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## VP U Henry Van Thio stresses on development for prosperity at economic forum in Myitkyina



Vice President U Henry Van Thio observes the Kachin traditional utensils displayed at the Economic Forum of the Kachin Ethnic Entrepreneurs Association in Myitkyina, Kachin State, yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

**V**ICE President U Henry Van Thio attended the opening ceremony of Kachin Ethnic Entrepreneurs Association (KEEA) and related economic forum in Myitkyina, Kachin State, yesterday.

The Chairman of the Ethnic and Public Affairs Management and Service Committee also inspected the possible construction site for a bridge across the Irrawaddy River and Nant Myit Ka Bridge and a site for implement-

ing development in Myitkyina.

The Vice President was accompanied by Union Ministers U Ohn Maung and Nai-Thet Lwin, Deputy Ministers Rear-Admiral Myint Nwe, U Tin Myint and U Aung Htoo and oth-

er officials to the association's opening ceremony, held at Sita-pu Manaw Grounds.

It was also attended by Kachin State Chief Minister Dr Khet Aung, State Hluttaw Speaker U Tun Tin, State Chief Justice

U Tu Jar, the state Advocate-general, auditor-general, ministers, Hluttaw representatives, members of the KEEA and Ethnic Entrepreneurs Association and invited guests.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

# Pyidaungsu Hluttaw explains about merging two ministries

THE Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 14<sup>th</sup> regular session held its fifth-day meeting at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday where the Hluttaw was explained about merging two ministries.

Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry

At the meeting Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Sett Aung who was assigned by the President on the matter of reforming Ministry of Industry and Ministry of Planning and Finance as Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry explained to the Hluttaw that the organization setup of present Ministry of Industry was mainly to manage and operate state-owned factories and plants. The organization setup was a mixture of administrative machinery required for both the Command Economy and Market Economy. The State's economic system was heading toward Market Economy from Command Economy and it was important for the ministry to be transiting toward establishing industry sector policies and becoming a regulatory body.

Merging Ministry of Industry and Ministry of Planning and Finance as the Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry would speed up the transition works. Internationally, economically related functions were combined as ministry of trade and industry, ministry of commerce and industry etc. As Strategic Economic Planning was drawn up for Myanmar due to its situation it would be most appropriate to merge the Ministry of Planning and Finance with the Ministry of Industry.

Furthermore, at the moment the Union Minister for Planning and Finance was also the Union Minister for Industry and merging the two ministries would combine the transition works to a single ministry speeding up the works said the Deputy Minister.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat then announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the matter to register their names.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approves bill amending Myanmar Stamp Act

Next, Hluttaw representatives discussed clause wise



Deputy Minister U Sett Aung.  
**PHOTO : MNA**



Deputy Minister U Maung Maung Win.  
**PHOTO : MNA**



Deputy Minister U Win Maw Tun.  
**PHOTO : MNA**



MP U Thein Tun.  
**PHOTO : MNA**



MP Dr Myat Nyana Soe.  
**PHOTO : MNA**



MP U Myint Oo.  
**PHOTO : MNA**

proposals on a bill amending Myanmar Stamp Act made by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee Secretary Dr Myat Nyana Soe. Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker then obtained the decision of the Hluttaw to approve the proposal after obtaining the comments of Ministry of Planning and Finance and the Joint Bill Committee.

Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win then tabled a motion to approve the entire bill.

After obtaining the decision of the Hluttaw, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw's approval of the entire bill.

Joint Committee to study constitution amendment bill submit report

Following this, secretary of Joint Committee on Scrutinizing the second bill amending the Constitution Dr Myat Nyana Soe read the committee report on the committee's findings and comments on a bill amending the Constitution for the second time signed and submitted by 144 Tatmadaw Hluttaw representatives including Brig-Gen Maung Maung.

Dr Myat Nyana Soe said that in addition to this present

bill, there were two similar bills, a bill amending the Constitution for the second time submitted by 145 Hluttaw representatives including Dr Maung Thin of Meiktila constituency and a bill amending the Constitution for the second time submitted by 143 Hluttaw representatives including U Thein Tun of Kyaung-gon Constituency. The committee found that the three bills were not to amend the entire 2008 Constitution but to amend certain enactments only.

A Joint Committee to amend the 2018 Constitution made up of political party groups in Hluttaw and independent Hluttaw representatives proportionately was formed with Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office Notification 15/2019 of 19 February 2019. The Joint Committee was assigned to draw up a bill amending the Constitution and submit to the Hluttaw.

Once this committee submits the bill, it would be appropriate for the Joint Committee Scrutinizing the second bill amending the Constitution formed with all members of Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw bill committees to study this bill together with the three bills. This was the finding and comments of the majority of the

members of the Joint Committee Scrutinizing the second bill on amending the Constitution for the second time.

However, some Joint Committee Scrutinizing the second bill on amending the Constitution members U Stephan, Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye, Brig-Gen Maung Maung and Brig-Gen Tint Lwin suggested on separately discussing the bills in the Hluttaw.

The Joint scrutinizing Committee recommends that the bill amending the Constitution for the second time signed and submitted by 144 Tatmadaw Hluttaw representatives including Brig-Gen Maung Maung and the two earlier bills be submitted together with a bill amending the Constitution drawn up and submitted by the Joint Committee on amending the 2018 Constitution.

After the report was read, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the matter to register their names.

Hluttaw put on record MNHRC Report

Afterwards, Myanmar National Human Rights Commission (MNHRC) Chairman U Win Mra responded to Hluttaw

representatives' discussion on MNHRC activity report for the period January to 24 September 2019 and requested the Hluttaw to put the report on record.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker then announced the Hluttaw putting on record the MNHRC activity report for the period January to 24 September 2019, discussion of the Hluttaw representatives and the explanations of the union level organizations.

Hluttaw approves US\$ 100 million loan World Bank IDA

Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun and Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win next explained about Hluttaw approving US\$ 100 million loan from World Bank's International Development Association (IDA) to implement Ministry of Education's all-inclusive quality education programme that was sent by the President.

As the Hluttaw voted 429 for without any against or abstaining votes, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw approval of the loan.

Hluttaw discuss Joint Public Accounts Committee Report 15/2019

As a final agenda of the day U Myint Oo of Magway constituency, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw representative Major Sein Tun, U Thein Tun of Kyaung-gon constituency, U Oo Tun Maung of Ponnagyun constituency, Dr Khin Sithu of Loikaw constituency, U Kyaw Tote of Mandalay Region constituency 7, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw representative Lt-Col Aung Kyaw Moe, Daw Tin Tin Yi of Kyunsu constituency, U Bo Gyi of Chauk constituency and Daw Wint War Tun of Shadaw Constituency discussed the Joint Public Accounts Committee Report 15/2019 on the committee's findings and comments on implementation of construction works included in the fiscal year 2018-2019 budget for Ministry of Education Basic Education Department.

The sixth-day meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> regular session of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is scheduled to be held on 18 November.—Aung Ye Thwin, Aye Aye Thant (MNA)

(Translated by Zaw Min)



## VP U Henry Van Thio highlights development for prosperity ...



Vice President U Henry Van Thio delivers the speech at the opening ceremony of Kachin Ethnic Entrepreneurs Association (KEEA) and related economic forum in Myitkyina, Kachin State, yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Firstly, the Vice President and other higher officials cut ceremonial ribbons to officially open the KEEA building and forum in front of Ma Jwe Hall. He then gave a speech inside the hall.

In his speech, the Vice President said the decision to establish ethnic entrepreneurs association was made at the Ethnic Sustainable Development Forum in Nay Pyi Taw, held from 18 to 19 January, 2018. He said the Ministry of Ethnic Affairs and Myanmar Ethnic Entrepreneurs Association (MEEA) are planning to organize another similar forum sometime in 2020.

The Vice President said that state/regional forums like this one need to be held before the major forum next year so that potential regional businesses that guarantee sustainable development can be discovered and nurtured into thriving commercial activities.

The Vice President said national reconciliation and peace are essential to ensure the per-

petuity of a democratic federal union; one that is aspired by the people and is part of the three aims set by the incumbent civilian government. He said ethnic armed organizations need to cooperate wholeheartedly in the peace process so that the nation can stand with integrity and maturity on the global platform.

The Vice President said development and peace go hand-in-hand and cannot be separated, and this equally applies finding sustainable solutions to promote the livelihoods of ethnic people. He said ethnic races need to build trust, cooperation and unite among themselves in order to strengthen national reconciliation.

