SUN) movement for reducing malnutrition in accordance with the slogan — "1,000 Days: Change a Life, Change the Future".

The movement covers dissemination of nutrition-related knowledge in states and regions, and nutrition campaigns for pregnant women and children under 2 years of age were started in 2013 through the establishment of five networks involving experts and organizations from the relevant sectors.

To lay down future tasks for ending malnutrition and promoting health in Rakhine, different approaches from the technical, social, administrative, and management sectors should be adopted to ensure that the authorities concerned lay down pragmatic tasks.

Understanding the causes of, and approaches and solutions to, nutrition-related public health achievements, situations, and problems in Rakhine State are key to fixing the problem of malnutrition in the state.



The Meaning of the Name 'Mrauk U'

Dr. Saw Mra Aung

MRAUK U, called 'Mro-haung (Old city) by locals, is the last of the ancient Rakhine capitals. It was founded by King Min Saw Mon in 1430 A.D and came to an end in 1785 A.D. A long line of 48 kings reigned in it for about 355 years. It witnessed its heyday during this long spell. It is situated on the bank of the Dat creek, which lies in the upper reach of Hin-kha-raw creek, a tributary of the Kalandan River. This article is not dealt with the history of Mrauk U but with the etymological explanations about the term 'Mrauk U'.

It is found that the term 'Mrauk U' conveys 'different meanings' and has different sources. The first source of the meaning of the term 'Mrauk U' goes back to Late the Vesali period thus: By the end of Vesali period, King Culacandra drowned to death some miles

of the much coveted throne. At long last, they came upon two Mro brothers and a son of the younger brother fishing in a river. Much to their surprise, the ring fitted all three of them. So they were brought into the court and the elder brother A-mra-tu was placed on the throne of Vesali, the younger brother Amraku installed as Crown-prince and his son Pei Phru given a village called Mrauk U. But, soon, as the Chief Consort had a loving affair with Crown-prince, the king, devising a means, shot him dead with a poisoned arrow in a remote place. Shrewd Prince Pei Phru perceived his uncle's cruelty towards his father, but he repressed his anger and awaited the suitable time to retaliate the latter. When the Pyu king to the east of the Rakhine Yoma heard of the death of King Culacandra and ruling of three Moros over Vesali, he crossed the Yoma in

in darkness for seven days and that two war-boats fully manned with armed soldiers would come into his presence. Due to his power, Devas were motivated by his vow. So they created two war-boats with soldiers holding swords and spears and sent them to him. The whole region

then did they realize that Prince Pei Phru had killed their men by devising a stratagem. So the Pyu king and his soldiers fled to their city. When King Amratu heard of his nephew's great power and victory over the Pyus, he, choked by fear vomited blood and died. Upon his death, Prince

thus: When the Taung-nyo Hill and the Kukkar Hill were bulldozed and the ground levelled for the site of the Mrauk U palace, the excavators saw a female monkey guarding over an egg of a pea-hen. After this phenomenal event, King Min Saw Mon named his new town 'Myauk U', meaning, 'the egg of the monkey'. In course of time, the term 'Myauk U' was corrupted to 'Mrauk U'.

The third source is also found in the same book thus: While King Min Saw Mon was searching for a suitable place along a creek, a tributary of the Laymyo river to construct Mrauk U city, he, at a certain spot, saw two women catching fish with a bamboo fishing-trap each on either bank of a stream, calling out each other's name 'Hey, May Mrauk U'. 'Hey, May Wa-thay'. When the king heard their names, he knew the side on which the women called 'May Mrauk U' stood was 'Mrauk U' and the side on which the woman called 'May Wa-thay' 'Wa-thay'. As he built his new town on the side where May Mrauk U stood fishing, he named it 'Mrauk U'.

The fourth source is found in a palm-leaf manuscript on the Rakhine chronicle thus: Once, there lived in a forest a king of peacocks who had 1,000—strong retinue and a king of monkeys who had 500—strong retinue. Soon afterwards, king of pea-

cocks and consort of king of monkeys died almost at the same time. So King of monkeys and the consort of King of pea-cocks continued to live as a couple. When some time went by, the pea-hen laid three eggs. The King of monkeys brought and submitted them to King Hmwe-soka by saying that they were laid by a pea-hen, his wife. Out of surprise, the king asked Ven. Moggaliputta about this phenomenal event. The monk then replied that what king of monkeys told was true and that the Sasana (The teachings of Buddha) would flourish in the place inhabited by the monkey and that the city would be known by the name of Myauk U, for it was the place where the monkey submitted eggs to the king. The name 'Myauk U' was changed to 'Mrauk U' with the passage of time.

The Than-paing chronicle (palm-leaf manuscript) mentions thus: During the lifetime of the Kassapa Buddha, the Buddha during his itinerary reached the place where Mrauk U city would emerge. It was then inhabited by ogres. Later, a female monkey and a peacock lived there as husband and wife. In due course, the female monkey laid two eggs. The couple, much surprised, submitted the eggs to the Buddha.

