State Counsellor returns from Japan after attending emperor’s enthronement

STATE COUNSELLOR Daw Aung San Suu Kyi who attended the enthronement ceremony of the emperor of Japan held in Tokyo, left Japan on Air Nippon Airways for Yangon at local standard time 11.30 am yesterday.

The Myanmar delegation led by the State Counsellor was seen off at Narita Airport by Myanmar Ambassador to Japan U Myint Thu, Myanmar Military Attaché Colonel Tin Soe, officials from the Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Myanmar embassy and military attaché personnel and their family members.

The State Counsellor and party arrived back in Yangon at 4 pm and were welcomed by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Yangon mayor U Maung Maung Soe, Japanese Ambassador Mr Ichiro Maruyama and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Yangon International Airport. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Htamanthi Sanctuary gets official certificate of ASEAN Heritage Park

MYANMAR officials received an document that declared Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary as an ASEAN Heritage Park.

The document was presented to Director General of Forest Department Dr Nyi Nyi Kyaw, the official of Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary and a representative of local ethnic people at the 6th ASEAN Heritage Parks Conference (AHP6) which was held in Pakse in the Champasak province of Lao PDR from 21 to 24 October.

The 15th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Environment, held from 7 to 8 October in Siem Reap, Cambodia, announced the sanctuary in the list of ASEAN Heritage Park (AHP) after the approval of ASEAN member countries during the 29th Meeting of the ASEAN Working Group on Nature Conservation and Biodiversity held in Vientiane, Laos, in early May.

The nomination document for this wildlife sanctuary was submitted to the ASEAN Centre for Biodiversity (ACB) as this sanctuary has a good ecosystem and is a habitat for endangered animal species such as tigers, wild elephants and pangolins, as well as rare plant species.

The conservation works started in 1974 by developing it into a wildlife sanctuary with the appointments of staff members and drafting management plan for it. —MNA

(State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is welcomed back by Japanese Ambassador Mr Ichiro Maruyama at the Yangon International Airport yesterday. PHOTO: MNA)

(Translated by Aung Khin)
MOIALI, Norway’s Yara International ASA discuss development of agriculture in Myanmar

A delegation from the Ministry of Information led by Union Minister Dr Pe Myint departed for Japan yesterday.

The trip will focus on film studios and academies, film libraries, museums, archive centres, and media agencies, film services and production companies. They will also attend the Tokyo International Film Festival.

The Union Minister was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Japanese Ambassador Mr Ichiro Maruyama, Permanent Secretary U Myo Myint Maung and Mol officials.

The MOI delegation consists of the IPRD Director-General U Ye Naing, Film Promotion Division Director U Thein Naing, MRTV Deputy Director Daw Thillar Soe, NPE Editor Daw Khin Yadanar, Myanmar Movie Picture Organization Chairman U Zin Wine, Director A One U Thein Htut, Save Myanmar Film Director U Okkar, Third Floor Film & Festival Service Director U Theikdi and Daw Thu Thu Shein.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

MOI delegation departs for Japan observation trip

The Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister Dr Pe Myint is seen at the Yangon International Airport before departing for Japan. PHOTO: MNA

Joint Committee on Amending 2008 Constitution holds meeting 49/2019

Meeting 49/2019 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, Deputy Chairman of the Joint Committee Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung, Joint Committee secretary Dr Myat Nyana Soe, joint secretary U Htay Win Aung (a) U Pyone Cho and members who were representatives from political parties and Tatmadaw Hluttaw representative and officials from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

MOALI, Norway’s Yara International ASA discuss development of agriculture in Myanmar

DR Aung Thu, Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, held talks with officials of the Yara International headquarters in Oslo, Norway, on 22 October over development of agro sector in Myanmar.

During his visit to Norway based world leading crop nutrition company, the Union Minister met with Mr Lars Røsæg Chief Financial Officer in Yara International and discussed about Yara’s success story while starting up in Myanmar in last 2 years, products produced from Norway for Myanmar farmers, right combinations and right knowledge of crop nutrition, collaboration with Yezin Agricultural University to support the future of Myanmar agriculture.

Mr Røsæg explained to the minister about Yara is also working for smallholder farmers by many digital farming tools for long term sustainable farming of Myanmar future as crop nutrition company for the future strategy.

DR Aung Thu responded with welcoming Yara to prosper in Myanmar and Myanmar will be a great market for Yara, he said. The Minister also responded with positive interest and mentioned that new digital tools would require certain legal adjustments.

Senior Agronomist of Yara Myanmar Limited, Bjørn Tor Svoldal, further explained how Yara crop nutrition solutions can increase yield, crop and profitability for farmer at the same time reducing environmental footprint of agriculture.—GNLM
Reception to mark 74th Anniversary of UN held in Nay Pyi Taw

A reception to commemorate the Seventy-Fourth Anniversary of the United Nations was held at MGallery Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw in the evening of 24 October 2019.

During the occasion, U Thaung Tun, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations read out the Message from the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on the 74th Anniversary of the United Nations Day.

Afterwards, Mr Andrew Kirkwood, the United Nations Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator a.i. and Director and Representative of the United Nations Office for Project Services (UNOPS), read out the message of the United Nations Secretary-General.

It was then followed by a video clip presentation on the establishment and progress of the United Nations and the cooperation between Myanmar and the United Nations.

