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

Vice 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 implementing development in Myitkyina.

The Vice President was accompanied by Union Ministers U Ohn Maung and Naing Thet Lwin, Deputy Ministers Rear-Admiral Myint Nwe, U Tin Myint and U Aung Htoo and other 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 explains about merging two ministries

THE Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw’s 14th 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 and Finance Industry explained to the Hluttaw that the organization setup of present Ministry of Industry was mainly to manage and operate of banks and 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 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 Thin Tun of Kyaunggon constituency.

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 Thin Tun of Kyaunggon 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 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 Tin 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 Maung 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 to the President.

At the Hluttaw voted 420 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 Kyaukgyi constituency, U Oo Tun of Ponnagyun constituency, Dr Khin Sithu of Loikaw constituency, U Kyaw Tote of Mandalay Region constituency 7, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw representative Lt-Col Aung Aung Kaye Moe, Daw Tin Tin Yi of Kyaukgyi constituency, U Bo Gyi of Chaung 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 14th 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 Win)
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 perpetuity of a democratic federal union; one that is inspired 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 majority 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 unity 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 to fully participate in this matter in their respective state or region.

The Vice President highlighted the State’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 Hlain 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)
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-parliament.

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

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)
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 74th 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 pressure 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, underpinning 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

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, the official website of CBM.—MNA

Government, CSOs discuss Universal Periodic Review

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 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

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

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

UEC, political parties review CoC for candidates

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)

Myanmar Consumer Protection Commission holds 1st 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)
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 at 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)

Singapore to increase investments in Myanmar

By Nyein Nyein

SINGAPORE, which is currently the largest foreign investor in Myanmar and their investment has risen year by year. By 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 cooperation made initially in Housing, Bank Development, and Industrial Parks. Although Singapore made some investment offers, we also needed to make some investments there. We especially 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. (Translated by Hay Mar)
Abide by Code of Conduct to prevent conflict in polls

The late poet Saya Zawgyi has been renowned for his poetic works. His poems have been translated into many languages. The poet is known for his rich vocabulary and his unique perspective on life. He is known for his ability to capture the essence of a situation or a person. His poetry is characterized by its deep, reflective nature and its ability to transcend cultural barriers.

Saya Zawgyi’s Two Philosophical Poems Composed Nearly Fifty Years Apart

By Dr. Myint Zan

The poet Zawgyi wrote two philosophical poems titled ‘The Grass Cutter’ and ‘Saya Zawgyi’s Poem’ during the mid-1970s. Both poems are filled with philosophical reflections on life and human nature. The philosopher’s work is known for its deep insight and its ability to provoke thought.

The Cruse Cutter

Provisioned by Myint Zan

back under the sons of the sun
the human abode is just awakening
the dawn, a scene to view
in the heavens the morning sun is greener
the strange poem, the mystical
between the colours of the sun
the sky is so high.
Among the two colours
O Man! how magnificent, how majestic you follow
In the original poem, the word ‘O Man!’ is placed at the beginning of the poem as ‘as then’ and only as ‘then’.
The transitorily taking only ‘O Man!’ a sentence has been used to designate the two different words ‘magnificent’ and ‘majesty’ which are used in the poem. The meaning of the word ‘as’ in the poem is repeated twice: first as ‘as the author’ and then as ‘as the recipient of the poem’.

The two words are such magnificence and ‘majesty’. In a way the meaning of the two words ‘magnificent’ and ‘majesty’ is repeated twice: first as ‘as the author’ and then as ‘as the recipient of the poem’.

The poem reproduced below is the term ‘Zawgyi’s Poem’ written in a simple way. The poem has been used to designate the two different words the meaning of which is repeated twice: first as ‘as the author’ and then as ‘as the recipient of the poem’.

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The words in Italian Saya Zawgyi’s Poem refer to the past of the poem and the future of the poem as ‘as then’ and only as ‘then’.

Saya Zawgyi’s poems are written in a mixture of Italian and English. The poet has used a mixture of the two languages to express his thoughts in a unique way. The use of Italian words in the poem adds a sense of mystery and intrigue to the poem.

The poet’s philosophy is based on humanistic themes. He believes that life is a struggle and that the only way to achieve happiness is through hard work and perseverance. His poems reflect his deep understanding of the human condition and his belief in the importance of working together to achieve a better world.

State of the Sea:

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 16 November, 2019:
Rains or thundershowers will be isolated in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi regions. Degree of certainty is 80%.

STATE OF THE SEA: A sea will moderate in Myanmar waters.

Building a federal democratic nation

Building the peace of the Union through mutual trust

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea. Wave height will be about 1-2 meter.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 16 November, 2019:
Rains or thundershowers will be isolated in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi regions. Degree of certainty is 80%.

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 VANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 16 November, 2019: Likely to have isolated rain. Degree of certainty is 70%.

OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND: Weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Region, likely to have isolated rain and thundershowers will be isolated in Yangon Region.
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 January to 14 November. Of them, 52,834 tourists visited Myanmar on free visas.