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Mrauk U is located between the Kaladan and Lay Myo rivers in Rakhine State in the Western part of Myanmar. Over a period of more than 350 years countless temples and pagodas were built there. PHOTO: NYI ZAW MOE



Located in the beautiful hilly landscape, hundreds of ancient temples and pagodas, many of which are well-preserved remain of the powerful empire that once flourished in Mrauk U. PHOTO: NYI ZAW MOE



off cape Negris during the shipwreck on his homebound journey from Tagaung (Thindwe). However, after his death, his Chief Consort Candadevi, with the aid of the magic ring given to her by him just before his setting off on his journey, ordered ministers to look for the person on whose finger the ring fitted. By means of the ring, the ministers conducted a thorough search in the kingdom for a person worthy

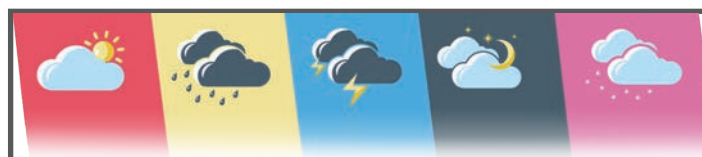
force to raid Vesali. While they were encamping at the foot of the Pyaing Mountain. Prince Pei Phru went into the presence of the Pyu king and acquainted him with his desire to take revenge on his uncle and to give him the Lemyo river as a tribute.

Then, on the way back, Prince Pei Phru vowed that if he was powerful enough to repel the attacks of the Pyus, that region would be wrapped

was engulfed in darkness for seven days. Prince Pei Phru, in the guise of a ferry-man, carried Pyu soldiers in boats and killed them and heaped their bodies on a mountain across. When seven days had gone by, darkness dispersed. To know where his men gathered, Pyu soldiers ascended the Pyaing Mountain and looked across and saw the dead bodies of their men piled up on a mountain on the opposite bank. Only

Pei Phru was made King of Vesali. The new king moved the capital to the site of Mrauk U village and renamed it 'Mrauk U' to commemorate this great victory and because it was the place where his first undertaking was crowned with success (Mrauk means 'accomplish' and 'U' means 'first').

The second source of the term 'Mrauk U' is also found in The New Rakhine Chronicle



Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 22nd October, 2019)

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at (18:30) hrs M.S.T today, the low pressure area over Westcentral Bay and adjoining Southwest Bay of Bengal still persists. It may further intensify into a depression during next (48) hours. Weather is cloudy over the South and West Central Bay and partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 23rd October, 2019: Weather will be partly cloudy in Kayin and Mon States. Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State, scattered in Taninthayi Region and Southern Shan State and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4-6) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers in Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Kachin and Shan States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 23rd October, 2019: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 23rd October, 2019: Partly cloudy.

Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their work to the **Global New Light of Myanmar** at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, in person, or by email to ce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Own name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.).— **Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar**

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Thailand repatriates 102 Myanmar migrant workers

A total of 102 migrant workers were repatriated to Myanmar from Thailand on the evening of 22 October. The migrants — 90 men, 10 women, and 2 children — were escorted to the Kawthoung border gate by officials from Thailand’s Ranong Immigration Department.
The migrant workers were expelled by Thai authorities as their visas had expired and they did not have proper documentation, according to the Ranong Immigration Department.
Officials from the General Administration Department, the Labour, Immigration and Population Department, the Anti-Trafficking Police, the Labour Department, and the Natural Disaster Department welcomed the workers and



Myanmar migrant workers arriving back home from Thailand. PHOTO: KYAW SOE (KAWTHOUNG)

provided them healthcare services. Afterwards, they were sent back to their hometowns by the related departments. — Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung)
(Translated by La Wonn)

About 8,000 buyers apply for Yangon government-owned land in 2 weeks

By Nyein Nyein

THE Yangon Region government recently announced the sale of land plots for setting up industrial businesses and public housing, and within two weeks, it received about 8,000 applications for the plots, said U Than, the Joint Secretary of the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC).
He made the remarks at a press conference on YCDC’s performance on 21 October, which was held at the Yangon

City Hall.
The plots of land owned by the Yangon Region government will be sold in three phases.
“In Phase 1, land-use applications for 500 land plots in Hlinethaya, Shwepyitha, and four Dagon Myothit townships were sold on 7 October at the office complex of the General Administration Department (Eastern District), and the number of applicants has reached 7,786 within two weeks,” said U Than.
Over 180 plots from the

Myaungtagar Industrial Zone will be sold in Phase 2, and, over 9,000 acres, previously marked as agricultural land, in East Dagon and Dagon Seikkan townships will go under the hammer in Phase 3, said U Than.
The Land Management Committee will screen the applications and sell the plots to selected individuals and organizations for setting up businesses and housing projects.
“As the land is being sold by the regional government, it

will have full guarantee,” said Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe. The plots that are slated to be sold were previously seized by the government, and compensation had not been awarded to their original owners. Therefore, to compensate the original farmland owners, the undeveloped lands are being sold again, according to officials.
The applications for the plots have to be submitted by 8 November.
(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