The Union Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Chairmen and members of Hluttaw Committees, Permanent Secretaries, Directors-General, Ambassadors/ Heads of the Diplomatic Missions in Yangon, Heads of the United Nations agencies and International Organizations in Yangon and officials concerned from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs attended the commemorative reception.— MNA

Myanmar reaffirms cooperation with the Special Envoy in finding sustainable solution for the issue of Rakhine State

ThePermanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations reaffirmed Myanmar’s commitment to address the Rakhine State issues with goodwill, in cooperation with the Special Envoy as well as friends near and far during the introductory session of the Report of the Secretary-General on Myanmar at its 74th Session of the UN General Assembly, the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian, and Cultural) continued its debate on the promotion and protection of human rights in the afternoon session on 23 October 2019. Under the agenda item related to the human rights situation and reports of Special Rapporteurs and Representatives, Special Envoy Ms Christine Burgener introduced the Report of the Secretary-General on the Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar.

During the discussion on the Report, the Permanent Representative made a statement as the country concerned. In his statement, the Permanent Representative expressed the Government’s appreciation to the Special Envoy for her impartiality and constructive engagement with Myanmar in discharging her mandate. He highlighted the development in Myanmar’s cooperation with UN agencies, ASEAN and INGOs in addressing the Rakhine State issue and the Government’s efforts on the repatriation process. In addition, he touched on the NVC and citizenship matter, handling of accountability question and implementation of Rakhine Advisory Commission’s Recommendations.

In the conclusion, the Permanent Representative encouraged the United Nations and the international community to help the people of Myanmar in fulfillment of their aspirations by constructive engagement and to render assistance to Myanmar’s national efforts with goodwill and sincerity, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.— MNA

Workshop discusses role of constitutional tribunal in democracy transition

The Constitutional Tribunal of the Union and the International Institute for Democracy and Election Assistance (International IDEA) Myanmar organized a workshop titled “The Chilean Transition to Democracy through Constitution Building Process and the Role of Constitution Tribunal” at Park Royal Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning to share knowledge on experiences of Chile in democracy transition process.

Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal U Myo Nyunt made an opening remark, saying that discussions at the workshop could provide knowledge in drafting bills to amend the Constitution of Myanmar, and the Tribunal could find ways in this process. Ms Kimana Zulueta-Fülscner, the Programme Manager of MyConstitution Project at the International IDEA, extended greetings, followed by the presentation of Professor Javier Couso from the Universidad Diego Portales on the topic of “The Chilean Transition to Democracy through Constitution Building Process and Role of Constitutional Tribunal” Then, Chairman U Myo Nyunt made a conclusion remark on the workshop which was attended by the members of Constitutional Tribunal, its senior officials and representatives of IDEA. The workshop discussed political situations in Chile, the role of its constitutional tribunal during its fledgling democracy, comparative studies between experiences of Chile and other countries, Myanmar’s Constitutional Tribunal and the International IDEA Myanmar are the partner organizations, and the latter is providing technical assistance to promote constitutional knowledge in building a democratic federal state.— MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)
Press Release on Official Visit of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to Japan to attend Enthronement Ceremony of Japanese Emperor Naruhito

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attends Japanese Emperor Naruhito’s enthronement ceremony at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo on 22 October.

PHOTO: MNA

She also invited Japanese companies and businesspersons to make more investments in Myanmar.

JETRO Managing Director Mr. Kazufumi Tanaka explained about Japanese companies investing in Myanmar and investment opportunities. It was followed by a panel discussion entitled “Investment and Business Climate from the Viewpoint of Japanese Companies in Myanmar”. Deputy Minister U Set Aung, Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry President U Zaw Min Win, JETRO Managing Director and officials of Japanese companies investing in Myanmar took part in the discussion. More than 780 persons, including businesspersons from Japan and Myanmar attended the 2nd Myanmar Investment Conference.

In the afternoon, the State Counsellor and party cordially met with staffs and family members of Myanmar embassy, and military attaché’s office led by Myanmar Ambassador to Japan Mr. Ichiro Aisawa, Member of the House of Representatives of Japan and Chairman of the Japan Myanmar Parliamentary Friendship Association, at the Imperial Hotel. They cordially discussed matters on the promotion of bilateral relations and friendship between Myanmar and Japan and cooperation between the two parliaments, the contribution made by the Association to the promotion of bilateral economic cooperation, including the Thilawa Special Economic Zone, the plantation of cherry trees in Myanmar by the Association as a gesture of Myanmar-Japan friendship and the future plans by the Association in Myanmar.

The State Counsellor later met with His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, King of Bhutan, and Queen Jetsun Pema at the hotel. During the meeting, they discussed matters on the promotion of bilateral relations between Myanmar and Bhutan, development and maintenance of cultural traditions and the exchange of visits between the two countries.

In the afternoon, the State Counsellor attended the enthronement ceremony of Japanese Emperor Naruhito held at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo. At the ceremony, the Emperor delivered a speech on enthronement, followed by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s congratulatory remarks. The ceremony concluded after expressing congratulations by the Japanese Prime Minister and cabinet members to Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako.

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MPF Chief returns from overseas police conferences

THE Chief of Myanmar Police Force, Police Lt-Gen Aung Win Oo, returned from police conferences held in Chile and the Republic of Korea.