Day-trippers mostly visit Tarlaw market, Bayintaung, Maha Myat Muni Pagoda, Wankauang market, Koemyooshin spirit house, replica of Siwedagur 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 travelers, they usually visit pagodas, temples, monasteries, markets, villages, and other destinations in Monghay and Kengtung townships, such as Mha Sha Mau Muni pagoda, Wat Inn monastery, Koeytaw 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 January 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

(Covered by La Womn)

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

ON the occasion of the 30th anniversary of the Democratic Revolution in former Czechoslovakia, the Czech Embassy brings to the audience in Yangon the photo exhibition, “1989 The Velvet Revolution; The End of the Totalitarian Regime in Czechoslovakia”.

The “1989” exhibition is presented to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution that ended the totalitarian regime in former 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 Maeosot 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
Mudra’s Calling’ features in prestigious China film festival

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

DIRECTOR Christina Kyi’s Mudra’s Callings was 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 Tin, 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 edition of the film festival. — Kyaw Swar (FDC)
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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 identity of the settlor; the trustee(s), the protector (if any), the beneficiary 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 25, 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 additional to other measures:

a. customer due diligence measures contained in section 12 before entering into cross-border correspondent banking and other similar relationships:

(1) Collecting sufficient information about the correspondent 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 related 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 correspondent institution;

(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 countermeasures on 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 propriety requirements while registering, licensing or issuing permissions to reporting organisations and while approving those, 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;

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

(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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(1) regulatory information, such as information on the domestic regulatory system and general information on the financial sector.
(2) prudential information, such as information on the financial institution’s business activities, beneficial ownership, management, and fit and properness, and
(3) AML/CFT procedures and policies of financial institutions, customer due diligence information, customer files, samples of accounts and transaction information

(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.

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.

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.

For purposes relating to the money laundering offence described in Section (l), Chapter 3 of the Law, 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.

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.

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:
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Seventh Memory Film Festival kicks off

The 7th edition of Memory Film Festival being convened in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

THE 7th 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 fo-founder and Chairman Ms Severine Wemaere, renowned actress Academy Ziv Htal, and French actress Ms Isabelle Huppert.

The Memory Film Festival has over 60 international classics scheduled to be screened at Waziya Cinema and Maha Bandoola Park from 15 to 24 November. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)
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 Sarkyoaha 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 “Sakyoaha 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.

Sarkyoaha 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 the visitors. In the history, King Alsagitti built five Phayahla pagodas under the guidance of Panthaku 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-Swehsandaw, Kazunboe Phayahla near Minnan-thu-East Phwasaw Village, Thagyartaung Phayahla in Taung Hill Taungsun, and Sarlyo 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 13th 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
In retrospect, four hero warriors of King Anawrahta achieved victory over Yunnan troops on the land of Oktha-Bago. The King of Oktha offered up the sacred relics of the royal relatives and princess Manisanda in same weight of a lion statue. The princess was under escort of four heroes in rotation from Oktha to Bagan. On arrival at a place, body weight of the princess was heavier than that of the lion statue. The Buddha image was built at such place. Before paying homage to the buddha image, I saw a signboard bearing 13th Century AD. The structure of the pagoda is a small replica of Ananda Temple in Bagan.

Pagoda No. 36

Before departure from Salay, I took photos on Yokesone monastery. During my visit, I could not catch smart photos of the monastery due to the sunny weather. Moreover, I had one more wish to meet with writer Maung Maung Latt (Archaeologist) who is selling souvenirs in the principal monastery. Since my first trip, he had urged me to visit Pagoda No. 36. He pledged to take me to the pagoda if I had to visit there. But I missed the chance of visiting there due to shortage of time.

This time, I asked him for ways to the pagoda and went there. The pagoda is located in north of Yokesone Monastery and southeast of Salay Fort. It needed to walk some 100 yards to the east of Chauk-Salay Road. It is a small temple facing the west. A sitting Buddha image damaged with detached pieces of concrete is in the temple. I saw good conditions of a mural painting on the wall above the Buddha image. Some experts assumed that the picture in the painting did not depict the Buddhaology. In assessing the painting, they asserted that it assumed a culture earlier than the Bagan era.

I think that those adoring the ancient culture wish to secure such places for works of ancient fine arts. The aforesaid topics mean those topics could not comprehensively depict the image of Salay but firmly believe they would be helpful for visitors.

Translated by Than Tun Aung
**SPORT**

**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 Myanmar Futsal League 2019-2020 season will take place at the National Stadium-2 in Yangon, according to the Myanmar Football 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, Taninthayi 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.


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 bust-up with Sterling.

Sterling was left out of the Euro 2020 qualifier by England boss Gareth Southgate after the Manchester City star grabbed the centre-back during 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 Leicestershire 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

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 Wi Thoe Naya team, AMM team, Dream team, Do Do Ko Ko team, Doctor team, MFF U-19 Team, Futsal Chit Thu team, and Winner F.C. team.

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