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President U Win Myint hands over a certificate of honour to a Myanmar Red Cross Society member who has donated blood 120 times or more. **PHOTO: MNA**

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.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi addresses the third advisory forum on National Reconciliation and Peace in Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

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

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 Yekyi 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 Tan 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 Dai-kU Constituency, U Tun Wai of Phaungpyin 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.

Hluttaw approves Myanmar Insolvency Bill

Next, Bill Committee secretary U Kyaw Soe Lin tabled a motion to approve the Myanmar Insolvency Bill with 737 points amended by the committee. Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker obtained the consensus of the Hluttaw and approved it.

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker then obtained the Hluttaw's opinion on approving the entire bill as amended by clauses and sub-clauses. As there was no objection, an announcement was made of the



Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein. PHOTO: MNA

bill being approved.

Pyithu Hluttaw Judicial and Legal Affairs Committee Report

As a final agenda of the day, Pyithu Hluttaw Judicial and Legal Affairs Committee Report was read and submitted by committee member U Kyaw Htay. Pyithu 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)

Amyotha Hluttaw

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 Pauk 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



Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung. PHOTO: MNA

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 1,165MW across the whole nation.

The Deputy Minister said they are also implementing 500KV transmission line 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 Mung 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 submit amendment motion on the bill to register their names.

The fifth-day meeting of the second Amyotha Hluttaw's 14th regular session is scheduled to be held on 19 November.—Aung Ye Thwin, Michael Htan

(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

President U Win Myint attends MRCS conference, anniversary event

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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. Dur-

ing that year in order to rapidly implement the works of the Society and to be in accord with basic principle of democracy, members were elected to administer the Society.

The Burma Red Cross Act enacted in 1959 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 to 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.

After the event the President cordially greeted the attendees and observed the MRCS exhibition, displaying the works of MRCS. The second part of the event was then held where Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe presented certificates of appreciation to six MRCS members who donated blood for 100 times and more. Deputy Minister for Health and Sports Dr Mya Lay Sein and 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.

Also present at the event were Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Dr Myint Htwe 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, central committee, committee and executive committee members, personnel from civil society organizations, diplomats, representatives from International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), National Red Cross and Red Crescent, departmental officials, local business persons and Red Cross volunteers.— MNA



President U Win Myint observes a display of humanitarian aid provided by Myanmar Red Cross Society in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivers an address at the Third Advisory Forum on National Reconciliation and Peace in Myanmar. PHOTO: MNA

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 Thingaha 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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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Vice President U Myint Swe, Vice President U Henry Van Thio, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and dignitaries pose for a documentary photo at the Advisory Forum on National Reconciliation and Peace in Myanmar. PHOTO: MNA

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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, parliamentary 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 practices independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy aimed at world peace and friendly relations with nations and upholds the principles of peaceful co-existence."

To achieve stability, eternal principles of justice, liberty and equality must be flourishing

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 practise 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 principle of Justice, the Constitution states "the Union shall guarantee any person to enjoy equal rights before the law and shall equally



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**

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 practised 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 89.5 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. Pagodas 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.

Till today, around 78 percent of Myanmar's population is Theravada Buddhists. Therefore, the Union recognizes special position of Buddhism as the faith

professed by the great majority of the citizens of the Union. The Union also recognizes Christianity, Islam, Hinduism and Animism as the religions existing in the Union.

Burmese language is the official language of the Union; and only by providing education uniformly to all the ethnic people, can Myanmar's education develop as expected. We have to ensure every citizen has completed at least lower secondary level and acquire knowledge and skills, as we have targeted.

Regardless of religions, all of us are "Myanmar", being the citizens of Myanmar, and must therefore adopt Myanmar Spirit and pledge loyalty to the country. I understand there may be rituals based on culture, customs and religious practices, but instigation on the pretext of religion is unacceptable, and such instigation should not be supported.

Today, we have been able to sign the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) in order to take practical steps for internal peace and unity, which is the fundamental requirement of the country. As we are undergoing democratization today according to the wishes of people, pressing demands by wielding arms is unacceptable. We should put aside arms and engage in dialogue to achieve peace. If there is genuine desire for peace, there is no reason that cannot be achieved.

People hope that NCA signatories will continue to implement the agreement with genuine loving-kindness and goodwill in the interests of the country and citizens. And I would like to invite the non-signatories to give up unlawful and insurgent acts, which

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 egoism, 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.

since then.