The MPF Chief and party arrived back to Yangon after attending the 88th INTERPOL Conference organized in Santiago, Chile, from 15 to 19 October and the 74th Anniversary of the Establishment of the ROK Police and the conference of police chiefs from Asia-Pacific region in Seoul, ROK from 21 to 23 October. The 88th Interpol Conference was attended by chiefs and deputy chiefs of police forces from 194-member countries, General Secretaries from ASEANPOL, EUROPOL, AMERICAPOL and AFRIPOL, the President and the General Secretary of INTERPOL's Executive Committee, officials and experts from the world-recognized technology organizations for security and rule of laws sectors.

At the conference, the participants reviewed major criminal cases across the world in 2018-2019, possible criminal cases in 2020, expectations, law enforcement measures of police forces and capacity building programmes. Their discussions focused on proactive measures of police in preventing crimes, community policing, technology crimes, cybercrimes and partnership among police forces.

The MPF Chief also informally met with Mr Kim Jong Yang, the President of INTERPOL's Executive Committee, to discuss capacity building of MPF and cooperation of INTERPOL in fighting against terrorism. During a separate meeting with Commissioner of the Australian Federal Police Reece Kershaw, the MPF Chief sought an agreement to conduct police dog trainings, and also discussed the establishment of database for criminal cases and exchange of information.

Police Lt-Gen Aung Win Oo also held informal meetings with police chiefs from China, the Philippines, Malaysia and Bangladesh.

The MPF Chief and party also attended 74th Anniversary of the Establishment of the ROK Police and the conference of police chiefs from Asia-Pacific Region in Seoul, ROK on 21 October. It was attended by 1,500 participants of deputy ministers, police chiefs, heads of police organizations from 29 countries of Asia and Pacific regions.

Prime Minister of ROK Lee Nak-yeon and National Police Commissioner General Min Gab-Byon delivered opening remarks at the conference, and the participants looked around security and police technology exhibition before separate discussions with the deputy ministers and police chiefs. The MPF Chief also held a private meeting with the National Police Commissioner of ROK to discuss fighting against cybercrimes, scientific investigations, combating anti-terrorism training courses and technical assistance of ROK. — MNA (Translated by Aung Khin)
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the rich and powerful and suppression of the views of less developed countries are negatively influencing the shaping of policy decisions. To strengthen the unity of the NAM, it is important not to allow anyone to misuse the Movement to serve one's own political purposes. The Movement needs to strengthen the unity and solidarity among its diverse membership in order to adequately respond the global challenges facing the key to building better relations between the member states. Union Minister also re- butted to the remarks made by Bangladesh Foreign Minister on Rakhine issue, highlighting that the issue of Rakhine is not an issue of religious persecution. It is absolutely not an issue of driving an ethnic group out of the country, as wrongly alleged. Myanmar strongly objected to the labelling the issue as ethnic cleansing or gen- ocide by Bangladesh. In fact, it is a political and economic issue involving cross-border migration since colonial time when immigrants from Bengal, mainly from Chittagong Region, were transferred en masse by the British colonial power into western townships of Rakhine for expanding rice productions. There was also another wave of mass migration across the porous border during the fight for Bangladesh's independence in 1971. The migration problem was also compounded by the poverty, lack of rule of law and security. There has been deep rooted history of tensions, mutual mistrust and fear between the local ethnic communities and the migrant community. What is happening in the northern tip of Rakhine does not represent the whole country. In the remaining areas across the country, people of different faiths are living in harmony. Religious building and edifices of different faiths stand side by side in many cities of Myanmar. Myanmar fully shares the concern over the plight of all communities affected by the violence. It is important not to overlook the fact that the violence was ignited by provocative attacks by ARSA terror group against multiple police outposts in October 2016 and again in August 2017. The violence was committed by both sides and affected all communities.

The Union Minister reiterated that the relationship between the two countries, the repatriation process will be successful as it has been done in 1992. The main obstacle is the presence of hardliner groups and ARSA terror groups inside the camps in the Cox's Bazaar who do not want repatriation but exert international pressure to advance their political agenda. He hoped that Bangladesh would not turn a blind eye to their presence in the camps. They are taking hostages the displaced persons to reach their political goals, by intimidating those advocating for return. Regardless of their threats, over 350 displaced persons have already come back. The day, 29 more returnees have just returned to Rakhine State on their own volition. They have resumed their lives in conditions of safety and dignity. Despite Myanmar's repeated request, Bangladesh has not sent back the displaced persons from the camps who have clearly expressed their desire to return. The Government of Myanmar is creating a conducive environment for the returnees in cooperation with the UN agencies as well as with our ASEAN friends, as well as, our traditional development partners in our region and beyond. The issue of Rakhine is a very complex, complicated one that requires time and space to educate the people and to build trust and harmony among the communities. Myanmar stands ready to resolve the issue with the cooperation of Bangladesh based on the bilateral agreement signed between Myanmar and Bangladesh.

