Message sent by President U Win Myint on the Commemoration of the 99th Anniversary of National Victory Day
21st November 2019

Esteemed Citizens,
On this auspicious occasion of the 99th Anniversary of National Victory Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, which falls on the 10th Waning Day of Tazaungmone, ME 1381 (21 November, 2019), I would like to send my message, wishing you “good health and all the best.”

President receives outgoing Iranian Ambassador

President U Win Myint received outgoing Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran Mr Mohsen Mohammadi in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Ceremony to enshrine religious objects held in southern Shan State

STATE COUNSELLOR DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI attended a ceremony to enshrine religious objects in the Maha Bodhi pagoda located on Poe Panta pagoda hillock in Kyauktalonegyi Town of Taunggyi District in southern Shan State yesterday morning, together with well-wishers of alms-offering to Buddhist monks.

The ceremony was also attended by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Ye Aung, U Min Thu, Dr Myint Htwe, U Ohn Maung, DrAung Thu and U Ohn Win, Chief Minister of Shan State Dr Lin Htut, Deputy Minister U Hla Maw Oo and officials.

Honouring the 99th Anniversary of National Victory Day
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw debates constitutional amendment bill report, merging of two Union-level ministries

DURING the seventh-day meeting of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw’s 214th regular session yesterday, MPs debated a tabling from Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Brig-Gen Maung Maung and 143 Tatmadaw MPs on the Joint Constitution Scrutinizing Committee's report on the Second Bill Amending the Constitution.

MPs debate constitutional amendment proposals
MP U Thant Aung Aye of Pyay-be constituency said ethnic armed organizations have staged attacks today for their rights to autonomy, equal rights, development of local economic rights. As such, it would be the right thing to do for the Hluttaw to debate proposals from MPs U Thant Aung Aye and Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Brig-Gen Maung Maung which focus on amending these facts and the remaining bills to amend the constitution.

Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Lt-Col Kyaw Zeya voiced his disapproval of the report. He said that the report includes amendments to Articles 234-a and 261-a of the 2008 Constitution which will only be made when a final comprehensive bill to make amendments to the entirety of the Constitution has been submitted. He said this act goes against Chapter XII of the Constitution and any further amendment proposals should follow Chapter XII and any laws and bylaws of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

MP U Hla San of Magway Region constituency 1 then suggested a rethinker whether discussing each section of the constitution amending bill in detail will yield good results and reduce time, money and energy spent on it. He said he surmises that proposed amendments or additions to articles seem to be directed to individuals in the same manner as Article 59-f. He said he approves of additions to Article 234-a and e and Article 261-a and e, but approves the report of the joint review committee.

The report was further debated by Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Major Tin Lin, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Lt-Col Daw Soe Win Myint, MP U Thant Zin Tun of Dekkhinathiri constituency, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Major Daw Aye Aye Mar, MP U Oo Hla Saw of Mrauk-U constituency, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Lt-Col Myo Win Hlaing, MP U Sai Than Naing of Kayin State constituency 5, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Lt-Col Zaw Myo Htet, and Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Lt-Col Daw San That Thakhin.

Scrutinizing committee secretory offers clarification
Next, Dr Myat Nyana Soe, Secretary of the Joint Committee to Scrutinizing the Second Bill Amending the Constitution, said he ashe read the report of the joint scrutinizing committee and proposals from 144 Tatmadaw Hluttaw Representatives, including Tatmadaw Aung Myo Htet Hluttaw Representative Brig-Gen Aung San Chit, to the assembly, there are currently four bills for making a second hatch of amendments to the Constitution.

He said a close inspection of all four bills will show that they do not intend to amend the entire Constitution, but rather only some parts of it. He said the Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution was approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and proportionately comprised of MPs of the Hluttaw who are members of political parties or independents.

Dr Myat Nyana Soe said this committee will compile all the proposed amendment to the Constitution and compile them into a bill and when it is submitted to the Hluttaw in line with the laws and bylaws of the Hluttaw, it will submitted separately at the same time with the 4 amendment bills already submitted to the Hluttaw. He said the joint scrutinizing committee, composed of bill committee members of the Pyithu and Anyotha Hluttaw, will scrutinize them all consecutively.

The committee secretary said all the articles and sub-articles in the bills will be scrutinized and none of them left out for review during this process. He said most of the joint scrutinizing committee members find that tabling them to the Hluttaw in a combined form would make the use of time and processes more efficient. He said joint committee members U Stephen, Brig-Gen Maung Maung and Brig-Gen Tin Lwin have tabled for the Hluttaw to continue discussing the bill in line with Chapter XII of the Constitution and the laws and bylaws of the Hluttaw.

Dr Myat Nyana Soe said the motion tabled by the 144 Tatmadaw Hluttaw Representatives to submit the current bill and the four submitted bills on constitutional amendment in a combined comprehensive form to the Hluttaw should be followed and called for MPs to debate the joint scrutinizing committee's report and pass a decision afterwards.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat then called for MPs interested in discussing the report to register their names.

Kyoto Convention, Education Ministry's budget proposal
Next, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Set Aung read a message sent by the President on the possibility of Myanmar becoming a member to the WCO Revised Kyoto Convention and the Speaker called for MPs interested in discussing the matter to register their names.

This was followed by Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi responding to MPs debating the Report No 15/2019 by the Joint Public Accounts Committee on the Ministry of Education's Basic Education Department's progress on construction projects included in the allotted budget for 2018-2019 fiscal year.

The Union Minister said the Basic Education Department will closely follow all the suggestions outlined in the committee's report. He said he of the 4,797 projects carried out by the department in 2018-2019 FY across the states and regions, 76 have been returned as excess funds. He said that 2,590 projects from the remaining 4,721 projects were a hundred per cent completed as of 30 September, 2019. He added that they have returned K55.366 billion from uncompleted projects for 2018-2019 FY as excess funds. He said they will review all the projects whose budgets have been returned, but are completed by 20 per cent of more, for acquiring funding in the 2019-2020 FY in order to complete them.

