President U Win Myint attends MRCS conference, anniversary event

PRESIDENT U WIN MYINT, patron of the Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) addressed the MRCS 13th Conference and 80th anniversary event of MRCS held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-II (MICC-II) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The MRCS 13th Conference and 80th anniversary event began with musical performances by youths of the Myanmar Red Cross Society.

In his address, President U Win Myint first conveyed his greetings and well wishes to the attendees and said the day’s event was to hold elections for the next three year term as the first three year term according to 2015 Myanmar Red Cross Society Law has been completed as well as to commemorate the 80th anniversary of MRCS.

MRCS was established as a national society like in all other countries since 1939 and had reached its 80th anniversary this year.

THE interreligious body Religions for Peace-Myanmar (RfP-M) organized its third forum for reconciliation and peace at the Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivered an opening remark at the ‘Advisory Forum on National reconciliation and Peace in Myanmar’ which was also attended by Vice President U Myint Swe and wife, Vice President U Henry Van Thio, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Mahn Win Khaing Than, Commander in Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Union Ministers, Chairman of the Myanmar National Human Rights Commission, Patron of the PaO National Liberation Organization (PNLO) Khun Okka, representatives of signatories of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement, heads of foreign missions in Myanmar, UN agencies, and members of Religions for Peace.

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Pyithu Hluttaw approves Myanmar Insolvency Bill

MYANMAR INSOLVENCY BILL was approved during the fourth-day meeting of the 14th regular session of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. Also at the meeting, asterisk-marked questions were asked and answered and a report on the Pyithu Hluttaw Judicial and Legal Affairs Committee was read.

Asterisk marked questions and answers

Seven questions were raised by Hluttaw representatives and answered by Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Thar Oo and Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin.

MP Dr U San Shwe Win of Yeki Constituency asked which ministries were cooperating on the e-Government Master Plan (2016-2020) to which U Thar Oo replied that the process requires continued updating and development by nature, and therefore requirements may change to accommodate the situation. He said the process is guided by the e-Government Steering Committee.

The Deputy Minister also answered to a question raised by MP U Thein Tun of Hlegu Constituency on the legality of a closed Multi-purpose Community Telecentre operated by the Directorate of Communication as the building is losing computers and accessories and the flags of a political party has been set up on it.

MP U Myint Oo of Thanatpin Constituency asked if there were plans to reconstruct the steel-reinforced wooden bridge on the Thanatpin-KweTe road to a concrete one after it had been damaged by natural disasters.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lin replied that repairs to the bridge will be included in the budget of the 2019-2020 FY but upgrading it will be considered in the Bago Region cabinet’s budget proposal for 2020-2021 FY.

Questions by Dr Lin Lin Kyaw of Myittha Constituency, U Phone Myint Aung of DairekU Constituency, U Tun Wai of Phaukgyin Constituency and U Tin Aye of Metmung constituency covering plans to repair a damaged bridge, upgrading roads, built a bridge and continuing the laying of a village road in respective constituencies were answered by Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin.

Fourth-day meeting of Second Amyotha Hluttaw’s 14th regular session held

THE second Amyotha Hluttaw’s 14th regular session held its fourth-day meeting at the Amyotha Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning.

Hluttaw approves reformation of Amyotha Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee

In the first agenda of the meeting, Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker informed the replacement of Amyotha Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee member Col Htein Lin with Brig-Gen Aung Zaw Oo and obtained the Hluttaw approval of the reformation of the committee.

Electricity matters

MP U Aye Min Han of Mon State constituency 1 raised a question on whether there were plans to connect Kaw Tun, Kaw Puuk and Kaw Sein villages in Mawlamyine Township to the national electric grid.

Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy U Khin Maung Win replied that the funding for the process will be allocated in the budget proposal of either the Mon State Government fund or Union fund for 2023-2024 FY.

MP U Tun Tun Oo of Mandalay Region Constituency 2 raised a question on what arrangements have been made to prevent power cuts during the hot summer season in 2020.

U Khin Maung Win replied that they are implementing seven projects approved by the Union Government, in their meeting No 12/2019, to provide a combined 1,163MW across the whole nation.

The Deputy Minister said they are also implementing 500KV transmission lone and sub-power station projects, a System Improvement Plan, and System Development Plan to ensure sufficient energy is generated to meet the growing energy demand in the nation.

U Khin Maung Win also noted that the frequency of system breakdowns has decreased gradually from 17 times in 2016 to thrice in 2017, twice in 2018 and only once so far in 2019. He said they will pay special attention to further reduce any power cuts in 2020.

Education matters

MP Naw Hla Hla Soe of Yangon Region Constituency 10 raised a question on whether legal land grants for basic education schools in Insein and Mingaladon townships will be issued quickly.

Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun replied that the holders of the land, who may be other government ministries or the Tatmadaw, must first relinquish the land to the State in order for the Ministry of Education to continue any processes for applying a grant.

Questions raised by U Kyaw Than of Rakhine State Constituency 10 on upgrading a school and construct a new school building, and U Mahn Law Moung of Chin State constituency 8 on plan to appoint more ethnic national language teachers were also answered by Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun.

Bill Committee report on Industrial Zone Bill

Following the question and answer session, bill committee report on Industrial Zone Bill approved and sent with an amendment by Pyithu Hluttaw was read and explained by committee member Brig-Gen Tint Lwin.

Afterwards, Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the report to register their names.

The fifth-day meeting of the 14th regular session of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw will be held on 19 November.—Aye Aye Thant (MNA)

(Translated by Zaw Min)
President U Win Myint addresses the audience at the 13th MRCS conference and it's 80th anniversary held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

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Looking back at the history of MRCS, it can be seen that it was the country’s oldest and longest serving compassionate humanitarian group that strives and cares for development of vulnerable persons who face dangers. Red Cross works were conducted in Myanmar since 1920 as a branch of Indian Red Cross Society and became an independent society in 1937. ICRC recognition was obtained in 1939 and in 1946 it also became a member of IFRC.

In 1952, Maha Thiri Thudhamma Daw Khin Kyi, wife of independence architect Bogyoke Aung San and mother of the State Counsellor took up the responsibility of Chief Nurse with much compassion and sympathy. During that year in order to rapidly implement the works of the Society and to be in accord with basic principles of democracy, members were elected to administer the Society.

The Burma Red Cross Act enacted in 1919 established the Society as a permanent humanitarian entity. The Act was amended in 1964, 1971 and 1988. As per the act, St. John Ambulance Association was also incorporated as part of the Burma Red Cross Society. In 1989, Burma Red Cross Society was renamed Myanmar Red Cross Society and MRCS Law was amended in August 2015 to be in accord with the times. 2020 aim of MRCS is to become a fully capable national Red Cross society that provides social compassionate assistance to local and international vulnerable persons.