The 18th Summit of the Movement will be held on 25-26 August in Baku, Azerbaijan according to Ministry of International Cooperation—MNA

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UNION MINISTER U KYAW TIN DELIVERS STATEMENT AT PREPARATORY MINISTERIAL MEETING OF 18TH SUMMIT OF NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT HELD IN BAKU, AZERBAIJAN

UNION MINISTER U KYAW TIN delivers statement at Preparatory Ministerial Meeting of 18th Summit of Non-Aligned Movement held on 23 October in Baku, Azerbaijan. PHOTO:MNA

UNION MINISTER U KYAW TIN delivers statement at Preparatory Ministerial Meeting of the 18th Non-Aligned Movement on 23 October in Baku, Azerbaijan.
Five baby dolphins spotted along Ayeyawady River

The Anti-Corruption Commission and the Sagaing Region government organized a workshop participated by the private and public sectors on prevention of corruption at Mya Thallar Hall of Monywa, the capital of the region, yesterday morning.

The workshop titled ‘Responsible Administration and Business Entities’ was held with the technical support of UNDP.

After an opening remark of Sagaing Region Hluttaw Speaker U Than, Chairman of Anti-Corruption Commission U Aung Kyi said that the term corruption has a broader aspect than bribery cases as it may occur in both public and private sectors and lead to the loss of state property by breaching the existing laws, rules and procedures.

He added the ACC took effective actions against any forms of corruption which damaged the state’s interests, value and development. The Chairman of ACC also said if the misuse of authority for the interest of private sector, such as in a factory or an organization, has caused the losses in public property, then it will be regarded as corruption whether the bribery scandal was exposed or not. He also advised the civil service personnel to participate in building a corruption-free society for posterity.

Then, Professor Dr Aung Tun Thet discussed a topic of ‘Anti-Corruption for Development’.

During the workshop, experts from both private and public sectors made their discussions on corruption-related issues from legal or administration sectors. — MNA (Translated by Aung Khin)

Anti-Corruption public workshop being convened in Monywa. PHOTO: MNA

AA attack police convoy, two policemen killed

AA attacked a prison van and a police car on the Buthidaung-Maungtaw Road yesterday. The attack claimed the lives of two policemen.

About 10 AA members set off two remote-controlled mines and fired upon a convoy of police vehicles around 4:25 pm at milepost 5/2 on the Buthidaung-Maungtaw Road in Buthidaung Township. The convoy comprised a prison van which was carrying 14 policemen and 20 inmates and a security vehicle carrying eight men and two women.

The policemen escorting the prison van returned the fire, forcing the AA members to retreat around 4:45 pm.

Five policemen and two women were injured in the attack.

Police Constable Tun Aung Kyaw and Police Sergeant Hein Zaw succumbed to their injuries around 5:30 pm at the hospital.

The inmates were sent to the Buthidaung Prison, and the security forces are conducting security measures around the site of the attack. — MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)
The global population crisis

The modern lifestyle of the increasing human population will also bring it increased pollution to the land, water and air of the Earth.

Peaceful, beautiful and virtually unspoiled by the hands of urbanization, Chin State boasts an authentic natural scenery and is home to nearly five hundred thousand inhabitants. A lot of intellectuals have also sprung forth from here. The development and future of the state currently rest on the shoulders of a young generation. Thus, they need to bring out the next generation of intellectuals with beauty and finesse of nationalism. It is up to the young Chin people to preserve the ethnic race’s traditions, customs and unique language.

A people of migrating workers

Since 1989, Chin people have been going abroad for work and the number of migrant workers is increasing. Some even migrate with their entire families. While the number of migrant Chin workers was high, those traveling for further education were few and far between. This was partly due to parents taking out their children from 5th to 9th grade and sending them abroad to pursue their education. As a result, the number of migrant workers is on the rise. They were more interested in finding employment overseas than passing the matriculation examinations. However, some Chin people continue their education after some time abroad. Generally speaking, one person from every Chin household was working in a foreign land. This was roughly 25 per cent of the entire State population.

Underlying cause for working abroad

Families and individuals with a secure job overseas are living a comfortable life in the eyes of those back in Chin State and this is one of the factors for fresh university graduates and potential scholars to seek similar opportunities out of their hometown. The main reason for young people coming to work overseas is that they cannot find sufficient job opportunities in Chin State. This is the answer every Chin individual will give on why they had to begrudgingly leave their homes.

Migrating numbers drop

In 2018, more civil servant positions were offered in Chin State and the number of youths leaving for another country decreased. The government and NGOs called in more young Chins to increase the number of positions and hire more Chin youths.

Chin youths are always welcome to return home

By Salai Ban Roe Htan

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Eco, agro-analysis

A state difficult in Chin State as its terrain is mostly steep hills and mountain ranges. The rest of Myanmar also refers to Chin State as its own unique and important exports from Central Myanmar and India. The difficulty of traveling to Chin State means logistics will cost more and thus the price of commodities there is a bit more expensive than the rest of the nation.

One of the main exports of Chin State is elephant feet yams, farmed extensively in almost all corners of the state. They also cultivate other crops for consumption. The locals continue to plant on the slopes as they have done traditionally. They only cultivate crops once a year. Rice is planted on the farms while elephant feet yams and other crops are planted in each household’s little garden.

Improving roads & transport

Transportation infrastructure plays a pivotal role in the development from villages and towns to the whole area up to states and regions. Hence, the Chin State Cabinet keeps improving transportation as its first priority.

They are also improving the roads used as trade routes between Chin State and India and constructing airports in Loeimpi and Falam. This will brighten the future of Chin State and its people.

Returning back home

Lots of Chin youths working abroad are now returning to their homes in Chin State and working in various sectors such as education, business and government departments. This is without a doubt a positive change for the state. As a developing state, there will be more jobs available there.