The Vice President said that the national economic policy aims to be people-centred and inclusive for all citizens and will achieve this by supporting national reconciliation through an economic framework that focuses on preserving national resources, and distributing them equitably among the states and regions. He said it was necessary to grow a

culture of active participation and cooperation in decision-making, discussions, forums, administration, implementation and monitoring in all sectors.

The Vice President said while there are still numerous requirements for national economic development, the most fundamental ones are having proper methods of transportation, sufficient energy generation, and a capable human resource pool.

He said private businesses and entrepreneurs can participate in public-private-partnerships to alleviate the workload on the nation while simultaneously generating profits for ethnic businesses and jobs for local residents, thus driving up regional development. He urged for every ethnic entrepreneur association should fully participate in this matter in their respective state or region.

The Vice President highlighted the State's emphasis on micro, small and medium enterprises in all states and regions. He mentioned the MSME regional product expos and com-

petitions that have been held ten times and organized by the MSME Development Working Committee.

The Vice President urged Kachin entrepreneurs to focus on promoting MSMEs in the state as while it is abundantly-gifted in natural resources, they are limited and will run out over time, and thus supporting the development of high-quality finished products and the service sector is important.

The Vice President then mentioned the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism's emphasis on developing community-based tourism across the states and regions. He said Kachin State has many attractive travel destinations including the only snow-capped mountain in Southeast Asia – Mt Khakaborazi. He urged the ethnic entrepreneurs to cooperate in this matter as well.

The Vice President concluded his speech by mentioning his hopes for the forum to create results that would benefit the local economy and people and thus indirectly supporting the entire nation and its development. He said development starts at the individual-level and gradually proliferates to the family, community, township, state/regional, and finally national level. He said this is why enthusiasm, perseverance and collective strength are important to cultivate in the minds of everyone.

Next, Chief Minister Dr Khet Aung also delivered an address, followed by remarks from MEEA Chairman U Yaw Set and KEEA Chairman U Khet Htain Nan. The Vice President then observed exhibition displays at the forum.

After this, the Vice President met with executive committee members of the Kachin Ethnic Tradition and Culture Association, where he spoke on the

need for national economic development in order to raise the socioeconomic status of each and every citizen. He said stability and peace are required to further develop the region and advised on utilizing the natural resources of Kachin State to boost the travel industry.

Next, the Vice President visited the proposed construction site for a bridge across the Irrawaddy River and received an explanation on its progress by the Director-General of the Bridge Department, U Shwe Lay.

From there, the Vice President visited the Myitkyina vocational training center in Waingmaw Township Development Garden (Maingna), IDP camp, and met with Daw Khin Malar, the founder of Myanmar Kindness Foundation. He then observed trainees receiving practical and theoretical training and later conversed with them.

Next, the in-charge of the camp explained the situation of the camp and the Vice President handed over souvenirs. He and the union and deputy ministers also handed over school uniforms, food and toys for the children who have fled from conflict areas.

After that, the Vice President visited the Nant Myit Ka Bridge temporary meeting hall and was given a status report by Director-General U Shwe Lay on the progress and completion of bridges in the state.

Afterwards, the Vice President visited the construction site of the Myitkyina Economic Development Zone and received explanations from State Minister U Wai Lwin. Finally, the Vice President viewed the natural scenery of Myitkyina from Jaw Bum prayer mount, offered prayers and made donations. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



Vice President U Henry Van Thio visits the Myitkyina vocational training center in Waingmaw Township Development Garden (Maingna) yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



# Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw receives delegation of Jilin Provincial People’s Congress

DEPUTY Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Tun Tun Hein received Vice Chairwoman of Standing Committee of the Jilin Provincial People’s Congress Ms Che Xiulan and party at Thabin Hall of Hluttaw Building, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed and exchanged views on cooperation from Pauk-phaw relations to all-round strategic partnership relations between the two governments and parliaments, and Myanmar Hluttaws’ legislation, promoting capacities building and implementation of e-par-

liament.

Present at the meeting were Public Accounts Committee Chairman U Aung Min, Transportation, Communications and Construction Committee Chairman U Win Htut, Electric Power and Energy Development Chairman U Kyi Moe Naing, Public Affairs Management Committee Chairman Dr Aung Tun Khaing (a) U Chaing Win, Transportation, Communications and Construction Secretary Daw Yin Min Hlaing and officials from Pyithu Hluttaw office.—MNA

*(Translated by TTN)*



Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Tun Tun Hein (R) holds talk with Vice Chairwoman of Standing Committee of the Jilin Provincial People’s Congress Ms Che Xiulan in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO:MNA



Union Minister U Soe Win and party holds talk with the students from an executive management course by the Japan Management Association Management Institute, led by Mr Tetsuya Ichinose, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO:MNA

# Union Planning & Finance Minister receives executive management trainee delegation

UNION Minister for Planning and Finance U Soe Win received trainees from an executive management course by the Japan Management Association (JMA) Management Institute, led by Mr Tetsuya Ichinose, at his ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, he discussed Myanmar-Japan friendly relations and cooperation, investing in developing infrastructure, news and

information, transportation, communications, production, banking and insurance sectors, tax affairs relating to investment, investments made in Thilawa Special Economic Zone, and other investment opportunities.

Deputy Ministers U Maung Maung Win and U Sett Aung and other officials were also present at the meeting.—MNA

*(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)*

# Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun receives Managing Director of RF for A South East Asia

DEPUTY Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun received a delegation led by Mr Matthew Pennington, Radio Free Asia (RFA) Managing Director for Southeast Asia at the guest hall of Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they openly discussed matters related to challenges that media in Myanmar are facing; global trends in media world with

the influence of the technology advances; the important elements for journalists to have skills in covering and writing the news, compliances of Code of Conduct and fairness and to obey current laws; important role of media in democratic transition period, drafting the Right to Information Law and Broadcasting Media rules and regulation. — MNA

*(Translated by TTN)*



Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun and party receive the delegation led by Mr Matthew Pennington, Radio Free Asia Managing Director for Southeast Asia in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA



# Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung attends ASEAN Dialogue Partner Meetings in Viet Nam

UNION Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung attended ASEAN and Japan Transport Ministers Meeting and ASEAN and the Republic of Korea Transport Ministers Meeting in Hanoi, Viet Nam yesterday.  
After attending the meet-

ings, the Union Minister cordially discussed bilateral cooperation in transportation sector with Mr Kee Choo Choi, Chairman of Urban Transport Commission from Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, the Republic of Korea. — MNA ■  
(Translated by TTN)



Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung and ASEAN dignitaries pose for a documentary photo at the 10<sup>th</sup> ASEAN and Republic of Korea Transport Ministers Meeting in Hanoi on 15 November. **PHOTO: MNA**

# Myanmar rejects politically motivated resolution which grossly mischaracterised and Rakhine State issue

ON 14 November 2019, the Third Committee (Social, Humanitarian and Cultural Committee) of the 74<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly took action on five country-specific resolutions against Myanmar, DPRK, Iran, Crimea (Ukraine) and Syria.  
Myanmar delegation called for the vote regarding the resolution on Myanmar and voted against the politically motivated resolution co-sponsored by OIC and EU.  
The Permanent Representative made a general statement before the action was taken and responded to the outcome after the voting.  
In his general statement, the Permanent Representative pointed out that the draft resolution grossly mischaracterized the complex issue of Rakhine. He stated that the situation in Rakhine State is neither an issue of religious persecution nor an issue of driving a community out of the country. It is a complicated political and economic issue involving cross-border migration,

poverty, lack of the rule of law and security. He further pointed out that the resolution is just another statement that attempts to demonize Myanmar and neglects the monumental task that the Government of Myanmar is carrying out to address the issue.  
After the voting, the Permanent Representative responded that the results of the voting reflected the divisive nature of country-specific resolutions. Myanmar learned a lesson, again, how some member states use the power of bloc voting to exert pressures on other member countries for their political agenda. The adoption of the discriminatory draft resolution demonstrates the failure to uphold the principle of sovereign equality of nations, undermining impartiality and fairness, and application of double standards and exceptionalism and selectivity in addressing the humanitarian and human rights issues. Moreover, he strongly rejects the dubious, ill-intentioned, selective and politically motivated resolution.—MNA ■



Myanmar delegation votes against the politically motivated resolution co-sponsored by Organisation of Islamic Cooperation and European Union. **PHOTO: MNA**

# Central Bank issues remittance regulations

WITH the aim to stamp out illegal business remittances and promote related legal activities, the Central Bank of Myanmar has issued the remittance business licence regulation with Notification No. 21/2019 on 15 November, 2019. The process was performed in line with Articles 32-a and 49-a of The Foreign Exchange Management Law. The full text of the regulation can be viewed at [www.cbm.gov.mm](http://www.cbm.gov.mm), the official website of CBM.—MNA

# Government, CSOs discuss Universal Periodic Review



Union-Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo delivers the speech at the workshop on compiling a national-level report on the Universal Periodic Review in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Office of the Union Attorney-General and civil society organizations held a workshop on compiling a national-level report on the Universal Periodic Review (UPR) at Park Royal Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday.  
Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo first spoke at the meeting. He said Myanmar formed the national-level committee to implement the 166 suggestions for the third UPR and categorized the tasks into 12 sections and relegated them to relevant ministries for

implementation.  
He said the national committee also formed additional committees, namely the report compilation working committee, survey compilation committee and groups, and the communications committee.  
U Tun Tun Oo said that they have so far achieved a second draft of the report and this workshop aims to incorporate ideas and suggestions from civil society in order to compile a comprehensive national-level report.

