State Counsellor returns after attending ASEAN summits in BKK

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi welcomed by Union Ministers U Kyaw Tint Swe, U Min Thu, Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mrs. Suphatra Srimaitreephithak and officials at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and delegation arrived back home yesterday morning after attending the 35th ASEAN Summits and Related Summits in Bangkok, Thailand, from 2 to 4 November. They were seen off at the Don Mueang International Airport by the Deputy Prime Minister of Thailand, Public Health Minister Mr. Anutin Charnviralakul, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Myo Myint Than and wife, Military Attache Brigadier-General Khin Zaw and officials.

The delegation headed by the State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi including Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun, Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, landed at the Nay Pyi Taw International Airport at 10:45 am by special flight. They were welcomed back by Union Minister from the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister from the Office of the Union Government U Min Thu, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Dr Myo Aung and wife Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mrs. Suphatra Srimaitreephithak and officials.

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(Translated by Aung Khin)

VICE President U Myint Swe calls for conservation of coastal areas for socioeconomic development

VICE President U Myint Swe stressed the need to focus on environmental conservation for socioeconomic development of the country, to take measures for reducing climate change and to conserve coastal areas with abundant natural resources.

He made these remarks in his capacity as chairman of the central committee at the 7th Meeting of National Level Central Committee for the Administration and Management of Natural Resources in Coastal Areas, held at the headquarters of the Forest Department in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The Vice President first of all acknowledged the implementation of 38 resolutions and 9 ongoing resolutions approved in the six meetings of the central committee thanks to the relevant committees.

He also said that global warming has caused climatic changes which caused various natural disasters, and it has reached the highest records in the previous four consecutive years. The higher global temperatures resulted in thermal expansion of seawater and melting of glaciers and ice sheets, the rise of sea level and large storms, affecting on socio-economic and health of people.

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Second Pyithu Hluttaw’s 14th regular session convenes second day meeting

THE Second Pyithu Hluttaw’s 14th regular session held its second-day meeting at the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday, where a Hluttaw representative who had passed away was remembered, a question and answer session held and the Hluttaw was informed of a receipt of National Records and Archive Bill.

Remembering a passed away Hluttaw representative

U Zaw Min Thein of Laymyethna constituency first tabled a motion of sorrow on the passing away of Dr Aye Kyu of Labutta constituency, who was also a member of Pyithu Hluttaw.

In the question and answer session that follows questions raised by seven Hluttaw representatives were answered by Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Aye Naing, Dagon Myothit school in Sagaing Township; and U Min Thein of Taungdwingyi constituency on a plan to construct a new school building in Shwe Oo Ward 2, Taungdwingyi Town; and U Sai Thiha Kyaw of Mongyai constituency on a plan to print text book in ethnic national languages for use in schools where necessary was answered by Union Minister for Basic Education Department to change policy in providing new school buildings to required schools; U Min Thein of Taungdwingyi constituency on a plan to build a new school building in Shwe Oo Ward 2, Taungdwingyi Town; and U Sai Thiha Kyaw of Mongyai constituency on a plan to print text book in ethnic national languages for use in schools where necessary was answered by Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi.

Second Amyotha Hluttaw’s 14th regular session holds second day meeting

THE 14th regular session of the Second Amyotha Hluttaw held its second-day meeting at the Amyotha Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning, where asterisk-marked questions were answered and a bill discussed by five Hluttaw representatives.

Asterisk-marked questions

In the asterisk-marked question session, a question raised by U Bwe Khane of Chin State constituency 3 on a plan to construct a new market building in Chin State Thantlang Town was answered by Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Nyi Tun.

A question raised by U Tun Tun Oo of Mandalay Region constituency 2 on reducing numbers of cases of avoiding warrants was answered by Justice U Myo Tint of the Supreme Court of the Union while questions raised by Daw Thiрид Yadana, Mon State constituency 12 on a type of Master Plan to construct a new building for Dagong Myothit (South) Township Education head office; U Myat Lay Oo of Htilin constituency on a plan for Ministry of Education Basic Education Department to change policy in providing new school buildings to required schools; U Min Thein of Taungdwingyi constituency on a plan to build a new school building in Shwe Oo Ward 2, Taungdwingyi Town; and U Sai Thiha Kyaw of Mongyai constituency on a plan to print text book in ethnic national languages for use in schools where necessary was answered by Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi.

Bill amending Farmland Law

Following the asterisk-marked question session, bill amending Farmland Law approved and sent by Amyotha Hluttaw returned with amendment by Pyithu Hluttaw was discussed by Naw Chris Tun @Dr. Arkar Moe.

(Translated by Zaw Min)
Press Release

State Counsellor visits Thai Red Cross AIDS Research Centre and held bilateral meetings with Prime Minister of India, Prime Minister of the Russian Federation, Special Envoy of the US President, Managing Director of IMF and President of FIFA on the sidelines of the 35th ASEAN Summit and related Summits

1. State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi visited the Thai Red Cross AIDS Research Centre in King Chulalongkorn Memorial Hospital and held bilateral meetings with H.E. Mr. Narendra Modi, Prime Minister of India, H.E. Mr. Dmitry Medvedev, Prime Minister of the Russian Federation and H.E. Mr. Robert O’Brien, Special Envoy of the President of the United State, National Security Advisor, and received Ms. Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director of International Monetary Funds (IMF) and Mr. Gianni Infantino, President of FIFA separately on the sidelines of 35th ASEAN Summit and related Summits held in Bangkok.

