Press Release of Ministry of Foreign Affairs

1. Gambia, on behalf of the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC), has filed an application against Myanmar at the International Court of Justice (ICJ). Under the Charter of the United Nations, all member states of the United Nations, including Myanmar, are bound by the Statute of the ICJ. This is an issue of high national interest affecting all nationals of Myanmar. The State Counsellor, in her capacity as Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, will lead the legal team to contest the case brought by Gambia to the ICJ.

2. The crime of ‘Genocide’ refers to acts committed with the intent to destroy, in whole or in part, a national or racial group. It is an issue that concerns all civilized nations and peoples. Myanmar was the 42nd member state to sign the Convention for the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide (‘Genocide Convention’) on 30th December 1949. Myanmar became a State Party to the Genocide Convention on 14th March 1956. In the process of seeking Parliament’s approval on 2nd September 1955, the Minister concerned declared to the Parliament, “I can state with full confidence that today Myanmar has not engaged in any act to destroy, in whole or in part, a national, racial or religious group or any other group. This has not happened today and it will not happen in the future”. Today, Myanmar is as resolute as we were when we ratified the Convention for the Prevention and Punishment of the Crime of Genocide.

President attends literary awards presentation in Yangon

State Counsellor returns to Nay Pyi Taw from Mekong-ROK Summit

President U Win Myint presents 2018 Lifelong National Literary Award to Sayar U Tun Aung Chain at the literary award presentation ceremony. PHOTO: MNA

PRESIDENT U Win Myint delivered a speech at a ceremony to award the Lifelong National Literary Award, National Literary Award and the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award and presented awards to the winners.

Before the ceremony, the President greeted the winners for 2018 and members of the Literary Award Selection Committee. Next, he visited the booth displaying photos of literary award winners from 2001 to 2018 and national literary award winning books from 2009 to 2018.

STATE COUNSELLOR Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is greeted by South Korean President Mr Moon Jae-in at the First Mekong-ROK Summit in Busan yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended the First Mekong-ROK Summit in Busan, South Korea, yesterday.

At 10 am local standard time, the State Counsellor was cordially welcomed by South Korean President Mr Moon Jae-in at Nurimaru APEC House in Busan. She then took a documentary photo with the President and high-level government leaders of the Mekong nations.

During the summit, the State Counsellor talked about the success of the Mekong-ROK cooperation initiated in 2011 and the benefits it brought to the people in the Mekong region.
Pyithu Hluttaw raises questions, discusses motion, reports

TH 14th regular session of the
Second Pyithu Hluttaw held its 8th day meeting yesterday, with answers to asterisk questions, tabling motion and two annual reports of committees.

MP U Nyunt Win from Kanpetlet constituency asked for opening a branch of agriculture bank in Kanpetlet Township.

Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance replied that an agriculture development bank is required to provide financial assistance to the farmers in Mindat, Matugyi, Pathein and Kanpetlet townships in southern Chin State, and that the ministry is discussing it with the Chin State government.

MP U Aung Soe Min from the Ywangan constituency asked for providing fire station and fire engines for the Myinkyadoe village-tract.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Major General Aung Thu replied the ministry will submit a proposal in 2020-2021 financial year for construction of a two-story 6-units apartment.

MP Daw Cho Cho from Ok-twin constituency asked about agriculture loan plan based on pragmatic situations, MP U Sai Kham Oo from Hsenwi constituency about submitting fund request for state-level construction projects together with the feasibility study report and the documents of design, drawing, estimate and B.Q.

The questions were answered by Deputy Minister U Maung Maung Win.

Amyotha Hluttaw raises queries to Construction Ministry

THE second Amyotha Hluttaw held the 8th day meeting of 14th regular session yesterday, with raising queries to the Ministry of Construction and approving two bills.

MP U Soe Mo from Ayeyawady Region constituency asked about upgrading and timing for completion of Yangon-Pathein highway.

Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin explained that the construction of 113-mile road section of Yangon-Pathein highway was contracted to the Oriental Highway Co., Ltd under the B.O.T system on 1 April 2018.

After the Asian Development Bank has proposed to upgrade the highway with initial loan of US$10 million. This financial institution and the World Bank have the experiences in step by step method for development projects in the Philippines, Azerbaijan, Australia, New Zealand, UK, Canada and India.

The $120 million loan for the Yangon-Pathein highway project will have to be paid back with the tolls collected from this road in 24 years after upgrading the road. After setting the loan, the Oriental Highway Co., Ltd could receive the tolls for the concession period of nine years.

The proposed project of ADB has been approved by the Union government and the Fyalduungu Hluttaw. The Temporary Transfer Agreement has also been signed between the Ministry of Construction and the company on 6 September 2018 to implement the project.

Selection of consultants, conducting the details of feasibility study and preparations for environmental and resettlement issues will be carried out under the programme of ADB. Tenders will be invited for contractor in accordance with the guidelines of the consultants. These process will take from two to three years.

During this period, the Oriental Highway Co., Ltd was contracted to upgrade some road sections to 46 ft and 36 ft concrete roads.

Moreover, 12 mile road section and 24 mile road section in Yangon Region are being upgraded by the three Road Construction Special Teams and two district road construction teams. The whole project is expected to complete in June 2020.

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Then, Amyotha Hluttaw with recommendations, was tabled by Secretary of Bill Committee U Kyaw Soe Lin in the version of Amyotha Hluttaw. The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker asked the remarks of Ministry of Health and Sports on the bill.
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It is heartening to see that people from all walks of life, those in the Union as well as those living abroad at present, are expressing their strong support for the State Counsellor and her leadership in the endeavours to contest the case at the ICJ. The issue before the ICJ is of national concern and affects the interests of all our people. Their support sustains us and their unity is the strength of the nation. The Government will not cast aspersions on any nation, race, religion, or group, either directly or indirectly, as we defend our nation at the ICJ.