Next, UNDP Deputy Resident Representatives Ms Dawn Del Rio delivered some remarks where she also touched on the importance of ensuring the eight human rights factors were as comprehensive as possible. The workshop was attended by members of the various committees, department officials, representative of Myanmar National Human Rights Commission and civil society organizations. — MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



# UEC, political parties review CoC for candidates



Union Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein addresses the meeting on amending the Code of Conduct for political parties and candidates. PHOTO: MNA

UNION Election Commission-UEC and representatives of the political parties held a meeting on amending the Code of Conduct-CoC for political parties and candidates.

The meeting was attended by UEC Chairman U Hla Thein, responsible personnel of the UEC, Ambassador of Switzerland Mr Tim Enderlin and members of the committee on reviewing the CoC.

Speaking at the meeting, UEC Chairman U Hla Thein stressed the need to amend the CoC to meet with the current situation as abiding by the CoC is necessary for the political parties and candidates to make the elections a success, to build trust among those participating in the electoral process, and to make the elections free and fair.

In his opening remarks, the UEC Chairman highlighted the important role of political parties in reducing electoral conflicts and disputes in previous elections, noting that electoral disputes were reduced and problems were resolved successfully through negotiations as the political parties abided by the CoC during the 2015 general election.

He pledged that the UEC would scrutinize the draft of the CoC to meet with the rules and regulations before approving.

—MNA ■  
(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

# Czech Republic National Day celebrated in Yangon

THE National Day event of the Czech Republic was held at Yangon's National Museum yesterday evening and attended by U Thaung Tun, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations.

Firstly, the National Anthems of Myanmar and Czech Republic were played, followed by separate addresses from Czech Ambassador Mrs Hana Mottiova and the Union Minister. The Ambassador then entertained the guests at the dinner reception.

The event was also attended by Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin and wife, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, foreign ambassadors based in Yangon, embassy officials, UN representatives and other invited guests.— MNA ■  
(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



Czech Ambassador Mrs Hana Mottiova hosts the dinner for Union Minister U Thaung Tun, Union Minister U Kyaw Tin and wife, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein at the National Day event of the Czech Republic in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

# Myanmar Consumer Protection Commission holds 1<sup>st</sup> coord meeting

The first coordination meeting of the Myanmar Consumer Protection Commission (MCPC) was held at the Ministry of Commerce in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Firstly, MCPC Chairman Union Minister Dr Than Myint addressed the meeting. He first explained the objectives, duties and responsibilities of the ministry and then mentioned the date when the Consumer Protection Law was enacted on 15 March, 2019.

According to the new law, the MCPC was formed with 21 members consisting of ministry officials, consumer protection experts and organization representatives, said the Union Minister. He then explained the twelve duties of MCPC and the work to be done to protect consumers.

Next, the Director-General of the Consumer Affairs Department submitted the department's processes to the commission, members engaged in discussion, and the Union Minister provided suggestions and guidance where necessary.

—MNA ■  
(Translated by Zaw Htet



The coordination meeting of the Myanmar Consumer Protection Commission being held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA



# Vehicles to be allowed to cross Bayintnaung bridge-1 at the end of Nov

By Nyein Nyein

VEHICLES will be allowed to cross Bayintnaung bridge-1 from the end of November, according to the Ministry of Construction.

Currently, renovation work on the bridge is 75 per cent complete. The movement of vehicles on the Hline river crossing

Bayintnaung bridge-1 connecting Mayangon and Hlinethaya townships was halted from 5 October because of renovation.

The renovation of the bridge is scheduled to be completed by 29 November, and vehicles would be allowed to pass after a load test is conducted on 30 November morning.

In the afternoon on 30

November, regular traffic would be resumed on the bridge. The Ministry of Construction has already announced the load capacity of the bridge. While the renovation work is on, buses are crossing the Hline River through Bayintnaung Bridge-2. Those buses are from YBS 20, 23, and 85 lines.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

# Myanmar-China trade fair to be held this month in Lashio

A MYANMAR(Lashio)-China (Lancang) trade fair will be held from 21 to 24 November at the stadium of the Sports and Physical Education Department in Lashio Town, northern Shan State, with the cooperation of the Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization, Shan

State Government, and Lancang Government.

The trade fair is aimed at promoting bilateral trade, investment, and tourism in Myanmar and China, and creating jobs opportunities. The trade fair serve as a networking platform for Myanmar and Chinese traders, according to officials.

Those who wish to attend the fair can obtain more information at the Ministry of Commerce, the Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization and Trade Development Division on the following numbers: 067-430 446, 01-385 323, and 01-254 024.

—MNA  
(Translated by La Wonn)



## ကလေးပန်းချီပြိုင်ပွဲ

သင့်ရဲ့ အခွင့်အရေးများကို ရေးဆွဲပုံဖော်ပြီး ဆုများကို ရယူလိုက်ပါ!

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- 2 We deserve to have fun! ငါတို့ဟာ မျှော်လင့်ဖို့ ထိုက်တန်တယ်!
- 3 Speak Out! ထုတ်ပြောလိုက်ပါ!



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# Singapore to increase investments in Myanmar

By Nyein Nyein

SINGAPORE, which is currently the largest foreign investor in Myanmar, is planning to make more investments in the country, said U Thant Sin Lwin, Director-General of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

“Our country is receiving investment from Singapore and their investment has risen year by year. The Union Minister also included this remark in his speech. Singapore and Myanmar will enter into more and more bilateral investment agreements in future,” he added.

“Currently, Singapore plans to invest in the solar energy generation business and banking business. Moreover, they plan to provide technical assistance for those investments,” said U Thant Sin Lwin.

“Bilateral investment agreements have been permitted. We need to implement those agreements with cooper-

ation made initially in Housing, Bank Development, and Industrial Parks. Although Singapore made some investment offers, we also needed to make some investments there. We espe-

cially need assistance in copyright matters. In this regard, Singapore has already reached an agreement to provide technical assistance,” he said.

In cooperation with the

Singapore Association of Myanmar (SAM) and the Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA), the Myanmar-Singapore Business Summit 2019 was held at the Novotel Yangon

Max on 14 November. At the summit, they explained current activities for the development of foreign investment, he added.

“We are trying to exert our utmost effort related to foreign investment. But, some of the investors know only the information provided by foreign media agencies. That’s why some investors have visited Myanmar to find out the situation on ground to be able to make an investment. At the summit, we explained our business activities and the legal requirements regarding investment,” said U Thant Sin Lwin.

Currently, Singapore is ranked top among 50 countries with a large share of investment in Myanmar. Since 1988, a total of 314 enterprises have made investments in Myanmar bringing in an investment of more than US\$22 billion as of 30 September, 2019, according to DICA.

Singapore is currently the largest foreign investor in Myanmar and their investment has risen year by year. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAH**

(Translated by Hay Mar)



# Abide by Code of Conduct to prevent conflict in polls

THE Union Election Commission is implementing the National Strategic Plan (2019-2022) to ensure the 2020 General Elections are a success, and it is coordinating with the Ministry of Information and the Myanmar Press Council to provide media easy access to information, and prevent hate speech and fake news, which can hinder the electoral process.

The nationwide electoral list has been compiled.

As the 2020 General Elections are drawing near, all stakeholders, including the media, need to avoid taking sides, reporting false news, and spreading hate speech as they can have undesired effects on elections.

The media should follow media ethics and the election guide designed by the Myanmar Press Council. And, political parties are also obliged to conduct election campaigns in accordance with the set rules and regulations and follow the Code of Conduct written by all political parties and Hlut-taw representatives.