The State has given due recognition and support to MRCS’s social compassionate assistance works while feeling encouraged to find MRCS conducting its work under the seven fundamental principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, independence, voluntary service, universality and unity. It was recognized with pleasure that the election for the next three year term was held in a transparent manner showing that it was heading towards a democratic path.

There were no organizations or entities that were fully and completely developed. Changes and reforms need to be made accordingly while courage for change was also required. There must be the capability to make changes and also the ability to withstand and overcome difficulties. Knowledge and foresight are required to differentiate between what to change and what not to change. Changes were to be made where changes are due and all are urged to strive more toward leaving a good record in the history of Red Cross, to be on par internationally and to conduct more social compassionate assistance works.

By conducting its works, MRCS is a reserve force for the State in the humanitarian field. It will also support by cooperating in implementing national projects and policies established by the State for its development. As the State had also assigned MRCS by law to provide assistance without discrimination this also needed to be done accordingly.

Help and assistance provided by Red Cross volunteers and Red Cross personnel for 80 years will be remembered forever by all. The State recognizes and honor the Society’s outstanding works during these 80 years.

It is believed that good leaders will emerge at all levels of the Society to conduct social compassionate assistance works for the next term. May the Society conduct all its work in unity under the leadership of those leaders. May they work toward brightening the image and honor of the Society. May cooperation with international partner national Red Cross Societies become stronger.

May the 2020 MRCS Strategic aims be achieved and establish a peaceful and cultured society, said the President.

Next, the President presented certificates of appreciation to three MRCS members who donated blood for 120 times and more.

Afterwards the President, Union Ministers, Union Attorney-General, Union Auditor-General, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, Deputy Minister and MRCS President took a commemorative group photo with attendees.

Also present at the event were Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Dr Myint Hrwe and Dr Win Myat Aye, Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Union Auditor-General U Maw Than, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr Myo Aung, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Lay Sein, MRCS President Prof. Dr Daw Mya Thu also presented awards to State/Region Red Cross Management Committees, Township Red Cross branches that conducted outstanding social works providing compassionate assistance.

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Interfaith body holds 3rd advisory forum on national reconciliation, peace in Myanmar

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At the opening ceremony, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said:

“It is a great pleasure and honor for me to deliver this opening address on the auspicious occasion of the 3rd Advisory Forum on National Reconciliation and Peace in Myanmar.

This Forum has been organized by Religions for Peace (Myanmar) with the collaboration of Religions for Peace (International), headquartered in New York, U.S.A. and three forums have been held in Myanmar over the past year.

I believe that the objectives of Religions for Peace (International), will serve as a bridge between world peace and the Myanmar peace process. The goals of Religions for Peace are to promote just and harmonious societies to advance human development and to protect the earth and these are our goals too as we travel the path of peace. For us in Myanmar, there can be no doubt that peace is crucial for the attainment of the prosperous and Federal Democratic Union to which we aspire. Without peace, there can be no sustainable development and there can be no harmony and justice without peace. Harmony and justice are fundamental elements of many religious teachings and all who abide by these teachings will surely contribute to justice and harmony and, ultimately, to peace, in Myanmar.

Religious teachings provide guidelines and instructions aimed at universal peace and the good of the whole human race. It is such teachings that make the human heart gentle and whole, and give us peace of mind.

While each of us have to shape our own spiritual, social, and political identity, religious leaders can lead the way in striving to build a harmonious human society and a peaceful and secure world, following the teachings of their respective religions. In particular, we need to build mutual respect and understanding between different religious faiths that we may create a peaceful, secure existence for all humanity.

The first advisory forum on National Reconciliation and Peace in Myanmar was held from 21st November to 22nd November 2018 at MICC II, Nay Pyi Taw and the second forum was held on 7th May to 8th May 2019 at the Thingah Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw, in collaboration with Religious Leaders from Myanmar and Religions for Peace (International).

A consultation meeting of the Interfaith Youth Camp from the Asia region was also held at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Yangon, on the 5th to 7th March, 2019. Further, a Myanmar Delegation attended the 10th Global Assembly for Religions for Peace which was held in Lindau, Germany from 21st August to 23rd August 2019 and were able to make a presentation regarding the outcomes of the two forums that Myanmar had hosted in 2019.

Those forums will help to enhance the peaceful development of our society by spreading mutual respect and understanding between the different faiths in Myanmar. Religious conflicts must be prevented, victims within conflict affected areas protected and helped, and rehabilitation programmes undertaken speedily and effectively. Our respective faiths can teach us to contribute towards our nation building endeavours by helping us to work together in faith and trust.

May I conclude by saying that I have faith and trust in our human capacity to overcome the negative elements of our worldly existence, and that I hope the participants of this forum will help to strengthen the faith and trust that bind us together in our quest for peace.

Thank you.

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Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, delivers an address at the Advisory Forum on National Reconciliation and Peace in Myanmar. PHOTO: MNA

Speech of Senior General Min Aung Hlaing
Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing also made a speech, saying that:

First of all, I would like to pay obeisance to Sayadaws and members of Sangha who are present on this occasion. And I wish physical and mental well-being and auspiciousness for spiritual leaders of different faiths, the State Counselor, vice-presidents, parliamentarians, speakers, Union ministers, deputy ministers, heads of departments, foreign diplomats, representatives of UN agencies, officials of RfP-M and invited guests.

I am delighted and honored to make my first speech at the third advisory forum of the RfP-M on national reconciliation and peace.

I am aware that the topics that will be discussed at the forum can well reflect and facilitate promotion of eternal principles of justice, liberty and equality as well as stability, peace and development of the country. It is clearly stated in the Constitution that eternal principles must be enhanced inside the country and regarding international relations, “The Union recognizes special positions due to its geographical location and non-alligned foreign policy aimed at world peace and friendly relations with nations and upholds the principles of peaceful coexistence.”

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Food, cloth and accommodation as well as the access to secure livelihoods are basic needs of the world’s population. The most important thing for those needs is peace in other words stability of the country. To achieve stability, eternal principles of justice, liberty and equality must be flourishing. The common advices of different religions is to practice loving-kindness, do good deeds and avoid bad deeds, seek wisdom to be able to differentiate between good and bad, and have an impeccable moral character.

With regard to eternal principles of Justice, the Constitution states “the Union shall guarantee any person to enjoy equal rights before the law and shall equally provide legal protection.” With regard to Equality it states “the Union shall not discriminate any citizen of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar based on race, birth, religion, official position, status, culture, sex and wealth.” With regard to liberty, it provides individuals with freedom and rights in line with law. It is important that we respect, abide by and implement according to the law.