With the belief that all the religions emphasized loving-kindness, he also quoted a verse of Buddha teaching 'Hatred is never appeased by hatred in the world. By non-hatred alone is hatred appeased. This is a law eternal for those who prefer living away from the hatred to lead a peaceful life.'

He finally expressed his quotation of 'Peace not only our job, but also our life'.

Then, RfP Chairman U Myint Swe and Honorary President of International RfP, Bishop Gunnar Stalsett delivered speeches on organizing the forum, and the joint chairman of RfP Oxford Sayadaw Prof. Dr. Bhaddanta Dhammasami explained a statement of agreement on harmony.



Chairman of Pa-O National Liberation Organization, Khun Okkar, delivers an address at the Advisory Forum on National Reconciliation and Peace in Myanmar. **PHOTO: MNA**

Speech of PNLO's Patron Khun Okka

Then, PNLO's Patron Khun Okka also said while all the country has suffered from the impacts of instability, the consequences are the most serious in ethnic areas. He recounted his bitter experience as a refugee of internal armed conflicts when he was three years old in Thathon district of Mon state.

He also suggested to solve the armed conflicts through dialogues in considering about the sufferings of innocent civilians, and to develop humanity by avoiding extremism which is the root cause of hostility.

He also remarked the practices of extreme nationalism, militarism and hatred could result in fascism. Although it has been assumed that the fascism has terminated since the end of second world war, certain forms of extremisms have appeared

Next, the State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, 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, 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 International 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)

Union Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein (R) holds talk with Swiss Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Tim Enderlin at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO:MNA**



UEC coordinates with political parties ahead of 2020 General Election



The Union Election Commission holds 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-commissions 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 Nang 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 religions, 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 Organization'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,



Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko delivers the speech at the Advisory Forum on National Reconciliation and Peace in Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

women leadership and their roles, encouraging young people and engaging with them, char-

acteristic features of Rakhine issue, diversities and common challenges.

The second day of the forum will be held on 15 November. — MNA (Translated by Aung Khin)

World Diabetes Day 2019 observed in capital

THE WORLD Diabetes Day 2019 was commemorated at the Ministry of Health and Sports in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe spoke at the opening ceremony. He said diabetes is the main cause of damage to the kidneys and someone who has it is 15 to 40 times likelier to require a leg amputation due to the negative consequences of the noncommunicable disease.

In addition, people with diabetes are 25 times more likely to lose their eyesight, said the Union Minister. He said hypertension usually accompanies people with diabetes and the best way to prevent both non-communicable diseases from occurring is to regularly engage in a physical activity of one's

choice.

The Union Minister said there are 1,316 rural health centres in 232 townships across the nation that opened free hypertension and diabetes clinics from October 2018 to July 2019. He said 1.1 million people came to these clinics and 5 per cent of them had diabetes while 15 per cent had hypertension.

The Union Minister said just as it is mentioned in the motto of this year's World Diabetes Day, "Diabetes: Protect Your Family", the role of the family is crucial. They must be aware of the do's and don'ts for a person with diabetes in their life.

Next, Prof Dr Ko Ko of the Diabetes and Hormone Treatment Department, University of



Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe delivers the speech at the World Diabetes Day 2019 ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO:MNA**

Medicine 2, Yangon, explained prevention and treatment methods for diabetes.

Afterwards, the Union Min-

ister and entourage observed the exhibition booths for World Diabetes Day, specialists treating patients with diabetes, and

examining and treating the eyes and feet of attendees. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

UEC warns against joint statement of 20 political parties

THE Union Election Commission has warned against a joint statement of 20 political parties, dated on 2 November.

The joint statement included false and groundless information about the commission, tarnishing its dignity and morals and creating confusion among some political parties and the voters for 2020 General Election, the UEC said yesterday.

The commission also quoted the sub paragraph (c) and (d) under the Section 6 of the Political Parties Registration Law, to respect and obey the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and to abstain from writing, delivering speech or organizing and instigating that can cause conflict or that can affect dignity and morals relating to nationality, religion, individual or public.

The UEC also warned that the commission's 33/2019 meeting on 6 November has decided to inform responsible persons of these 20 political parties about possible legal actions if they breached the Political Parties Registration Law in the future.