Nay Pyi Taw
27 November 2019

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In his opening address, he expressed greetings to the Union Ministers, Chief Minister and ministers of the Yangon region government, Hartaw representatives, Literary Award Selection Committee members, award winners, literary professionals, intelligentsia, literati, literary enthusiasts, literature lovers, and distinguished invited guests to be blessed with auspiciousness.

“We have been celebrating Sarsodaw Day in our motherland every year on the 1st Waxing Day of Natraw for almost 75 years. Sar- sodaw Day ceremonies have been presented under this name as a classic Myanmar cultural heritage. Not only that, it began the system of selecting from books submitted for consideration was discontinued and selection of the best book from among designated categories published for the first time during a calendar year was instead adopted to present the National Literary Award. As for manuscripts, it was renamed as the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award and has been presented under this name as a competition up to the present. This award has been awarded with the aim of developing the Myanmar culture, Myanmar customs, Myanmar thoughts and viewpoints; we do this with the aim of developing the Myanmar literary world which may be regarded as the main source of Myanmar culture and fine arts,” he added. “We have been awarding the National Literary Award in various forms for more than 70 years. The Sarpay Beikman which was established beginning from August 1947 produced and distributed translation works as the Myanmar Translation Society to assist in the promotion of knowledge among the people and to establish connections with the world. Not only that, it began awarding the Sarpay Beikman modern novel award beginning from 1948. After that, it followed up by awarding Sar Padehtar award and translation award. By 1958 the number of awards that had been published for any reason, so that the good manuscripts of certain authors would come out as books,” said the president.

“The National Literary Award has been presented in nine categories. In 1963, awards were selected from both printed books as well as from manuscripts that had not yet been published. In 1965, these awards were renamed and presented as “National Literary Award”. In 1969, the system of selecting from books submitted for consideration was discontinued and selection of the best book from among designated categories published for the first time during a calendar year was instead adopted to present the National Literary Award. As for manuscripts, it was renamed as the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award and has been presented under this name as a competition up to the present. This award has been awarded with the aim of developing the Myanmar culture, Myanmar customs, Myanmar thoughts and viewpoints; we do this with the aim of developing the Myanmar literary world which may be regarded as the main source of Myanmar culture and fine arts,” he said. President U Win Myint.

Furthermore, as a way of according State recognition to writers who had produced outstanding literature throughout their lives in the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, a national level award called Lifelong National Literary Award was presented starting from 2001,” said the President.

“In 1962, the “Sarpay Beik- man Award” was renamed the “Artistic literature award” and presented in nine categories. In 1963, awards were selected from both printed books as well as from manuscripts that had not yet been published. In 1965, these awards were renamed and presented as “National Literary Award”. In 1969, the system of selecting from books submitted for consideration was discontinued and selection of the best book from among designated categories published for the first time during a calendar year was instead adopted to present the National Literary Award. As for manuscripts, it was renamed as the Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award and has been presented under this name as a competition up to the present. This award has been awarded with the aim of developing the Myanmar culture, Myanmar customs, Myanmar thoughts and viewpoints; we do this with the aim of developing the Myanmar literary world which may be regarded as the main source of Myanmar culture and fine arts,” he said. President U Win Myint.

President U Win Myint delivers the address at the ceremony to present Literary Awards presentation for 2018 in Yangon yesterday.
President inspects renovation of National Library (Yangon), visits Sarpay Beikman

PRESIDENT U WIN MYINT visited the National Library (Yangon) located on Merchant Street in Pabedan Township to inspect renovation works there.

During the visit, the President was accompanied by Union Ministers Dr Pe Myint, Thura U Aung Ko, Dr Myo Thein Gyi, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun, Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun, members of the Yangon Region government and departmental officials.

At the briefing hall, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko explained about the renovation works, budget expenditures, yearly renovation processes, and tender invitation for installment of the digital library and library automation under the management of the Yangon Region government.

Regarding the reports, the President remarked that the National Library (Yangon) was intended for citizens from all social strata, and that it was relocated to the hub of Yangon city to promote the general knowledge and intellectual capacity of the people and that it would be beneficial for the country.

The President also called for ensuring strict construction standards and cost-effective renovation and stressed the need for the Yangon Region government to closely monitor the tender-winning company.

He also said that the National Library would be of benefit to the country if it was widely used by both common people and professionals.

The President commented that the library was seen with fundamental features and modern decorations. He also suggested completing renovation in the scheduled time with the active participation of relevant persons.

Chief Engineer U Myo Myint from the Ministry of Construction briefed on the renovation works, followed by the additional explanations of Chairwoman of Myanmar Library Association Daw Win, Director of Yangon Heritage Trust Daw Moe Moe Lwin, and Minister of Yangon Region government Daw Nilar Kyaw.

Then, the President looked around the developments of renovation works.

Furniture and equipment have been placed at the National Library (Yangon), and library management system is undergoing a detail inspection, together with data entry and linking e-book files with the system. Some 42,383 rare publications, 38,083 books and 2,467 sets of palm leaves inscribed with ancient literature have been moved to the library and the remaining literary items are being relocated.

Next, the President arrived at the Sarpay Beikman on Merchant Street in Pabedan Township.