Despite the fact that every country around the world has citizens of different religions, all of them pay heed to the religion which is practiced by the majority in the country. For example, 73 percent of the national population practise Christianity in the United States of America; Hindu followers account for 80 percent of national population in India while 85.5 percent of the national population belong to Islam in Bangladesh. It should be aware that those countries.

Cultural evidence suggests that religious beliefs in Myanmar date back to Pyu Period, the most ancient period of the country. Pu-godas in Bagan are testimony to the fact that Theravada Buddhism has been practised by the majority since Pagan Period, the first Myanmar Empire in AD 11. And there are also comprehensive historical records that the majority of Myanmar citizens have wholeheartedly embraced Buddhism in successive periods. Only after Myanmar fell under colonial rule, followers of Christ and other religions have increased.

Today, around 78 percent of Myanmar’s population is Theravada Buddhist. Therefore, the Union recognizes special position of Buddhism as the faith are the opposite of peace, and walk on the right track of peace, in consideration of the people.

In conclusion, I hope the third advisory forum of the Religions for Peace-Myanmar on national reconciliation and peace in Myanmar will deliver encouraging results. I hope all the Myanmar citizens can address poor wisdom, loose morals and egotism, which are the root-cause of all conflicts. I hope they can work together in unity without discrimination on the grounds of race and religion, with the belief that “The strength of a country lies within”, to achieve peace and promote eternal principles, and work to the best of their ability to achieve genuine, permanent peace as soon as possible.

Next, the State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Vice President U Myint Swe and wife, Vice President U Henry Van Thio, PyithuHluttaw Speaker U T KhunMyat, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Mahn Win Khaiing Thaung, Commander in Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Union Ministers, and the Chairman of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission posed for documentary photos with the members of International RfP/the RfP-M, representatives of EAOs in NCA, the ambassadors and the executive committee members of RfP-M. Then, the State Counsellor paid respects to the Rfp Inter-national Co-President, Patron of RfP-M Oxford Sayadaw Prof. Dr. Bhaddanta Dhammasami, and Dhamma Dutta Sayadaw Ashin Saykainda, and greeted the attendees at the event.—MNA
UEC chairman receives Swiss Ambassador in Nay Pyi Taw

UNION Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein received Swiss Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Tim Enderlin at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they openly discussed matters related to preparation for holding 2020 general election in accordance with the five norms, cooperation with political parties for amending Code of Conduct for political parties and candidates practised in 2015 General Election, programme of meetings with stakeholders from multi-sectors, completion status on compilation of nationwide voter lists and the plan to announce the voter lists.—MNA

(Translated by TTN)

UEC coordinates with political parties ahead of 2020 General Election

The Union Election Commission held the coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO:MNA

THE Union Election Commission held a coordination meeting with political parties with the aim to successfully organize the 2020 General Election, at the UEC Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. The meeting was attended by UEC members, officials from the UEC office and representatives of 74 political parties.

UEC Chairman U Hla Thein first addressed the meeting. He said they are implementing the National Strategic Plan (2019-2022) to ensure the 2020 General Election is a success. He said the plan focuses on the crucial component of compiling an accurate voter’s list and by now a nationwide electoral list has been compiled.

The UEC Chairman said it is the duty of relevant sub-committees to ensure the list is kept up to date. He said the people need to review the voter’s list when they are put up to correct any errors, file complaints or make requests. He said all citizens above the age of 18 are eligible to vote.

U Hla Thein urged political parties to make sure their constituents fully understand that they are only capable of voting if their name is on the voter’s list and to assist them in reviewing the list when they are put up. He also told of the importance to follow the code of conduct for political parties and Hluttaw candidates.

Next, UEC member U Aung Myint explained the preparation for the Hluttaw Election Bylaw, and fellow member U Myint Naing explained the compilation of the voter’s list for the 2020 General Election.

Afterwards, UEC Office’s director-general explained the preparations for the actual general elections, attendees engaged in discussions, the UEC Chairman responded, and concluded the meeting with a closing speech.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Interfaith forum in progress in Nay Pyi Taw

THE Advisory Forum on National Reconciliation and Peace in Myanmar is taking place at the Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

On the first day of the forum yesterday, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko delivered a speech at the event.

He said that armed clashes were caused by conflicts in politics, faiths and races, while politics is largely related with religious, communities and military affairs.

The Union Minister also remarked solving the political crisis will lead to addressing other conflicts.

The forum is aimed to find ways for solving conflicting issues in Myanmar.

Chairman of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission U Win Mra acted as a moderator at the panel discussion of Dhamma Dutta Sayadaw Ashin Cekinda, Methodist Church (Lower Myanmar) Bishop Mya San, Convener of the Islamic Centre of Myanmar Al-Haj Daw San San Tint and Hindu Young Women Organisation’s Ma Myo Hay Mar on the topic of ‘Freedom of Faiths with Contributions of Religions’.

In the afternoon session, group discussions were made on the issues of education, religious freedom, equal rights from ethnic people and minor communities, responsibility and accountability in protection and conservation of rainforests, women leadership and their roles, encouraging young people and engaging with them, characteristic features of Rakhine issue, diversities and common challenges.

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The natural order and the world

It is impossible to notice the powerful natural disasters rattling across the world in recent years. Just last month in September, a particularly strong earthquake struck Nepal, affecting numerous buildings in Addis Ababa and causing thirty to forty casualties. The Dongue fever situation in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh was ongoing into last August, affecting about sixty-thousand people and their people are properly educated and aware of what may persist for months or years.

Developed nations have emergency-response teams in place and their people are properly educated and aware of what to do when natural disasters strike. This has made effective mitigation of casualties for their people possible.

And just a few days ago, a 4.1 magnitude earthquake about 30 miles to the north of Yan- gon in the town of the town these days, hitting a bit too close for Yangonites comfort. And then there was the recent cyclone in Tokyo, Japan, that affected a large area and left about 40 people either dead or missing.

The Australian government has announced a state of emergency concerning the bushfires that have been raging across its east-coast line and regions of the nation when we talk about the UAEHRD and not just solely for Rakhine State.

The journey from two years ago

While I was attending the anniversary of the UAEHRD, my mind flitted back to two years ago when it was first established. I was thinking of the thoughts and conceptions at that time and also comparing it with the one year anniver-
sary from the previous year. The UAEHRD was established on 26 March 2017, and we celebrated the Day of the State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and she leads us all. The UAEHRD was founded to respond to the various con-

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Tourist arrivals in Mingun via Mayanchan jetty up 10%

THE number of tourist arrivals in Mingun at the opposite bank of Mayanchan jetty in Mandalay Region increased by 10 per cent in the first week of November in comparison with the previous year, said U Thein Tun, chairman of vessel operators association.