If any political party failed to abide by this law, it shall not be entitled to subsist as a political party. —MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung attends 25th ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting in Viet Nam



Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung delivers the speech at the the opening ceremony of 25th ASEAN Transport Ministers Meeting and Dialogue Partner Meetings in Hanoi yesterday. **PHOTO:MNA**

A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung attended the opening ceremony of 25th ASEAN

Transport Ministers Meeting and Dialogue Partner Meetings in Hanoi, Viet Nam yesterday.

At the opening ceremony, Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr

Trinh Dinh Dung delivered the speech and take a documentary photo with the attendees.

— MNA

(Translated by TTN)

SWRR Deputy Minister makes study tours on Chinese social welfare programmes

DEPUTY MINISTER for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung and party visited the Ministry of Public Security in the People's Republic of China on 13 November at the invitation of its Vice Minister Madam Gao Xiaobing.

At the meeting hall, Myanmar delegation discussed with Chinese officials about public security issues, child and elderly person cares, rules and regulations in this sector; public welfare programmes, controlling juvenile criminal rates, financial supports, learning opportunities for children, the role of volunteers,

elderly care programmes, day care centres and home care programmes for the ageing people.

In that afternoon, Myanmar delegation visited an orphanage to Beijing. They held talks on healthcare services for children with intellectual disabilities, trainings for special cares, health insurance policy for emergency and long term disability, methods for the parents to care their disabled children, the roles of central and local governments and establishments of centres for the disabled children. —MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Deputy Minister U Soe Aung and party pose for a group photo during their visit in China. **PHOTO:MNA**

The natural order and the world

IT is impossible to not notice the powerful natural disasters rattling many places in different parts of the world in these recent years. Just last month in September, a particularly strong earthquake destroyed numerous buildings in Albania and caused thirty to forty casualties.

The dengue fever situation in Sri Lanka and Bangladesh was ongoing into last August, affecting about sixty-thousand people in Sri Lanka while some sources report it has affected at least a hundred thousand, causing 70 deaths out of every 100 persons. It has also affected about 2,500 people in Bangladesh and the numbers continue to rise.

Unusually high temperatures during the dry season caused wildfires in the Amazon rainforest in October and have left about two million forest creatures dead or homeless.

And just a few days ago, a 4.1 magnitude earthquake about 30 miles to the north of Yangon is the talk of the town these days, hitting a bit too close for Yangonites' comfort. And then there was the recent cyclone in Tokyo, Japan, that flooded large areas and left about 80 people either dead or missing.

The Australian government has announced a state of emergency concerning the bushfires that have been raging across its eastern lands and the strong hurricane in America and volcanic eruption in Indonesia are other examples of direct effects of natural disasters.

These are just prominent disasters that have made the news but there are many more out there occurring around the same time that are just as deadly, if not more.

Natural disasters will strike without warning no matter how prepared you are. But that doesn't mean we shouldn't implement effective countermeasures in place and leave everything to chance. And it doesn't just stop there. The aftereffects and lingering consequences of natural disasters 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.

Likewise, Myanmar needs to be better prepared for natural disasters. There needs to be more awareness-raising campaigns and plans in place to respond immediately to natural disasters and also to take care of the consequences that follow.



My years with UEHRD

By Prof Dr Aung Tun Thet

JUST over a week ago, the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD) commemorated the second anniversary of their founding in Nay Pyi Taw. The State Counsellor delivered a heartfelt speech at the event, which was wholeheartedly attended by relevant officials, ambassadors, civil society organizations and members of the UEHRD as well. Rakhine youths provided entertainment with traditional dances and performances and a video on the progression of education in the state was played.

The journey from two years ago

While I was attending the anniversary of the UEHRD, my mind floated 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 anniversary from the previous year. The UEHRD was established by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and she leads it as well.

UEHRD was founded to respond to the various conflicts spawned by the attacks from ARSA on 25 August, 2017. The State was able to lead the private sector to participate. Businesses from Myanmar donated to the UEHRD to fund its efforts. They took oaths. The State Counsellor took the position of Chairperson and formed it with the two remaining people.

A meeting was held at UM-FCCI to gather the participation of businesspersons and different task forces were formed and delegated specific tasks so that they may be performed more effectively.

We faced two emergency issues at that time. The first was we needed to construct reception centre and transit centres for people who fled across the border. Secondly, we needed to reap the abandoned rice fields in time, as they were already ripe.