One dead, three injured in vessel collision near Chaungtha Beach

ONE person was killed and three injured on 21 October after their boat, enroute from Chaungtha Beach to the White Sand Island, collided with a fishing vessel and capsized, two furlongs from Chaungtha beach in Patheingyi Township, Ayeyawady Region.
The collision occurred around 10:50 pm on Monday. According to the police report, Thura Aung, who was at the helm of the boat, and three passengers, identified as Ma Shweyi Mon, Ma San Nu Wai,

and Ma Kyal Sin Shin Thant, were injured in the mishap and taken to Chaungtha Station hospital. They were later transferred to the Patheingyi People’s Hospital, where one of the passengers, Ma San Nu Wai, succumbed to her injuries.
The Township Police have filed a case against Thura Aung for reckless operation of the boat under the Penal Code. —Ko Ko Maung (IPRD)
(Translated by La Wonn)



The damaged boat is seen stranded ashore after collision with a fishing vessel. PHOTO: KO KO MAUNG (IPRD)

TCP targets Myanmar with plant

TOA-Chugoku Paints (TCP) has earmarked 500 million baht to construct its first overseas paint factory in Myanmar, expecting to capture demand from megaprojects the Bangkok post reported.

The new factory will produce two paint products — heavy-duty coating and marine paint — with a monthly capacity of 300 tonnes.

The project will be located in Thilawa Special Economic Zone. It is scheduled to begin operations in April 2020.

TCP set up a new local unit in Myanmar, Chugoku-TOA Paints Myanmar, to operate the factory.

Chugoku Marine Paints (CMP) from Japan holds a 51% stake in the Thilawa company, while TOA Venture Holding (TOAVH) from Thailand owns the remainder.

Pisit Boonchanya, TCP's managing director, said the Thai company started exporting two paint products from Mae Sot district to Yangon and Thilawa in 2012. The Thai and Japanese



The construction site of TCP's future factory in Thilawa Special Economic Zone. PHOTO: BANGKOK POST

arms decided early this year to invest in a plant in Myanmar.

“Myanmar opened for new business and investment flows five years ago. There are many megaprojects awaiting development and expansion,” he said.

“We will capture many busi-

ness sectors there — fishery crafts, shipment vessels and construction — as well as distribute our paint products to Myanmar's navy agencies.”

Myanmar's heavy-duty coating and marine paints have a market value of roughly 300 million baht, of which TCP captured

a 70% market share with exports from Thailand, said Mr Pisit.

He said the Myanmar business plan is part of TCP's expansion abroad, with plans to enter Cambodia, Laos and Bangladesh in the near future.

“Once we achieve revenue of 300 million baht in Myanmar, we

will consider further overseas expansions for the manufacture of paint and coating,” said Mr Pisit.

The company aims to achieve 500 million baht per year in sales in the first five years of operations.

At home, TCP is a joint venture between TOAVH and CMP, who hold 51% and 49% stakes, respectively.

The manufacturing plant is located at Wellgrow Industrial Estate in Chachoengsao province with a total monthly capacity of 2,000 tonnes in heavy-duty coating, marine paint and container coating.

Mr Pisit said in 2018, TCP captured a market share of 50%, while the market totalled at 4 billion baht, largely in heavy-duty coating and marine paint.

In 2018, TCP had sales of 2 billion baht, of which 1.4 billion was from heavy-duty coating.

The remaining 600 million baht came from marine paint and container coating. — Bangkok Post/ GNLM

Buyers must bear infrastructure costs of govt land

By Nyein Nyein

INDIVIDUALS purchasing land from the Yangon Region Government will also have to bear the costs of installing the necessary infrastructure accompanying it, according to the Joint Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC), U Than.

He gave the remark during a press conference at the city hall on 21 October while updating the public on the activities of the YCDC.

The infrastructure mentioned earlier includes the roads, sewer canals, pipelines for supplying water, and electrical wiring. Enquiries of interest will be sent to infrastructure companies and the cost for implementation will be added to the purchasing price of sold land.

“Let's say for example, a plot of land 40x60 feet sells for, in line with the price set by the local market price evaluation group, at K6 million and the infrastructure costs are at K5 million, then the entire plot would cost K11 million,” explains U

Than. He said the payments need to be made separately so that they can remit it to the implementing companies.

Over 90 per cent of the 500 plus plots of land to be sold by the regional cabinet already have good roads and working utility poles.

There have been public voices saying that the regional cabinet is selling some of the 40x60 feet plots of land at a price higher than the market price of K3.5 million.

U Than explains that the price set by the government corresponds with the market price evaluation group's analysis of individual townships and their market price for 2018-2019 financial year.