Locals as well as foreigners paid the same rate for transportation, fixed at K35,000 per vessel for 5 persons and K54,000 for 6-10 persons. The vessels can carry a maximum of 20 passengers.

“During the high season, Mingun Town hosts a flock of visitors and 50 to 60 ships transport tourists every day. Most of the tourists are Indians. With the tourist arrivals increasing in Mingun Town, 50 to 70 ships have been transporting visitors each day, starting 7 November,” he added.

Mingun is normally crowded with the visitors mostly in November, December, and January. However, the number of Chinese travelers is increasing these days, and one tourist vessel leaves Mayanchan jetty at 9 am and returned from Mingun jetty at 1 pm.

“We are running two rounds daily, charging K5,000 per foreigner, and we earn well in these four months every year. Over the past two days, 200 Chinese visitors have come to Mingun by ship. Normally, they don’t take a ship to visit Mingun Town,” said a vessel owner.

The Mandalay Region Government is planning to upgrade tourist transport at Mayanchan jetty to boost tourism industry of the region.—Kyin Sei Wai

(Translated by La Wonn)

Thaphansek Dam water insufficient for summer paddy, officials plan for alternative crops

WITH water levels in the Thaphansek Dam in Sagaing Region insufficient for irrigating summer paddy fields, officials from the Regional Agriculture Department are planning to cultivate other crops which do not require much water, said U Win Hlaing Oo, head of the Sagaing Region Agriculture Department.

The water-level in the dam reached over 2.5 million acre-feet in October last year, but the water level in the dam has reduced to 646,000 acre-feet in the same month this year, according to data on 21 October.

“Due to the climate changes in Sagaing Region, the dam has recorded low water levels due to inadequate rainfall around the catchment area. The catchment area is 3,460 square miles long and rainwater can enter the dam only if rain falls around the area. The dam had recorded water level of over 3.5 million acre-feet last year,” said U Soe Naing.

“At present, we have saved sufficient water to irrigate 300,000 acres of rain paddy fields. The dam can supply 1.1 million acre-feet of water this year, although it has been providing 2.1 million acre-feet of irrigation water to paddy fields every year,” he added.

Officials from related departments, Httawt representatives, and administrators have conducted awareness talks to reduce the use of irrigation water. The cultivation of monsoon paddy will be completed by the end of November, according to one farmer. A water utilization project will be conducted for Shwebo residents after the monsoon period. The rest of the irrigation water will be saved for cultivation. “Although there is 640,000 acre-feet of water in the dam, 140,000 acre-feet is dead water. At the end of June, 260,000 acre-feet of water will remain in the dam after factoring in evaporation and the dead water level,” said U Soe Naing. —Myo Win Tun (Monywa)

(Translated by La Wonn)

Private nursing school to open on 18 Nov in North Dagon Township

THE first private nursing school will be opened in North Dagon, Yangon Region, on 18 November in order to fulfill the country’s requirements for nurses, according to the preopening ceremony for the training school, which was held on the morning of 13 November at the New Life Foundation. The training school will be opened with the permission of the Ministry of Health and Sports and the Myanmar Nurse and Midwife Council.

“Nowadays, there is a high demand for qualified nurses in the country and across the world due to shortage of nurses. We feel delighted in taking the first step towards fulfilling the country’s requirement by offering free training courses at private nurse schools with the aid of related ministries,” said Professor Kyaw Myint Naing, founder of Shwe Zanaka Private Nursing School.

At the event, trainees from across the country enrolled for the nursing training course. The school will admit only 30 students this year. Those who have passed their matriculation exam can enroll for the three-year training course. Trainees will be offered a diploma and trained under the same curricula as the University of Nursing, including in patient care, telemedicine, English, computer, nursing administration and management, advanced machine learning for nurses, emergency nursing, mental health, critical care, and fundamental nursing subjects.

Globally, 28 nurses are needed per 10,000 population, but there are only 9 nurses for every 10,000 people in Myanmar. According to data, the government nursing universities are producing about 3,000 nurses per year, while over 10,000 nurses are required. The requirement for nurses has prompted the private sector to open training schools.

Four private nurse training schools, including Shwe Zanaka Private Nurse Training School, are planned to be opened in Myan- mar with the permission of the Myanmar Nurse and Midwife Council and the Ministry of Health and Sports.—Myint Maung Soe (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)
UMFCCI, JCCI co-organize Myanmar-Japan business cooperation meeting

By Nyein Nyein

THE Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and the Japan Chamber of Commerce and Industry (JCCI) organized the 15th joint meeting of Myanmar-Japan Business Cooperation Committees on 14 November at the UMFCCI office.

About 20 Japanese businesspersons in heavy industry, aviation, technology, legal consultation, education and services, and energy attended the meeting.

During the meeting, experts from Myanmar discussed cooperating in the country’s tourism and human resource development businesses.

“The UMFCCI and JCCI have been collaborating for over 20 years now. The meetings were alternatively held in both countries, and the 15th joint meeting was convened in Myanmar this year. The meeting outcomes between the two countries have shown improvement in investment,” said U Zaw Min Win, President of the UMFCCI.

“Japan and Myanmar have close relations and the two countries prioritize mutual trust,” said Mr Ichiro Maruyama, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Japan to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

“As per the messages sent by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Myanmar government is focusing on economic reform. I wish the private sectors from the two countries discuss foreign investment difficulties in the meeting. So, we can report the meeting outcomes to the governments.”

They will continue to work on this after government-to-gov-ernment discussions,” he said.

At present, Japan is ranked 10th among 50 countries with a large share of investment in Myanmar. Between 1988 and 30 September this year, 117 Japan-listed enterprises have been permitted to bring investments of US$81.2 billion into the country, according to statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Admin-

Domestic oil prices rise on positive global cues

On 1 January, domestic fuel oil prices touched a low of K905 for Octane 92, K780 for Octane 95, K797 for diesel, and K785 for premium diesel. In April, the prices crossed K1,000 per liter, and then dipped below K1,000 in June, when oil prices registered an extended drop in the global market. The prices dipped by three to five per cent in July and early August. Thereafter, they have been on the uptick, according to the local oil market.

Ninety per cent of fuel oil in Myanmar is imported, while the remaining 10 per cent is produced locally.