2. State Counsellor visited the Thai Red Cross AIDS Research Centre on 2-11-2019 where she was apprised of HIV/AIDS awareness campaigns, health services provided for HIV victims and prevention of mother-to-child transmission (PMTCT) of HIV. She also exchanged views with HHR Princess Soamsawali, HHR Princess Bajarakitiyabha and HRH Princess Muen Suddhanarinatha and HRH Princess Bowlavati on possible collaboration to transfer some useful technologies and medicines to Myanmar on bilateral or trilateral basis. Later, the State Counsellor toured the exhibits relating to the endeavours of the Thai Red Cross on prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS in Thailand.

3. During the meeting with the Indian Prime Minister on 3 November 2019, they cordially exchanged views on consolidation of bilateral relations and expansion of bilateral cooperation in sectors including trade, transportation, earliest operation of Sittwe Seaport under Kaladan Multi-modal Transit Transport Project, signing of motor vehicular agreement between the two countries, upgrade of Women’s Police Training Centre in Yangon, capacity enhancement programmes for civil servants and human resources development, exchange of high level visits between the two countries, extending continued constructive support to Myanmar in solving the Rakhine issue and ASEAN-India cooperation on issues of mutual interests.

4. At the meeting with the Prime Minister of the Russian Federation on 4 November 2019, they cordially exchanged views on strengthening of the existing Myanmar-Russia bilateral relations; promoting bilateral cooperation between the two countries particularly in energy, industry, civil aviation, education sectors; convening of Myanmar-Russia Inter-Governmental Commission for Trade and Economic Cooperation in Nay Pyi Taw; exchange of high level visits and collaborating closely in multilateral fora. The State Counsellor in her discussions with the Russian Prime Minister emphasized for provision of more scholarships for Russian students, enhancement of people-to-people contacts between the two countries, promotion of trade and investment for mutual benefit and closer coordination between the two Foreign Ministries.

5. During the State Counsellor’s meeting with the Special Envoy of the President of the United State, National Security Advisor on 4 November 2019, they candidly exchanged views on strengthening of Myanmar-US relations, enhancing bilateral cooperation including on combating illegal drugs, human and wild life trafficking and consular matters, Myanmar’s efforts for repatriation of verified displaced persons from Rakhine in accordance with bilateral agreement and cooperation with the UNDP and UNHCR as well as on regional and international matters of mutual interest.

6. At the meeting between the State Counsellor and Managing Director of International Monetary Funds (IMF), they exchanged views on matters pertaining to the IMF’s continued financial and monetary technical assistance to Myanmar, development of market-oriented economy and banking sectors, capacity enhancement of banking services in Myanmar, sharing of best practices and experiences related to monetary and financial matters of other countries in transition and challenges faced by Myanmar in its democratic transition.

7. At the meeting with the President of FIFA, they candidly exchanged views on promotion of football sport among youths in Myanmar, football trainings and skills enhancement for Myanmar women and men footballers, development of football academies in Myanmar and closer collaboration between FIFA and Ministry of Sports and Health of Myanmar. The State Counsellor sought FIFA’s cooperation to promote sport awareness, healthy lifestyles and team spirits among Myanmar youths as well as revamping the standard of Myanmar football team to restore its former status as one of Asia’s top.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Nay Pyi Taw
Dated: 5 November 2019
State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attends the 35th ASEAN Summit and related Summits

ASEAN supports the proposal to establish an Ad-Hoc Support Team of the ASEAN Secretariat to facilitate implementation of projects under the recommendations of the Preliminary Needs Assessment

At the Closing Ceremony, Thailand handed over the ASEAN Chairmanship for 2020 to the Socialist Republic of Vietnam. At the 35th ASEAN Summit, the ASEAN Leaders discussed and exchanged views on matters relating to advancing partnership for sustainability, ASEAN’s external relations and future direction as well as regional and international issues including the issues of South China Sea and Korea Peninsula.

On the issue of Rakhine, the ASEAN Chair stressed that ASEAN needs to continue its support to Myanmar in addressing the complex issue. He added that the role of ASEAN should be enhanced through the work of the Secretary-General of ASEAN by cooperating with friends with whom Myanmar is comfortable with in working on the specific areas such as capacity building and sustainable development projects beneficial to local communities so as to create a conducive environment for the repatriation. He also expressed his support to the proposal to establish Ad Hoc Support Team of the ASEAN Secretariat to support the Secretary-General of ASEAN in implementing the recommendations of the Preliminary Needs Assessment.

The State Counsellor stated that Myanmar understands very much the concern of the ASEAN friends with regard to the situation in Rakhine State. She stressed that Myanmar has always worked very closely with the ASEAN Secretariat, and is very much ready to further cooperate with them. The 7 prioritized projects identified at the Second Technical Working Group (TWG) Meeting will be implemented as soon as possible. She added that Myanmar agrees with the Secretary-General of ASEAN to form a team to work on the early implementation of the prioritized projects. She emphasized that Myanmar has always worked closely with friends who have been consistent in supporting Myanmar to create a situation which will provide enduring security for all there, and hoped that they will continue to help Myanmar in creating a situation to which the displaced persons can return in safety and dignity.

At the end of the ASEAN Summit, Chairperson’s Statement of the 35th ASEAN Summit was issued in which the ASEAN Leaders welcomed the outcomes of the 25th Technical Working Group Meeting held on 29 October 2019 in Nay Pyi Taw and the identification at that Meeting of the prioritized projects to implement the recommendations of the Preliminary Needs Assessment on enhancing capacity of Reception and Transit Centres, strengthening of information dissemination and support to the provision of basic services in Rakhine State as the first step. The ASEAN Leaders supported the implementation of the three points reached at the informal Foreign Ministers’ Meeting among Myanmar, Bangladesh, and China in New York and proposal of the Secretary-General of ASEAN to establish an Ad-Hoc Support Team of the ASEAN Secretariat to focus on implementing the recommendation of the Preliminary Needs Assessment. They reaffirmed their support in providing humanitarian assistance, facilitating the repatriation process, and promoting sustainable development in Rakhine State. They also expressed their continued support for Myanmar’s efforts to bring peace, stability, the rule of law to promote harmony and reconciliation among the various communities, as well as to ensure sustainable and equitable development in Rakhine State.