Which is why we formed the Construction and Infra-

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structure Task Force quickly to construct the Taung Pyo Let We Reception Center and Hla Pho Kaung Transit Center. Myanmar's construction businesses participated enthusiastically and we swiftly performed land clearing tasks and construction processes.

We were short on staff and materials but we persevered to complete everything on time. We gathered the cooperation of local businesses as well. Given the gravity of the situation, we could not prioritize all protocol or schedules and handled the situation as an emergency.

U Chit Khaing led the efforts to reap the crops in time. At the same time, Asia World Chairman U Tun Myint Naing took responsibility for the large-scale repairs on the Sitway-Maungtaung Road. We were aided in our efforts by 30 construction companies in Sittway.

Not everything was a success

The UEHRD has changed gradually over the course of two years. Once consisting of only four members, it has grown to include eleven more with representatives from various ministries too. A new task force for international relations was also set up and is led by Daw Pyone Kathi Naing and the Outreach Working Group (OWG) was formed for various supporting tasks. We tried to

and compassion. That's why their efforts can't be viewed as part of the administrative mechanism.

When reviewing the two-year journey of the UEHRD, we can separate them into two parts - UE and HRD. UE stands for Union Enterprise and there is meaning to each word. Union indicates the level of work that we are carrying out.

Enterprise can mean business, but here it denotes innovation and leadership. In a way, it indicates the Public-Private Partnership (PPP) between the government and the people. Now, the UE has three tasks, namely Humanitarian, Resettlement, and Development tasks. All three tasks are interrelated.

A group to fill in the blanks

We have to acknowledge that relevant government ministries are taking responsibility for each of the three duties mentioned above in Rakhine State, while the local cabinet is doing so as well. That is why the UEHRD can be thought of as filling in the work where needed.

We are not taking on all the duties by ourselves, but rather we are providing our expertise

in the areas they are most beneficial. Members of the UEHRD were able to explain of our processes and progress on visits to foreign nations during the two-year journey.

The various conflicts in Rakhine State can trace their roots back to years of issues present in the area. There are a lot of complications and difficulties, and a general loss of trust in the community.

When the activities of the AA began in the early part of 2019, we received greater challenges in our efforts. The UEHRD was affected as well. A fundamental aspect of the conflicts in Rakhine is economical in nature. If we can implement sufficient development, then we can deal with the conflicts in a way.

That is why we endeavoured to attract foreign investment into Rakhine State during our two-year journey. During the expo held in Ngapali Beach, we successfully signed an MoU with Thai-based IBERD and organized training courses for prawn-breeding.

We are currently implementing an electrification project and organizing to construct a warehouse freezer. We have signed an MoU with a Korean company to construct a textile

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Prof Dr Aung Tun Thet

factory as well. We will also open a hotel and hospitality training centre in MraukU.

What to expect in the third year

A little while ago, I met with Rakhine businesses in Sittway and discussed transforming Maungtaung into a border trade centre. While the conflicts are indeed ongoing, trading had never stopped in the area. Buying and selling continue to take place. We can see that there is no adverse effect on bilateral trade and we need to give all our support to this matter.

While attending the second year anniversary, I also think ahead to what I can report about or uncover in another year's time. We need to carry our obligation to the three tasks even further than we currently have. We need to cut back on unnecessary administrative functions and encourage innovation.

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Translated by Pen Dali



MYANMAR GAZETTE

Head of service organization appointed

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Nyan Tun, Deputy Director-General, Union Minister's Office, Office of the President as Director-General of the Economic Department, Office of the President on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

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Myanmar Daily Weather Report
(Issued at 7:00 pm Thursday 14 November, 2019)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is generally fair over the North Bay and partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 15 November, 2019: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions and isolated in Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (5-7) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in Eastern Myanmar areas.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15 November, 2019: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15 November, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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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 Thet 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 K64,000 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 or 60 ships transport tourists every day. Most of the tourists are Chinese. 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 crowd-



Tourists visit Mingun of Mandalay Region through the Mayanchan jetty. PHOTO: KHINE SET WAI

ed 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. —Khine Set Wai (Translated by La Wonn)

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

WITH water levels in the Thaphanseik 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

360,000 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, Hluttaw 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 paddy 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 start 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 a shortage of nurses. We feel delighted in taking the first step towards fulfilling the country’s requirement by offering nurse training courses at private nurse schools with the aid of related ministries,” said



Diploma in General Nursing and Midwifery Course Launching Ceremony being held in Yangon on 13 November. PHOTO: MYINT MAUNG SOE

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 Myanmar 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 meet-

ing outcomes between the two countries have shown improvement in investment,” said U Zaw Min Win, President of the UMFCCI.