“The price is included in the application forms. It differs for each township and is set by the evaluation group. Some 40x60 feet plots sell for K6 million while others sell for K13 million or even K100 million per acre,” says U Than.

He says the townships have different prices for each square feet and a book (possibly from the evaluation group) details

the price for the plots of lands for each township. The prices differ based on the location and proximity to main roads, junctions or alleys.

The Yangon Region Government will be selling land in its region for economic, industrial and residential purposes in three phases. The first phase includes 500 plots of land in Hlinethaya, Shwepyitha and four Dagon Myothit townships, the second phase includes over 180 industrial plots in Myaungtaga Industrial Zone, and the third phase includes over 9,000 plots in East Dagon and Dagon Seikkan formerly designated as agricultural zones.

The regional cabinet's plan tries to ensure the plots of land fall into the hands of entities genuinely interested in using them for conducting businesses, constructing industrial sites and building residential housing. A land management committee will review every potential buyer and ensure a hundred per cent maximum usage of each sold plot of land, said Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe.

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

External trade touches \$1.1 bln in 11 days of 2019-2020 FY

MYANMAR'S external trade between 1 and 11 October in the current fiscal year reached a high of US\$1.1 billion, an increase of \$90.2 million compared to the corresponding period of the 2018-2019 fiscal, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

In the first 11 days of the financial year, Myanmar's exports were estimated at \$545.67 million, and imports were valued at \$562.89 million. In the previous FY, trade stood at \$1.08 billion, according to data released by the ministry.

Myanmar exports agricultural products, animal products, minerals, forest products, and finished industrial

goods, while it imports capital goods, raw industrial materials, and consumer goods.

The country's export sector relies more on the agricultural and manufacturing sectors. Export earnings from the CMP (cutting, making, and packaging) garment businesses are rising, while reliance on natural resources, such as natural gas and jade, is lessening.

The government is trying to reduce the trade deficit by screening luxury import items and boosting exports, according to the Ministry of Commerce. — GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

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The Meaning of the Name 'Mrauk U'

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At the advice of the Buddha, the pea-cock brooded over the eggs in a nest on a tree growing on the bank of a creek, a tributary of the Meghavati river. In due time, two celestial females hatched out of the eggs. They were adopted by the two women living on either side of the creek. The girl who was brought up in the place where the pea-cock had brooded over the eggs was

called ' May Wat-thay' and the one who was brought up in the place where the eggs had been submitted to the Buddha was called ' May Myauk U'. They were the guardian spirits of the villages and towns. When the city was established in the place where the eggs had been submitted to the Buddha, it was known by the name of Mrauk U. And the place where the pea-cock had brooded over the eggs was known as ' Wat-thay'.

The last source is extracted from a palm-leaf manuscript titled ' Rakhine Htee-daw-pade-tha Kyan'. The source is only a Pali phrase, ' Rakkha Uttarana mate' meaning ' to the north of Rakhine'. U Tun Shwe Khaing says that this phrase implies that King Min Saw Mon might have travelled northwards from Laungkrat city to look for a site to construct Mrauk U or ancient Mrauk U might have been situated at the northern tip

of Laungkrat city. This extract suggests that Mrauk U had been located in the north of Laungkrat city. In conclusion, it is thus found thus that the word ' Mrauk U' had appeared before the fall of Vesali (8th century A.D)and that it is connected with the political situation of ancient Rakhine, the animals who inhabited the area where the city would emerge and its geographical setting.

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'Winter Sleep' to be analyzed at Film Development Centre in Yangon

AN award-winning film of Cannes Film Festival, the Winter Sleep, to be screened for analysis at the Film Development Centre at No. 50, Golden Valley Road in Bahan Township, Yangon, on 27 October noon. It will be 28th event of the Cinematheque Program in Yangon, and Dr Aung Min, a management member of FDC will lead the analysis. The Winter Sleep is a Turkish drama film and directed by Nuri Bilge Ceylan. It was adapted from the short story, "The Wife" by Anton Chekov and one subplot of The Brothers Karamazov by Fyodor Dostoyevsky. The plot is about a former actor Aydn and his young wife Nihal from the central part of the country Anatolia. They opened a hotel and then led to a disastrous marriage, presenting the significant divide of social equality in Turkey.