At the 35th ASEAN Summit and Related Summits, the Leaders issued, adopted and noted (44) documents which include, among others, ASEAN Declaration on Industrial Transformation to Agile Civil Service in a Digital Economy, ASEAN Statement on Promotion of Good Governance and Acceleration of an Equitable and Sustainable Development in ASEAN, ASEAN Statement on Cooperation to Combat Transnational Crime.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Nay Pyi Taw
Date: 5 November 2019
VP U Myint Swe calls for conservation of coastal areas ...
Plan to speed e-governance through cooperation: Govt

VICE President U Myint Swe in his capacity as Chairman of the e-Government Steering Committee addressed the fourth coordination meeting held at Ministry of Transport and Communications in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

In his address the Vice President said that the e-Government Steering Committee had been formed with Presidential order number 14/2018 issued on 23 January 2018 for the successful implementation of an e-Government system in Myanmar. The committee with State Counsellor as the patron has set five key objectives while the e-Government Implementation Working Committee led by the Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government was also formed with five objectives.

The Economic Committee formed an e-ID System Working Committee on 12 June 2018 to successfully implement the directions and instructions of the Steering Committee to coordinate among the departments. Six sub-committees, Nay Pyi Taw Council Region and State/Region Steering Group and various levels of work groups at Nay Pyi Taw Council Region, State/Region, Self-Administered Division, Self-Administered Region, district, township, ward/village tract levels were formed and worked implemented. Eight sub-committees required under the Implementation Working Committee were also formed, duties and responsibilities assigned.

The first meeting of the e-Government Steering Committee was held on 4 April 2018 and where five decisions were made of which two were completely while three were still being implemented. It was necessary to set a time limit and coordinate towards completing the ongoing works. The three keys for a rapid progress and success of the e-Government system were expertise, investment and cooperation. Of the three, the first to start off was cooperation and success of the three keys for a rapid progress and success of the e-Government system were achieved only through cooperation and success of the three keys for a rapid progress and success of the e-Government system.

Another long term work process was for relevant committees to submit to the Steering Committee and obtain permission for assistance and support that local and foreign organizations and companies wanted to provide. Privacy and data policy matters required to be thoroughly coordinated to be in accord with local and regional situations and this would take some time. Five decisions were related to implementing e-ID system. Ways, means and Public Private Partnership (PPP) formats were to be prepared and submitted by the Procurement and Public-Private Cooperation Sub-Committee.

The third meeting of the e-Government Steering Committee was held on 27 February 2019 where 13 decisions were made of which 10 were completed and three were still to be worked on. Difficulties faced and coordination required for the three ongoing works were to be submitted. The three were exchanging experience and information between departments that were starting to use the e-Government system and departments that had not use it yet; and placing emphasis on e-Government works and making timely monthly progress reports without fail were matters to be conducted continuously while rental rates for Data Center were to be submitted to the nearest budget upon completion of discussions.

In the three meetings of the e-Government Steering Committee, a total of 39 decisions were made of which 23 were completed while 16 were still being implemented. Of these, the short term works were to be completed before the next meeting and decisions on long term works also need to be completed as soon as possible.

A Myanmar e-Government National Portal that represented the nation was launched in September 2018 combining websites and e-services posted by each government entity of Myanmar to provide good services to the people through a Single Window. A Myanmar Unicode standard system that was accordance with the International Standard Organization (ISO) was used by all government organizations on 1 April 2019 and throughout the whole country on 1 October 2019. The momentum towards migrating and using the Myanmar Unicode system needed to be maintained.

Myanmar owned satellite system MyanmarSat-2 was an opportunity to obtain government’s service throughout the whole country. It was launched on 2 July 2019 and it has been in use starting from 15 October 2019. Technological organizations, Union ministerial departments, Nay Pyi Taw Council, State/Region governments and had conducted surveys and assessment works on current IT and e-Government related works and were learnt to have enabled the effective and beneficial usage of computer Li-cense Software.

Final meeting of e-Government Steering Committee and e-ID System Working Committee were learnt to be held on 31 October 2019 and 1 November 2019 respectively. Matters that require the decisions of the Steering Committee were to be submitted by the work committees.

Due to the leadership and management of the Chairman and Vice Chairman of e-Government Implementation Working Committee and efforts of each sub-committee, works were believed to be conducted without losing momentum. Furthermore, preparations on laws, rules and procedures required for e-ID works were to be made. Arrangements were to be made to effectively connect to the e-Government work processes once the e-system was implemented.

In successfully implement-ation the e-Government system all were urged to cooperate, set and conduct mid and long term work processes as well as drawing up and simultaneously implement-short term work processes for Quick Win Services that provide tangible and concrete results for the people.

Attendees were urged to openly discuss and suggest on status of works completed and difficulties faced when conducting the works, said the Vice President. Next, Steering Committee Secretary Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Tha Oo explained about the decisions and implementations made at the e-Government Steering Committee third work coor-dination meeting.