Myanmar imported more than 4.9 million tons of fuel oil worth more than $2.9 billion in the 2018-2019 fiscal year, according to the Ministry of Commerce. Myanmar imports fuel oil primarily from Singapore, with monthly volumes touching 200,000 tons for gasoline and 400,000 tons for diesel. There are 2,000 fuel stations and 50 oil import companies in My-
nam—Ko Khant (Translated by El Myat Mon)
Union Minister U Kyaw Tin receives United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy on Myanmar

Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin received United Nations Secretary-General’s Special Envoy on Myanmar Ms Christine Schraner Burgener on 14 November 2019 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw. During the meeting, they exchanged views on addressing the challeng-es hindering the repatriation of displaced persons, the government’s efforts for creating conducive environment for the returnees in cooperation with the United Nations and ASEAN and speeding up the citizenship application process and continuation of dialogue with the displaced persons and resumption of the Joint Working Group meeting between Myanmar and Bangladesh to commence repatriation process.

The Union Minister stressed the importance of understanding the complexities of Rakhine issues and taking a practical and balanced approach which are key to the success of cooperation between Myanmar and the United Nations in addressing the challenges facing the country.

Also present at the meeting were U Chan Aye, Director General of the International Organizations and Economic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA

Google checking account service on its way: report

SAN FRANCISCO — Google plans to launch a checking account service next year in a collaboration with Citigroup and a credit union in Silicon Valley, the Wall Street Journal reported on Wednesday.

In a project code named Cache, Google is working on a system that will host checking accounts clearly bearing the brands of the financial institutions, which will handle security and regulatory compliance issues, according to the Journal report. The report quoted a Google executive as saying the company’s approach “is going to be to partner deeply with banks and the financial system” in what might be seen as a longer but safer route.

The move would come as internet titans become increasingly involved in online financial transactions and e-commerce.

Apple and Google both offer digital wallets that can be used on smartphones to pay for purchases online or in real-world shops. Apple also recently released a credit card, Amex, which has been reported to be in talks with banks about creating a checking account service. Meanwhile, Facebook has been steadily building app commerce tools at the social network as well as the ability to send money using its messaging apps such as WhatsApp.

Facebook has gone a major step further, releasing controversial plans for a global cryptocurrency called Libra. Facebook had originally hoped to roll out Libra next year, but has met fierce resistance from regulators and governments who see it as a threat to their monetary sovereignty. The social media giant’s chief executive Mark Zuckerberg last month opened the door to scaling back plans for Libra if it cannot win approval as a new currency for global exchanges.—AFP

Chinese Taipei halts sales of three Huawei phones in wording row

TAIPEI — Chinese Taipei has suspended sales of three Huawei smartphone models that listed it as “Taiwan, China” for timezones and contacts—a designation the self-ruled, democratic island bristles at.

Starting Thursday, sales of Huawei’s P30, P30 Pro and Nova 5T models will be banned until the Chinese tech giant tweaks their operating system, Taiwan’s National Communications Commission (NCC) said.

How Chinese Taipei is described is a hugely sensitive political issue. Beijing considers Chinese Taipei as part of its territory awaiting reunification, by force if necessary, even though the two sides have been governed separately for the last seven decades.—AFP

Myanmar Port Authority Holiday Notice

As the wharves, warehouses and chancelleries of Yangon Port will be closed on the 21st NOVEMBER 2019 (National Day), Loading, Unloading and delivery for Goods will be received on Payment as Holiday Fees.

Claims Day Notice

ML ALS SATSUKI VOY. NO. (011W/E)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V ALS SATSUKI VOY. NO. (011W/E) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15-11-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MLFPMJLT T, where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

Shipping Agency Department of the Port of Myanmar Agent for: MS NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

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Invitation for Bids

The Value Chains for Rural Development Project, implemented by Winrock International, is ending on December 31, 2019. If any vendors have final outstanding invoices, please submit them to Winrock by November 28, 2019. Please call 01 2332088 for further information.

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1. The Eligible Nationality of the contractor(s) shall be Japan in case of the prime contractor.
2. In case where the prime contractor is a joint venture, such joint venture will be eligible provided that the nationality of the lead partner is Japan, that the nationality of the other partners is Japan and/or the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and that the total share of work of Japanese partners in the joint venture is more than fifty percent (50%) of the contract amount.
3. The Myanma Railways, Ministry of Transport and Communications now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for Train Monitoring System (TMS) Works as described above. The provisions in the instructions to Bidders and in the General Conditions of Contract are the provisions of the Standard Bidding Documents under Japanese ODA Loans for Procurement of Small Works.
4. A complete set of the Bidding Documents may be purchased and inspected by interested Bidders upon submission of a written application to the address below during office hours from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday to Friday (except public holidays)

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Myanmar Railways, Ministry of Transport and Communications
Nay Pyi Taw Railway Station Compound, PobhaThit Township, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
Telephone: +95-67-77024, Facsimile number: +95-67-671164
Email address: dgmplan.rail@mrt.gov.mm, dgm.planning.mr@gmail.com (not for submission but for clarification)

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Mitsui, M'bishi to build logistics facilities for lease in Malaysia

BANDAR BUKIT RAJA — Mitsui & Co. and Mitsu- shi Estate Co. has begun construction of two logis- tics facilities for lease in Bandar Bukit Raja, west of Kuala Lumpur.

The construction of the facilities, launched with a groundbreaking cere mo ny Wednesday, is part of a project of developing a complex of distribution facilities and manufactur- ing plants to meet growing and diversifying local demand, according to the Tokyo-based companies.

Under the project, a 160,000-square-meter site will be divided into a total of 10 tracts that can be used depending on the customer's needs. The minimum contract term is 10 years.

The Japanese firms joined local developer Sime Darby Property Berhad in establishing a joint venture to lead the $1.2 billion (RM5 billion) project. The site can be used by up to 10 companies but the developer envisions leasing them to six to seven firms because some may need two zones, Daji Kojima, man- aging director of Mitsui & Co. (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd, and Wan Hashemi Albahari (2 from I), acting group CEO of Sime Darby Property Berhad, attend a groundbreaking ceremony for a built-to-suit logistics and factory project in Bandar Bukit Raja in the state of Selangor, Malaysia, on 13 November, 2019. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

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SPECIAL THANKS

All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation (H.Q) hereby expresses sincere thanks from the bottom of hearts to all the following honorable dignitaries and distinguished guests who attended and graced the dinner party function and prize offering ceremony to honor the Tamil Hindu students who passed matriculation exam with flying colors, held in commemoration od DIPAWALI festival of Thursday, 31-11-2019 in Strand Hotel -

Thura U Aung Ko, Union Minister for Religious & Culture; Dr Win Myat Aye, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement; U Phyo Min Thein, Chief Minister of Yangon division; His excellency Mr. Saurabh Kumar, Ambassador of India; His Excellency Bhim K Udhas, Ambassador of Nepal, His excellency Mr. Nikolaos A. Listopadov, Ambassador of Russia; Mr. David Liang, Singapore Embassy Consulate; U Lin Naing Myint, Yangon Regional Development Speaker; U Naing Ngan Lin, Regional Minister for Social Affairs; U Zaw Aye Maung, Minister for Rakhine Nationality Affairs; U Myint Oo, Deputy Speaker; U Naing Ngan Lin, Regional Minister for Social Affairs; U Lin Naing Myint, Yangon Regional Minister for Social Affairs; U Dhan Singh, Chief Minister of Yangon division; His excellency Mr. Saurabh Kumar, Ambassador of India, CEO and other distinguished guests who attended and graced the dinner function.