The film also won the Palme d'Or award at the 2014 Cannes Film Festival.—MNA
(Translated by Aung Khin)

Infosys shares plunge 14% after whistleblower allegations



The company said CEO Salil Parekh has been recused from the investigation to ensure its independence. PHOTO: AFP

NEW DELHI — Shares in Indian IT giant Infosys slumped more than 14 percent on Tuesday as the firm launched a probe into whistleblower complaints

alleging its top executives acted unethically to inflate revenues. The letter, a copy of which was sent to the US Securities and Exchange Commission, said the CEO and chief financial officer asked executives to not fully disclose US visa costs in a bid to boost short-term profits, according to media reports. Infosys chairman Nandan Nilekani said the company was looking into the complaints, adding that chief executive Salil Parekh and chief financial officer Nilanjan Roy have been

recused from the probe to ensure its independence. Its shares dived 14.1 per cent to 659.10 rupees in Mumbai, having seen its stock on New York's Nasdaq collapse 12 per cent on Monday. The whistleblower letter accused Infosys, which has been at the vanguard of Indian firms taking on the IT operations of corporations worldwide, of concealing information from auditors. "Several billion-dollar deals of last few quarters have nil margin," the complaint says.—AFP ■

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Myanma Port Authority “Notice of High Tide”

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THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF ELECTRICTY AND ENERGY MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE (INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER) (13 / 2019-2020)

1. Open tenders for 2019-2020 fiscal year are invited for supply of the following respective items in Myanmar Kyats.

Sr No.	Tender No.	Description	Remarks
(a)	DMP/L-129(19-20)	NDT Services for 20" Natural Gas Pipeline Replacement Project	Ks
(b)	DMP/L-130(19-20)	Insert Pumps and Accessories (5) Groups	Ks
(c)	DMP/L-131(19-20)	Spares for H 2475 G Waukesha Engine & KB-2 Compressor (19) Items	Ks
(d)	DMP/L-132(19-20)	Mechanical Accessories (3) Groups	Ks
(e)	DMP/L-133(19-20)	Spare for Caterpillar C-9 Engine (71) Items	Ks
(f)	DMP/L-134(19-20)	Spare for Caterpillar C 9 Engine (72) Items	Ks
(g)	DMP/L-135(19-20)	Spares for Drive Group Ex Nat-55 / ZJ 70 L / EMSCO Rigs (3) Groups	Ks
(h)	DMP/L-136(19-20)	Spares for HT 400 Pump (2) Groups	Ks
(i)	DMP/L-137(19-20)	Spares for D 375 Pump (6) Groups	Ks
(j)	DMP/L-138(19-20)	Spares for BJ Cementing Unit (5) Groups	Ks
(k)	DMP/L-139(19-20)	Spares for SJS Serva Cementing Unit (7) Groups	Ks
(l)	DMP/L-140(19-20)	Spares for SK 200-8 Kobelco Excavator (46) Items	Ks
(m)	DMP/L-141(19-20)	Spares for Cooper Well Servicing Unit (35) Items	Ks
(n)	DMP/L-142(19-20)	Spares for Cat G-3412 Gas Engine (5) Items	Ks
(o)	DMP/L- 143(19-20)	Electrical Spares for ZJ 70L Rigs (51) Items	Ks
(p)	DMP/L-144(19-20)	Electrical Spares for ZJ 50D Rigs (17) Items	Ks
(q)	DMP/L-145(19-20)	Assorted Sizes of ERW API 5L Grade B Steel Linepipe (3) Items	Ks
(r)	DMP/L-146(19-20)	Spares for Komatsu Tracked Dozer (90) Items	Ks

2. The Open Tender forms including Description of Materials / Qty with details specifications and Tender Terms & Conditions can be available during office hours commencing from 23 October 2019 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No. (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

3. The interested Bidders should submit the Technical Specifications with Original Bid Bond and Commercial Quotation in each separate sealed envelopes on which to be addressed to the Managing Director, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in Tender Box of the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than 14:00 pm on 25 November 2019.

4. Tender Closing Date & Time 25-11-2019, 14:00 pm
Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
Ph No. + 95 67 – 411206

EU fires budget warning shots to Italy, France

BRUSSELS — The European Commission on Tuesday demanded urgent clarifications from Italy and France on their budget plans for next year, worried they veer widely from spending cut commitments made to Brussels.

The letters from the EU’s executive arm requested a response by Wednesday and could be the first step before the commission rejects a budget outright and demands a new draft.

Portugal, Spain, Belgium and Finland were also contacted with concerns.

“Italy’s plan does not comply with the debt reduction benchmark in 2020,” said a letter signed by EU economics affairs



Both France and Italy are promising deficits that meet EU rules – but Brussels has concerns over their spending plans. **PHOTO: AFP**

commissioner Pierre Moscovici and commission vice president Valdis Dombrovskis.

Rome hopes to get Brussels to agree to a deficit of 2.2 per cent of GDP.

But the EU said that risked delaying the reduction of Italy’s massive debt mountain, which is the second highest in the euro zone behind Greece at 180 per cent of national output.

The spending plans were the product of fraught negotiations between the new coalition in Italy, an unlikely partnership between the anti-establishment Five Star Movement and the centre-left Democratic Party.

“We will provide all clarifications to the EU, we are not concerned,” said Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte.

“It is a necessary dialogue with Brussels from which we will not escape.”

French tax cuts

France’s government unveiled a draft 2020 budget last month with more than nine billion euros (\$10 billion) in tax cuts for households in its bid to move on from “yellow vest” protests while still cutting the deficit.