At the briefing hall, Director General of Printing and Publishing Department U Aung Myo Myint explained the background history of Sarpay Beikman, its objectives, motto, formation of administration council, publishing books and publications, ongoing works of Sarpay Beikman, presenting literary awards, organizing book market festivals, formation of Sarpay Beikman book association, publications of Myanmar encyclopedia series, publication of 100 Myanmar Classic Books Series, and paper reading events.

Union Minister Dr Pe Myint gave additional explanations.

The President then gave remarks on the reports, saying that the Sarpay Beikman emerged thanks to the far-sightedness of national leader Bogyoke Aung San; higher literary status of a country could raise the role of its citizens; development of research works could improve the country.

The President also urged to implement the motto of Sarpay Beikman ‘Bringing forth light and removing darkness’, while all citizens need to develop more reading habits and enhancing knowledge that is required for reform works of the country.

He also remarked that the facts and figures in Myanmar encyclopedias were full of reference materials until now, and appreciated updating these books; it should be informed that the library has many works of reference for the researchers. He also advised that the library staff should try to get more registrations of library members.

Then, the President received commemorative gifts and books presented by the Union Information Minister.

The President also looked around the display of library historical documents, photos of veteran literati, public library of Sarpay Beikman, e-library and Sarpay Beikman Bookshop.

Sarpay Beikman is publishing Shwethway journal (weekly), Thuta Padetha magazine (monthly), Concise Myanmar Encyclopedia (Annually) and its award-winning books. It is also setting up public libraries, child libraries, e-libraries and editing of 15 series of Myanmar Encyclopedia, and 100 Myanmar Classic Books Series, while organizing literary development works in collaboration with literati and literary organizations and formation of Sarpay Beikman book association.

The Sarpay Beikman Public Library (Yangon) has 51,061 Myanmar books and 12,317 English books at the main reading room, and 6,228 Myanmar reference books and 5,476 English reference books in the reference reading room giving services to the researchers.

E-library section has collected 25,918 Myanmar books and 888 English books, where books can be found in e-catalogues through computer networks.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)
State Counsellor returns to Nay Pyi Taw from Mekong-ROK Summit

She said it was due to the importance placed by the leaders on Mekong-ROK cooperation that a summit could finally be held.

The State Counsellor said ROK’s New Southern Policy, ASEAN-ROK cooperation and the Mekong-ROK cooperation are supportive towards one another and assist in the establishment of peaceful, people-centered societies in the region. She said as the protection of all lifeforms and preservation of the natural environment is important for all nations and proposed that Myanmar be allowed to serve as the host country for the establishment of the ‘Mekong-ROK Cooperation Biodiversity Protection Center’. She also expressed gratitude to ROK for funding projects conducted in Myanmar under the Mekong-ROK cooperation.

During the summit, the ROK President and Thai Prime Minister General (Retd) Prayut Chan-o-cha acted as joint-panel chairs while Cambodian Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Mr Prak Sokhonn, Laotian Prime Minister Mr Thongloun Sisoulith, and Vietnamese Prime Minister Mr Nguyen Xuan Phuc discussed on future cooperation of Mekong-ROK.

The ‘Mekong-Han River Declaration’ was also made at the summit. The Mekong-Han River Declaration for Establishing Partnership for People, Prosperity and Peace lays out cooperation plans under seven categories: agriculture and farming development, infrastructure, information and communications technology (ICT), culture and tourism, investment in human capital, environment and non-traditional security challenges.

Next, the State Counsellor observed an exhibition on Mekong-ROK protection of biodiversity.

From there, she went to Sasang District and met with Myanmar citizens staying in ROK. She instructed them to work to gain the respect of the host nation, to support fellow citizens working abroad, and how the Myanmar Embassy will put more emphasis on its citizens. The State Counsellor then replied to questions on appointing another labour attaché, developing the education sector, making payments of work insurance and remittance back to Myanmar easier.

At 3:30 p.m. local standard time, the State Counsellor departed by special flight from Busan to Nay Pyi Taw. She was seen off at Gimhae Airport by ROK Foreign Minister Mr Lee Tae Ho and officials, Myanmar Ambassador U Thant Sin and wife Dr Nan Myat Soe, ROK Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Lee Sang-hwa, Myanmar Embassy families and an ROK Guard of Honor.

The State Counsellor landed in Nay Pyi Taw in the evening and was welcomed at the Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe, Deputy Minister U Tin Myint, Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Lt-Gen Aung Win Oo, ROK’s Deputy Chief of Mission Mr Jung Yung Soo, and other officials.

Returning with the State Counsellor from ROK were Union Ministers Dr Aung Thu and U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Minister Dr Min Ye Paung Hein, Nay Pyi Taw City Development Committee Deputy Mayor U Ye Min Oo and other officials. In addition, Union Minister U Min Thu and his delegation, who were attending the second Ministerial Roundtable on Public Service Innovation and Exhibition, returned to Nay Pyi Taw together with the State Counsellor.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)
"We have been able to increase the amount of prize money year by year. In the selection of prizes also, in accordance with the changing times and political systems, we have worked systematically to ensure transparency and to make sure that only the best books and manuscripts were selected. In the selection of the literary award committee, directives were given so that only those who have wide knowledge were selected from all sectors of the literary world. The National Literary Award Selection Committee was formed with 34 literary professionals and the Sarpay Beikman Award Selection Committee was formed with 27 literary professionals. It is noted that in selecting the award recipients, the three stage selection consisted of a) preliminary stage b) short-list c) confirmed list," he added.