To make the elections a success, to build trust among those participating in the electoral process, and to make the elections free and fair, abiding by the Code of Conduct is sine qua non for political parties and candidates.

We have seen how after the political parties agreed on the CoC during the 2015 general elections, electoral conflicts and disputes were reduced and problems were resolved successfully through negotiations.

However, experiences in the previous elections have prompted an amendment to the CoC to meet with the current situation.

All stakeholders are responsible to make the CoC better and draw ethics and policies which can be followed.

The UEC is committed to holding the 2020 general elections in accordance with five standards: freedom of choice, fairness, transparency, accessibility, and compatibility of public desire. The election results, the performance of the commission, and news of public interest will be posted and broadcast on state-run newspapers, TV, and the UEC website occasionally.

Holding a free and fair election is a matter of dignity for the country and the people.

A recent joint statement by 20 political parties carrying false and groundless accusations about the UEC can damage trust among the stakeholders, including political parties and voters, and tarnish the dignity of the UEC.

At the time of their establishment, political parties have agreed to abide by sub-paragraphs (c) and (d) under Chapter 2 of the Political Parties Registration Law, which urges them to respect and obey the Constitution of the Union of Myanmar and to abstain from writing which can affect the dignity and morals of others.

We would like to remind parties that breaching Section 6 of the Political Parties Registration Law would warrant their dissolution.



# Saya Zawgyi's Two Philosophical Poems Composed Nearly Fifty Years Apart

By Dr. Myint Zan

THE late poet *Saya* (teacher) *Zawgyi's* poetic, literary skills and his very significant contributions to Burmese/ Myanmar literature is well known. He is also known as a 'philosophical poet'. On the occasion of World Philosophy Day (21 November), I would reproduce in the original vernacular and a translation and commentary of two of *Zawgyi's* poems written almost 50 years apart.

## The Beauty of Nature and the Dignity of the Grass Cutter in 'The Grass Cutter' Poem

The first poem was composed by *Saya* *Zawgyi* perhaps in the mid to late 1930s when he was (age) in his late twenties 'The Grass Cutter' ပြက်ရိုက်သား:

မြက်ရိုက်သား

ရေးသူ ဇော်ကျီ

နေ့စာလုံ၍ လူ့ဘုံလောက နှိုးခါစတည့်  
ချိုးကသံရည် တောဘွဲ့သိ၍  
ဤမှာမြေပြင် မြစ်စီးဆင်းလျက်  
ကောင်းကင်နီလှာခြယ်နှင့်  
အိုဘယ်လူသား နှစ်ရောင်ကြားဝယ်  
ခန့်ညားပေစွ ခန့်ပေစွ။

The Grass Cutter

By Zaw Gyi

Translation by Myint Zan

basking under the rays of the Sun  
the human abode is just awakening  
the doves sing of the forest  
here the Earth is emerald green  
there the sky's sapphire blue:  
Among the two colours  
O Man!  
how magnificent, how majestic  
you look

In the original poem, the word ခန့် is repeated twice: first as ခန့်ညားပေစွ and then as ခန့်ပေစွ . The translator taking only 'a little poetic license' has used two different words 'magnificent' and 'majestic' to denote the depiction, the praise and almost the awe the poet felt in either witnessing or visualizing perhaps a solitary grass-cutter doing his job.

'The Grass cutter' (using the historic present tense) is, in a sense, beautifying the Earth and his task is depicted by the poet with appreciation and admiration. The dignity indeed the majesty of the grass cutter 'at work' under the

rising Sun and between the green Earth and the blue Sky can be visualized. And the vision indeed the humanistic theme of the poem is inspiring.

I might add that *Saya* *Zawgyi's* poem is not only or merely in praise of the grass cutter 'stretching somewhat'. Incidentally, though it would be a bit far-fetched, the grass cutter could also be a woman.

*Saya* *Zawgyi's* poem is not only based on humanistic themes but is also praise of Nature and perhaps about eighty years after its composition- environmental protection themes can be extrapolated or projected. In one of the above paragraphs, the phrase 'green Earth' is used. During the time *Saya* *Zawgyi* composed the poem around eighty years ago some areas of the Earth including what was then Burma were certainly more 'green' than now. The environmental protection theme(s) are the spill-over thoughts that occurs to the writer as he writes the appreciation of a poem.

## The Poet fears that the Zaw Gyi May Lose His Mind in Zaw Gyi and Shein-Hsa-Yar Poem

Fast forward from the mid-1930s to the next almost fifty years to October 1984. At an elderly literati homage ceremony, *Saya* *Zawgyi* distributed a poem to the persons who gathered to pay homage to him.

The writer came across the poem below and its attendant explanations of the significance of the poem in *Saya* *MaungTha* *Noe's* essay ဇော်ကျီရဲ့ အနုတ္တ ဘုဉ်း ('Zaw Gyi's Poem of Non-Self') in the collection of Essays published in tribute to *Saya* *Zawgyi*, ဆရာဇော်ကျီ အမှတ်တရ စာပျား

In the poem reproduced below the term *Zaw Gyi* (written in italics and in two words to distinguish the terms from the pseudonym of the poet) is a reference not to the poet *Zawgyi* (without italics) (U Thein Han) but to the metaphorical *Zaw Gyi* or the metaphysical and the (Buddhist) irreligious (not religious but irreligious, see below) aspects of the concept of *Zaw Gyi*.

ဇော်ကျီနှင့် ရှိန်းဆာယာ

ရေးသူ ဇော်ကျီ

ရှင်သားစင်ပေါ် ဇော်ကျီနှင့် တောင်စေး  
အခန့်အပျံ့တွေနှင့် သူဟန်ကို သည်ပေ



*Zawgyi* (Alchemist) a puppet flying through the air: Redrawn by UKT from an unknown source.

ကြည့် မောစိတယ်လေ:

ရှိန်းဆာယာပိုမောက်  
ကိုယ်ပျောက်သည့်တန်ခိုး  
ရှိန်းဆာယာ သည်ပေကြွက်  
စိတ်ပျောက်မှာစိုး  
၁၉၈၄ အောက်တိုဘာ(လ)

Zaw Gyi and  
Hsein-hsar-yar

By Zawgyi

Translated by Myint Zan

on the puppet stage  
the *Zaw Gyi* with his magic wand  
jumping and flying about  
watching his antics  
the watcher feels anxious

with overflowing, rambunctious,  
*shein-hsar-yar*

[the *Zaw Gyi*] has the power  
to make his body disappear

what is feared is that  
the *shein-hsar-yar* would  
also make the *Zaw Gyi's* mind  
as well to disappear  
(Composed by the poet *Zawgyi* in October 1984)

The words in italics *Zaw Gyi* ဇော်ကျီ and *shein-hsar-yar* calls for a brief elaboration. The dictionary meaning of the *Zaw Gyi* is 'alchemist of the forest'. The late Dr. Htin Aung (1908-1978) among others, Rector and Vice Chancellor of the University of Rangoon (1946-1959) explains that 'the sorcerer *Zaw Gyi* in Burmese is a survivor from pre-Buddhist Burma. The *Zaw Gyi* practices alchemy to attain immortal life, along with lesser

which the *Zaw Gyi* has the power to make himself disappear. Of this, the poet has already indicated his 'anxiousness' at the *Zaw Gyi's* actions. (Based on the folklores indeed the metaphysical postulates the *Zaw Gyi* is undoubtedly male, hence the unambiguous use of the word 'he' and 'his' above.)

It is well and good, impressive and stunning that the *Zaw Gyi* can make himself disappear into thin air through the non-Buddhist and un-Buddhist *shein hsar yar* but what if the *Zaw Gyi's* mind also disappears?

In a large sense, therefore *Zaw Gyi* and *Hsein-Hsar-Yar* poem can be described as a Buddhist religious poem. Although imbued with the (dark forces) of power the *Zaw Gyi* (not the poet) is blind to, unaware, indeed ignorant of the Buddhist concept of non-self or Anatta အနတ္တ.

The poet (*Zawgyi*, U Thein Han) may have written this short in a sense enigmatic but in another sense piercing, penetrating poem with a few themes or messages in mind. It is a penetrating poem in that it 'pierces' through the clutch or grip in addition to the 'veil' of ignorance of the *Zaw Gyi*.

In fact the message for the *Zaw Gyi* is also the message for the 'worldlings' (in Pali terms *Puthuzin*) ယုတ္တရံ but especially for those whose pursuit of--from a Buddhist perspective- illusions of earthly (as well as unearthly) (dark) power which makes them metaphorically fly in the air; and made their bodies disappear. But to repeat, what if their minds also disappear?