But the EU warned that these plans were “not in line” with commitments made to Brussels, and risked a “significant deviation” from the European rulebook on budgets.

Crucially, the commission criticised Rome and Paris for under-delivering on so-called structural reforms, changes to long-term costs such as pensions, hiring and firing laws and other politically difficult reforms.—AFP

French farmers stage protests as anger boils over



A tractor with a hanged effigy of a farmer under a sign saying “Today it’s him, tomorrow it might be me,” during a protest by farmers in Nîmes, southern France, on Tuesday. **PHOTO: AFP**

PARIS — Hundreds of farmers rolled out tractors to stage protests at government offices across France on Tuesday, railing against measures they say are crimping revenues and contributing to a spike in

suicides in the sector in recent years. “Macron, answer us!” read a banner in Le Mans, western France, as farmers dumped hay and dug up a roundabout in front of the regional government office as the pro-

tests began Monday night. Another asked “France, do you still want farmers?” referring to regulations, price wars and global trade deals many say are stifling their ability to make a living.

It was the second mass protest this month, after an estimated 10,000 farmers blocked highways across France on 8 October. “We’re demanding an end to ‘agri-bashing,’ to stop making our jobs more and more difficult, to stop putting spokes in our wheels and blaming us for everything,” said Delphine Fernandez, president of the Young Farmers association in the southern Gard department.—AFP ■

Changing Distributor for Registered Pesticide

Distribution of pesticide registered by Forward International Ltd., Taiwan will be changed from Forward (Myanmar) Co., Ltd. to Sim Sim Co., Ltd. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Co-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein within fourteen (14) days.

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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS MYANMA RAILWAYS INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER

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-Axle Steel Solid Type (Y)-(100)Nos
-Axle Steel Solid Type (YC)-(100)Nos
-Wheel Steel Solid Type (Y)-(600)Nos
-Wheel Steel Solid Type (YD)-(1500)Nos |
- Closing Date & Time -26.11.2019 (Tuesday)(14:30)Hrs
2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 21.10.2019 during office hours and for further detail please contact: Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 291994

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M.V CAPE FLORES VOY.NO. (138 N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V CAPE FLORES VOY.NO. (138 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 23-10-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Vice President U Myint Swe addresses the 30th regular meeting between businesspersons and Private Sector Development Committee. PHOTO: UMFFCCI

Issues raised by private sector at 30th meeting between PSDC and businesspersons

THE Private Sector Development Committee led by Vice President U Myint Swe and private business persons held its 30th regular meeting at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFFCCI) on 19 October 2019. Issues covering Bayintnaung market, fishery sector, automobile manufacturing and distributing sector were raised.

Bayintnaung Market

Yangon Region Chambers of Commerce and Industry Chairman U Khin Han explained about difficulties faced by commodity trading houses, companies, banks and truck companies operating out of Bayintnaung Market due to non-extension of land grants. Land grants for lands in Bayintnaung Market was extended up to 2018 and then extended to 2021. However, as land grant extensions were no longer granted beyond 2021, the commodity trading houses, companies, banks and truck companies operating out of Bayintnaung Market were facing difficulties in obtaining bank loans and additional investment in the businesses. The matter was raised for coordination with relevant departments and organizations toward extending the land grants.



President U Zaw Min Win



U Khin Han



Dr. Kyaw Kyaw Aung



Daw Toe Nandar Tin

Fishery sector

Issues covering fishery sector was raised and explained by Myanmar Fisheries Federation Senior Vice President Daw Toe Nanda Tin and General Secretary U Win Kyaing. First the matter of possible environmental effects on fishery resources in Myanmar territorial water and exclusive economic zones if offshore oil and gas exploration and production were conducted without proper environmental protection works and researches. Difficulties faced by fishery sector workers due to the depletion of fishery resources were also raised. Offshore oil and gas production works were to be permitted only if systematic preliminary surveys to protect and conserve fishery resources,

protect and conservation works on fishery resources during offshore oil and gas production and after offshore oil and gas production were systematically conducted by internationally recognized experts. Integrated fish farming of breeding fish together with chicken on top of the fish ponds should be banned as local aquatic products were not meeting GAQP, GMP, HACCP standards for export while not also meeting food safety standard for local consumption. In the long run the practice will also affect the National Aquaculture Development program. **Automobile manufacturing and distribution sector** Myanmar Automobile Man-

ufacturers and Distributors Association Vice Chairman U Zaw Htike Aye and joint secretary Dr Kyaw Kyaw Aung explained about issues in automobile manufacturing and distribution sector. Customs Department was designating Double Cab pickup trucks as commercial vehicles and changing HS Code to reduce custom duty while Road Transport Administration Department was designating it as a private passenger vehicle in the same way as a saloon car and collecting (higher) tax. Suggestion was made to designate it as commercial vehicle and collect tax accordingly in both departments. Except for a very few commercial trucks and bus locally manufactured or assembled, the majority of the investment

in this sector were to produce passenger and luxury cars. In addition to this there were no difference in duties and taxes on importing completely build up (CBU) vehicles and the assembly or production of Semi-Knocked-Down (SKD) vehicles. Suggestions were made on reducing tax and duties on local manufacture of commercial trucks and buses while government tenders or purchases of commercial trucks and buses were to give priority to locally manufactured SKD/CKD commercial trucks and buses. An additional suggestion on establishing an industrial zone to support and ease the assembly and manufacture of SKD/CKD vehicles was also made. — UMFFCCI



ILO Centenary

By Yu Yu Naing

COUNTRIES of the world were working toward long term existence of the world and labour or workers affair is becoming a major driving force toward each country's sustainable development.