Continued increase of civil servants

Chin State needs to continue developing itself to increase the number of jobs available for its youths. Currently, the government has increased civil servant positions and provided jobs to people in rural areas.

This has markedly decreased the unemployment rate in Chin State.

The Union Government and Chin State Cabinet will continue increasing civil servant positions and hire more Chin youths.

Notification of Road Transport Administration Department for car registration in accurate ownership, name and address

1. The accuracy of ownership, name and address of automobile registered at the Road Transport Administration Department is very crucial for promoting rules of land security and regulations, and to adapt with the future Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) system.

2. The Internal Revenue Department collected 23 per cent in minimum and 30 per cent in maximum of tax on each car in the past. The Article 25 of Union Taxation Law 2019 has favoured every owner to pay the tax for their car and has created an acceptable authority to increase the taxation by name of owner and the address.

3. Commencing 1 January 2020, the RTAD will allow the registration process (initial registration, license extensions, identifying the cars, registered area, permitted area, additional documents) only through the persons in owner by checking their national ID card and identity registration document. If the owners failed to present the required documents, the registration in ownership name can be done after paying the income tax at the Department of Revenue.

4. The RTAD will allow for license extension in the name of the ownership, and that all the automobile owners are notified to follow the instructions of RTAD during the tax relief period.

Road Transport Department

The Ministry of Transport and Communications.

Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

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THE Inland Water Transport (IWT) has increased the number of Wahdan-Dala Z-crafts to reduce traffic in Yangon Region, according to a media conference held on yesterday morning at the IWT office, located on the Yangon-Wahdan jetty.

“Earlier, Z-crafts were plying nine routes per day between Wahdan and Dala. They were transporting around 200-270 cars per day. On 1 October, the Z-crafts operation was extended to 15 routes from nine routes. Now, ferry boats are conveying around 650-700 cars per day. This means we are solving the traffic problem as far as we can,” said U Win Ko Aung, the head of the Transportation Division of the IWT.

“Cars can save two hours’ time driving to towns from Ayeyawady region through Wahdan and Dala. Moreover, cars must not be in a tight line while the Bayintnaung bridge is being upgraded,” he added.

The fare for transportation with a Z-crafts ranges between K2,500 and K8,000, depending upon the vehicle tonnage. The ferry boats are operating hourly between 5 am and 7 pm every day.—Myint Maung

(Translated by Hay Mar)
Long staple cotton yield touches 750 viss per acre in Meiktila Township special zone

THE yield of long staple cotton, grown on 50 acres at the agriculture service centre in Kantaung Village, Meiktila Township, has reached 750 viss (a viss equals 1.6 kg) per acre.

“The Township Agriculture Department is currently distributing seeds of long staple cotton with the aim to increase the acreage in Meiktila Township,” said U Nay Phyo Thu, an official from the department.

“Long staple cotton field can produce 750 viss of cotton,” said U Nay Phyo Thu, an official from the department.

By Nyein Nyein

HONG KONG-listed Amata Company brings in over US$270 million in the development and operation of Smart and Eco City and related businesses, said U Thant Sin Lwin, Director-General of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

Yangon Amata Smart and Eco City Ltd will develop and operate smart and eco city businesses on 2,000 acres of land near Lay-dauntkan near East and South Dagon townships.

“Amata Corporation is the leading industrial city developer and it operates automotive business and industries. They also provide vocational trading. The company brings in over US$270 million in smart and eco city business sectors,” said U Thant Sin Lwin.

Further, Myanmar has investment potentials from the South East Asian countries owing to cheap labour and business potentials in the country. This being so, more large entities are likely to enter the country, he added.

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Peanut growers in Sagaing Region earn smaller profit due to low production

THE long rainy season in Sagaing Region affected the yield of peanuts in Myaung Township, and growers have earned smaller profits due to low peanut production in the region.

“Only one third of peanut plantations yielded well due to the erratic weather and the long spell of rains. The total input costs for cultivation are estimated at K500,000 per acre, including the cost of seeds, wages, and fertilizers, among other things. But, we have earned K650,000 in three months, making a profit of K150,000. Growers who cultivated peanuts on hired farm-lands may face losses,” said U Zaw Naing Tun, a grower from Mayoe Village.

The yield of peanuts in August, last year was pretty good, but the production was low this year. —Tin Ko Ko (Myaung)
CBM Governor takes part in WBG, IMF annual meetings

The Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar, U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, attended the annual meetings of the World Bank Group and International Monetary Fund at Washington, D.C., USA, from 17 to 20 October. The Governor and his delegation first attended the Joint Governors’ Meeting of the EIB-IMF Southeast Asia Voting Group at 2 p.m. on 17 October. During the meeting, WBG Executive Director Ms Kulaya Tantitemit and IMF Executive Director Ms Alisara Mahasandana talked on policy matters, implementation of action plans and its improvements. Other speakers also included Mr. Ceyla Pazarbasioglu, Vice President of the WBG’s Equitable Growth, Finance and Institutions, and Mr. Tobias Adrian, Financial Counsellor and Director of IMF’s Monetary and Capital Markets Department, talking under the heading ‘Digital Economy: What Has Changed?’ This was followed by the bank governors exchanging perspectives.

Afterwards, U Kyaw Kyaw Maung met with Thailand’s Central Bank Governor Mr Veerathai Santiprabhob.