Joint Public Accounts Committee Vice Chairman U Aung Min then motioned for the assembly to accept Report No 15/2019. The Speaker gathered the deliberation of the Hluttaw, received no opposition, and announced that the assembly has approved the report.

Merging of two Union ministries
MPs then debated the proposed merging of the Ministry of Industry and the Ministry of Planning and Finance into the Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry.

MP U Uo Hlutt of Sagaing Region constituency 5 said he rejects the merging of the two ministries as they are different in principle. He said the Ministry of Planning and Finance has numerous departments all devoted to setting budget regulations and ensuring the budget proposals of other ministries are not wasted, while the Ministry of Industry focuses on expenditures, production, developing the nation's industrial sector and economy. As such, they cannot be amalgamated into one ministry.

MP Daw Cho Cho of Ottwin constituency voiced her approval of the two ministries merging as they have shown that doing so would greatly assist the transformation of Myanmar's industrial activities and effectively boost her proposal to supply the needed finance and assistance for reviving investment policies and making domestic production a part of the global supply chain.


The eight-day meeting of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw’s 14th “regular” session will be held on 26 November 2019 under the chairmanship of U Kyaw Aung Ye Thant, Aye Aye Thant (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo).
Govt, ethnic armed groups discuss to organize ceasefire implementation meeting

THE government peace negotiators led by Peace Commission Secretary Lt-Gen (retired) Khin Zaw Oo held a meeting with ethnic armed groups delegation led by Restoration Council of Shan State (RCSS) Secretary 2 U Sai Ngin from the 10 Ethnic Armed Organizations signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) in Chiang Mai, Thailand, yesterday morning.

First, the two delegation leaders extended greetings. Secretary 2 U Sai Ngin said, “The peace process has seen no progress over one year. To overcome this impediment, both the government and the NCA-S EAO have prepared for the proposals. Although both sides agreed to hold the Joint-Ceasefire Implementation Coordination Meeting (JICM) to approve topics for discussion, it did not happen to hold the negotiations. This coordination meetings would be followed by the meetings of the Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee (UPDJC), the Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee (JMC), the working committee and the national dialogue before holding the 4th round of Union Peace Conference- 21st Century Panglong. And that holding of JICM is regarded as the first step for the whole process.”

U Hla Maung Shwe, advisor of Peace Commission, also said, “The 10 ethnic armed groups discussed many discussion, but the main point was to hold JICM. We have seen positive results from today’s meeting. We also held talks on international pressures on Myanmar, and the future peace-making plans. Although we have agreed in principle to hold the next round of meeting, we need to wait the decision of the Peace Process Steering Team (PPST).”

At the meeting, the government side was represented by Peace Commission’s advisors U Hla Maung Shwe, U Moe Zaw Oo, Ministry of State Counselor’s Office Director General U Zaw Htay, and the 10 members of NCA-S EAO were represented by U Myo Win (ABSDF), Khun Myint Tun (PNLO), Daw Saw Mra Raza Lin (ALP), Salai Thla Hei (CNN), Nai Aung Ma Ngae (NMSP), Saw Kyaw Nyunt (KNU/KNLA-PC), Saw Sein Win (DKNLA), P’dooh Saw Taw Ni (KNU) and Solomon (LDU).

The meeting of PPST is slated for 2 to 4 December, followed by the official peace negotiations between the government and the ethnic armed organizations.

The government peace negotiation team is scheduled to meet with the Karen National Union (KNU) on 22 November. –Ye Gaung Nyunt

(Translated by Aung Khin)
State Counsellor to attend summit in ROK

At the invitation of His Excellency Mr. Moon Jae-In, President of the Republic of Korea, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, will leave for the Republic of Korea in the near future to attend the ASEAN-Republic of Korea Commemorative Summit and the 1st Mekong-Republic of Korea Summit to be held in Busan.—MNA

Ceremony to enshrine religious objects in Maha Bodhi Pagoda held in Kyauktaloneyg in S-Shan State

The congregation led by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attends the ceremony to enshrine religious objects in Maha Bodhi pagoda in Kyauktaloneyg Town, Taunggyi yesterday. PHOTO: THA BYAW

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They arrived at Kyauktaloneyg Town from Taunggyi the morning by helicopters.

At the enshrinement ceremony, Patron of Nyaung Thonebin Parvattiy Samanekaw Monastery in Mogok Township Dr Bhaddanta Tejosara Bhivamsa gave the Five Precepts and members of the Sangha recited Paritta.

The State Counsellor, senior government officials and well-wishers donated offertories to members of the Sangha.

Then, Saddhamma Jotika Dhaja Dr Bhaddanta Javana gave Alodawpyi Buddha images to the State Counsellor and senior government officials.

The main and leading donor of pagoda and the patron of Pa-O National Organization, Aggamahasiri Sudhamma Mani Jotadhara Wunna Kyaw Htin U Aung Kham Hte, supplicated on religious affairs.

Next, the State Counsellor, the Union Ministers, the Chief Minister, the Deputy Ministers, officials, well-wishers and congregation conveyed the religious objects for enshrinement, and then the donors and devotees enshrined the objects in the pagoda.

She also cordially made conversations with U Aung Kham Hte at the latter’s home. Later, the State Counsellor, senior government officials and well-wishers offered alms to members of the Sangha.

The State Counsellor and party then left Kyauktaloneyg Town for Heho Township by helicopters, and they arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw in the afternoon.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)
Vice President U Henry Van Thio visits Bayon, Ta Prohm, Angkor Wat temples

VICE President U Henry Van Thio, who was on an official visit to Cambodia, yesterday visited Bayon, Ta Prohm and Angkor Wat temples in Siem Reap, and observed the cultural heritage, architectures and local tourism businesses.

The Vice President and party arrived in Siem Reap from Phnom Penh at 9:30am local time and were welcomed by Deputy Governor of Siem Reap Province Mr Pith Prakort and officials at the Siem Reap International Airport.