"Out of the 2041 books published for the first time in 2018, out of the 18 categories selected for National Literary Award, 10 subjects were selected. Out of the 244 manuscripts submitted for the Sarpay Beikman Award, out of the 13 subjects selected, 24 manuscripts have been selected for presentation of awards. Prizes will be awarded at this ceremony," said the President.

"The two great literary professionals who have been selected for the 2018 Lifelong Literary Award National Literary Award have continuously worked hard for the development of the Myanmar literary world as well as to provide knowledge and educate our people by producing fine literary works," he said.

"I feel very proud on their behalf. If we look at the authors who received the National Literary Awards and their works, it may be seen that they include books that reflect the thoughts and viewpoints of the present age. These works of non-fiction and fiction also include arts and technical knowledge really essential for our country's development. I learnt this from the comments and recommendations made by the Awards selection group. In the same way, for the Sarpay Beikman Awards also, I have seen that there were experienced writers, new writers as well as writers who were in the middle in terms of experience. The selection and recommendations of the Awards selection group that the award winning manuscripts covered a wide variety of subjects and were of a high literary standard. I wish to extend these good wishes to all the award winning literary professionals and say that I am very honored and delighted for them. May you all be able to continue working many times more for the national interest and for the benefit of the people by using the power of the Pen," said President U Win Myint.

"As we build the future democratic state, the role of capable and dynamic people, as well as the human resources of the future generations is very important. This is needed for the Union to progress and develop in all sectors, for internal peace and for the establishment of a Democratic Federal Union. We need people who are capable and dynamic; we also need to train youths who have the necessary skills and qualifications. At the same time we also need to educate and train them so that they will have the ability to think, wisdom to reflect deeply, compassion, and general knowledge. We need to see that their capacities and capabilities develop. The "nutrition" needed to develop our capability and effectiveness is none other than the gems of literature. Good and fine literature is more valuable than gems and jewels and they are the main source for wisdom, general knowledge and strategic vision. Also, this general knowledge is our strength for life. On our path of life, exerting strenuous efforts without having experience and general knowledge is like walking in the darkness. Reading is gathering experiences and learning life lessons. If we know how to collect these experiences and life lessons and apply them, these can serve as a roadmap for life. Reading gives you knowledge and practical implementation gives you skills and capabilities. By using knowledge and practical skills we may walk our life path without faltering. Living without reading deprives us of food for the brain. We lose sight of the world around us. As all of us begin to read good and fine literature, the value of Myanmar society will rise to a higher level," said President U Win Myint.

"The memorable words sent by the State Counsellor to the recently held literary event were as follows: "Literature is connected to social affairs as well as to political affairs. In recording the events of various eras, not only historians and intellectuals but literary and fine arts professionals can also effectively depict the said events by using their ideas and literary skills," said President U Win Myint.

"Today is the time when Myanmar’s transition process is endeavouring to create a mature and stable democratic political system. We need to guide and train our future youths to have knowledge and wisdom, and also to cherish and protect democracy by using the power of "literature". The good and fine literature written and created by literary professionals and authors have the ability to improve the character; speech, actions, ideas and points of view of readers. Instilling correct ways of thinking and beliefs in the minds of readers helps them towards a correct transformational process. By having up-to-date regional and global perspectives it may be possible to cleanse ourselves of rusted spirits, outdated dogmatic beliefs, pessimistic thoughts and ruthless and violent behavior. As members of the literary world, all of you can make these transformations stronger by individual as well as collective efforts," he said.

"Today’s ceremony has been organized and conducted to express the gratitude of the State for the literary works written and literary services rendered to the country by literary professionals based on their love for literature and ability to think clearly to the collection of their "cetana" for the country and the people. Therefore, we also feel delighted and share the happiness of the literary professionals," said the President.

"Throughout history, we have congratulated and paid respects to great authors and authors from the sangha who have used the power of literature to bring glory to Myanmar and to promote Myanmar’s interests. This is a Myanmar tradition which we can all be proud of, honored.

In his speech, President U Win Myint urged all literary professionals and all those who value literature and associations to keep the tradition alive.

He also expressed his hopes and sincere good wishes that literary professionals would abide by and preserve literary code of conduct and ethics; wishing all would be able to write and create good and fine literary works which are beneficial for the country and at the same time improve and elevate the image of Myanmar.

Before concluding, the President thanked all members of the government, Hlutaw representatives, literary professionals, award recipients; chairman, members and consultants of the National Literary Awards selection committee and Sarpay Beikman Awards selection committee who have given time and energy to make this literary awards presentation ceremony a success, and literati.

He also requested the attendees to continue rendering their cooperation for the development of the literary world.

Afterwards, President U Win Myint presented the Life Long Literary Award for 2018 to writer Jue and Myit Kyo Inn for novel and short story genres respectively, poet Ko Than Thwin and writer Ma Than Tha (Mann Takkatho)
Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee holds meeting

The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee held a meeting over a bill amending controversial Farmland Law between the two Hluttaws at the meeting hall of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. The meeting was attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker Joint Bill Committee Chairman U Tun Aung (a) U Tun Tun Hein, deputy chairpersons, secretary, joint secretary and members of Joint Bill Committee, chairpersons, secretaries and members of Pyithu Hluttaw Agriculture, Livestock Breeding and Rural Development Committee, Anyotha Hluttaw Agriculture, Livestock Breeding and Fishery Development Committee and Farmers Affairs Committee, and officials from the Ministry of Office of the Union Government, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, the Union Attorney-General Office and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office. — MNA

High-Level Working Group discusses labour affairs

A coordination meeting of the High-Level Working Group on Cooperation of Labour Affairs (HLWG-CLA) was held at the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. The meeting was attended by representatives from the 16 ministries that are members to the working committee. Union Minister U Thein Swe first briefed on the meeting agenda which includes sharing the results of the 337th Session of the Governing Body of the ILO on Myanmar’s process in abolishing forced labour, its future processes, and establishing a National Complaints Mechanism and forming an interim mechanism before it is completed.