On 18 October, U Kyaw Kyaw Maung attended the WBG-IMF Annual Meetings Plenary at DAR Constitution Hall. Later in the afternoon, he met with IMF’s Director for Asia-Pacific Development Mr Changyong Rhee and discussed the development of financial sector in Myanmar.

From there, U Kyaw Kyaw Maung attended the closed-door meeting between the IMF’s Managing Director and the finance ministers and central bank governors of ASEAN at the IMF’s Executive Board Room. During the meeting, IMF Managing Director Ms Kristalina Georgieva delivered an opening address and Mr Changyong Rhee explained the different economic development of ASEAN nations. The finance ministers and governors mainly discussed on their respective national improvements and challenges.

Inking MoUs with Thai Central Bank
Afterwards, U Kyaw Kyaw Maung met with Thailand’s Central Bank Governor Mr Veerathai Santiprabhob. In the presence of the Union Minister for Planning and Finance, U Soe Win, both governors signed the Memorandum of Understanding for increasing the use of the Myanmar Kyat and Thai Baht in transnational transactions and account settlements and the MoU for cooperating on financial innovations and payment systems. Both MoUs are made between the central banks of Myanmar and Thailand.

On the morning of 19 October, U Kyaw Kyaw Maung attended the International Monetary and Financial Committee Meeting Plenary at IMF HQ’s conference hall 1.

He then met with Ms Alisara Mahasandana, the executive director of the Southeast Asian nations’ voting group, in the afternoon and discussed the development of Myanmar’s economic and financial sectors.

The delegation headed by the Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar returned from the US capital to Myanmar on 22 October—MNA (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Invitation for Bids

Date: 25 October 2019
Loan Agreement No: MY-P5

1. The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received a loan from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) toward the cost of Greater Yangon Water Supply Improvement Project (MY-P5), Lagunbyin WTP and Nyaungnapin WTP No.1 & No.2. Also need to include upgrading the existing dosing facilities of the Nyaungnapin WTP No.1 & No.2. It is intended that part of the proceeds of the Contract for the Supply and Delivery of Poly Aluminium Chloride.

2. Bidding will be conducted through procedures in accordance with the applicable Guidelines for Procurement under Japanese ODA Loans, and is open to all Bidders from eligible source countries, as defined in the Loan Agreement.

3. The Yangon City Development Committee now invites sealed Bids from eligible and qualified Bidders for the procurement of the Supply and Delivery of Poly Aluminium Chloride (“the Goods”).

4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from and inspect the Bidding Documents at the office of Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation), Yangon City Development Committee, 12 1/2 Storey Office Building, No.390, Merchant Road, Yangon, Myanmar.

5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by interested Bidders on the submission of a written application to the address above, and upon payment of a non-refundable fee 50,000 Myanmar Kyats.


7. Bids must be delivered to the above address at or before 14:00 on 5 December 2019.

8. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders’ representatives who choose to attend at 14:00 PM on 5 December 2019 at the office of Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation), Yangon City Development Committee, 12 1/2 Storey Office Building, No.390, Merchant Road, Botataung Township, Yangon, Myanmar.

Mr. Myint Zaw Than Head of Department Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) Yangon City Development Committee 12 1/2 Storey Office Building, No.390, Merchant Road, Botataung Township, Yangon, Myanmar Email: lagunbyin@gmail.com

Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 28th (Monday) October 2019 being public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of Myanmar

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M.V B TRADER VOY.NO. (941S/943N)

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
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AGENT FOR: M/S MCC TRANSPORT (S’PORE) PTE LTD

Phone No: 2301185

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Farmers fear leftist return in Argentina

RAMALLO — Record grain harvests were a much needed boon to Ar-
gentine agriculture this year, but farmers here see trouble ahead if leftist
Peronist candidate Alberto Fernandez wins Sunday’s presidential election.

“They’re coming for us,” Daniel Perez says darkly as he gazes across
a vast expanse of grain fields in Ramallo, the lush agricultural heartland
of Buenos Aires province.

Peronists “will come for us in the countryside for sure,” said Perez, “be-
cause it’s the only real money they can call on” to help lift Argentina out
of crisis — particularly its inflation and a plummeting peso.—AFP

France picks Breton for top EU commission job

PARIS — President Emmanuel Macron announced Thursday he has pro-
posed former economy minister Thierry Breton, who res-
cued France Telecom, as Paris’s candidate for a ma-
jor portfolio in the European Commission.

European members of parliament rejected Sylvie Goulard, his first candidate
for the Brussels executive, on 10 October in a rare po-
litical defeat on the Euro-
pean stage for the French leader.

The presidential Ely-
see Palace issued a state-
ment saying Macron had forwarded his proposal to the
new head of the com-
mission Ursula von der Leyen for Breton to take over
the ambitious portfolio
covering industrial policy,
defence spending, high-
tech and space.

Von der Leyen had already approved the pro-
posal after she and Macron “agreed on the profile”, the
Elysee statement said.

“If we are proposing this candidate, he is suita-
bile,” it added.—AFP

Indonesian Embassy conducts Food Festival 2019

The Indonesian Embassy in Yangon kicked off an In-
donesian food festival yest-

The Indonesian Embassy holds an Indonesian food festival yesterday with a reception and cultural performance at the Pan Pacific Hotel in Yangon. PHOTO: MNA
Japan, S Korea PMs make scant progress in mending ties

TOKYO — Japanese and South Korean prime ministers made little progress Thursday in de-escalating a feud over wartime history that has led to a tit-for-tat trade spat but managed to agree on the need to continue dialogue.