This was followed by meet-ing attendees explaining about works conducted at various levels, stages and sub-committees while Union Ministers U Kyaw Tint Swe, U Thant Sin Maung, U Min Thu, Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, U Soe Win and Dr Myint Htwe, Union Civil Service Board Chairman Dr Win Thein and Magway Region Chief Minister Dr Aung Moe Nyo participated in the discussions, made suggestions and gave explanations on status of sector wise works conducted for successful implementation of the e-Government system.

Vice President U Myint Swe gave comments and suggestions to ensure coordination based on the discussions. The meeting then came to a close after a clos- ing speech by him.

Present at the meeting were e-Government Steering Committee Vice Chairman Union Minister for Office of the Union Government U Min Thu and Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung; committee members Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Sein Win, Lt-Gen Ye Aung, U Kyaw Tint Swe, Dr Pe Myint, Thura U Aung Ko, Dr Aung Thu, U Ohn Win, U Win Khaing, U Thein Swe, Dr Myo Thein Gyi, Dr Myint Htwe, Dr Aung Win, U Han Zaw, Dr Win Myat Aye and Nai Thet Lwin, Union Civil Service Board Chairman Dr Win Thein, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr Myo Aung, State/Region Chief Ministers Dr Khet Aung, U L Phaung Sho, U Salai Lian Lai, Dr Myint Naing, U Myint Maung, Dr Aung Moe Nyo, U Nyi Pu, U Phyo Min Thein, Dr Linn Hlut and U Hla Moe Aung; deputy ministers, Deputy Attorney General, State/Region ministers, Central Bank of Myanmar Deputy Governor, Myanmar Computer Federation patron, experts, technicians, departmental heads and officials. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)
**Bicentenary of U Naw Baptism celebrated in Yangon**

**Celebration** of the 200th anniversary of U Naw Baptism is in progress with praising and worshipping at the France Auditorium of Christian Church in Ahlon Township, Yangon.

The ceremony was organized by the Myanmar Baptist Churches Union, and the opening ceremony was attended by Vice President U Henry Van Thio, wife Dr Anna Sai Hnun, Yangon City Development Committee Member Daw Than Myint Aung, officials from the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, and the members of MBCU, Baptist woman missionaries.

General Secretary of MBCU Rev Saw Htoo El and the secretary cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the ceremony. Then, secretary of the central organizing committee Rev U Nyan Wai Tun performed the usual rituals of reading biblical texts, asking for blessings and singing hymns.

Then, Chairman of the MBCU Rev U Lin Sein gave a welcoming speech.

In his opening speech Vice President U Henry Van Thio recounted that U Naw, an ethnic national of Myanmar was baptized by Sayar Judson on 27 June 1819, and that day has been marked for praising and worshipping of Baptists.

American missionaries also baptized many Myanmar national people starting with U Thar Hla and U Byau.

The scheduled date for baptizing was postponed as it coincided with the period of enthronement of King Bagyidaw to substitute the late King Bodawpaya.

On 20 January 1821, Daw Min Hla (a) Daw Min Lay established a school at Nan Taw Gone Ward, and it was later turned into the first Christian school for Baptists in Myanmar.

The MBCU is one of the branches of the Myanmar Baptist Convention, comprising many ethnic races. The 150th anniversary of U Naw Baptism was also organized in 1969.

Although the majority of Myanmar people are Buddhists, the country recognized other faiths such as Christianity, Islam, and Hindu which focus on loving kindness. The Vice President also emphasized the importance of unity in both religious and political organizations, and urged for the contribution of all citizens, regardless of faiths, in state building tasks for peace and stability.

Then, the Vice President accepted the commemorative gift presented by the Chairman of MBCU Daw Than Myint Aung, a member of the YCDC extended a message of greetings. At the ceremony, members of Kachin Baptist Convention sang hymns, gave blessings and then messages sent by member associations of MBCU were read out.—MNA (Translated by Aung Khim)

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**MOEE signs power purchase agreement with joint venture company**

UNION Minister for Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing yesterday attended a signing ceremony of power purchase agreement between the Electric Power Generation Enterprise and the Kyauk Phyu Electric Power Co Ltd, which is a joint-venture Chinese company in DOIT system with Myanmar.

The ceremony was held at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw, and Union Minister U Win Khaing explained the annual increasing demand for electricity and possible supplies from the planned projects.

Under the agreement, the ministry will purchase electricity from the Kyauk Phyu 135-MW Combined Cycle Power Plant of Kyauk Phyu Electric Power Co Ltd, which is one of the four projects to which the notice of proceed was awarded to begin the works in 2018, and to generate 3,111 MW on completion.

**As these long-term projects would take at least three years to begin generation, the ministry is also implementing seven short-term projects with the total power output of 1,166 MW to meet the demand in 2020. At the ceremony, Commercial Counsellor Mr Tan Shu Fu from the Chinese Embassy in Myanmar, Mr Sheng Yuming from the Kyauk Phyu Electric Power Co Ltd and Chairman Dr Sein Myint from the Supreme Group of Companies expressed thanks for the agreement.**

U Than Naing Oo, the Managing Director of Electric Power Generation Enterprise, and Mr Sheng Yuming of the Kyauk Phyu Electric Power Co Ltd signed the power purchase agreement.

The power plant is located in the compound of 290 KV Main Power Distribution Station in Kyaukphyu Township, Rakhine State. Its installation capacity is 146 MW, and the annual power output is estimated at 1,095 million units to supply power demand of Rakhine State and the national grid.—MNA (Translated by Aung Khin)

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**Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Malaysian Ambassador**

SPEAKER of Pyithu Hluttaw U T Kyaw Myat received Malaysian Ambassador Mr Zahairi Baharim in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Kyaw Myat shakes hands with Malaysian Ambassador Mr Zahairi Baharim in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

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The Call of Distance Education

By Lokethar

Leadership and Management and so on. Accredited private universities and colleges could also take part in holding such courses within their capacity under public private partnerships arrangements with UDE. As I understand it, the UK based Transnational Distance Education Distance Education (TIDE) is assisting the Myanmar UDE in Training their staff to improve quality of distance education. Per-haps TIDE could establish the UDE to link up with the appropriate UK Universities to come up with the new distance education courses mentioned above or similar ones for that matter.