Afterwards, the Vice President and party visited the Bayon Temple and observed the sculptures, ancient architectures and the status of tourist arrivals at the temple.

The Vice President and party then visited the Ta Prohm Temple which was built in the style of late 12th and early 13th centuries, and observed the ancient structures, architectures and ancient cultural designs including the natural preservation of the ancient buildings being covered with perennial trees and the archaeological research methods for long-term preservation of the buildings.

The delegation led by Vice President then visited the Angkor Wat Temple and viewed the ancient Buddha images, carving arts, sculptural arts and ancient architectures.

The Angkor Wat Temple was built by the Khmer King Suryavarman II in the early 12th century on a site measuring 402 acres with the use of about 10 million sand stones each weighing 1.5tons.

The Angkor Wat which took about 30 years to construct is the largest monument in the region, and the UNESCO listed this site as a World Heritage site in 1992. About 2.6 million tourists visited the Angkor Wat site annually and local residents are cooperating in preservation works to attract up to 5 million tourists in the future.

In the evening, the Vice President arrived at the Myanmar Embassy in Cambodia where he met with the Myanmar Ambassador to Cambodia, Myanmar Military Attaché, and staff from Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché’s Office and presented gifts to them.

Afterwards, the Vice President attended a dinner hosted by the Myanmar Ambassador.

Nay Pyi Taw commemorates 30th anniversary of UN child rights convention

THE United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child recently reached its 30th year mark this year and Myanmar commemorated the occasion at Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Attending the event were the Chairman of the National Committee for Child Rights and Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Nai Thet Lwin, deputy ministers, Hluttaw representatives, UNICEF Myanmar representatives, national committee members and chairpersons of committees from the Union Territory and states and regions, and invited children.

Firstly, the Golden Butterfly Group comprised of children and youths from across the states and regions on the township-level committee for child rights matters, Duwan Group on the state and regional children Hluttaw matters, Kanawung Lawgyi Group on creating a space for children participation using social network technology, Da Alone Yae Athan Group on including more youth participation in committees for women and child rights, Baydar Group on youth Hluttaw for youths to discuss their own issues were all presented with innovation awards and explanations for new ways for officials to regularly listen to the perspective of children were done in five exhibition displays.

The Union Minister and entourage visited each of them, listened to the children and discussed with them.

Next, the event commenced with an opening address by the Union Minister. He said they are endeavoring for equal rights of all children in Myanmar and to ensure no one is left behind. He said there are about 17 million children across the nation who will be leading the future one day.

Thus, this event aims to formulate appropriate legislations to leave behind for the next generation.

The Union Minister said they have five tasks to perform in relation with the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. They are: enacting suitable law for the formation into a national mechanism to implement the facts in the convention, relevant ministries will cooperate with domestic and foreign NGOs and CSOs, monitoring and evaluating implementation of child rights, and submitting reports.

The Union Minister said they are to implement the four rights of children, which are the right to live, develop, protection and participation. He said healthcare is important for children’s right to live and development of their brains and bodies. He said the ministry has set a strategic plan for social protection that includes providing financial support for nutrition for pregnant mothers and infants up to two years old. He said they prioritize regions there are the least developed according to the index.

Next, UNICEF Myanmar Representative Ms June Kunugi delivered an address on the convention’s 30th anniversary. This was followed by playing the documentary video and a performance by the Myanmar Got Talent winning dance group Junior Creative. The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement then signed a pledge for the next 30 years of achieving child rights.

Afterwards, attendees explored the exhibits and competition displays made by children and the Chairpersons of the Pyidawngsu Hluttaw Committee for Women and Child Rights of both the Pyithu and Amyotha Hluttaw delivered speeches and conferred prizes on the winning exhibition displays.

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)
Joint committee of constitutional amendment holds meeting

THE Joint Committee on Scrutinizing Second Bill Amending 2008 Constitution held a meeting at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw building, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of the Joint Committee and the Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee U Khin Maung Win, Secretary of the joint scrutinizing committee Dr Myat Nyana Soe, Joint Secretary of the Committee U Kyaw Soe Lin, the members of the Committee and officials of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office.—MNA

Union Information Minister holds talks with Deputy Secretary of Chinese Communist Party

UNION Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint held a meeting with Mr Sun Dawei, the Deputy Secretary of Chinese Communist Party in the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, at the International Convention Center of Liyuan State Guest House in Nanning City, yesterday afternoon.

The meeting focused on bilateral cooperation in media sector, education, culture, tourism, trade and economic development.—MNA

Union Information Minister makes media tour to PRC

UNION Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint led senior media officers yesterday afternoon during his tour to Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region in southwest of People’s Republic of China to foster cooperation in media industry. They were seen off by officials from the Ministry of Information at the Yangon International Airport.

During the visit, the Union Minister is accompanied by Director-General U Ye Naing from the Information and Public Relations Department, Chief Editor U Aung Naing Oo from the Myanmar Alinn Newspaper, Assistant Director U Aung Win from the Myanma Radio and Television and Research Assistant U Saw Pyae Hmu from the Myanmar Motion Picture Promotion Division.—MNA

Smart car park to have colored zones with different tariffs: YCDC

THE smart car park in downtown Yangon will feature red, yellow, and green zones, and a different charges will be collected for parking vehicles in each zone, said U Lin Khaing, head of the Yangon City Development Committee’s Roads and Bridges Department.

“The car parking fee will depend on the color of the zone. It will range between K500, K300, and K200 per hour,” said U Lin Khaing. The YCDC had invited Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from private companies for the smart car park project, and 26 companies had submitted their applications to the YCDC. Of them, the EOIs submitted by six companies for the construction of a smart car park in Yangon have been passed, and the firms have been asked to file tenders for the project by 29 November, according to the YCDC. “The smart parking will collect parking data using advanced technology. Our tender evaluation teams will decide how to complete the bidding,” said U Lin Khaing.