The 20-minute meeting between Shinzo Abe and his counterpart Lee Nak Yong in Tokyo was the highest-level discourse in more than a year between the two Asian neighbors who have seen ties sink to their worst level in years.

Lee, who attended Emperor Naruhito’s enthronement ceremony on Tuesday, handed Abe a letter from South Korean President Moon Jae In, which said Japan is an “important partner in cooperating for peace in Northeast Asia,” according to a South Korean government official.

Abe also acknowledged that as neighbors Japan and South Korea are important to each other. “At present, bilateral ties are in an extremely severe state, but I believe we should not leave them as they are,” the Japanese Foreign Ministry quoted him as telling Lee.

The Japanese leader expressed his intention to continue diplomatic efforts to break the impasse, while Lee said he shares an understanding of the importance of dialogue between the two nations, according to the ministry. Bilateral ties soured after South Korea’s top court last year ordered Japanese firms to pay compensation for forced labor during Japan’s colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula from 1910 through the end of World War II in 1945. Tokyo has long maintained that the issue was settled by a 1965 agreement under which it provided Seoul with $500 million for “economic cooperation.”

Abe told Lee that South Korea should “keep its promises under the accord to allow the neighbors to return to a “healthy relationship,” according to the Japanese ministry. Lee, meanwhile, said that his country has honored the agreement and would continue to do so, according to the South Korean official.

—Kyodo News

Philippine city of Surigao marks 75th anniv. of pivotal WWII battle

SURIGAO CITY — The Philippine city of Surigao in the northeastern tip of Mindanao island held commemorative events on Thursday for the 75th anniversary of the Battle of Surigao Strait during World War II.

Prayers were offered and wreaths were laid at a section of a public school identified as cremation site for up to some 500 Japanese naval personnel and soldiers who died when American forces, out to regain the Philippines from Japan, conducted air raids in Surigao beginning September 1944.

“The war has not ended yet. We cannot forget the people who lost their lives. We also hope that the Japanese government will show respect to all victims of war and the current generation will forgive each other and let this be a lesson to prevent another war,” said Surigao City Mayor Florencio Abunda.

“Some fell on the battlefields, others perished in remote foreign countries after the war here. For the soul of all who lost their lives, I offer my heartfelt prayers for their repose,” Cmdr. Michinori Fukuda, the Japanese Embassy’s assistant defense attaché, said at the ceremony.

“We never forget that the peace and prosperity we enjoy at this moment was built atop the precious sacrifice of the war dead. We must never again repeat the devastation of war,” said Fukuda, who is the first Japanese government representative to ever join the city’s annual Battle of Surigao Strait commemorations.

—Kyodo News

Pakistan, India sign deal on visa-free corridor for Sikh pilgrims

NEW DELHI — Islamabad and New Delhi signed an agreement Thursday on a visa-free corridor between the two countries, leading directly to the grave of Sikhism’s founder Guru Nanak, just four kilometres (two miles) from the Indian border.

Pakistan had employed hundreds of labourers to spruce up the shrine, including building a border immigration checkpoint and a bridge, as well as expanding the grounds comprising the shrine itself.

India had long been asking Pakistan for such a corridor, but the project’s realisation was prevented by years of diplomatic tensions between the two countries that have fought three wars since the partition of the Indian subcontinent in 1947.—AFP

Women hold pictures of murdered teenager Nusrat Jahan Rafi during a protest in Dhaka. PHOTO: AFP

16 sentenced to death for burning alive Bangladesh teen

DHAKA — Sixteen people were sentenced to death Thursday for burning alive a Bangladeshi teenager who refused to withdraw sexual assault charges against her head teacher.

The case highlights what activists say is a culture of impunity over sexual violence in the South Asian country of 168 million people, as well as abuse rife in around 20,000 seminaries that educate mostly poor and rural students.

Nusrat Jahan Rafi was dosed in kerosene and set on fire on April 6 after she made a sexual harassment complaint against the principal of her rural Islamic seminary. The head teacher, who a court in the southern coastal town of Feni found had ordered the brutal killing from jail after being arrested over the harassment claim, was among those sentenced to death. Others included activists from the ruling Awami League party and some students — including two females — who either participated in the killing or guarded the gates of the seminary while it took place.

“The verdict proves that nobody will get away with murder in Bangladesh. We have the rule of law,” prosecutor Hafiz Ahmed told reporters after the verdict in a crowded courtroom.

Rafi was lured to the rooftop of the seminary in Sonagazi where her attackers pressed her to withdraw the complaint she had filed with police.—AFP

PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (R) and South Korea Prime Minister Lee Nak Yong. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS
Germany’s AfD faces electoral test after synagogue shooting

Erfurt (Germany) — Germany’s far-right AfD party faces a key test of support in a state election in former communist east Germany on Sunday, following national outrage over a deadly shooting at a synagogue.

The campaign in Thuringia has featured death threats, arson and Nazi rhetoric and the AfD’s candidate is Björn Höcke, who heads up the most extreme wing of Alternative for Germany (AfD).

As in other parts of east Germany, the anti-immigrant, anti-establishment party is expected to make strong gains.