Distance Education Universities in many countries, offer degree courses in the “vocational stream”. They are “skills orient-ed” Bachelor degree courses such as B.Tech or B.Sc (Hon-os). Some countries in fact carry forward the vocational stream to higher levels of education relating to “Management” courses leading to B.E or M.Sc Degrees.

Arrangements for obtaining qualifications in the “vocational stream” through Distance Education would enable “working students” to access higher education leading to a degree in the “vocational stream” or “Field” they are employed in. That way, the chances are that they would remain in their present occupation and at the same time, be able to pursue lifelong learning in their chosen field. With Charity to all and Mat-sic to none.

As understand it, the UK based Transformation by Innovation in Distance Education (TIDE) is assisting the Myanmar UDE in Training their staff to improve quality of distance education.

Investment

Facilitating greater participation of the local people in investment activities, the Rakhine State Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) has permitted the registration of companies as follows.

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For the implementation of the Deep Sea Port project in Kyun Daw island Economic Zone, negotiations are ongoing to conclude the Transaction Documents consisting of Concession Agreement and Shareholders Agreement. Coordination meetings are also being held on matters relating to the Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA), Social Impact Assessment (SIA), and Geological Topographic (GTT) Survey. To serve as the International Project Management Consultant (PMCH), HAT Global has been selected.

The Global New Light of Myanmar

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Myanmar Daily Weather Report

Issued on 6 November 2019

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at 12:00 hrs M.S.T Today, the low pressure area over the North Andam An sea has intensified into a depression over Eastcentral Bay of Bengal. It is centered at about (481) nautical miles Northwest of Maya Mandal (Arakan Islands), about (120) nautical miles South of Paradip Dhalika, about (120) nautical miles Southeast of Cocos Island (Myanmar) and about (290) nautical miles Southeast of Patthalung. Weather is cloudy over the Westcentral Bay of Bengal and partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING 6 November, 2019:

ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE MANDALAY AND NEIGHBORING AREA FOR 6 November, 2019: Likehhood of isolated to scattered widespread rain or thunderstorms in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi Regions, Bago and Bakhshin States, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagon, and Magway Regions, Kayaks and Mon States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach up 10-12 m.p.h. Wave height will be about 10-12 feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.
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Office of the President
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(4 November 2019)

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 2 November 2019 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

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<td>Information received of about 50 people from Nantthawm Village, Phakan Township, Kachin State, distributing and selling illegal drugs, like a bazaar.</td>
<td>On 27 October 2019, police searched the house of Phoe Htoo (a) Kyaw Zin Latt, 41, son of U Kyaw Lwin, who lives in Nantthawm Village, Phakan Township, and arrested him together with heroin and 801 stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Phakan) MaYa(pa)/223/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of Win Tun who lives in Pinhaw Village, Mogauy Township, Kachin State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.</td>
<td>On 30 October 2019, police searched the house of Win Tun, 47, son of U Maung Nyo, who lives in Pinhaw Village, Mogauy Township, and arrested him together with heroin. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Pinhaw) MaYa(pa)/18/2019 under Section 16(c) and 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of Yazar Aung who lives in Hinhaw Village, Kanbalu Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.</td>
<td>On 27 October 2019, police searched the house of Yazar Aung, 39, son of U Nyunt Aung, who lives in Hinhaw Village, Kanbalu Township, and arrested him together with heroin. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Kanbalu) MaYa(pa)/14/2019 under Section 19(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of Kyi Nyunt who lives in Whei San Shwehmaw, Nanthtar Village-tract, Homalin Township, and arrested him together with opium.</td>
<td>On 29 October 2019, police searched the house of Kyi Nyunt, 39, son of U Pe Hsein, who lives in Whei San Shwehmaw, Nanthtar Village-tract, Homalin Township, and arrested him together with opium. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Wheihin) MaYa(pa)/85/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of a group of young people, near Sampan wooden jetty, Thaida Nwe Street, Nweway Ward, Dawbon Township, Yangon Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.</td>
<td>On 30 October 2019, police searched the house of Moe Tun, 38, son of U Po Lay, who lives in Mounggon Village, Hlaingyay Township, and arrested him together with ‘WY’ stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Hlaingyay) MaYa(pa)/52/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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<td>Information received of a group of young people, near Sampan wooden jetty, Thaida Nwe Street, Nweway Ward, Dawbon Township, Yangon Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.</td>
<td>On 29 October 2019, police arrested Aung Ko Lin, 19, son of U Ko Linn, who lives in Thitsar Nwe street, Nweway Ward, Dawbon Township. Aung Kyaw Pyo, 22, son of U Maung Kyaw, who lives in Yuzama 1 street, and Win Nyi Nyi Zin, 19, son of U Zaw Win, who lives in Mahahanda Street, No 7 Ward, Fabyadan Township, in the building under construction near wooden jetty for Sampan, Thaida Nwe Street, Nweway Ward, Dawbon Township, together with ‘WY’ stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa(Dawbon) MaYa(pa)/43/2019 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.</td>
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7. Information received of Saw Aung, Maung Bwar and Myo Naing who live in Lumar Village, Yakaw Township, southern Shan State, distributing and selling illegal drugs. | On 27 October 2019, police searched the house of Saw Aung (a) Soe Aung, 40, son of U Bo Oo, who lives in Lumar Village, Yakaw, and arrested him together with ‘WY’ stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Yakaw) MaYa(pa)/55/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. |