The great American poet Robert Frost had said 'poetry starts with delight and ends with wisdom'. *Saya Zawgyi's* poem which was probably composed when he was about 77 years old ends, one respectfully submits, is about the need for wisdom: the insight to break through the fetters of ignorance which caused the (puppet) *Zaw Gyi* to 'disappear' his body and may be later to lose his mind.

In his tribute essay, *Maung Thar Noe* wrote that immediately after he read the poem he looked around him to discern to whom was the poem intended for: *Maung Thar Noe* opined that perhaps *Saya Zawgyi* composed the poem for himself too as a reminder 'note' to himself. *Maung Thar Noe* stat-

ed that he was never affected or moved by any other poem of *Saya Zawgyi* as he was by this particular poem.

When I met *Maung Thar Noe* around 2005 he commented that *Zaw Gyi* and *Hsein-sar-yar* in addition to its Buddhist religious connotations can also be considered as a political poem. For, in 1984 when the poet composed his poem were the days -indeed the long years- of the *ancien* (to use a French rather than an English word) the BSPP (Burma Socialist Programme Party) regime. That regime has repeatedly boasted of how great it was mainly though not exclusively through its propaganda sheets. *Maung Thar Noe* infers obliquely in his essay and openly to me when we met that the then regime's actions and pronouncements were not dissimilar to *Zaw Gyi's* antics and his 'dance' of self-display, self-praise or indeed self-flaunting. I would add that the then--indeed subsequent- regimes' actions seem to reflect the pronouncements made by the King *Ozmandias* in the English poet Percy Bysshe Shelley's poem *Ozymandias* 'Look on my Works, ye Mighty, and despair!'

If the 'flying in the airs' antics of the *ancien* BSPP regime was intense the subsequent regimes till 2011 (metaphorically) 'dancing', indeed trumpeting and thundering its 'great achievements' (Look on my works!) was arguably worse and reached the apogee or perhaps more accurately the nadir.

From a political and religious stand point indeed from a humanistic perspective too *Saya Zawgyi's* poem is a reminder of the pitfalls and the snares all of us and especially the high, the mighty and the displayers of and dancing to the dictates of *shein-hsar-yar* can fall into.

*Sayagyi Zawgyi's* two poems written in the late 1930s and in the mid-1980s-around fifty years apart-are affecting, inspiring, grand literary achievements imbued with humanistic and philosophical significance. I humbly gave my tribute to *Saya* *Zawgyi* by offering my appreciation of *Saya's* two philosophical poems composed nearly 50 years apart.

(This article hails the World Philosophy Day which falls on 21 Nov.)



## Objectives of the 99<sup>th</sup> National Victory Day

- \* Perpetuation and strengthening of the Union spirit
- \* Building the peace of the Union through mutual trust
- \* Building a federal democratic nation
- \* Promoting all-round development of the Union through collective strength of all national races



**BAY INFERENCE:** Weather is partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 16 November, 2019:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions. 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 (4-6) 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 16 November, 2019:** Partly cloudy.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 16 November, 2019:** Likelyhood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 16 November, 2019:** Partly cloudy.

**WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND:** Weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Region, likelihood of rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Yangon Region.





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Tachilek border gate welcomes over 1 mln tourists in Jan-Nov

MYANMAR received 27,047 international visitors through the Tachilek border gate between 8 and 14 November. Most of them were Thailand citizens. Other third citizens also visited well-known destinations in Myanmar through the Tachilek border checkpoint for day trips and overnight stays, according to the Immigration Department.

According to data from the department, over 1 million foreigners visited Myanmar through the Tachilek border gate from 1 January to 14 November. Of them, 52,834 tourists visited Myanmar on free visas.

Day-trippers mostly visit Tarlaw market, Bayintnaung statue, Maha Myat Muni Pagoda, Wankaung market, Koemyoshin spirit house, replica of Shwedagon Pagoda, Padaung village, Myanmar monasteries and Chinese temples in Tachilek Town. Lantaung day trips include Mailing monastery, ancient pagodas, temples, and ethnic villages.

As for overnight travellers, they usually visit pa-



Tourists enjoy the culture and tradition of Myanma ethnic people. PHOTO: MOHT

godas, temples, monasteries, markets, villages, and other destinations in Mongphyat and Kengtung townships, such as Mhaha Myat Muni pagoda, Wat Inn monastery, Koethtet waterfall in Kengtung.

Afterwards, they travel to Heho-Yangon-Mandalay-Lashio

by flight.

Under an arrangement with the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, Myanmar received a total of 492 tourists, who traveled to the country on board 140 cars and 156 motorcycles, through Myawady, Tamu, and other border checkpoints between 1 Jan-

uary and 14 November.

Myanmar's natural beauty, scenic views, tourist attractions, and diverse lifestyles and cultures of the ethnic people attract international visitors to the country. —MOHT

(Translated by La Wonn)

Czech historic photographic exhibition “1989” held at Yangon National Museum



ON the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the democratic Velvet Revolution in former Czechoslovakia, the Czech

Embassy brings to the audience in Yangon the photo exhibition, “1989 The Velvet Revolution: The End of the To-

talitarian Regime in Czechoslovakia”.

The “1989” exhibition is presented to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution that ended the totalitarian regime in Czechoslovakia. The Velvet Revolution represents the six-week period between November 17th and December 29th 1989, which led to the peaceful overthrow of the communist regime in Czechoslovakia.

The exhibition consists of historic photos by fifteen well-known Czech photographers. The photos documented the ground-breaking moments in

modern Czech history, the fall of the communist dictatorship: the demonstration against the totalitarian regime in 1988, Palach's Week in January of 1989, the protests on November 17, 1989, and the thrilling atmosphere that followed. It also includes a set of photographs from the departure of the Soviet troops from Czechoslovakia in 1990-1991 which brought the Velvet Revolution to its conclusion.

The photo exhibition will be opened to the public at the National Museum, Yangon from 16th November till 23rd November 2019. —GNLM

Van carrying Myanmar migrants overturns in Thailand; 4 hurt

A VAN carrying 18 Myanmar migrant workers overturned on a slip road on Thursday morning in Mae Sot, Tak Province, Thailand, after the driver lost control. Four persons, including three Myanmar workers, were injured in the accident.

The mishap occurred near Dan Mae Lamao ward, Mae Sot District, Tak Province, Thailand.

Fifteen migrant workers were rescued safely, while four persons — three Myanmar workers and a Thai citizen, who was driving a car — were injured and taken to Maesot Hospital. The 18 Myanmar migrant workers were later repatriated to Myanmar after action was taken and penalties were imposed on them under the Thai law. —Pwint Thitsar





# Press conference held in Presidential Palace

MINISTRY of State Counsellor's Office Director General U Zaw Htay held a press conference in Presidential Palace, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon and briefed on the political, economic, social and peace situation in the country.

At the press conference Director General U Zaw Htay spoke about President Office Order No. 45/2019 dated 14 November on Anti-Money Laundering Law, President sending a message to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on merging two ministries and the matter being explained at the Hluttaw by an official from the relevant ministry.

Afterwards, news media personnel raised questions including resolving the difficulties encountered in obtaining news at courts, possibility of concluding civil cases speedily, possibility of resolving difficulties faced and reducing the time required to renew passports at Myanmar Embassy in Thailand, matters relating to anti-money laundering order, current situation of Myanmar's diplomatic relationship, status of efforts made toward apprehending major drug dealers, matter of reward provided to informers on drug, cases made by ICJ (International Criminal Justice) and ICC (International Criminal Court), status of tax collection from mobile phone bill payment, whether there was a plan for the government to meet with the northern alliance, current situation in Rakhine State, whether the country has a policy to reduce internally displaced person (IDP) camps, the number of IDP camps, matter of personnel from IDP camps on the border of Myanmar-Thai border returning back, measures taken to free Hluttaw representative U Hwei Tin and plan to take action against companies that owes gold to the country.

Responding to the questions, Director General U Zaw Htay said spoke persons were appointed in courts from whom the media can obtain news. The matter of delays in trying civil cases was discussed when the President met with Union Chief Justice and Union Supreme Court Judges. Instructions were issued to increase the organization setup and employ more court personnel in courts while the Union Chief Justice Office will be informed about facilitating news media to obtain court news.