The Union Minister said ILO celebrated their centenary in Yangon on 21 October this year in conjunction with the 14th National Tripartite Dialogue Forum. He said ILO’s Deputy Director-General Mr Greg Vines attended both events and constructive results from discussions there were carried over to the 337th ILO governing body’s session. He said this resulted in the removal of facts distorted from the reality on the ground from the proposal by US and labour representative group to apply pressure on Myanmar. The Union Minister said that Myanmar’s Permanent Representative said ILO’s decision will give Myanmar enough time to show its improvements by the 338th Session in March 2020. He said cooperation with both employers and workers is required in implementing the National Complaints Mechanism. He said methods to resolve reports of forced labour and setting up Standard Operation Procedures will be needed when the national committee has been approved. — MNA

Union Attorney-General meets legal officers at 7th coord meeting

UNION Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo met with Advocate-General and law officers from the state, regional and district levels at their seventh coordination meeting held at the UAG Office yesterday.

The UAG first delivered a speech where he spoke of the importance of legal officers to be well experienced in conducting court cases. He said they must instinctively know which laws are applicable during a case and always be abreast of existing laws, amendments made to laws, repeal and new enactments of laws.

The UAG reminded that legal advice should be given in accordance with existing conventions and to be mindful of giving incorrect suggestions. He said the state and regional Advocate-General offices must adhere to the UAG Office’s protocol on legal advice when handling construction contracts, business and agreement contracts, and purchasing documents.

U Tun Tun Oo said directives from the President’s Office must also be adhered to when handling cases concerning the Land and Property Bank as it deals with state-owned land and property. He also spoke of being mindful of policies issued by the Central Committee for Reviewing Confiscated Farmland and Other Lands, and also policies from the Union Government Office concerning the various nationalization processes done under the 1961 law of the same name.

The coordination meeting was attended by the deputy Advocate-General, state and regional attorneys-general, permanent secretaries, directors-general, deputy directors-general, directors, and legal officers, including those from the district-level. The meeting will continue today. — MNA
To clear landmines in conflict-ridden areas and assist in the rehabilitation of landmine victims, the first priority is the prevalence of peace and the second is the rule of law.

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Health & Sports Ministry discusses redrafting National Health Policy

The new National Health Policy will need to prioritize prevention of common non-communicable diseases but also lists all items in order of priority, along with assigning concise tasks, all while managing effective management and equitable distribution of the necessary resources for all endeavors.

Dr Myint Htwe, Union Minister for Health and Sports, made this remark during a meeting with the advisory committee to redraft the National Health Policy in Nay Pyi Taw on 26 November. The Union Minister said the current national policy was made in 1993 and needs to be updated to reflect the needs and reality of the present. He explained the formation of the Steering Committee, Advisory Committee, Working Committee and Secretary Group for the purpose of redrafting the National Health Policy.

The Union Minister said they are organizing a meeting in December to gather ideas and suggestions for a new national health policy by inviting Hluttaw representatives, related departments, UN agencies, NGOs and INGOs, donor organizations, CSOs and affiliated groups working in the health sector.

The Union Minister said that the new policy must incorporate action plans, an implementation framework, cooperation framework, an action monitoring system, a research conducting system, and a reliable system to share healthcare information. He said his ministry has opened training courses on research skills and critical analysis at the Research Training Center.

Next, Working Committee Chairman Dr Htin Lin explained on the draft for the new health policy and Advisory Committee Chairman Prof Dr Pe Thet Khin and attendees engaged in various discussions.

The meeting was attended by Pyithu Hluttaw Health and Sports Development Committee Chairman Dr San Shwe Win, Amyotha Hluttaw Health, Sports and Culture Committee Chairman Dr Zaw Lin Htut, MoHS Director-General Dr Thar Tun Kyaw and other officials.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Union Minister Nai Thet Lwin attends Dawei National Day event

The second Dawei National Day was celebrated at the Taninthayi Region Cultural Museum in Dawei yesterday.

Presiding Sayadaw of May Ga Waddy Monastery Baddanta Eindawwasa, Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Nai Thet Lwin, Minister for Social and Development Affairs U Ho Pin, Dawei National Day organizing committee U Tin Mya and U Soe Nwe opened the event by cutting ceremonial ribbons.

State Ovada Cariya Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Baddanta Suriya first delivered an Ovadakatha, and followed by the speech of Union Minister Nai Thet Lwin.—MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)
MULTICOLOURED INDONESIA: BRINGING INDONESIA AND MYANMAR CLOSER THROUGH FASHION

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The Indonesian Embassy in Yangon held a fashion show ‘Multicoloured Indonesia’ to introduce more Indonesian textiles to Myanmar. The textiles, which originated from various parts of Indonesia, were showcased on 27 November at the Wyndham Grand Yangon Hotel.

As part of celebrations to mark 70 years of diplomatic relations between the two nations, Indonesia conducted a series of events, including the Indonesian Festival in Yangon in October, highlighting Indonesian arts, culture, and food. The festival attracted more than 1,000 visitors within a week. Indonesia next approached Myanmar through fashion.