8. Information received of Thet Paing Oo who lives in Oktantar Ward, Yakaw Township, southern Shan State, distributing and selling illegal drugs. | On 27 October 2019, police searched the house of Thet Paing Oo, 24, son of U Khin Maung Aye, who lives in Oktantar Ward, Yakaw, and arrested him together with ‘WY’ stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Yakaw) MaYa(pa)/57/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. |

9. Information received of Hla Myo Aung who lives in Kunchaung Village, Mabein Township, northern Shan State, and arrested him together with ‘WY’ stimulant tablets. | On 28 October 2019, police arrested Hla Myo Aung, 40, son of U Kyi Maung, who lives in Kunchaung Village, Mabein Township, southern Shan State, and arrested him together with ‘WY’ stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Mabein) MaYa(pa)/85/2019 under Section 19(a) 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 825 cases have been opened files as of 2 November 2019. A total of 1272 people, including 1,069 men and 203 women had been arrested with 7,566.084 g of heroin, 1,341.92 g of ICE, 39,999.61 g of opium, 329.6 g of low-quality opium, 52594.92 g of speciosa powder, 7,633.19 g of speciosa, 2.5 liters of liquid speciosa, 394,506 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, 9,001 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:

- Landline No. — 067-590290
- Fax Phone No. — 067-590233
- Email Address — antinarcotics@presidentoffice.gov.mm
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— GNLM (Translated by Aung Khin)

13 died when bus overturns in Thabeikkyin

PHOTO: SOE WIN NAING (THABEIKKYIN)

TWO mishaps involving two buses cost 13 passengers their lives on the morning of 5 October between mileposts 6/1 and 6/2 on the Mandalay-Bhamo Road near Kyaukgyi Village in Thabeikkyin Township, Mandalay Region.

Three passenger buses left from Shwebo Township for Kachin State on Tuesday morning. One of the buses overturned on a slip road, blocking the road. While attempting to avoid hitting the overturned bus, the driver of the bus traveling immediately behind it collided with a tree.

Thirteen passengers, including 2 monks, a man, and 10 women died on the spot, while 15 passengers were admitted at the Kyaukgyi Hospital with injuries. — Soe Win Naing (Thabeikkyin)

(Translated by La Wonn)

Myanmar, PRC sign MoU on water resources cooperation

UNION Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung received Mr E Jingping, Minister for Water Resources of the People’s Republic of China, and party at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on water resources sector cooperation, and also signed the memorandum of understanding on cooperation in the field of water resources between their two ministries.

The MoU includes drawing up strategies, policies and plans for water resource management, water resources management and conducting technical trainings and cooperation on the agreements on water resources by the two countries.

The Union Minister then hosted a luncheon for the Water Resource Minister of the People’s Republic of China and party at the Horizon Lake View Resort Hotel.

The People’s Republic of China Water Resource Minister will conduct a study tour along the Yangon River on 6 November. — MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

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(Translated by Ba Htoo)

Tourist arrivals at Ngwehsaung up 31% this year

THE number of local and foreign tourists visiting the Ngwehsaung beach in Ayeyawady Region has risen by 31 per cent this year, according to the Ngwehsaung office of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism.

The number of tourists visiting Ngwehsaung has increased by 40,000 this year. From January to October, the number of tourists crossed 176,000. In comparison, the number of tourists totaled over 134,000 during the same period in 2018.

Ngwehsaung beach saw a 31-per cent increase in the number of tourists this year, said U Soe Win, the Assistant Director of the Ngwehsaung beach office.

Ngwehsaung is about a five-hour drive from the commercial hub of Yangon. So, visitors from Yangon, Mandalay, Monywa, and Mawlamyine stay there for one or two nights, while people from nearby areas make day trips to the beach.—Mu Ma (IPRD)

Over 1 mln tourists enter Myanmar via Tachilek border in 10 months

MORE THAN 1 million tourists entered Myanmar through the Tachilek border gate between January and October for day trips and overnight trips, according to the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism.

Most of the tourists who visited Myanmar via the border gate were citizens of Thailand and third country nationals. Myanmar granted visa-free entry to travellers from China, Japan, and South Korea.

In the 10 months from January to October, a total of 1,053,236 tourists visited Myanmar. The figure includes 977,801 Thai citizens, 13,982 third country nationals, 338 Thai tourists and four third country nationals who made a day trip to the Lam Taugn pago- da, 9,404 tourists who traveled to Maing Phat and Kengtung, and 51,787 travelers who were granted a visa-free entry.

Between January and September, the number of tourists visiting Myanmar through the international airport, ports, and border gates increased by over 600,000 compared to the same period last year; according to the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population.

Tourist arrivals in Myanmar reached 3,144,270 between January and September, an increase of 621,236 from the same period of 2018. Last year, Myanmar received 2,522,984 tourists.—Aye Maung

(Translated by Hay Mar)

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Workshop held for poverty eradication, rural development work plan

A workshop on ASEAN Framework Action Plan on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication Work Plan 2021-2025 was held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the workshop, the data on the strategy for drawing up the ASEAN Framework Action Plan on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication Work Plan 2021-2025 was thoroughly reviewed and discussed.