“Myanmar and Japan have close relations and the two countries prioritize mutual trust,” said U Zaw Min Win.

“At present, Myanmar government has been focusing on economic growth and I hope this joint meeting will help deal with the possible investment obstacles and support investment promotion,” 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.



Officials from UMFCCI and business person pose for a group photo at the 15th Joint Meeting of Myanmar-Japan Business Cooperation Committees in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: NYEIN NYEIN

They will continue to work on this after government-to-government 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\$1.2 billion into the country, according to statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Ad-

ministration. Foreign investments of over \$670 million have flowed into the Special Economic Zones (SEZs) from 39 Japan businesses, under the Special Economic Zone Law. (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Shan State Investment Forum slated to be held in November



Shan State is the main producer of Potato. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

THE Shan State Investment Forum will be held on 26 November at the Royal Taunggyi Hotel, Taunggyi, Shan State to promote investments in the agriculture sector in the state.

The forum is being organized by the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC), Shan State Investment Committee (SSIC), and supported by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).

Senior officials from concerned ministries and representatives from the private sector will join the forum as speakers and panelists and cover investment opportuni-

ties in the agricultural sector, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

Additionally, a site visit to agriculture farms and food processing industries will be organized on 27 November in Southern Shan State.

Shan State is strategically located in terms of business and investment as it shares borders with Laos, Thailand, and China. The state is the largest in Myanmar, accounting for 23 per cent of the land area of the country.

Shan State has good potential for investment in agriculture and food processing industries.

Also, with its highland climate, Shan State is the main producer of some fruits, vegetables, and crops such as rice, corn, maize, wheat, garlic, potato, ginger, sweet potato, coffee, herbs, and spices. The state also possesses a young labour force, along with rich natural resources and fertile agricultural land.

Those wishing to participate in the forum can register for free on the website www.shanstateinvestmentforum2019.com by 19 November.

The MIC has been organizing investment fairs to attract local and international investors and to ensure the states and regions develop more evenly.

The DICA has been apprising local and international investors of the latest developments such as the recent enactment of the new Myanmar Investment Law and new investment opportunities.

Under the new Myanmar Investment Law, those investing in undeveloped regions will be given tax exemptions as an incentive. The new law has also authorized Investment Committees of regions and states to approve local and foreign projects where the initial investment does not exceed K6 billion, or US\$5 million.—GNLM

Domestic oil prices rise on positive global cues

DOMESTIC oil prices have been on the rise since August-end tracking the surge in the global market, according to traders.

Oil prices have jumped by K90-100 per liter compared with October’s prices in the local market, said traders.

Global oil prices have rebounded on a crude oil inventory draw by the American Petroleum Institute (API), according to the global market. On 14 November, Brent crude oil was priced at US\$62.7 per barrel, while WTI crude stood at around \$57.5 a barrel in the global oil markets.

Meanwhile, Octane 92 was pegged at K880, Octane 95 at K980, diesel at K960, and premium diesel at K970 per liter, according to the domestic oil retail market.

On 10 October, 2018, due to an increase in global crude oil prices and the weakening of the Kyat against the US dollar, oil prices had touched a high of K1,065 per liter for Octane 92, K1,115 for Octane 95, K1,085 for diesel, and K1,105 for premium diesel.

On 1 January, domestic fuel oil prices touched a low of K695 for Octane 92, K760 for Octane 95, K870 for diesel, and K875 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 importer companies in Myanmar.—Ko Khant (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

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Union Minister U Kyaw Tin (R) meeting with United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Myanmar Ms. Christine Schraner Burgener in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO:MNA**

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 challenges 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 on-line 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. Amazon has been reported to be in talks with banks about creating a checking account service.

Meanwhile, Facebook has been steadily building up e-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 ■

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Announcement

Hospitality Consult Myanmar Company Limited hereby announces, that a reduction of its capital by an amount of USD 199,998 has been approved by its members at its General Meeting on 10 November 2019.