On the Rakhine State affairs, the Director General said the government was not blindly rejecting international accusations. Independent Commission of Enquiry



State Counsellor's Office Director General U Zaw Htay holds the press conference in President House, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

(ICOE) that was free and independent was formed with reputable and trustworthy international personnel and ICOE is still conducting inquiries. On the other hand, Tatmadaw has also formed an Inquiry Board and is conducting investigations.

ICOE's Final Report had yet to be published. ICOE is a free and independent organization. It was formed by the government. The main point was the fact that international accusations were made. ICOE was handling this matter. Based on the findings of ICOE, appropriate actions will be taken according to the law.

Once detailed findings were made, as mentioned in the past, there'll be no leniency toward human rights violations. inquiries were made toward this with full political will and if there any violations, appropriate action will be taken. The government can be accused of a lack of accountability if no action was taken when the report was out. As the process was still underway, international pressures are more of a nuisance and disturbance.

The outcome results of these pressures are adversely affecting the country's image which causes effects on Myanmar and its citizens, investment, travel, trade cooperation etc. Myanmar government was truly conducting the investigations and inquiries, had the capability to do it and took full responsibility for it. This was been explained to the international audience. At the moment, there was no cooperation from Bangladesh. Bangladesh's lack of cooperation as well as criticizing Myanmar's cooperative works seems to be

prolonging the issue. Myanmar was doing the necessary things as well as conducting investigations and will continue to do so.

Of those who left to Cox's Bazar, a total of 415, 239 males and 176 females had returned on their own volition. They didn't return under the arrangement of Bangladesh but were repatriated to reception and transit centres by the UEHRD program. There were many who want to return from Cox's Bazar. Especially there were 444 Hindus who had proposed to return. To smooth the repatriation process proposal was made to start the repatriation with these 444 Hindus. Myanmar and Bangladesh had made two attempts for repatriation.

Based on past experience, repatriation matter can be resolved through bilateral cooperation. Groups were formed to implement the agreements. But there was no cooperation in repatriation. Instead, there were behind the back demands to take action against Myanmar or sanction Myanmar. Such acts shouldn't be taken as Myanmar and Bangladesh had lived together peacefully side by side. Even though there were bilateral ministerial-level meetings, there were many behind the back statements incorrectly made to the media. Myanmar now hold a trilateral meeting to include China as witness. Discussions were made at UN General Assembly with UN Secretary General and representative of China as a witnesses where pledges and promises were made on the process and time table of repatriation. Our side did the necessary

preparation but there were widespread killings and illicit drug activities in Cox's Bazar IDP camps. Demonstrations were held whenever repatriation was planned. Those who want to return dare not propose to do so and a total of 415 had returned without announcing about it.

The point was for Bangladesh to be a good neighbor. If Bangladesh does not cooperate in the repatriation work, the humanitarian crisis will grow. If that occurs, it would be the sole responsibility of Bangladesh. Our side was ready and prepared for the repatriation process. Bangladesh especially needs to abide by and cooperate according to the bilateral agreement. Without this cooperation, the problem will become more complicated. This needs to be understood, said U Zaw Htay.

The government was arranging to meet with the four ethnic armed organizations from the northern alliance. The four EAOs need to have a true desire for peace and to walk down the path to peace. Arrangements were made to agree on a preliminary ceasefire. This was discussed at the Kengtung meeting. If the preliminary ceasefire agreement was achieved, the next steps will be taken.

RCSS Chairman and the government side are coordinating. Soon a group led by RCSS Chairman will meet with a government representative group led by Dr Tin Myo Win in Thailand. Lt-Gen YarPyae and Lt-Gen Min Naung from Tatmadaw will also participate in that meeting. The two are NRPC members. RCSS is to discuss with the government representative group. Tatmadaw also plans to hold a separate meeting. Furthermore, there will be a meeting to start the peace process. The government has an IDP strategy. Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and experts will soon conduct a National Strategy. Afterwards, State/Region-wise Action Plans will be drawn up. At the moment, KHCC led by KBC Chairman and Deputy Minister U Soe Aung has formed a Working Team. A Pilot Project will be conducted. An IDP Camp in Government Control Area will be chosen to conduct the pilot project. The expectation is to resettle the displaced persons to their places of origin, where they can resume their former livelihoods, said Director-General U Zaw Htay. He also provided detailed explanations on other questions raised. — MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

## 'Mudra's Calling' features in prestigious China film festival

DIRECTOR Christina Kyi's Mudra's Calling has been selected by the China Film Association to be screened at the 28th Golden Rooster and Hundred Flowers Film Festival from 19 to 23 November in Xiamen, Fujian Province of China.

During the screening period, the audience will vote on various aspects that will factor into the decisions for selecting the best foreign film, director, actor and

actress. Mudra's Calling enjoyed critical success across Myanmar and also won several awards abroad, including the Silver Palm Award at the Mexico International Film Festival 2017 and the Platinum Award at the International Student Newcomer Woman Film Festival (ISENMA) 2017.

Produced by Central Base Productions, the film stars actor Zenn Kyi, actresses Hla Yin Kyae and Nan Wai Wai

Tun, and other talents in the action drama.

Originally established in 1981, the Golden Rooster Awards were combined with the Hundred Flowers Awards into a single national festival in 1992. The Golden Rooster is China's highest professional award while the Hundred Flowers is given to the people's top choice.

This is not the first time a Myanmar film has been selected for the festival. In



2010, actor Aung Thura won the best actor award for the film 'Shadows of the Past' at the 19th iteration of the film festival. — Kyaw Swar (FDC) ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



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- (2) to the extent that there is doubt under above sub-article (a-1) as to whether the person(s) with the controlling ownership interest are the beneficial owner(s) or where non-natural person exerts control through ownership interests, the identity of the natural persons if any exercising control of the legal person or arrangement through other means

(3) Where non-natural person is identified under above sub-article (a-1) or (a-2), financial institutions should identify and take reasonable measures to verify the identity of the relevant natural person who holds the position of senior managing official.

(b) For legal arrangements

(1) Trusts – the identify of the settlor, the trustee(s), the protector (if any), the beneficiaries or class of beneficiaries, and any other natural person exercising ultimate effective control over the trust including through a chain of control/ ownership,

(2) Other types of legal arrangements – the identity of persons in equivalent or similar positions.
15. If the reporting organizations have formed a suspicion of ML or TF, and if they reasonably believe that performing the CDD process will tip-off the customer; they can stop pursuing the CDD process, and instead submit a STR to the FIU.

16. Reporting organizations shall have appropriate risk management systems to determine whether a customer or a beneficial owner is a domestic or foreign politically exposed person or international politically exposed person, and carry them out as follows:

a. With respect to foreign politically exposed persons-

(1) seeking prior consent from senior management before establishing or continuing a business relationship;

(2) taking all appropriate measures to identify the wealth and source of funds;

(3) applying enhanced on-going due diligence measures on the customer and monitoring such business relationships;

b. applying measures contained in sub-article (a) if the domestic and international politically exposed persons are determined to be high risk.

17. Reporting organizations shall conduct customer due diligence measures with respect to domestic or foreign politically exposed person or international politically exposed person as referred to in the section 22, Chapter (8) of the Anti-Money Laundering Law. The requirements for all types of politically exposed persons shall be applied to their family members and close associates.

18. Reporting organizations shall identify and assess money laundering and terrorist financing risks that arise from new and existing products, services, commercial activities or technologies, including delivery channels, and take necessary action to manage and mitigate such risks. In the case of new products, services, technologies and delivery channels the risk assessment should take prior to the launch of the new products, business practices or the use of new or developing technologies.
19. The bank or financial institution shall carry out the following in addition to performing normal customer due diligence measures contained in section 12 before entering into cross-border correspondent banking and other similar relationships:

(a) Collecting sufficient information about the respondent institution to understand the nature of its business, and determine from publicly available information its reputation, whether it has been investigated or subject to sanctions relating to money laundering or the financing of terrorism and the quality of its supervision;

(b) obtaining approval from senior management;

(c) conducting an assessment of the quality of anti-money laundering and countering the financing of terrorism controls of the respondent institution; and

(d) clearly understand the respective responsibilities of each institution.

(e) with respect to payable through accounts the financial institution should be satisfied that where customers of the respondent bank that have direct access to its accounts, the respondent bank has performed CDD obligations on its customers that have direct access to the accounts of the correspondent banks; and is able to provide relevant CDD information to the financial institution upon request.

20. Referred to the sub-section (d-2), section 28, Chapter (8) of the Anti-Money Laundering Law, regarding the information exchange, group-level compliance, audit, and AML/CFT functions should be provided with customer, account, and transaction information from bank branches and subsidiaries when necessary for AML/CFT purposes.