U Thein Lwin President General Secretary
ALL MYANMAR TAMIL HINDU FOUNDATION (H.Q)

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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS

MYANMA RAILWAYS

Amendment of Tender Currency

1. Myanma Railways has already invited the following Tenders in Euro. Now, the Tenders Currency will amend in Kyat instead of Euro.

Sr No

Tender No

Description

Currency

1. 12(T)13/ISN 19-20

Spare Parts for Alco Engine (100) Items

Kyat

2. 12(T)14/ISN 19-20

Spare Parts for Caterpillar Engine (94) Items

Kyat

3. 12(T)15/ISN 19-20

Spare Parts for DPM3 (89) Items

Kyat

Closing Date & Time-10.12.2019 (Tuesday) (14:30)hrs

2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 29.10.2019 during office hours and for further detail please contact: Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 291994

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MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FINANCE

INTERNAL REVENUE DEPARTMENT

NOTICE TO FILE INCOME TAX RETURN, ANNUAL SALARY STATEMENT AND ANNUAL COMMERCIAL TAX RETURN

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- 100,000 MMK

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ANNUAL COMMERCIAL TAX RETURN

1. Employer is required to prepare and file annual salary statement for a period of 6 months from April 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019 for his/her employees to the relevant Township Revenue Office before a specified date.

Annual Commercial Tax Return

Who has to File Annual Commercial Tax Return: Any person who has taxable proceeds of sale or receipt within the stipulated time for carrying out any of the following economic activities are required to file annual commercial tax return that declares annual sale proceed or receipt from services -

(a) Domestic manufacturing and distribution,

(b) Importing,

(c) Trading,

(d) Trading services.

12. Enquiries: Enquiries may be made at the relevant revenue offices and please contact the following the Taxpayer Service Units for further questions:

(a) Taxpayer Service Unit (Naypyitaw), Building No 46, Internal Revenue Department, Ph: 087-3430533, 087-3430522

(b) Taxpayer Service Unit, No. 59/61, Ground Floor, Corner of Merchant Road and Pansodan Street, Kyaunkla, Ph: 01-378370, 01-378372

(c) Tax Service Unit (Mandalay), 65th Street, between 22nd and 23rd Streets, Aung Myae Tharzan Township Ph: 02-4030192

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Director General

Internal Revenue Department
Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Office of the President
Anti-Money Laundering Order
Order No. 45 / 2019

3rd Waning of Tazaungmon, 1381 ME
(14 November 2019)

1. This order shall be called the Anti-Money Laundering Order.

2. The following expressions contained in this order shall have the meanings given hereunder:
   (a) Banks and financial institutions mean banks and financial institutions established by the Myanmar Financial Institutions Law and other relevant laws. This expression includes commercial banks or development banks, credit societies, finance companies, securities exchange companies, money changers, microfinance institutions, insurance companies and other institutions that conduct one or more of the following activities as a business for or on behalf of a customer, including:
      (i) Activities included under the Banks and Financial Institutions definition stated in the Anti-Money Laundering Law
      (ii) Financial Leasing
      (iii) Keeping safe deposit boxes, safe keeping of cash and managing cash or liquid securities on behalf of other persons.
   (b) Physical presence means meaningful mind and management located within a country. The existence simply of a local agent or low-level staff does not constitute physical presence.
   (c) Legal persons mean any entities other than natural persons that can establish a permanent customer relationship with a financial institution or otherwise own property. This expression also includes companies, corporations, joint ventures, bodies corporate, foundations, asstalt, partnerships, or associations, organizations of a group of persons and other relevant similar entities.
   (d) Legal arrangements refer to express trusts or other similar legal arrangements.
   (e) Beneficial ownership is defined as per the definition included in the Anti-Money Laundering Law. This expression also includes the natural person(s) who ultimately owns or controls a customer and/or the natural person on whose behalf a transaction is being conducted. It also includes those persons who exercise ultimate effective control over a legal person or arrangement.
   (f) Ultimate effective control means a situation in which a customer relationship is exercised through a chain of ownership or by means of control other than direct control.
   (g) Customer means the same as the expression defined in the Anti-Money Laundering Law. This expression also includes any person who has a business relationship with a Reporting Organization.
   (h) Property means the same as the expression defined in the Anti-Money Laundering Law. This expression includes property of every kind, whether intangible, movable or immovable, however acquired, and legal documents or instruments in any form, including electronic or digital, evidencing title to, or interest in, such funds or other assets, including but not limited to, bank credits, travelers cheques, bank cheques, money orders, shares, securitites, bonds, drafts, or letters of credit, and any interest, dividends or other income on or value financial instruments or generated by such funds or other assets.
   (i) Proceeds of Crime or Money or property obtained by illegal means means the same as the expression defined in the Anti-Money Laundering Law. This expression also includes economic gains including income or other benefits derived from such proceeds from property or property converted or transformed, in whole or in part, into another property.
   (j) Negotiable instrument means the same as the expression defined in the Anti-Money Laundering Law. This expression also includes bearer negotiable instruments. Bearer negotiable instruments include monetary instruments in bearer form such as: traveler’s cheques; negotiable instruments including cheques, promissory notes and money orders that are either in bearer form, endorsed without restriction, made out to a fictitious payee, or otherwise in such form that title thereto passes upon delivery; and incomplete instruments signed, but with the payee’s name omitted.
   (k) Wire or electronic transfer means the same as the expression defined in the Anti-Money Laundering Law. This expression also includes any transaction carried out on behalf of an originator through a financial institution by electronic means, with a view to making an amount of funds available to a beneficiary person at a beneficiary financial institution, irrespective of whether the originator and the beneficiary are the same person. It also includes cross-border and domestic wire or electronic transfers.
   (l) Cross-border wire or electronic transfer means any wire or electronic transfer where the ordering financial institution and beneficiary financial institution are located in different countries. This term also refers to any chain of wire or electronic transfer in which at least one of the financial institutions involved is located in a different country.
   (m) Domestic wire or electronic transfer means any wire or electronic transfer where the ordering financial institution and beneficiary financial institution are located in the same country. This term therefore refers to any chain of wire or electronic transfer that takes place entirely within the borders of a single country, even though the system used to transfer the payment message may be located in another country.
   (n) Designated non-financial businesses and professions mean the same as the expression defined in the Anti-Money Laundering Law. This expression also includes lawyers, notaries, other independent legal professionals and accountants, and sole practitioners, partners or employed professionals within professional firms.