Invitation for Bids

Date: 15 November 2019
Loan Agreement No: MY-P4 dated 5 September 2014 and MY-P21 dated 1 March 2017

The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received a loan from Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for Yangon Mandalay Railway Improvement Project Phase I. The Bid is invited by Myanma Railways as follows:

Invitation for Bid	Description: Train Monitoring System Works	Issuing Date	Closing Date & Time	Non-refundable Document Fee
IFB No: MR/BD/ 106	Train Monitoring System (TMS) Works (From Pazundaung Station to Pyuntaza Station)	15 November 2019	17 January 2020, 2:00pm	USD 1000

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

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

BANDARBUKITRAJA — Mitsui & Co. and Mitsubishi Estate Co. has begun construction of two logistics facilities for lease in Bandar Bukit Raja, west of Kuala Lumpur.

The construction of the facilities, launched with a groundbreaking ceremony Wednesday, is part of a project of developing a complex of distribution facilities and manufacturing 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 customers' needs. The minimum



Daiji Kojima (l), managing director of Mitsui & Co. (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd., and Wan Hashimi Albakri (2nd from l), 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**

contract term is 10 years.

The Japanese firms joined local developer Sime Darby Property Berhad in establishing a joint venture to lead the 13 billion yen (\$120 million) 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, Daiji Kojima, managing director of Mitsui & Co. (Malaysia) Sdn. Bhd., told NNA on Wednesday. —Kyodo News ■

“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 of 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 Udas, Ambassador of Nepal, His excellency Mr. Nikoaly A. Listopadov, Ambassador of Russia; Mr. David Liang, Singapore Embassy Consulate; U Lin Naing Myint, Yangon Regional Deputy Speaker; U Naing Ngan Lin, Regional Minister for Social Affairs; U Zaw Aye Maung, Minister for Rakhine Nationality Affairs; U Myint Oo, Director General for Religious & Culture; U Sein Maw, Commander for Religious Affairs; Advisers of All Myanmar Tamil Hindu Foundation (H.Q), performers of cultural dance; Cameraman, All the artist, those who extended donations for the grand celebration, Manager and all the employees of Strand Hotel, Religious Association & everyone present at the function.

U Thein Lwin
President

ALL MYANMAR TAMIL HINDU FOUNDATION (H.Q)

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MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
MYANMA RAILWAYS
Amendment of Tender Currency

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

<u>Sr No</u>	<u>Tender No</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Currency</u>
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 DPMS (89)Items	Kyat

2. Closing Date & Time-10.12.2019 (Tuesday)(14:30)Hrs
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 51th Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon.
Phone: 95-1-291985, 291994

MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND FINANCE
INTERNAL REVENUE DEPARTMENT

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

- 1. Income Year or the Year in which Sale proceed or Receipt is accrued:** Income year or the year in which sale proceed or receipt is accrued (reporting period), to file a return, is specified as follows-
 - (a) **For state owned organizations and financial organizations including banks,** from October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019,
 - (b) **For individuals, partnerships and associations,** from April 1, 2019 to September 30, 2019.
- 2. Return Receiving Offices:** Current (old) taxpayers have to file the returns at relevant revenue offices where their taxation matters are administered. For the new taxpayers, foreign companies have to file at Medium Taxpayers' Office (2); Myanmar companies located in Yangon Region at Medium Taxpayer Office (4); Myanmar companies located in Mandalay Region, Sagaing Region and Union Territory at Medium Taxpayer Office (5); Myanmar Companies located in other state/regions at relevant Township Revenue Offices; and individual taxpayers at relevant Township Revenue Offices, respectively.
- 3. Methods of filing a return:** Returns can be filed by either of the following two methods -
 - (a) **Filing in person:** In the case of return filing in person, return is considered filed on the date it is stamped as received by the Department.
 - (b) **Filing by Mail:** In the case of return filing by mail, return is considered filed on the date of the postmark.
- 4. Completing the Return:** Taxpayer is required to complete the return properly and he/she has to attest to the accuracy and completeness of the return.
- 5. The Return must be signed by taxpayer.** If a tax return or part of a tax return was prepared for reward by some other person, that paid-preparer must also sign the return.
- 6. Deadline for filing returns:** January 2, 2020 (Thursday)
(Note: According to the relevant laws, the due date for return filing is December 31, 2019, the new year eve which is an international holiday. The following day, January 1, 2020 is also an International New Year Holiday. As per Section 19, Sub-section (a) of Tax Administration Law, the deadline has to be moved to the next succeeding working day that is January 2, 2020.)
- 7. Penalties:** The following penalties shall be applied for non-compliance:
 - (a) A person who fails to file tax return on time is subject to a penalty equal to the greater of –
 - (1) Five percent of the amount of tax owing, plus further one percent of the tax due for each month or part of a month during which the failure continues, but not beyond the time when the Director General issues an assessment; and
 - (2) 100,000 MMK
 - (b) In case of including an incorrect statement or omitting key information that lead to reduced tax due in the return as intentional conduct or negligence, the taxpayer is liable to a penalty in the amount of-
 - (1) 25 percent of the underpayment if the amount of the underpayment is less than 100,000,000 MMK or 50 percent of the person's tax liability, or
 - (2) 75 percent of the underpayment if the amount of the underpayment is more than 100,000,000 MMK or 50 percent of the person's tax liability.