Yangon Mayor U Maung Soe pointed out that an open tender or a public tender will be approved for the project. “Areas for smart parking will be announced,” he said.

“Smart parking areas and streets and roads will be notified through the media. The project is open to all qualified bidders. We will systematically select the winner who will complete the project,” the mayor added.

“The smart parking system will start in six downtown townships of Yangon, and the project will proceed to other townships”, said Daw May May Thwe, YCDC member. “Earlier, the YCDC collected car parking fees through informal methods, such as the contract system. During the government transition period, that system was abolished,” said officials.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)
UEC Chairman receives USIP Country Director

UNION Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein received Country Director of United States Institute of Peace Mr Jason Tower at the former’s office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they discussed preparations for successful holding of 2020 General Election, organizing workshops on security affairs during election period, conducting trainings, prevention of hate speech and false news on social media and plans to release true news.

The meeting was also attended by the members of UEC and officials from its office.—MNA
(Translated by Aung Khin)

Japanese film crew documents Thilawa industrial zone, scenic Yangon

A JAPANESE film crew took scenes of Sule Pagoda, Maha Bandoola Park, Yangon City Hall, the pedestrian overpass near Strand Hotel, the scenic Yangon from Sakura Tower and the Shwedagon Pagoda.

The crew also documented the opening ceremony of Yakult Myanmar Co., Ltd. at the Thilawa Special Economic Zone, and yogurt production processes inside the factory.

Yakult yogurt was invented in 1935 by Dr Shirota and has 84 years experiences. It can strengthen the immune system and improve health. It is being distributed in 40 countries including Myanmar.

Until 23 November, the film crew will document the factory of Yakult Myanmar Co., Ltd, sales of the yogurt at City Mart Supermarkets, its home delivery services and customer interviews to record them.—Nyunt Nyunt Hlaing (FDC)
(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Oil & gas company shares social responsibility knowledge in Mann oil field

THE MPRL E&P Group of Companies, a joint-venture foreign registered oil and gas exploration and production company with the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise in Mann oil field, launched a knowledge sharing course on corporate social responsibility at its office yesterday.

The staff members of CSR & Communications Department of MPRL E&P held talks on the nature of performance compensation contract (PCC), overview on corporate social responsibilities, strategic implementation of local development projects, advisory process and establishment of constructive relationship with the stakeholders.

The two-day course is attended by 36 assistant managers and managers from the onshore fields of Chauk, Venangyoung, Mann, Hrauksharbin, Titit Pipeline, Pyay, (Kyaukkhew, Letpanto, Ayarw), Httagine, Thargyilaung, Thakayta CNG, Nyaungdone, Nay Pyi Taw, Gwecho, Shwepyitha, Myanaung, and Aphyuk.

The MPRL E&P also conducted the first CSR knowledge sharing course for the general managers from onshore fields of MOGE in 2017-2018 financial year.—MNA
(Translated by Aung Khin)
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Adopt and implement high-impact interventions to secure the future of antibiotics and rollback the global AMR crisis

By Dr Poornam Khetrapal Singh, WHO Regional Director for South-East Asia

ANTIMICROBIAL resistance (AMR) is a global crisis that threatens the future of many aspects of medicine and healthcare. Across the world, AMR kills an estimated 700,000 people annually, including 23,000 from multi-drug-resistant tuberculosis. By 2050, unless urgent action is taken, it is estimated that 10 million people will die each year from drug-resistant bacteria. Currently, many antibiotic-resistant bacteria are resistant to a substantial proportion of the available antibiotics. The emergence and spread of resistant bacteria is associated with the misuse of antibiotics in human and animal health.

The WHO South-East Asia Region is home to 680 million people. All Member States have developed a national multidrug action plan to address AMR. They are now implementing this plan. Each Member State has signed on to the Global Antimicrobial Resistance Surveillance System, a key initiative that will advance AMR-related research. Region-wide, the Tripartite Collaboration on AMR, which comprises WHO, the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), is addressing vulnerabilities in the human and animal health sectors, as well as in agriculture. Ensuring antibiotics are used rationally continues to be a core priority.

The Region’s progress must be sustained. It must also be accelerated – an outcome we envisioned in the AMR plan. We must ensure that the global community invests in and implements several high-impact interventions.

First, WHO’s AMR classification tool should be fully harmonized. The Atlas tool groups antibiotics into three main categories – antibiotic consumption, alignment with the essential medicine list (EML) with WHO’s Model EML, and update or establish treatment guidelines that increase the appropriate use of antibiotics. Each outcome will last for a period of five years.

Second, increased focus should be given to strengthening infection prevention and control (IPC) in health care facilities. Clean water, adequate sanitation and essential equipment are all crucial to providing health care that is of adequate quality which minimizes health care-associated infections. So too are health workers and facility staff that are trained in and implementing IPC. All efforts should be made to ensure that health care facilities are fit for purpose, and do not serve as AMR incubators.

Third, political leadership, advocacy and coordination on AMR should be scaled up. This is especially so when it comes to empowering all people to take responsibility for the future of antibiotics – through the year’s World Antimicrobial Awareness Week. From promoting the appropriate prescribing of antibiotics to emphasizing the need to reduce antibiotic usage in the animal sector, leaders from all sectors should drive home the important point. The future of antibiotics is in our hands.

WHO is closely working with other Member States as they continue to go from strength to strength in the battle against AMR. Together we can improve antibiotic treatment, increase access to essential medicines and strengthen antibiotic resistance surveillance and promotion. We can secure the future of our most precious drugs and rollback the global AMR crisis. We must act decisively. We must act now.

WHO’s South-East Asia Region comprises the following 10 Member States:

- Bangladesh
- Bhutan
- Democratic People’s Republic of Korea
- Indonesia
- Maldives
- Myanmar
- Nepal
- Sri Lanka
- Thailand
- Timor-Leste

Correction

Please read “Baba” in the second column of the news story entitled “International Day of Peace observed in Mandalay” on page 7 of November 17 Issue of the Global New Light of Myanmar – GLNM

99th National Victory Day, 2019

To build peace of the Union, All indigenous people are cooperate to in it.