3. The offences referred to in Chapter [3] of the Anti-Money Laundering Law include the following offences:
   (a) offences relating to terrorism and financing of terrorism
   (b) offences relating to trafficking in humans and migrant smuggling
   (c) offences relating to illicit trafficking of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances
   (d) offences relating to illicit arms trafficking
   (e) offences relating to trafficking of stolen and other illicit goods
   (f) corruption
   (g) fraud
   (h) offences relating to counterfeit money
   (i) offences relating to counterfeit goods
   (j) offences relating to murder or causing grievous bodily harm
   (k) offences relating to kidnapping, illegal restraint and taking hostage
   (l) offences relating to robbery or theft
   (m) offences relating to smuggling
   (n) offences relating to extortion
   (o) offences relating to forgery
   (p) offences relating to converting or transferring any money and property knowing, or having reason to believe, that it is obtained from the commission of any offence, in order to disguise or conceal the source of such money and property, or with the intention of aiding a person involved in a predicate offence or after such commission to avoid the legal consequences of his actions
   (q) concealing or disguising the proceeds of crime of their true nature, source, location, inherent property, conversion or ownership, knowing or having reason to believe that they are obtained from committing an offence
   (r) obtaining, keeping in possession or using such profits, knowing or having reason to believe at the time of receipt that they are the proceeds of crime
   (s) attempting or conspiring, aiding, supporting, facilitating, abetting, providing, recruiting, managing, associating with or counseling the commission of an anti-money laundering offence including the abovementioned offences
   (t) being a member of an organized crime group that commits, attempts to commit or conspires to commit a money-laundering offence including the abovementioned offences
   (u) inciting a person to commit a money-laundering offence, or conspiring with or deliberately facilitating a person or persons to commit money-laundering
   (v) laundering money and property in Myanmar that is derived from committing an offence abroad where the act constitutes an offence in that country and would have constituted any of the abovementioned offences had the same act been committed in Myanmar.

4. The Financial Intelligence Unit referred to in Chapter [3] of the Anti-Money Laundering Law shall be operationally independent and autonomous by:
   (a) having authority and capacity to carry out its functions freely, including the autonomous decision to analyze, request or forward or disseminate specific information
   (b) being able to make arrangements or engage independently with other domestic competent authorities or foreign counterparts on the exchange of information

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(c) when it is located within the existing structure of another authority, having distinct core functions from those of the other authority; and
(d) being able to obtain and deploy the resources needed to carry out its functions, on an individual or routine basis, free from any undue political, government or industry influence or interference which might compromise its operational independence.

5. The duties of Financial Intelligence Unit referred to in Chapter (5) of the Anti-Money Laundering Law, shall also include the following:
(a) shall receive, analyze and disseminate suspicious transaction reports submitted by reporting organizations, and other information related to money laundering, financing of terrorism and predicate offences;
(b) shall conduct operational analysis, which focuses on individual cases and specific targets, activities or transactions, or on appropriate selected information, depending on the type and volume of the disclosures received and the expected use after dissemination;
(c) shall conduct strategic analysis to deal with the trends and typologies related to money laundering and financing of terrorism

6. The Scrutiny Board described in Chapter (6) of the Anti-Money Laundering Law, shall collaborate with the Bureau of Special Investigations and shall conduct investigations.

7. The Bureau of Special Investigations collaborating with the Scrutiny Board shall have the following duties:
(a) shall investigate offences related to money laundering and terrorist financing, based on the results of the analysis shared by the Scrutiny Board or the results of the parallel financial investigations on the offences conducted by law enforcement agencies in accordance with the existing laws, or on other sources of information;
(b) may apply interception measures, investigation powers and special investigation techniques as follows
(1) investigate, detect, search, seize, freeze or return the money and property under bond; (2) to arrange for a bond; (3) seal or prohibit the exhibit from being managed or accessed by any other means; (4) compel reporting organizations to produce financial records
(5) take steps to prevent actions that may affect or obstruct the State’s ability to freeze, seize or recover property that is subject to confiscation

8. The Central Body shall issue orders to conduct the following duties not more than (3) months at a time according to the request of the Financial Intelligence Unit and the Bureau of Special Investigations:
(a) undercover operations
(b) controlled delivery
(c) access to bank accounts
(d) access to computer systems, networks and servers
(e) place under surveillance or intercept telephone lines, fax machines or electronic transmission

or communication facilities
(f) obtain audio or video files of movements and behaviors or conversations
(g) seize information relating to money laundering and financing of terrorism, notarized and private deeds, or banking, financial and business records

9. Witnesses, informants, activists and their family members who give information of money and property with regard to money laundering and terrorist financing shall be protected under the laws, rules, procedures and directives in the following ways;
(a) Non-disclosure or limitations of the witness’s testimony, not to input the witness’s testimony in the court record;
(b) Non-disclosure or limitations of the identity of the witness;
(c) Without the approval of the witness, not to summon the witness to testify in proceeding;
(d) To prevent the witness from giving testimony in any conviction or in fact of decision;

10. Reporting organizations shall be prohibited from keeping anonymous accounts or accounts in obviously fictitious names.

11. The reporting organizations shall immediately report to the Financial Intelligence Unit when the money or property transaction is equal to or exceeds the threshold value.

12. The reporting organizations shall—
(a) conduct the following due diligence at appropriate times as prescribed under this order, on accounts and customers that existed prior to the enactment of the Law and the new ones, based on the products, services and their risk:
(1) conduct due diligence measures when the risk of money laundering and terrorist financing is identified as high risk of money laundering as a result of the risk assessment, conducting enhanced customer due diligence measures consistent with the identified risk, and deter- mining whether or not the transactions or other activities are unusual or suspicious;
(2) conduct simplified due diligence measures consistent with the level of risk, if the cus- tomer is identified as low risk according to the risk assessment of money laundering or terrorist financing;
(3) terminating simplified due diligence meas- ures on the customer under above sub-article (2) if the customer is suspected of money laundering or terrorist financing, or identified as high risk;
(4) conduct enhanced due diligence and simpli- fied due diligence measures on the customer in accordance with the directives of the com- petent authority;
(b) Due diligence measures on the customer referred to in sub-article (a) shall be conducted under the following times and situations:
(1) before carrying out transactions for a cus- tomer, or before opening an account or es- tablishing a relationship;
(2) before carrying out a transaction for a cus- tomer who has no established relationship with the reporting organization, if the trans- action is equal to or above the threshold amount of USD 15000 or equivalent amount