The workshop also discussed matters related to achievements in the ASEAN rural development and poverty eradication processes, ways of cooperation with partner organizations, and importance of cooperation among the government organizations, rural organizations and civil societies in implementing the ASEAN Framework Action Plan on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication Work Plan 2021-2025 held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

PHOTO: MNA

China may seek mega free trade pact without India if RCEP stalls

BANGKOK — China may seek to drop India from a mega free trade agreement with mainly Asian nations if ongoing negotiations of the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership including the 16-member RCEP is very uncertain, as India, which is reluctant to lower its trade barriers, saying it has suffered massive trade deficits with China for many years.

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BEIJING — Chinese President Xi Jinping has expressed a “high degree of trust” in Hong Kong’s unpopular leader Carrie Lam as the two met after months of increasing violent protests in the semi-autonomous city.

Xi’s show of support follows speculation that Beijing was preparing to remove Lam as city authorities struggle to contain pro-democracy demonstrations that have rocked the financial hub.

Their meeting in Shanghai on Monday followed another weekend of violence in Hong Kong that was marked by a knife attack and the vandalising of an office of China’s official Xinhua news agency.

Xi said Lam has “done a lot of hard work” and strived to stabilise the situation in Hong Kong, according to a Xinhua readout of their meeting.

“Ending violence and chaos and restoring order remain the most important task for Hong Kong at present,” Xi said.

Xi also called for “effective efforts” to be made in improving people’s lives and having dialogue with all sectors of society.

—AFP

Xi voices ‘high degree of trust’ in Hong Kong leader over unrest

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Myanmar aims to draw record FDI in fiscal year 2019-2020

By Kyaw Htike Soe

MYANMAR has been one of the fastest-growing Southeast Asian economies for more than 25 years, with around 5.5% annual GDP growth since 1992. Economic liberalization and accelerated democratization beginning in 2011 have seen most international sanctions lifted, prompting a wave of foreign investors to enter the country. Myanmar is now on the right track for economic growth and a lot of foreign investors flock to the Asia’s last frontier market.

Myanmar is expected to draw a record foreign direct investment volume this fiscal year because the Southeast Asian country received only US$ 4.4 billion of FDI due to inadequate infrastructure, unstable economic rules and regulations, and political instability although the country set a target to attract US$ 5.8 billion of FDI in the financial year 2018-2019. The foreign investors are expected to pour their money into Myanmar’s offshore drilling projects and mining industries in the next couple of years, said U Thaung Tun, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC). “Prospects for Myanmar’s economy are looking promising,” he added.

The Union Minister made the remarks during a regular meeting between Vice-President U Myint Swe and entrepreneurs in Yangon on 19 October.

The Union Minister told businessmen that economic outlooks for Myanmar forecast by the World Bank (WB) and Asian Development Bank (ADB) contribute to facilitate the FDI inflow into the country. According to an economic outlook for Myanmar by the ADB, the country’s GDP is forecast to grow by 6.6 per cent whereas the WB estimates that Myanmar’s economy growth is projected to rise to 6.8 per cent.

In addition Myanmar moved up six places to the 165th on the World Bank’s latest report on ease of doing business ranking 2020. “Foreign investors are now very keen to invest in Myanmar thanks to advancing in the ease of doing business ranking 2020 as well as a rapid opening up to foreign investment, technology and tourists. The government has changed its policies, rules and regulations,” said U Zaw Min Win, President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI).

The investment projects worth US$ 304 million have been greenlighted by the MIC at the beginning of the current fiscal year. “It is a good start for foreign investment sector,” said U Thant Zin Lwin, Direc-
Sales of OPPO Reno 2/2F kicks off

S ALES of OPPO’s latest edition Reno 2/2F smartphones kicks off with a 3-day Road Show held in Junction Square Promotion Area from 1 to 3 November 2019. On the second day of the Road Show, Brand Ambassadors actress Wut Hmone Shwe Yi, vocalist Hlwam Paing, actor Shein Tin Htoo were at hand to transfer OPPO Reno 2 and 2Fs to customers who had ordered in advance. Travel bags were also presented to customers who had pre-ordered the phones. Pre-ordered customers also participated in lucky draws for tickets to attend Myanmar Idol Season 4 while the Brand Ambassadors signed autographs.

As a special program, vocalist Hlwam Paing entertained the visitors and customers with songs while entertainment games programs and presentation of gifts were made. OPPO Reno 2/2F smartphones were equipped with 5x Hybrid Zoom, 20x Digital Zoom, Ultra Dark Mode and Ultra Steady Video.

—GNLM

Dr Malar Myo Nyunt, Deputy Director General of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) met with Mr Deepak Agarwal, Director of Bangalore Polycotters Pvt Ltd, and his team on 1 November 2019, in Yangon and cordially discussed matters relating to the investment. PHOTO: DICA

Dr Malar Myo Nyunt, Deputy Director General of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) under the ministry of Commerce. He made the comments at a press conference held at the DICA office in Yangon on 23 October. “The MIC gave the green light to foreign investment projects valued at US$304.342 million in the hotel, tourism, real estate and industrial sectors during the period from 1 to 21 October. I think this is a very good start,” he said. Among the MIC-permit- ted investment projects, Hong Kong-based Amata Corpora- tion’s subsidiary Yangon Amata Smart and Eco City Limited poured US$274 million into a smart city project in Myanmar.

The Yangon Region Investment Committee also approved 11 foreigner-invested projects from China, Hong Kong, Tai- wan, British Virgin Island and United Kingdom and one My- anmar citizen-invested project, according to Daw Naw Pan Thinzar Myo, Yangon Region Minister for Kayin Ethnic Af- fairs. The decision was made during the regional investment committee’s monthly meeting held on 30 October. The FDI to be channeled into Yangon Re- gion is worth US$22.352 million while the capital of Myanmar citizen-invested venture is valued at Ks. 880 million.