Income Tax Return

8. Who has to File Income Tax Return: Companies, partnerships and joint-ventures, cooperatives, associations of collective farming, individuals (excluding salary-earners), associations formed by individuals, organizations or associations registered and formed under an existing law which are chargeable under Income Tax law are required to file their income tax return whether or not a profit was made during income year. Salary-earners are not required to file return.

9. Supporting Documents to be Submitted: The following documents are required to submit –

- (a) Taxpayers of Large Taxpayers' Office and Medium Taxpayers' Office (1) should prepare their returns by strictly following the instructions mentioned in the return template and are not required to submit financial statement.
- (b) Taxpayers who are not registered with Large Taxpayers' Office or Medium Taxpayers' Office (1) and earn income from business are required to attach a financial statement for the relevant year including books of account kept, along with the income tax return.

Annual Salary Statement

10. 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

11. Who has to File Annual Commercial Tax Return: Any person who has taxable proceed 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) Providing services.

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

- (a) Taxpayer Service Unit (Naypyitaw), Building No 46, Internal Revenue Department, Ph: 067-3430533, 067-3430522
- (b) Taxpayer Service Unit (Yangon), No. 59/61, Ground Floor, Corner of Merchant Road and Pansodan Street, Kyauktada Town, Ph: 01-378370, 01-378372
- (c) Tax Service Unit (Mandalay), 65th Street, between 22nd and 23rd Streets, Aung Myae Tharzan Township Ph: 02-4030192

Sd/ Min Htut
Director General
Internal Revenue Department

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Office of the President
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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:

(1) Activities included under the Banks and Financial Institutions definition stated in the Anti-Money Laundering Law

(2) Financial Leasing

(3) 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, anstalt, partnerships, or associations, organizations of a group of persons and other relevantly 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 ownership/control 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, securities, bonds, drafts, or letters of credit, and any

interest, dividends or other income on or value accruing from or generated by such funds or other assets .

(i) Proceeds of Crime or Money and 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 and 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 its 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 (5) 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
 - (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) Not to use the witness's 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 determining 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 customer is identified as low risk according to the risk assessment of money laundering or terrorist financing;
 - (3) terminating simplified due diligence measures 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 simplified due diligence measures on the customer in accordance with the directives of the competent 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 customer, or before opening an account or establishing a relationship;
 - (2) before carrying out a transaction for a customer who has no established relationship with the reporting organization, if the transaction 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 conducted as a single transaction or several connected transactions;
- (3) before carrying out a domestic and international 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-article (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 understanding 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 person, 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 Regulations 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 terrorism 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 (8) 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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(Full text of the Anti-Money Laundering Order is available at www.globalnewlightofmyanmar.com)

2022 World Cup Qualifiers: Myanmar beat Tajikistan 4-3



Myanmar striker Maung Maung Lwin (white) prepares for a kick during 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 yesterday at the Mandalay Thiri Stadium

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 Nang Oo, Kyaw Zin Lwin, Hlaing 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 Dzhililov 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 Farkhod. 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 Dzhililov 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) ■

Ex-Arsenal star Henry to coach Montreal Impact

PARIS — Ex-Arsenal star Thierry Henry has been appointed coach at MLS franchise Montreal Impact on a two-year contract, the Canadian 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 the Canadian club for a minimum of two seasons, Montreal Impact said.

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

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.

"It's a league I know well, in which I had some very nice moments. 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."

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



Thierry Henry has been appointed Canadian club Montreal Impact's coach. **PHOTO: AFP**

Myanmar women's team beat China Women Youth Selection Team 1-0 in friendly match



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 Oo, 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) ■