21. Financial institutions are required to ensure that their foreign branches and majority-owned subsidiaries apply AML/CFT measures consistent with the home country requirements, where the minimum AML/CFT requirements of the host country are less strict than those of the home country, to the extent that host country laws and regulations permit. If the host country does not permit the proper implementation of AML/CFT measures consistent with the home country requirements, financial groups should be required to apply appropriate additional measures to manage the ML/TF risks, and inform their home supervisors.

22. In dealing with countries that do not sufficiently comply with measures on money laundering and terrorist financing identified in the sub-section (a), section 31, chapter (8) of the Anti-Money Laundering Law, the following shall be conducted:

(a) Reporting organizations shall apply enhanced CDD measures proportionate to the risks, to business relationships and transactions with natural and legal persons (including financial institutions) from countries, regions with inadequate AML/CFT systems and if it is necessary, shall apply countermeasures, proportionate to the risks, when called upon by international AML/CFT organizations including the Financial Action Task Force and the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering or other similar regional body.

(b) The FIU may direct that reporting organizations

impose enhanced CDD measures or counter-measures on to business relationships and transactions with natural and legal persons (including financial institutions), proportionate to the risks, associated with countries or geographic regions that are identified as being a high money laundering or terrorist financing risk by the FIU or a supervisor or international organizations including the Financial Action Task Force and the Asia Pacific Group on Money Laundering or other similar regional body.

23. When competent authorities assess the risk of ML and FT at the Reporting Organization in accordance with sub-section (b), section 36, chapter (8) of the Anti-Money Laundering Law, the assessment shall be conducted periodically or when there are major events or developments in the management and operations of the Reporting Organization or group.

24. Competent authorities shall conduct on-site and off-site supervisory activities at such intervals as may be determined by the competent authority pursuant to a risk-based approach to supervision undertaken by them to determine whether reporting organizations have complied with their obligations.

25. Competent authorities, where not otherwise provided for in other laws, develop and implement appropriate financial and other fitness and proprietary requirements while registering, licensing or issuing permissions to reporting organisations and while approving those owning, to prevent criminals or their associates from owning or controlling, or participating, directly or indirectly, in the establishment, management or operation or business of such reporting organisations, including the beneficial owner or beneficiary of such shares of the institution.

26. The competent authority may take one or more of the following actions against reporting organizations, or the directors, board of directors, executive officers or managers of such organizations who fail to comply with the duties contained in Chapter VIII.

(a) Give a warning in writing;

(b) Restrict with specific instructions;

(c) Compel submission of reports relating to the identified violation in accordance with the specifications;

(d) Take appropriate administrative actions that include suspending within a specific period, revoking, prohibiting, or suspending license or registration;

(e) a fine minimum 5 million to maximum 100 million to those who fail to comply with in this law;

27. (a) Any director, partner, officer principal or employee responsible person from a reporting organization and a customer shall not, except under the provision of an existing law, disclose to anyone that any report or other information under section 38 are being sent or were sent to the Financial Intelligence Unit, that money laundering or terrorist financing investigations are being conducted, or have been conducted;

(b) The provision in subsection (a) shall not apply to disclosures made as a duty, with respect to the implementation of anti-money laundering or countering of financing of terrorism measures under this Law, or any other existing law.
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28. When the Customs Department provides information in accordance with section 42, Chapter (10) of the Anti-Money Laundering Law, the Customs Department shall ensure that this information is made available upon request to other relevant authorities including Financial Intelligent Unit, Central Bank of Myanmar, Immigration authorities, tax authorities, and law enforcement agencies.
29. Regarding international cooperation, as per Chapter (12) of the Anti-Money Laundering Law, if exchange of information with foreign counterparts is not available in other laws, the following shall be carried out:
- (a) Financial supervisors can exchange information which is available to them domestically with foreign counterparts for purposes related to the AML Law.
  - (b) The information will be exchanged in a manner proportionate to the respective needs of their foreign counterparts.
  - (c) Financial supervisors should be able to conduct inquiries on behalf of their foreign counterparts, and, as appropriate, to authorize or facilitate the ability of foreign counterparts to conduct inquiries themselves in the country, in order to facilitate effective group supervision.
  - (d) Where financial supervisors have a shared responsibility for financial institutions operating in the same group, they can exchange the following types of information, as may be required.

- (1) regulatory information, such as information on the domestic regulatory system and general information on the financial sectors
  - (2) prudential information, such as information on the financial institution's business activities, beneficial ownership, management, and fit and properness, and
  - (3) AML/CFT information such as internal AML/CFT procedures and policies of financial institutions, customer due diligence information, customer files, samples of accounts and transaction information
  - (e) The relevant law enforcement authorities can exchange information which is available to them domestically with foreign counterparts for intelligence and investigative purposes related to money laundering, its associated predicate offences and terrorist financing,
  - (f) The relevant law enforcement authorities can use all powers available to them to exchange information,
  - (g) The relevant competent authorities can exchange information, as may be relevant with non-counterparts, for purposes related to money laundering, its associated predicate offences and terrorist financing.
30. Lawyers, notaries and legal professionals and accountants engaging in a transaction for their customer or on their behalf, are required to submit to the Financial Intelligence Unit, the information upon which the suspicion is based and not given

- by or obtained from the customer, along with other relevant information requested by the Financial Intelligence Unit.
31. Lawyers, notaries, legal professionals and accountants, in performing the task of checking the legal status of their client, defending or representing that client in, or concerning judicial, administrative, arbitration or mediation proceedings, obtain information requiring professional secrecy or special legal rights, such information shall not be required to be submitted in a suspicious transaction report.
32. For purposes relating to the money laundering offence described in Section (5), Chapter 3 of the Law and article 3 of this order, the prosecution body shall conduct its duties in accordance with section 61, chapter (15). In prosecutions, a conviction for the offence that has generated the proceeds or for property obtained by illegal means shall not be necessary to prove that the property is directly or indirectly the proceeds of crime or property obtained by illegal means.
33. Whoever fails to comply with the order shall, on conviction, be punished with a prison term in line with the provisions of the Anti-Money Laundering Law.

Sd/ Win Myint  
President  
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

(Full text of the Anti-Money Laundering Order is available at [www.globalnewlightofmyanmar.com](http://www.globalnewlightofmyanmar.com))

Seventh Memory Film Festival kicks off



The 7<sup>th</sup> edition of Memory Film Festival being convened in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE 7<sup>th</sup> edition of Memory Film Festival was initiated at the Waziya Cinema on Bogyoke Aung San in downtown Yangon yesterday evening.

Firstly, the filmmakers of the festival took a documentary photo and the Director-General of the Information and Public Relations Department, U Ye Naing, spoke words of gratitude on behalf of

the Union Minister for Information.

Next, Australian Ambassador Mr Andrea Faulkner, French Ambassador Mr Christian Lechervy, EU Ambassador Mr Kristian Schmidt, and Swiss Ambassador Mr Tim Enderlin delivered a few remarks.

This was followed by opening remarks from Memory Cinema founder

er and Chairman Ms Severine Wemaere, renowned actress Academy Swe Zin Htaik, and French actress Ms Isabelle Huppert.

The Memory Film Festival has over 60 international classics scheduled to be screened at Waziya Cinema and Maha Bandoolla Park from 15 to 24 November. — MNA (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo) ■



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The ASEAN Leaders at their 19<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit on 17 November 2011 officially launched the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on disaster management, popularly referred to as the AHA Centre. The AHA Centre will facilitate co-operation and coordination among ASEAN Member States, and with relevant United Nations and international organisations in promoting regional collaboration in disaster management.

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# Ways of searching beauties of Salay

By Uncle Pyinnya

## Second time visit

During my second time visit to Salay in Chauk Township of Magway Region together with my family, I aimed to observe Salay sculptural Yokesone monastery and facts about great poet Salay U Ponnya. Hence, I did not have adequate time to observe remaining subjects in Salay. Even though I spent all the time on observing Yokesone monastery, I was not satisfied with missing chances to visit monuments of U Ponnya.

## Locations of cultural properties in Bagan era

Actually, Salay is an ancient town filled with cultural properties. Some archaeologists assumed Salay was a place of flourishing Pyu culture. My presentation was not on a point of archaeologist view but of an ordinary traveller.

## Salay House

An ancient building called Salay House in the ward of old Salay is used in tourism industry. A local youth medical doctor bought the house built in 1906 from original owners and created it as a place of services for accommodation and food for local and foreign travellers and as a souvenir shop.