“Like Myanmar, Indonesia is multi-ethnic, and each ethnic group has its own textile with authentic patterns and a certain production mode. The Indonesian fashion show exhibited that differences are beautiful and should be embraced. That’s why we named the fashion show Multicoloured Indonesia,” said the Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia to Myanmar, Prof. Dr. Iza Fadri.

“Indonesian batik is already well-known globally, and that is why Indonesia promoted other Indonesian textiles at the show, such as those from Lampung, Palembang, Padang, Kalimantan, Bali, Aceh, and North Sumatra. Most of them are worn like the longyi in Myanmar,” he said.

“As the show was about friendship, the models wearing Indonesian textiles were Indonesian friends and colleagues from Myanmar and other ASEAN countries, the United States, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, and Turkey. Thus, the atmosphere of the fashion show was very warm and interactive as the performers and the audience were familiar with one another,” he said.

By conducting a series of events, including the fashion show, to celebrate the 70th anniversary of Indonesia-Myanmar relations, Indonesia aims to remain in the hearts and minds of Myanmar people so that more Myanmar residents would be tempted to visit Indonesia and vice versa, leading to greater cooperation between the two countries, he said.

Indonesian Embassy in Yangon
President attends literary awards presentation in Yangon

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Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko presented national literary awards for 2018 to Wai Yan Phone for translation genre, Mya Win (Philosophy) for Arts genre and Maung Kyay Yay (U Myint Thein) for applied science genre. Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi presented literary awards to Aung Myint Oo (MA) for political literature genre, Kyaw Zwa Moe for English (Knowledge) genre and Min Chan Mon for essay genre.

Afterwards, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun presented Sarpay Beikman Manuscript awards for 2018 to K (Blue Mountain), Yun Myat Hmunn Shan and Maung Nay Chin (Pyay) for first, second and third prize in novel genre respectively; first, second and third prizes for short story genre to Thuti Awar (Hlaingzawgwa), Nay Soe Thaw and Kyaiikzakaw Khin Soe respectively. He also presented the first and second prizes for the collection of poems genre to Maung Han Tint (Pinlebu) and Khet Hlaing Kyaw respectively.

Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun presented the third prize for the collection of poems genre to A Hta Wah Soe (Mandalay), second and third prizes for knowledge (ART) genre to May Myanmar and Maung Kwin Nwe (Inle), third prize for the knowledge (science) to Maung Aung (Veterinary); first, second and third prizes for belles-lettres genre to Htet Khaing, Min Shin Aung (Twantay) and Nay Aung Thu (Kani). Yangon Region Planning and Finance Minister U Myint Thaung presented the second prize for the Myanmar’s Culture and Art genre to Zaw Lin Oo (Hinthada) and first, second and third prizes for child literature genre to Maung Lun Myaing (Pinlebu), Pulaw Soe Nant Thar and Nyunt Win (Nattalin); second and third prize for the youth literature genre to Tin Lin Zaw and Neik and second and third prize for the play literature genre to Ngwe La Min (Magway) and Maung Lwe Eailk.—MNA (Translated by U Kyaw Myaing)

Electoral information team releases election-related news

THE electoral information team of Union Election Commission organized a press meet yesterday releasing election-related news to transparently promote election-related processes.

Present at the event were members of the electoral information team and UEC members U Myint Naing, U Than Htay, U Swe Tint Lwin, Director-General, Deputy Director-General and officials from the commission office, 40 media persons from 19 media organizations.

Speaking at the event, UEC member U Myint Naing explained the implementing procedures for successfully holding the 2020 general election, the completion of compiling nationwide primary voters’ list and the matters of cooperation with political parties and related Hluttaw candidates in compilation of a complete and accurate voters’ list, and ongoing programmes for releasing election-related news weekly in order to inform the public with true electoral news.

The queries raised by media at the event were answered by head of the electoral information team UEC member U Myint Naing. —MNA (Translated by U Kyaw Zin Tun)

22nd ASEAN Insurance Regulators’ Meeting (AIRM), 45th ASEAN Insurance Council (AIC) Meeting held in Nay Pyi Taw

U MAUNG MAUNG WIN, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Planning and Finance attended the inauguration ceremony for the 22nd ASEAN Insurance Regulators’ Meeting (AIRM), 45th ASEAN Insurance Council (AIC) Meeting and related meetings in Nay Pyi Taw.

Delegates from ASEAN Member States (AMS) and invited guests, 120 people in total attended at the inauguration ceremony.

Deputy Minister and delegates from ASEAN Member States (AMS) who attended the ceremony posed for documentary photo and successfully opened the ceremony.

Continuously, 22nd ASEAN Insurance Regulators’ Meeting (AIRM) was held at 19:30 am and delegates, insurance regulators from ASEAN Member States (AMS) and invited guests, total in 70 people attended this meeting.

Then, the ASEAN Cross Sectorial Coordinating Committee (ACSCC) – Disaster Risk Financing and Insurance (DRFI) Capacity Building Workshop also was held in the afternoon (12:00 pm).

In the evening, “Gala Dinner” was held at the Thingaha Hotel and U MaungMaung Win, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Planning and Finance, insurance regulators from ASEAN Member States (AMS) and delegates from ASEAN Insurance Council (AIC) joined the dinner.

—MNA
CBM Governor receives Thai Ambassador

U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar, received a delegation led by Thai Ambassador Mrs Suphatra Srimaitreephithak at his office in Nay Pyi Taw on 26 November.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to current economy and banking cooperation between Myanmar and Thailand, and continuing cooperation opportunities.—MNA

Pyithu Hluttaw raises questions, discusses ...