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Objectives of the 99th National Victory Day

* Perpetuating and strengthening of nationalistic spirit
* Building Union Peace through mutual trust
* Building a Democratic Federal Union
* All-round development of the union by means of the concerted efforts of all races.

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**Bago Region hosts Tourism development workshop**

THE Bago Region Tourism Committee held a workshop on the tourism development sector of Bago Region on 19 November at 9:30 am at Bago Town Hall, discussing new destination created, community based tourism program, hotel and resort businesses and formation of the restaurant association, souvenir entrepreneurs association, transportation, and others relating to tourism development sector.

Bago Region is 15,214.23 square miles long and it provides the smooth public transportations. It is also rich in cultural heritage destinations including ancient Hanthawaddy, Kaytumadi and Sri Ksetra cities, pagodas, temples, dams, gardens and other tourist attraction places in Bago Region. The regional government has planned to create the ancient Kaytumadi city in Taungoo Town and Thanha-waddy city in Bago Town in order to upgrade the tourism sector of Bago Region. The airfields near Nanchun Village, Yedashe Township, Taungoo District is currently conducted the second World War Memorial Park project with the aim to create a new destination in Taungoo District.

Furthermore, the resort center projects will be operated at the dams in Taungoo District. The regional government is also encouraging the small and medium-sized enterprises and souve-

ners producing businesses. — Tin Soe (Bago) (Translated by La Wonn)

**Tourist arrivals to Myanmar hit over 1 mln via border**

OVER 1 million tourists, includ-
ing day-trippers and overnight-

ers, visited Myanmar via the Taichilek border gate between 1 January and 14 November, ac-


cording to official statistics re-

leased by the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

Most tourists who visited Myanmar via the Taichilek border gate were Thai citizens, third

country citizens, and residents of

China, Japan and South Korea

who were granted visa free entry.

Of the total 1,107,022 tourists who visited Myanmar, 1,029,310

were from Thailand on a day trip or overnight trip; 14,894 were

country citizens, and residents of

third country visitors who went to the

Lam Thaung pagoda on a day trip,

10,541 were tourists who traveled
to Monghpyi and Kengtung; and

52,834 were tourists who entered the
country visa-free.

The number of tourists visiting Myanmar through the international airport, ports, and border gates increased by over 600,000 in January-September compared to the same period last year, according to the Min-

istry of Labour, Immigration and Population.

Tourist arrivals in Myanmar reached 3,144,270 between January and September, an increase of 621,286 from the same period of 2018. Last year, Myanmar re-

ceived 2,522,984 tourists.— Aye Maung

(Translated by Hay Mar)
YANGON GOVERNMENT LAND SALE: COMMITTEE PROCESSING APPLICATIONS, SORTING LAND TYPES

By Nyein Nyein

THE Land Management Committee is processing applications and apportioning land types, based on applications submitted by interested buyers for plots of land owned by the Yangon Region government, said U Than, joint secretary of the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC).

He made the remarks at a press conference on the Yangon City Development Committee’s performance.

“Currently, land types are being processed for the applications we have received. We will divide the applications for public housing and industrial businesses. We have not held a meeting yet to decide on who will get authorization to purchase the land. It is still being processed,” said U Than.

The Yangon Region government recently announced the sale of land plots for setting up industrial businesses and public housing, and the plots of land will be sold in three phases.

As part of Phase 1, land-use applications for 500 land plots in Htilhetaya, Shwepyitha, and four Dagon townships were sold on 7 October at the office complex of the General Administration Department (Eastern District), and interested buyers purchased 15,620 forms by 8 November, when the deadline ended, said U Than.

However, only 12,158 forms have been submitted, he said.

“A total of 12,158 forms were submitted when the deadline of 8 November was reached. Over 3,000 forms have not been received,” said U Than.

Meanwhile, more than 180 plots from the Myanmar Industrial Zone will be sold in Phase 2, and more than 9,000 acres, previously marked as agricultural land, in East Dagon and Dagon Thokee townships will go under the hammer in Phase 3, he added.

The Land Management Committee will screen the applications and sell the plots to selected individuals and organizations for setting up businesses and housing projects.

“As the land is being sold by the regional government, it will have full guarantees,” said Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe.

At present, there are over 3,000 cases with the Yangon Region government’s Committee for Scrutinizing Confiscated Farmlands and Other Lands. Compensation of K6.9 billion was awarded to farmers on 28 September. In the 2019-2020 fiscal year, compensation of K11 billion would be provided to the original farmland owners. (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

MIC CLEARS 7 FOREIGN INVESTMENT PROPOSALS WORTH $207 MLN, DOMESTIC PROJECTS WORTH K106.8 BLN

THE Myanmar Investment Commission, at a recent meeting, approved and endorsed investments of US$207.45 million from 25 foreign enterprises and nine domestic investment projects with estimated capitals of K106.863 billion and K48.96 million.

Five foreign projects were approved and one was endorsed by the MIC and the proposals of 19 enterprises were endorsed by the Yangon and Bago regional investment committees. The investments will primarily flow into the manufacturing sector and some share of the investments will enter real estate, agriculture, livestock and fisheries, and other service sectors. They are expected to create 10,747 jobs for local residents.

Meanwhile, the proposals of two domestic enterprises were approved and one was endorsed by the MIC and six were endorsed by the investment committees of Nay Pyi Taw Council, Yangon, Bago, and Sagaing regions and Kayin and Chin states.

The domestic projects will be executed in the manufacturing, real estate, hotels, and other services sectors, and create over 570 jobs.

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In the 2018-2019FY, investments in Myanmar totaled K4.5 billion, and FDI fell short of the K$6.8 billion target by around K$1.3 billion.