Labour or workers affair is the affair of the entire world and International Labour Organization (ILO) is the sole United Nations organization formed with representatives of governments, employers and workers from 187 member countries raising appropriate work opportunities for workers, setting worker/labour norms and establishing policies. ILO was established in 1919 and in 2019 it is 100 years old. Centenary of ILO will be celebrated in Myanmar as well as all member countries.

Myanmar became a member of ILO in 18 May 1948 and was discussing together with other member countries labour/workers affair, migrant worker, child labour, forced labour, unemployment, labour dispute, being in line with standards and norms set by ILO and basic labour rights in work site together with other member countries.

Labour and workers affairs and sustainable development goals

Of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) established by United Nations (UN), goal 8 of "Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all" is an important goal for workers. Goal 1 of "End extreme poverty in all forms by 2030," goal 2 of "End hunger; achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote



Union Minister of Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe delivers speech at the event. PHOTO: ILO

sustainable agriculture," goal 3 of "Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages," goal 4 of "Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all," and goal 5 of "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls" are related in one way or another to workers. These goals were to be achieved with the support and assistance of ILO.

2008 Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Chapter 1 Section 31 said "The Union shall, to extent possible, assist to reduce unemployment among the people" while one of the 12 policies in the Economic Policy of the Union of Myanmar said "employment opportunities for all citizens including those returning from abroad are to be created and to give greater priority in the short term to economic enterprises that create many job opportunities." Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (2018-2030) also includes a strategy to

"Protect the rights and harness the productivity of all, including migrant workers."

Obtaining decent employment

The tripartite of government, employer and employee approved the Myanmar Decent Work Country Programme 2018-2022 on 21 September 2018 and a memorandum of understanding with ILO was signed.

The programme will be implemented through three set priorities of:

1. Employment and decent work and sustainable entrepreneurship opportunities are available and accessible to all, including for vulnerable populations affected by conflict and disaster
2. Application of Fundamental Principles and Rights at work is strengthened through improved labour market governance
3. Social protection coverage for all is progressively extended, especially for vulnerable workers and populations

Migrant worker issue

According to International Organization for Migration (IOM) Indicator 2018 of the world's population of 7.6 billion, 258 million were migrant workers of which 7.8 per cent were from Southeast Asia. Lack of job opportunities, differences in wages and salary, development of technology are causing the rise in the numbers of migrant workers. Myanmar became the 147th member of IOM in 2012.

Issue of child labour

The Convention concerning the Prohibition and Immediate Action for the Elimination of the Worst Forms of Child Labour, known in short as the Worst Forms of Child Labour Convention adopted by ILO in 1999 as ILO Convention No 182 defines child as youngster below the age of 18 or children between the age of 5 and 17 years. Myanmar has a growing child labour problem. According to a study conducted in 2016, Myanmar had about 1.3 million child labour that was 10

percent of the child population. The main problem was poverty and low education. Most child labours were educated up to the primary level only and were working in dangerous work sites and places. Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population was drawing up a list of dangerous work for children with the help of ILO and had also formed a Myanmar National Committee on Child Labour Eradication.

Forced labour issue

2008 Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Section 359 states that the Union prohibits forced labour except hard labour as a punishment for crime duly convicted and duties assigned by the Union in accord with the law in the interest of the public. Many laws prescribed penalties and punishment for any act of forced labour. Myanmar was working together with ILO toward drawing up and approving a forced labour eradication work programme (2019-2020).

Unemployment issue

Myanmar was working toward resolving this issue through giving priority to manufacturing sector that will provide most employment opportunities. It was doing this through developing small and medium enterprises.

Resolving labour disputes

At the moment Myanmar was resolving labour disputes through 15 laws. Foreign Workers Law was drafted while a new Labour Organization Law was being redrawn. Occupational Safety and Health Law was enacted. On the centenary year of ILO, let us work toward the development of the workers affairs sectors. ■

Marga Landmark launches The Central Boulevard

THE Central Boulevard is located in Yankin Township facing the most scenic site of Inya Lake near the junction of Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and Kanbe Road. The Central Boulevard is Yangon's first retail walking street beneath multi-function housing complex The Central developed by Marga Landmark. It was introduced to invited guests, partners and media personnel on 21 October 2019.