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The bill was then approved by the Pyithu Hluttaw without any objection on recommendations of Amyotha Hluttaw. The bill is said to be approved by the Pyithu Hluttaw as both houses have approved it.

The annual report of Pyithu Hluttaw Health and Sports Development Committee was read out by its Secretary Dr Than Win. The report presented the committee’s works on promotion of health and sport sectors in the past three years, reviewing, amending and enacting of laws and regulations at the Ministry of Health and Sports in accordance with the Pyithu Hluttaw procedures.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker then announced to submit the names of Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the report.

The annual report of Pyithu Hluttaw Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation was presented by its members Daw Nan Khin Saw, followed by the announcement of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker to submit the names of Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the report.

The ninth-day of 14th regular session of second Pyithu Hluttaw will convene on 29 November.—Aye Aye Thant (MNA) (Translated by Aung Khin)

Amyotha Hluttaw raises queries to Construction Ministry

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The Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker invited the names of Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the bill.

The 14th regular session of second Amyotha Hluttaw will hold its ninth-day session on 29 November.—Aung Ye Thwin (Translated by Aung Khin)

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CBM Governor U Kyaw Kyaw Maung meets with Thai Ambassador Mrs Suphatra Srimaitreephithak in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

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YRTA gets over 140 requests for vehicle de-registration in exchange for import slips

By Neyin Neyin

THE number of requests for import slips — which are being issued for family-use cars in return for de-registration of old buses from the 1999-2003 model years — have crossed 140, said U Hla Aung, joint secretary of the Yangon Region Transport Authority.

“We have forwarded requests for 115 buses to the Yangon Region government. The total comes to 141 buses when 26 more buses are added to the list,” said U Hla Aung.

“After screening the applications, we will allow those buses to be de-registered, as a special case, at the recommendation of the Yangon Region government. Thus, we will forward the cases to the regional government,” he told Global New Light of Myanmar.

“We have asked that the buses be de-registered at the earliest. The permission will be granted soon,” said U Hla Aung.

The Ministry of Transport and Communications has allowed de-registration of buses from the 1999-2003 model year and TBS buses with poor engine efficiency. De-registration of buses is also being permitted if the stiffness of their structure or strength has deteriorated or is not on par with the city standards. The permission for de-regISTRATION is granted on a special basis, at the recommendation of the regional government.

The bus lines have already been notified of the de-registration. According to data from the transport authority, there are about 790 buses operating in Yangon Region.

At the time the buses are de-registered, their CNG tanks must be returned with them. “CNG is meant for only passenger buses. So, the CNG tanks must be returned to the concerned department if the vehicles are not for being used to provide public transportation services,” said U Hla Aung.

The Union government has allowed vehicle de-registration since 2011. However, only 1999 model vehicles can be swapped. While de-registering 20-year old buses, owners receive a bus import permit slip, while truck import permits are issued against truck de-registration and, slips for family-use cars are given once they are de-registered.

(Translated by El Myat Mon)

About 500,000 children in Sagaing Region to be inoculated against MR

ABOUT 500,000 children aged 9 months to under 5 years are being administered the measles and rubella (MR) vaccine from 26 to 28 November in 32 townships of Sagaing Region.

“We are administering MR vaccinations to about 500,000 children under the age of five. The vaccination was provided in Khamti, Homalin, Leshi, Lahe, and Namyu township, for the first time, from 25 to 29 October. MR vaccinations are being given in the remaining 32 townships of Sagaing Region from 26 to 28 November,” said Dr Neyin Neyin Aye, Deputy Head of the regional Health Department.

The supplementary MR immunization programme 2019 is being implemented across the county to reduce deaths among children from the disease.

“arthritis, inflammation of the brain, and nutrition deficiency, and it is fatal, according to the health department. The department will vaccinate children twice — first at nine months of age and second at 18 months.

Measles symptoms include fever, red eyes, light sensitivity, dry cough, muscle aches, sore throat, runny nose, and red spots on the skin, white spots inside the mouth, and conjunctivitis. Measles can lead to serious complications, including blindness, severe diarrhoea, severe respiratory infection, pneumonia, brain damage, and death. Meanwhile, diarrhoea and cerebral cancer can be caused by rotavirus.

To prevent these diseases from breaking out, the Ministry of Health and Sports is making arrangements to introduce two vaccines into the national schedule in 2020. —Myo Win Tun (Myonvay) (Translated by Hay Mar)

Border trade with Thailand exceeds $445 mln in current FY

THE bilateral border trade between Myanmar and Thailand between 1 October and 15 November in the current fiscal totaled US$445.3 million, with exports worth $304 million and imports valued at $141 million, according to official statistics issued by the Ministry of Commerce.

The current trade figure reflects an increase of more than $56.5 million against the same period last year, when border trade between the two nations was valued at $388.9 million.

Myanmar primarily exports fishery products, such as crab, fish, and shrimp, as well as onions, sesame, dry tea leaves, coconut, and turmeric, while it imports consumer goods, cosmetic machinery, food products, agricultural equipment, and track cars from Thailand.

Myanmar delivers goods to Thailand through the sea route as well as seven border gates. The border trade camp opened between the two nations include Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthoung, Myeik, Htiluku, Mawtaung, and Maseal.

Among the bilateral border trade, camp, the Htiluku gate has seen the largest value of trade this fiscal at $213.5 million, followed by Myawady ($135.8 million), and Kawthoung ($84.2 million).

The value of total border trade between 1 October and 15 November this year exceeded $1.3 billion, an increase of $371 million against the same period last year.—Zwe
IN Myanmar, about one million people have been well informed on the dangers of landmines since awareness raising campaigns began in 2016, with 200,000 educated on the matter in 2019 alone.