“The MIC intends to provide $520 million, and Singapore expected to remain top investor in current fiscal

By Nyein Nyein

BETWEEN 1 October and 16 November in the current financial year, foreign direct investment of US$229.18 million flowed into the country, including expansion of capital by existing enterprises, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

The total figure includes investment of $14.3 million in the Thilawa Special Economic Zone, under the Special Economic Zone Law.

According to a press statement issued by the DICA, 35 foreign enterprises obtained permits from the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) and endorsements from regional and state Investment Committees in the current fiscal, bringing in a capital of $496.28 million. Those enterprises will execute manufacturing, livestock and fishery, real estate development, hotels and tourism, and other services businesses, creating over 45,000 jobs.

The DICA intends to reach its FDI target of $5.8 billion in the current financial year. There is potential of large FDI inflows into the infrastructure, oil and gas, and telecom sectors in the 2019-2020 FY, according to the DICA.

Singapore ranked first among foreign investors with the largest investment in the previous fiscal year, and it is likely to retain its spot in the current fiscal as Singapore-listed companies have discussed investing in Myanmar’s energy and banking businesses with the MIC, and there is potential to increase investments, said U Thant Sin Lwin, Director-General of DICA, at the Myanmar-Singapore Business Summit 2019, held on 11 November at the Novotel Yangon Max.

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PARIS — Oil, gas and coal output already planned or in the pipeline will overwhelm efforts to cap global warming at levels consistent with a livable planet, the UN and leading research groups warned Wednesday.

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PARIS — It is well known that human hubbub can have a negative impact on some animals, but a new study Wednesday says the noise we make should be treated as a “major global pollutant.”

“We found that noise affects many species of amphibians, arthropods, birds, fish, mammals, molluscs and reptilians,” scientists at Queen’s University Belfast said in the Royal Society’s Biology Letters.

Human noise pervades the environment, from vehicles and industry in dense urban centers, to planes flying overhead, to ocean-going vessels whose propeller is thought to interfere with whale sonar communications and may be implicated in mass beaching as the disoriented animals lose their sense of direction.

Reviewing a series of individual studies in what is known as a meta-analysis, Hansjoerg Kunc and Rouven Schmidt said the issue should be seen as the “majority of species responding to noise rather than a few species being particularly sensitive to noise.”

“The interesting finding is that the species included range from little insects to large marine mammals such as whales,” he Kunc told AFP.

“We did not expect to find a response to noise across all animal species.”

The paper said that an animal’s response to the clutter of human activity is not necessarily straightforward, and cannot be easily termed as positive or negative. Manmade noise, for example, has been shown to interfere with the sonar detection systems that bats use to find their insect prey, making it more difficult for the flying mammals to catch insects.

But that may be good news for the bugs: “Potential prey may benefit directly from anthropogenic noise,” the paper said.

Kunc cautioned, however, that the big picture is still one of serious disruption across the natural environment.

“In the bat example, the predator might suffer because they cannot locate their prey, but in species where potential prey rely on sound to detect predators, the prey might suffer because they might not be able to hear them early enough to escape.” —AFP

Noise should be treated as a “major global pollutant,” a new study says, citing its impact on animals such as bats who rely on sonar to find their insect prey. PHOTO: AFP

**China adds coal power despite climate pledge: report**

BEIJING — China plans to add new coal power plants equivalent to all of the EU’s current generating capacity, putting the world’s biggest emitter out of sync with its commitments to combat climate change, researchers said Wednesday.

China built enough new plants between January 2018 and June 2019 — nearly 43 gigawatts worth of capacity — to cancel out the decrease in the rest of the world, said the US-based Global Energy Monitor.

Researchers warned that an increase in China’s coal power capacity was incompatible with keeping global warming “well below” 2 degrees Celsius, a key commitment of the 2015 Paris Agreement on Climate Change which China is a party to.

Another 147.7 gigawatts of coal plants in the country are currently under construction or likely to be reopened, nearly as many as the entire European Union’s 150 gigawatts of existing capacity, the report said.—AFP

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China is the world’s largest coal producer, accounting for 50 percent of the world’s coal production, China adds coal power despite climate pledge: report. PHOTO: AFP
APEC chief says no consensus yet on US offer to host summit

SINGAPORE — The head of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum's secretariat said Wednesday that members have yet to decide on Washington's offer to host the group's annual summit after Chile abruptly pulled out of staging the event this month.

Rebecca Fatima Sta Maria, executive director of the Singapore-based APEC Secretariat, told reporters that any decision to hold an alternative meeting has to be reached through a consensus of the 21 Pacific Rim economies.

“We haven't reached that stage where there is consensus. It's still a proposal that's there but we haven't heard anything, it really depends on the economics how they take it forward,” she said.

Chile was forced to withdraw from hosting the mid-November summit in the Chilean capital Santiago due to instability sparked by anti-government protests. Riot police fired tear gas during a protest against the government. PHOTO: AFP

Japanese mark lowest drop in foreign visitors in over 7 years in October

TOKYO — The number of foreign visitors to Japan marked the largest percentage drop in more than seven years in October with a 5.5 percent on-year fall, as a devastating typhoon and a continued plunge in South Korean tourists more than offset the effect of the Rugby World Cup, government data showed Wednesday.

The number of overseas visitors came to 2,496,600 in the month, down from 2,640,610 in October last year, the Japan Tourism Agency said.

The 5.5 percent decline was the biggest since February 2012 when the figure sagged 19.6 percent, a setback to the government's efforts to boost the number of annual inbound visitors to 40 million by next year when the country hosts the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games. — Kyodo News

Chinese entrepreneurs enter global management thinkers’ ranking

LONDON — Thinkers50, the well-known ranking of global business thinkers, announced its 2019 ranking of management thinkers here on Monday night.

Two Chinese entrepreneurs alongside with representatives from 15 countries and regions entered the new Thinkers50 ranking.

Zhang Ruimin, Chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO of Haier Group, entered the list for the third time, ranking at No. 15 this year. He is described as a world-renowned entrepreneur, creating a unique, innovative, evolving business model that fuses management philosophies of East and West.