The Central Boulevard features a wide variety of shops

ranging from food & beverage, beauty and lifestyle to fashion and financial service. Besides, a spacious and welcoming public events area, was Myanmar's first musical lighting water fountain.

"Myanmar's first retail walking street The Central Boulevard is another indication that Marga Landmark was construction the The Central project as the best and highest standard multi-function project not only in Myanmar but also in the Southeast Asia



The Central Boulevard Grand Opening ceremony in progress. PHOTO: MARGA LANDMARK

region. Together with the soon to be opened The Central Ginza

high-standard shopping centre, The Central Boulevard will be-

come the best place in Yangon for rest, recreation and shopping with family and friends," said Marga Group Director Mr. John Barnes.

A grand opening ceremony "Light Up the Central" will be held from 25th to 27th October. Until the end of 2019, The Central Boulevard will host a "Festival Everyday" program providing daily promotions, entertainment, meet and greet celebrity event, artist performances and week-end festivities.—GNLM ■

Myanmar futsal team moves closer to semifinals after beating Cambodia 13-3



Myanmar futsal player (white) celebrates after scoring the goal against Cambodia at the Phu Tho Indoor Stadium in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam. **PHOTO: MFF**

THE Myanmar national futsal team has moved closer to entering the semifinals after drubbing Cambodia by 13-3 yesterday, the second day of the AFF HD Bank Futsal Championship 2019, at the Phu Tho Indoor Stadium in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam.

The goals for team Myanmar were scored by Aung Zin Oo, who scored three goals, Haling Min Tun, Ko Ko Lwin, and Pyae Phy Maung (3), who scored two goals each, while Pyae Phy Maung (2), Naing Ye Kyaw, Wai Zin Oo, and Nyein Min Soe scored one goal

each. The goals for Cambodia were scored by Cheatuo and Se-reyvong.

After the match, the head coach of the Myanmar national futsal team U Htay Myint said the footballers tried their best as the match was very important for advancing to the semifinals. "Our team got many goals as the players had prepared well," he added.

In another Group A match yesterday, Thailand beat Timor-Leste by 12-1.

Though the last matches

of the group stage remain to be played, Myanmar and Thailand from Group A are sure to advance to the semifinals as they have earned 6 points each from two matches played, while Timor-Leste and Cambodia have earned no points.

In the last match at the group stage, Myanmar will meet Thailand at 11 am (Myanmar standard time) today (23 October).

The semifinals are scheduled for 25 October, and the final and third place matches will be held on 27 October. — Kyaw Khin

Head coach Hey joins preliminarily selected players for training session

THE head coach of the Myanmar national football team, Antoine Hey, attended a training session yesterday with the preliminarily selected players for the team.

All the preliminarily selected players, except those who are playing in Thailand, participated in the training.

"I'm very happy at being appointed the head coach of the Myanmar national team again. I would like to thank the Myanmar Football Federation and the team's fans. I'm really happy about returning to the team," the head coach said.

He added that he has been in touch with the Myanmar football community, so he immediately accepted the appointment.

The head coach also said

that the number of selected players would be reduced to build a strong team. "As the team has to start from zero, with no goals and no points, we would focus on hard training," he said.

"I also hope to get the support of many fans, like in the Suzuki Cup that was played at the Mandalay Thiri Stadium. As the team that has to start from zero, the support of fans will be the main driver for achieving their goal," the head coach told mediapersons.

Hey acted as the head coach of the Myanmar national men's football team and the U-23 Myanmar men's football team in 2018, and helped team Myanmar win several international matches.

— Kyaw Khin



Head Coach of the Myanmar national football team Antoine Hey. **PHOTO: MFF**

Barca pay 15 million euros for first refusal on Atletico youngsters

MADRID (Spain) — Barcelona have paid Atletico Madrid 15 million euros for the right to be given first refusal on six Atletico players, AFP learned on Tuesday.

Atletico sources have told AFP the agreement has "nothing to do" with the dispute between the two clubs over the transfer of Antoine Griezmann last summer.

"It is a right of first refusal on a list of players primarily from the academy," these sources added.

Spanish newspaper El Mundo had claimed on Tuesday the fee is to "make peace in the Griezmann case".

The agreement allows Barcelona to match or exceed any offers for those players whenever the player wants to leave, Atletico agree to sell



Antoine Griezmann joined Barcelona last summer and scored in their 3-0 win over Eibar in La Liga on Saturday. **PHOTO: AFP**

and an acceptable bid arrives from a separate club.

Griezmann left Atletico for Barcelona when the Catalan club activated his release clause of 120 million euros in July.

Atletico claimed they were due 200 million euros from the transfer because they said Griezmann had agreed to move to Barca in March, before the clause dropped on July 1.

The Spanish Football Federation (RFEF) fined Barcelona 300 euros on September 26 for failing to notify Atletico they were in talks with the Frenchman.

But the RFEF concluded there was no evidence Griezmann had signed a formal contract with Barca. — AFP

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