A couple of medical doctors explained me how to build the house for resilience of climatic impacts and for security measures. At a time when the administrative machinery deteriorated, wealthy persons in Salay were often robbed. Moreover, the couple explained locations of the sites where travellers should make observations.

## Shinpin Sarkyohla Pagoda

The pagoda is located four miles south of Salay. It was built by King of Bagan Narapatisithu in 1191 AD. It is a medium-scale pagoda called “Sakyohla Pagoda”. Its ceiling of the eastern stairway was decorated with mural paintings and masonry works. The medium-scale temples were called “Phayahla” in Bagan era and named with “Hla” based on decoration of masonry works.

Sarkyohla Buddha image was magnificently seen as a sitting structure in Gandakuti Chamber. A stone plaque with inscriptions on dorsiventral sides and another one with one side alone were posted near the window in north of the chamber. Teak posts from the prayer halls on the platform of the pagoda were gilt. There are about 60 public rest houses made of wood outside the walls of the pagoda. A local said that being a famous pagoda, Buddha Pujaniya festivals are held before and after Buddhist lent period annually when the public rest houses could not give adequate accommodation to



U Ponnya Pitakat Chamber. PHOTO: UNCLE PYINNYA

the visitors. In the history, King Alaungsithu built five Phayahla pagodas under the guidance of Pantthaku Mahathera. Such story was mentioned in the royal glass Maha Yazawindawgyi. These pagodas can be seen as Chauk Phayahla in NyaungU, Myepontha Phayahla near Bagan-Shwehsandaw, Kazunboe Phayahla near Minnanthu-East Phwasaw Village, Thagyartaung Phayahla in Tuyin Hill-Taungsun, and Sarkyo Phayahla, four miles south of Salay. I deeply mean the land of Salay is not free from relationships of Bagan.

## Shinpin Labha lacquered image

Shinpin Labha Buddha image in Salay is the largest work of lacquered images in the entire Myanmar. Its structure was the work of Bagan era in

13<sup>th</sup> Century.

The image is 18 feet high, 14.5 feet in width between the two knees and 11 feet thick at the structure of knee structure. In about 1250 Myanmar era when Ayeyawaday River raised the water level, abbot U Budd led local people and members of the Sangha to salvage such image. I saw a door installed behind the throne to enter the interior of the image. Visitors should pay homage to the image whenever they arrive in Salay.

## U Ponnya Pitakat Chamber

Everybody knows that great poet Salay U Ponnya created topics related to Pitakat treatises, astrology, history, medicines and poems in various compositions so as to improve the Myanmar classic literature. U Ponnya was one of

the persons bringing honour to Salay as well as shaking Salay with his astrological forecasts.

I was eager to search a place concerning U Ponnya to be able to see the place where he compiled the classic literature and where he kept his literary works and how happens now. I myself saw such place. I was delighted at systematic maintenance of the place.

Myanmar figure 26 is labelled on the exterior of the building. The temple designed building was fenced with a concrete wall. Its entrance was installed a double iron door. The left wall of the door was labelled “U Ponnya Pitakat Chamber, repaired on 12-9-61, No 26”.

The inner section was about 15 feet by 15 feet area with 20 feet high roof. While visiting, I was satisfied that the size and design of the Pitakat







## Myanmar Futsal League to begin on 27 November



Champions of the 2018-2019 season of the Myanmar Futsal League, the Myanmar Imperial University team seen celebrating their win. **PHOTO: MIU FUTSAL CLUB**

THE 2019-2020 season of the Myanmar Futsal League is scheduled to start on 27 November, according to the Myanmar Football Federation. Expatriate players and coaches will be participating in the league.

The Victoria University College (VUC) futsal team has recruited two Brazilian players: Thiago Mora De Oliveira and Rosencler De Carvalho Junior.

Thiago Mora De Oliveira moved to the VUC team from Thailand club Kasem Bundit F.C. and Rosencler De Carvalho Junior has joined VUC from another Thai club Thammasat Young Blood F.C.

Also, the third-placed team in the Myanmar Futsal League 2019, GV Athletic has recruited

former head coach of the Myanmar national team, Mr. Saeid Kohdarahmi.

Mr. Saeid Kohdarahmi knows the playing style of Myanmar futsal players and has been in touch with them.

Twelve teams will be participating in the league: Myanmar Imperial University (MIU) team, VUC team, GV Futsal team, Myoma JY team, Let Wel Thoe Naya team, AMM team, Dream team, Do Do Ko Ko team, On Doctor team, MFF U-19 Team, Futsal Chit Thu team, and Winner F.C. team.

The Myanmar Futsal League 2019-2020 season will take place at the National Stadium-2 in Yangon, according to the Myanmar Futsal League organizers.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

## MFF 100 Plus Cup to begin today in Yangon

WITH the aim of grooming new generation youth footballers, an under-14 boys' football competition — the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) 100 Plus Cup — will kick off today on the artificial turf of the National Football Academy in Yangon.

Teams from Basic Education Schools from different states and regions across Myanmar will participate in the youth football tournament, according to the MFF.

The drawing ceremony for the tourney was held on 15 November, and officials from the

Department of Basic Education and tournament organizers from the Myanmar Football Federation attended the ceremony.

At the drawing ceremony, 70 teams were divided into four groups. Group A comprises five teams: Eastern Shan State, Northern Shan State, Kayah State, Mandalay Region, and Magway Region.

Group B has four teams — Chin State, Kachin State, Mon State, and Yangon Region.

Four teams have been placed in Group C, and they are

Southern Shan State, Nay Pyi Taw, Bago Region, Ayeyawady Region.

Group D also comprises four teams: Rakhine State, Sagaing Region, Tanithayi Region, and Kayin State.

The Myanmar Football Federation has invited interested mediapersons to attend the opening ceremony of the tourney, which will be held at 8 a.m. today at the National Football Academy (Yangon).

The tourney will be held till 28 November.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

## Yangon United signs Shan United defender Htike Htike Aung



Defender Htike Htike Aung (R) holds the insignia of the Yangon United F.C., marking his arrival at the club **PHOTO: YUFC**

YANGON United issued a statement yesterday announcing it has signed former Shan United defender Htike Htike Aung on a three-year contract.

Speaking about joining a new club, Htike Htike Aung said: "I am thrilled to be a part of the team. I will show what I am on the pitch. And I want to lift the trophy with the team."

"I want to ask the fans to support me. I will try hard in battling for the Champions titles," he added.

Htike Htike Aung, 24, graduated from the Institute of Sports and Physical Education (Yangon).

He started his football career with Ayeyawady United in 2013.

He moved to Shan United in 2016 and served as a reliable defender for the team till the 2019 season of the Myanmar National League.

Htike Htike Aung helped Shan United win the championship trophy of the Myanmar National League 2019.

The most successful time for Htike Htike Aung was during 2015 when he served as a star defender on the Myanmar U-20 men's national football team in the FIFA U-20 World Cup in New Zealand.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

## England squad back jeered Gomez, says Chilwell

LONDON — Ben Chilwell has told Joe Gomez he has the backing of England's squad after the Liverpool defender was booed against Montenegro following his row with Raheem Sterling.

Sterling was left out of the Euro 2020 qualifier by England boss Gareth Southgate after the Manchester City star grabbed Gomez in an altercation at the team's training base earlier this week. The incident is believed to have been caused by lingering ill-feeling following Sterling's clash with Gomez during Liverpool's Premier League victory over title rivals City on Sunday.

With Sterling sidelined, it

was Gomez who was jeered by England fans when he came on as a second-half substitute in the 7-0 rout of Montenegro at Wembley on Thursday. Both Sterling and Southgate condemned the crowd's reaction and England left-back Chilwell insisted no player should be abused by their own fans. "I have known Joe for a long time and it is not nice to hear that sort of thing," he said. "No one deserves to get booed, everyone is behind Joe. He is a great player and a great guy and we all support everyone. "I just want and everyone wants the fans to get behind the whole team. We are going to support Joe and Joe is

a very strong character.

"He played well when he came on and we are all behind him." Gomez appeared to be the victim in the incident with Sterling, but the pair are said to have buried the hatchet and Leicester defender Chilwell is adamant the bust-up is already old news. "Joe is a strong character. He has been great this week in training. His normal self. We all moved on from it the day after it happened," Chilwell said. "We are going to be supportive of him and behind him. "Everyone has moved on from it in the camp. We just want everyone else, the fans, to move on from it as well."—AFP ■