“In a digital world of globalization, connectivity and personalization, there is no such thing as a perfect product, people will buy scenarios, or concepts, where the products might be free and just enable services,” said Zhang, during a conversation with Adi Ignatius, editor-in-chief of Harvard Business Review, at the Thinkers50 2019 Awards Gala held the same day in London. — Xinhua

Myanmar Port Authority Notice of High Tide

Exceptionally high spring from 20.11 feet to 20.15 feet high above the chart datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period of November 26th to November 27th, 2019. Please be noted that it is not serious level of tide because the highest tide level have reached up to 22 feet above the chart datum in year 2014 and 2015, and this notice is normally issued whenever high tide of Yangon River is expected to reach over 20 feet high above the chart datum in order to take precautionary measures to the public living near river foreshore area of Yangon City.

Claims Day Notice M.V ISEACO FORTUNE VOY. NO. (017W)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V ISEACO FORTUNE VOY. NO. (017W) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21-11-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T.5 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Sri Lankan government to dissolve after vote debacle

COLOMBO — Sri Lanka’s prime minister will announce his resignation to the nation later Wednesday, bringing his government to an end following his party’s presidential election debacle, officials told AFP.

Ranil Wickremesinghe’s move will clear the way for new President Gotabaya Rajapaksa, elected on Saturday in a landslide, to appoint a replacement of his choice and a new government.

“The prime minister will have a final meeting with his cabinet as well as other leaders of his coalition before addressing the nation to announce his resignation,” the official said on condition of anonymity.

Wickremesinghe’s party put forward Saith Jayath Premadasa in the presidential election but was soundly beaten by Rajapaksa in a highly divisive election in the island nation of 21.5 million.

He and brother Mahinda Rajapaksa, are adored by the Sinhala-Buddhist majority — but loathed among minority Tamils — for spearheading the brutal crushing of Tamil Tiger Tamils — for spearheading the brutal crushing of Tamil Tigers 10 years ago to end the most intense and prolonged conflict when Gotabaya Rajapaksa effectively ran the security forces and his brother was president. During the three-month election campaign held in the shadow of Islamist extremist attacks in April, Rajapaksa had promised to make his charismatic and popular brother Mahinda his prime minister.

Wickremesinghe came to power in 2015 on a promise to prosecute members of the outgoing Rajapaksa regime who were accused of corruption and even murder, but failed to bring any perpetrators to justice.

He ended up facing accusations ofcronyism and incompetence — and was also implicated in several financial scandals himself. His government also presided over major security lapses that were blamed for the suicide bombings on three churches and three hotels that killed 269 people on Easter Sunday.

Soon after Wickremesinghe’s party lost Saturday’s election at least 10 of his senior ministers, including finance minister Mangala Samaraweera, resigned.

SOS: Diehards hold out at Hong Kong campus as foreign pressure rises

HONG KONG — Dozens of pro-democracy protesters stood firm within a besieged Hong Kong university on Wednesday, where an “SOS” sign was laid out as supporters took up calls to distract police surrounding the campus by disrupting city transport.

The four-day standoff between demonstrators and police at Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU) rippled overseas, with the UN’s human rights office urging a peaceful resolution, while the US Senate passed new legislation supporting protesters’ demands. The epicentre of nearly six months of increasingly savage anti-China protests has shifted to the PolyU campus, a stone’s throw from the city’s harbour, where hardcore protesters have held off riot police with Molotov cocktails, bricks and arrows.

The confrontation has been the most intense and prolonged in nearly six months of unrest that began over a now-shelved bill to allow extraditions to China, which revolved fears that Beijing was slicing into the city’s freedoms.

The resignation of Sri Lanka’s Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe (C) will clear the way for the new President Gotabaya Rajapaksa to appoint a replacement. PHOTO: AFP

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2,887 days: Abe becomes Japan’s longest-serving premier

TOKYO — Shinzo Abe entered the history books as Japan’s longest-serving premier on Wednesday, but many of his ambitious goals, including a constitutional revision to strengthen the military, appear far from reach.

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Future Forward Party leader Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit has been a fierce critic of the army’s role in Thailand’s turbulent politics. PHOTO: AFP

purge the military from politics, end military conscription and slash defence spending.

— AFP
Gay Saudi journalists detained in Australia after asylum bid

RIYADH — Two gay Saudi journalists who sought asylum in Australia after being threatened at home over their relationship have been held for weeks at an immigration detention centre, their lawyer said Wednesday.

The couple arrived in Australia in mid-October on tourist visas but was singled out by airport customs officials — then taken into detention — when they admitted plans to seek asylum, lawyer Alison Battisson told AFP.

“Australia being very well known for being... a safe place for LGBTI people, they were incredibly surprised and distressed,” she said.

The men — who worked for Saudi Arabia’s media ministry and regularly assisted visiting international news organisations — said they came under pressure from authorities after a dissident leaked sensitive documents to foreign media.

“I was called into a prison on the outskirts of Riyadh by the state security,” he told ABC, adding they “hinted that they realised I was in a relationship with my partner and that I should stop working with the foreign media”. Battisson said the men had not leaked any documents, but were swept up in a wider crackdown by Saudi authorities in the wake of Khashoggi’s murder.

In August, one of the men received a phone call from a relative warning they knew of their gay relationship and if it wasn’t ended his partner would be killed.

Police followed that up with separate calls asking them to come in for questioning, which led to their decision to flee.

Homosexuality is illegal in Saudi Arabia and punishable by death.

Battisson says the two men have been separated in detention as one is receiving medical treatment, while the other is housed with convicted criminals awaiting deportation.

“Their speaking up is actually their right — there’s no reason we should remain silent about human rights abuses in Australia,” she said.

“The home affairs department, which oversees immigration matters, and the Australian Border Force did not respond to requests for comment. —AFP

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Khamenei says enemy ‘repelled’ in protest-hit Iran

TEHRAN — Iran’s Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said the enemy had been “repelled” in the country where dozens are thought to have died in violent protests sparked by a petrol price hike.