The approved projects are expected to create up to over 6,200 job opportunities for My- anmar people.

The MIC expects that the country will receive more for- eign direct investment in the years to come. FDI inflows to the country contribute to the creation of job opportunities for local people, help their income increase and promote their socio-economic status.

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Myanmar women’s national football team to train in China

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The training will be conducted with 10 coaching team members and 27 players.

The coaching team includes Tim Myint Aung (team manager), Win Thu Moe (head coach), Khan Maung Htwe (assistant coach), Than Than Htwe (assistant coach), Mya Ko Min (goalkeeper coach), Dr. Yu Nanda Tun (team doctor), Htet Nanda Tun (physiotherapist), Aung Thaw Phyo (media officer), and Myat Soe Thu (video analyst).

The players are goalkeepers May Zin New, May Phoe Ngon, and Thanda Oo; defenders Wai Wai Aung, Khan Myo Win, and El Yadana Phyo; midfielders Khin Than Wai, Aye Aye Moe, and Phyu Phyu Win; and forwards Khin Malar Tun, Myat Htet Mon Myint, Khine Thazin, and Tintin Yu.

The final squad for the 30th Southeast Asian Games will be selected after the training tour.

— Kyaw Khin

Olympic chief urges focus on cheating athletes’ ‘entourage’

KATOWICE (Poland) — Olympic chief Thomas Bach on Tuesday urged governments to do more to help “drain the doping swamp” by going after the entourage of a cheating athlete.

“The athlete is not the only culprit,” the President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) told the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) conference in Katowice.

“The athlete is supported and sometimes even driven to or forced into doping by a secretive network which may include coaches, agents, dealers, managers, officials from government or sport organisations, doctors, physiotherapists or others,” he said.

But while sports organisations can punish competitors who test positive they are powerless “to identify and sanction all the athletes’ entourage”.

As an example he said if the IOC identified a doctor guilty of doping it would banish him from the Games.

“But after the doctor goes back home, in most cases he can just continue with his nefarious business without any consequences. This is not acceptable. This is the wrong signal. This needs to be changed,” he told WADA delegates on the opening day of their fifth world conference.

“This is where we need the full support of the government authorities. They have the necessary authority and tools to take action.”

Bach cited state-doping in Russia, the Aderlass blood-doping scandal in Nike Oregon Project as all highlighting the “urgent need to focus much more on the athletes’ entourage”.

By holding everybody implicated in a doping case accountable “we can take a major step forward to strengthen justice and credibility for the protection of the clean athletes and to drain the doping swamp.” —AFP

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THE Myanmar women's national football team will train with the China PR team from 8 to 15 November in China, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.

The training will be conducted with 10 coaching team members and 27 players.

The coaching team includes Tim Myint Aung (team manager), Win Thu Moe (head coach), Khan Maung Htwe (assistant coach), Than Than Htwe (assistant coach), Mya Ko Min (goalkeeper coach), Dr. Yu Nanda Tun (team doctor), Htet Nanda Tun (physiotherapist), Aung Thaw Phyo (media officer), and Myat Soe Thu (video analyst).

The players are goalkeepers May Zin New (Myawady FC), May Phoe Ngon (ISPE FC), and Thanda Oo (Myawady FC); and, defenders Wai Wai Aung (ISPE), Khan Myo Win (ISPE), El Yadana Phyo (ISPE), Khin Than Wai (Myawady), Aye Aye Moe (Myawady), Khine Thazin (Myawady), Chit Chit (Thitsar Armam FC), Myat Htet Mon Myint (ISPE), and Phyu Phyu Win (MFF).

The midfielders selected on the team are Khin Malar Tun (ISPE), Khine Thazin Oo (ISPE), Thiin Thun Yu (ISPE), Khin Mo Tun (Thitsar Armam), Nge Nge Htwe (Thitsar Armam), Le Le Hlaing (Zwekapin United), May Thu Kyaw (Myawady), and, the forwards are Khin Moe Tai (Thitsar Armam), July Kyaw (Thitsar Armam), Win Theingi Tun (Myawady), San Thaw Thaw (Zwekapin United), Yoe Yee Oo (ISPE), Nu Nu (ISPE), and Myat Noe Kin (MFF).

The final squad for the 30th Southeast Asian Games will be selected after the training tour.

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Olympic chief urges focus on cheating athletes’ ‘entourage’

KATOWICE (Poland) — Olympic chief Thomas Bach on Tuesday urged governments to do more to help “drain the doping swamp” by going after the entourage of a cheating athlete.

“The athlete is not the only culprit,” the President of the International Olympic Committee (IOC) told the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) conference in Katowice.

“The athlete is supported and sometimes even driven to or forced into doping by a secretive network which may include coaches, agents, dealers, managers, officials from government or sport organisations, doctors, physiotherapists or others,” he said.

But while sports organisations can punish competitors who test positive they are powerless “to identify and sanction all the athletes’ entourage”.

As an example he said if the IOC identified a doctor guilty of doping it would banish him from the Games.

“But after the doctor goes back home, in most cases he can just continue with his nefarious business without any consequences. This is not acceptable. This is the wrong signal. This needs to be changed,” he told WADA delegates on the opening day of their fifth world conference.

“This is where we need the full support of the government authorities. They have the necessary authority and tools to take action.”

Bach cited state-doping in Russia, the Aderlass blood-doping scandal in Nike Oregon Project as all highlighting the “urgent need to focus much more on the athletes’ entourage”.

By holding everybody implicated in a doping case accountable “we can take a major step forward to strengthen justice and credibility for the protection of the clean athletes and to drain the doping swamp.” —AFP