But opinion surveys suggest support for the AfD has softened slightly to around 24 per cent in the wake of the attack on October 9, which has fuelled concern over growing right-wing threats.

The AfD is vying for second place with Chancellor Angela Merkel’s CDU conservatives, with the far-left Die Linke tipped to hold onto the top spot thanks to the popularity of its local leader Bodo Ramelow. With a population of just over two million people and an agreement between parties not to govern with the AfD, Thuringia’s election is unlikely to cause any political earthquakes in Berlin. But the vote is being closely watched as a snapshot of the mood in the AfD heartland after a suspected neo-Nazi shot dead two people in the eastern city of Halle. The gunman had earlier tried and failed to storm a packed synagogue on the Jewish holy day of Yom Kippur. The AfD’s Höcke tweeted his outrage at the assault, but immediately came under fire from critics who said his own anti-Jewish remarks had stoked hatred and violence.— AFP

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AFF Futsal Championship semifinal: Myanmar to play Indonesia today

THE Myanmar national futsal team will play against the Indonesian futsal team today in the semifinal of the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) U-19 Women’s Championship 2019 in the Phu Tho Indoor Stadium in Ho Chi Minh City, Viet Nam.

Myanmar secured a place in the semifinal by bagging the runners up position in Group A, while Indonesia emerged as the Group B winner. The two teams will meet in the semifinals at 4:30 pm Myanmar Standard Time today.

Speaking about the match, the head coach of the Myanmar national futsal team, U Htay Myint, said: “I have already learnt our opponent’s strengths and weaknesses by watching their group stage matches. And, I have briefed my players on the playing style of the Indonesian team. Also, I have repaired my team’s weaknesses to make sure we shape a good result. We will do our best.”

The champion team, and the second and third placed teams in the tourney will get a chance to directly enter the AFC Futsal Championship 2020, which will be held from 24 February to 10 March, 2020 in Turkmenistan.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

AFC U-19 Women’s Championship: Myanmar announces final squad

THE Myanmar U-19 national women’s football team has announced the final list of 23 players for the squad for the upcoming Asian Football Confederation (AFC) U-19 Women’s Championship 2019, which will be held from 27 October to 9 November in Chonburi, Thailand.

Three goalkeepers have been selected on the squad — Zu Latt Nadi, Khin Myat Moe, and Kyi Pyar Lin. The selected defenders are Ei El Nywe, Hein Mya Thazin, Moe Ma Ma Soe, Nant Zu Zu Htet, Phyu Phyu Win, and Zane Yu Yu Oo.

The squad will have ten midfielders: Lin Myint Mo, May Phu Ko, Moe Moe Thun, May Htet Lu, Naw Htet Htet Wai, Nwe Ni Win, Pont Pont Pyae Maung, Thazin Aung, Win Win, and Baswelyan Kan.

Four strikers have been chosen for the team — Aye Myat Khinav, Myat Noe Khin, San Thaw Thaw, and Swe Mar Aung.

Team Myanmar will be headed by head coach Daw Thet Thet Win, and U Ko Ko Aung will act as the team’s goal coach.

Team Myanmar are undergoing physical exercises and training sessions on the training ground of the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon.

The team will leave for Chonburi on 25 October to compete in the tournament.

Myanmar will take on Asian football powerhouse Japan on 28 October, China PR on 31 October, and South Korea on 3 November.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Inter Milan, Man Utd interested in Bayern star Muller - reports

BERLIN — Inter Milan and Manchester United are interested in signing former Germany star Thomas Mueller, who has lost his starting place at Bayern Munich, according to German media reports on Thursday.

The 30-year-old has often found himself on the bench this season behind Philippe Coutinho, who Bayern coach Niko Kovac prefers in the attacking midfield role. According to magazines kicker, Inter’s “interest is intensifying” and the Italian giants could bring Muller to Milan in the January transfer window, while Sport Bild report that Premier League side United, who have been linked to Mueller in the past, are also interested.

Mueller, who has a contract at Bayern until 2021, made a rare start, only his fifth of the season, on the right wing in Tuesday’s 3-2 win in the Champions League against Olympiakos in the Champions League, helping set up two goals for Robert Lewandowski.

“I’m trying to concentrate on playing football. Slowly all the discussions will come to an end,” Mueller told reporters in Athens when asked about his future at Bayern.—AFP

Golf gambling to be rolled out ‘next year’: US PGA Tour boss

CHIBA (Japan) — The US PGA Tour is ready to roll the dice and unveil gambling at tournaments “from next year” to tap into new audiences, Commissioner Jay Monahan has revealed to AFP.

Gaming restrictions are being relaxed across the United States and golf has been preparing for legalised sports betting for years, Monahan said in an exclusive interview on the sidelines of the inaugural Zozo Championship in Japan.

“You’ll start to see product in the market place next year,” he said, with the primary aims to attract new fans and to prolong interest over a tournament day, which can stretch to 12 hours or more.

The $9.75 million Zozo Championship, which began Thursday featuring Tiger Woods and Rory McIlroy in a star-studded field, is the middle leg of the Tour’s new Asian swing, worth almost $30 million in prize money.

It began last week in South Korea at the $9.75 million CJ Cup won by Justin Thomas and concludes at the $10.25 million WGC-HSBC Champions in Shanghai next week. —AFP