Demonstrations broke out in the sanctions-hit Islamic republic on Friday after it was announced the price of petrol would be raised by as much as 200 per cent.

“We have pushed back the enemy in the military arena. We have pushed back the enemy in the political war,” Khamenei said in a speech aired on state television late Tuesday.

“We have repelled the enemy in the arena of security warfare... in recent days,” he said, adding that the unrest had not been the result of a popular movement. —AFP

A protestor carries a sign reading “Let the water pass” during a demonstration by students and relatives of political prisoners in Managua. PHOTO: AFP

Church siege ends as UN calls on Nicaragua to end repression

MANAGUA — Opposition protesters holding a hunger strike inside Managua’s Catholic Cathedral and the pro-government supporters opposing them ended a standoff Tuesday, as the UN called on President Daniel Ortega to halt persistent repression.

The activists, who were demanding the release of political prisoners, were able to leave a building where they had taken refuge after a mob of Ortega supporters broke into the cathedral Monday and attempted to dislodge them. In the process, the government supporters injured a priest and a nun. “We had a bad, bad, bad time” one of the protesters, Janeth Chavarria, told reporters after she and the other hunger strikers were evacuated by the Nicaraguan Red Cross. The protesters were able to leave after the government dislodged its own supporters from the surrounding.

The Catholic Church has a powerful role in the country but President Daniel Ortega has accused bishops of supporting deadly anti-government protests that rocked the country last year.

The priest and nun were attacked when they attempted to block the group from taking control of the cathedral, according to an archdiocese statement.— AFP

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Yangon United signs Lebanon’s Ernest Barfo for one year

YANGON United recently took on Ernest Barfo, forward player of the Chabab Gzazieh Sporting Club of Lebanon, on a one-year loan, according to a statement issued by the Yangon football club.

“I was happy to get an offer from Yangon United and I heard it is a great club in Myanmar. I am very interested to come and join this club and help it achieve its dream,” said Ernest Barfo.

“I want to tell them (fans) to expect something very unique. Because we have a plan and a dream. And we are willing to make the fans happy. We are going to play the AFC Cup and we will do all our best in domestic and international competitions,” he added. Ernest Barfo started his professional career with the Ghana Premier League. Then, he transferred to Kuwait club AlNasr and moved to Saudi Arabian club Al-Tai for one season each. Afterwards, he signed a year-long contract with the Chabab Gzazieh Sporting Club.

The Chabab Gzazieh Sporting Club, or simply Gzazieh, is a Lebanese football club based in Gzazieh. The team was founded in 1961 and all its home matches take place at the Kfarjoo Stadium.—Lynn Thit(Tgi)

Man City’s revenue rises to £535 million

LONDON (United Kingdom) — Manchester City’s on-field success saw the club’s revenues swell to £535 million ($692 million) last season as the Premier League champions posted a profit for the fifth straight year. A 20 percent surge in broadcast revenue saw City’s income rise from £500.5 million in the 2017/18 season.

Pep Guardiola’s men completed an unprecedented quadruple of England’s domestic trophies by winning the Premier League, FA Cup, League Cup and Community Shield.

The sale of a host of players unable to break into the first team helped boost profits to £10.1 million. Prior to Sheikh Mansour’s takeover of City in 2008, the club’s revenue was a mere £167 million. Huge losses of over £584 million followed during the first six years of their ownership due to massive investment in the playing squad and facilities, including the £200 million Etihad Campus training ground. However, a boom in commercial and broadcast revenue brought about by continued qualification for the Champions League and four Premier League titles in the past eight seasons has seen City post a profit in each of the past five years.

“As intended by His Highness Sheikh Mansour, our organisation is now at a level of maturity that enables us to plan on multi-year cycles both in terms of our management of squads and more widely across the business,” City chairman Khaldoon Al Mubarak said in a statement.

“This strategic planning has allowed us to create an environment in which continued on-pitch success is both possible and likely, and financial sustainability is a reality.”—AFP

State Counsellor will lead the effort at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) to defend Myanmar’s national interest

GAMBIA, on behalf of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC), has submitted an application to the International Court of Justice (ICJ) with regard to the displaced persons from the Rakhine State. Under the Charter of the United Nations, all Members of the United Nations, including Myanmar, are bound by the statute of the ICJ. Myanmar has retained prominent international lawyers to contest the case submitted by Gambia. The State Counsellor, in her capacity as Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, will lead a team to The Hague, Netherlands, to defend the national interest of Myanmar at the ICJ.

Dated. 20 November 2019

Myanmar beat Chinese Taipei 1-0 in women’s international friendly match

THE Myanmar women’s national football team beat the Chinese Taipei team 1-0 in an international friendly match yesterday on the Bahan artificial turf in Yangon.

The win rested on the lone goal scored in the match by star player Khin Moe Wai, who netted the ball early in the first half.

Both teams used their most reliable players from the kickoff. Soon, it became evident that the teams were evenly matched, and the contest turned into a thriller. Though the match was a friendly one, the two teams pulled out all stops to show their abilities in front of fans.

There were goal chances in the early minutes of the game, but efforts to convert them were blunted as the defensive lines of both teams remained strong. Myanmar managed the first and winning goal of the match at 20 minutes by taking advantage of a misunderstanding in the Chinese Taipei defense line. The goal for team Myanmar was scored by veteran player Khin Moe Wai.

Myanmar players remained strong in the second half with good tackling and delivery. As Myanmar shifted to defense mode plus attack, Chinese Taipei players found it hard to convert scoring opportunities.

There were no more goals till the final whistle, and the match ended with a 1-0 win for Myanmar. —Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Myanmar’s Khin Mar Lar Tun (red) vies for the ball against a Chinese Taipei player (white) during an international friendly match yesterday on the Bahan artificial turf in Yangon. PHOTO: MFF

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