in any currency or as from time to time defined by the Central Body, whether con- ducted as a single transaction or several connected transactions;
(3) before carrying out a domestic and inter- national wire or electronic transfer for a customer;
(4) when there is doubt about the veracity or adequacy of the customer identification data obtained previously;
(5) when there is suspicion that it is linked to money laundering or terrorist financing
(c) If the value of transactions referred to in sub- article (b) is unknown at the time of operation, verification and identification in accordance with the provisions of sub-article (a) of such amount shall be made as soon as it is made known, or as soon as it has reached the threshold amount.
(d) Customer due diligence measures under sub-ar- ticle (a) shall be under taken as follows:
(1) Identifying and verifying the customer’s identity using independent and reliable independent sources, documents, data or information;
(2) collecting information on and understand- ing the purpose and intended nature of the business relationship;
(3) identifying the beneficial owner and taking all reasonable measures to verify the identity of the beneficial owner, and understanding the ownership and control structure of the company formation or legal person or legal arrangement;
(4) verify if a person acting on behalf of a per- son, company, organization or legal person or legal arrangements is so authorized, the authenticity of his identity and the legal status of the company, organization or legal arrangement; obtain information on the customer’s name, legal structure, address, details of the directors, and specify Regula- tions that will have binding on the company or legal person or legal arrangements.

13. In the conduct of investigation into money laundering associated predicate offences, financing of terror- ism offence, the relevant law enforcement agency can request for all relevant information held by the Financial Intelligent Unit, in accordance with the provisions the Anti-money Laundering Law.

14. According to sub-section (d), section 19, Chapter (b) of Anti-Money Laundering Law, the reporting organizations shall conduct due diligence base on beneficial owners of the customer and take reasonable measures to verify the identity of such persons, based on the following information:
(a) For legal person
(1) identity of the natural persons if any- as ownership interest can be so diversified that there are non-natural persons whether acting alone or together exercising control of the legal person or arrangement through ownership who ultimately have a controlling ownership interest in a legal person.

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2022 World Cup Qualifiers: Myanmar beat Tajikistan 4-3

Myanmar’s Win Theingi Tun (white) vies for the ball against a player from the China Women Youth Selection Team during a friendly match yesterday in Suzhou, China. PHOTO: MFF

THE Myanmar women’s national football team prevailed over the China Women Youth Selection Team in their final friendly match, held yesterday in Suzhou, Jiangsu Province, China. Myanmar won the match by one goal.

The friendly match was part of team Myanmar’s preparations for the women’s football tournament of the 2019 South East Asian Games in the Philippines.

The friendly match was the third and last friendly match for team Myanmar in China this month. Myanmar used veteran and youth players for the match. Myanmar made substitutions with goalkeeper Thandar Ou, Khin Than Oo, Chit Chit, Aye Aye Moe, Khaing Thazin, Khin Marlar Tun, Thin Thin Yu, May Thu Kyaw, Ye Ye Oo, Khin Moe Wai, and Win Theingi Tun during the game.

The first half of the friendly match ended with a scoreless result as both teams failed to convert their chances into goals. The first and winning goal for team Myanmar was scored by youth striker Nu Nu at 66 minutes. In the later minutes, there were no more goals by either team, and at the final whistle, team Myanmar was leading by one goal, and the match ended with a 1-0 win for Myanmar.

Team Myanmar will leave Suzhou on 15 October.

Head coach U Win Thu Moe will select the final list of 20 players for the upcoming SEA Games during a training session in Yangon after the team arrives back from China.

Team Myanmar has been placed in Group A of the women’s football event of the SEA Games with host Philippines and Malaysia.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) □

Parma — Ex-Arsenal star Thierry Henry has been appointed coach of the Canadian club Montreal Impact.

Thierry Henry has been appointed Canadian club Montreal Impact’s(Photo: AFP)

PARIS — Ex-Arsenal star Thierry Henry has been appointed coach of the Canadian club Montreal Impact on a two-year contract, the club announced Thursday.

“Welcome to Montreal @ ThierryHenry!” the Major League Soccer (MLS) club tweeted.

Henry, whose baptism of fire as a manager ended in disaster at French club Monaco when he was fired in January, will coach Montreal for a mini-season. To be in Quebec, in Montreal, which has an enormous multicultural heritage, it’s extraordinary. I’ve always kept an eye on the club and now I’m here.”

Henry, 42, who helped France win the World Cup in 1998, is familiar with the MLS, having played from 2010 to 2014 with the New York Red Bulls.

“It’s an honour to coach the Montreal Impact and return to MLS,” Henry said on the website.

Henry signed a two-year deal, with an option for 2022, the club said on its website.

The former Arsenal and Barcelona striker will take over from Colombian Wilmer Cabrera, who was interim coach following the sacking of Frenchman Remi Garde in August.— AFP □

The friendly match was the first win in the 2022 FIFA World Cup Group F qualifiers.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) □

MYANMAR men’s team by 4-3 in a crucial Group F match of the 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifiers yesterday at the Mandalay Thiri Stadium in Mandalay. PHOTO: MFF

THE Myanmar men’s national football team beat the Tajikistan men’s team by 4-3 in a crucial Group F match of the 2022 FIFA World Cup Qualifiers: Myanmar beat Tajikistan 4-3

in Mandalay.

Led by head coach Antonio Hey, Myanmar lined up with key players: goalkeeper Kyaw Zin Htet, Nyein Chan, Captain Zaw Min Tun, David Htan, Yan Naing Oo, Kyaw Zin Lwin, Haing Bo Bo, Myo Ko Tun, Suan Lam Mang, Maung Maung Lwin, and Aung Thu.

Myanmar scored their opening goal at ten minutes. The goal was scored by Suan Lam Mang, and helped boost the team’s confidence.

Tajikistan’s Dzhalilov scored the equalizer for his team at 35 minutes. The second goal for Myanmar was scored by Suan Lam Mang at 41 minutes.

Myanmar led the first half by 2-1. In the second half, Myanmar remained strong with long ball passing and one-touch play. The third goal for team Myanmar was scored by star forward Aung Thu at 48 minutes. The goal forced Tajikistan to launch an attack, and the team kept Myanmar defenders busy. Tajikistan landed their second goal at 55 minutes. It was scored by Vasiev Parkhoad by relying on one-touch play, Maung Maung Lwin netted the fourth goal for Myanmar at 63 minutes, and the result changed to 4-2. At 75 minutes, Tajikistan’s Dzhalilov once again landed a goal, changing the score to 4-3. Team Myanmar switched into defense mode and managed to maintain the score till the final whistle to get their first win in the 2022 FIFA World Cup Group F qualifiers.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) □