This remark was made by the Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Dr Win Myat Aye, on the second day of the Fourth Review Conference on Mine-Free World in Oslo, Norway.

The conference is organized from 25 to 29 November. To date, 164 States have formally agreed to be bound by the Mine-Free Convention but the conference is also attended by non-party States, including Myanmar. Earlier on 26 November, the Union Minister attended the opening ceremony of the conference at Oslo City Hall. Also present at the ceremony were the incumbent President of the Mine-Free Convention, Mr Haakon Magnus, who is also the Crown Prince of Norway, Oslo Mayor Mrs Marianne Borgen, Norwegian Foreign Minister Ms Ine Eriksen Søreide, Minister of International Development Mr Dag-Inge Ulstein, Princess Astrid of Belgium, Prince Mired bin Raad bin Zeid Al-Hussein of Jordan, UNHCR’s High Commissioner, leaders from ICRC and UNICEF and representatives from more than 160 nations.

In his speech at the convention, the Union Minister highlighted the fact that nearly 70 years of internal armed conflicts in Myanmar have halted regional development. He said the Union Government is prioritizing the national peace process and securing mine safety, raising awareness of the public, and rehabilitating victims of mines is crucial to sustainable development.

The Union Minister said Myanmar is aiming to form the Mine Action Authority group and has translated information on landmines into ethnic languages as well. He said a strategic plan to resettle IDPs and close down temporary centers had recently been formulated and ensuring safety from landmines is important in this matter.

Next, the Union Minister met separately with Norwegian Minister Ms Søreide and a delegation from Lebanon, a fellow non-party State to the Mine Ban Convention.

In the meeting with Ms Søreide, the Union Minister was accompanied by Myanmar Ambassador to Norway Daw Maw Maw and Norwegian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Tone Tinnes.

In the meeting with the Lebanon delegation, both sides discussed Lebanon’s demining initiative in 1998 by its military and establishment of its Mine Action Center, later leaned on to a Mine Action Authority, cooperation with NGOs and civilians in clearing explosive mines, Lebanon’s preparation to sign the Mine Ban Convention in order to acquire technical and financial assistance in demining, and Lebanon’s military’s preparation to halt the use of explosive mines as they negatively effect the livelihood of people.

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

**Two men arrested on suspicion of murder, disposing corpse**

Two people identified as U Withokedi Linkara and U Han Thein, 49, are facing charges for the suspected murder of a man named U Khine Zaw Win, for attempting to conceal his corpse, and for exhorting the victim’s wife, Daw Aung Htay Nyunt, by Tanyang Police Station in Mandalay Region.

Police were first notified on the matter by Daw Aung Htay Nyunt after she received a phone call from U Withokedi Linkara (a) Kay Mar Thiri (a) Poe Kwar on 22 November to remit K35 million to him or face arrest. She phoned Daw Aung Htay Nyunt on 22 November to interrogate him. Two suspects named U Han Thein and U Withokedi Linkara captured by police on 25 November.

Police arrested U Withokedi Linkara at Taung Tan Sasana Monastery in Hopan, Shan State on 22 November and interrogated him. He claims that he and U Khine Zaw Win were staying at a hotel in Tanyang on 19 November, when he administered a drug injection to U Khine Zaw Win after the latter supposedly began aching in parts of his body. U Khine Zaw Win collapsed with froth and blood at the mouth and died on the spot, according to U Withokedi Linkara.

The next day, he and U Han Thein put the corpse in the trunk of the car, drove towards Panghsan and dumped U Khine Zaw Win’s body on the side of a mountain trail located three miles away from a hydro-power bridge before Metmung Township.

U Withokedi Linkara said they drove back to Lashio and phoned Daw Aung Htay Nyunt on 21 November, where he told her that they had crashed into the vehicle of a family from a particular organization and are being held captive. He told her she needed to transfer the money or the organization would kill U Khine Zaw Win.

Police capture U Han Thein on 25 November and have opened cases under Sections 302/387/201/114 of the Penal Code against him and U Withokedi Linkara. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)
MFF 100 Plus Cup U-14 boy’s tourney to be broadcast live on MRTV

THE final match of the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) 100 Plus Cup (States & Regions) U-14 Boy’s Football Tournament 2019 between the Kayin State team and the Mandalay Region team will be broadcast live on MRTV and MRTV Sports Channel.

The match is scheduled to take place at 3:30 pm on 28 November (today) at the Thuwunna artificial turf. The live broadcast will begin at 3:15 pm the same day. The awards ceremony after the match will be also shown live by the channels.—MNA (Transl. by Kyaw Zin Lin)

Syed Modi Int’l Badminton Championship: Thet Htar Thuzar knocked out in Round One

MYANMAR badminton star Thet Htar Thuzar crashed out of the Syed Modi International Badminton Championship 2019 after losing to South Korea’s Sim Yu Jin in Round One of the women’s single event of the tourney, held yesterday at the Babu Banarasi Das Indoor Stadium in Lucknow, India. The 61st-ranked Thet Htar Thuzar lost to 52nd-ranked Sim Yu Jin by 9-2, 10-21 and 17-21. In the first match in Round One, Thet Htar Thuzar made many errors and lost by a huge margin, but she managed to play better in the second match. She seemed primed to win, but missed some shots, boosting Sim Yu’s chances for a win. With her elimination from the tourney, Thet Htar Thuzar will arrive back in Myanmar on 29 November and prepare for the women’s individual event of the badminton competition of the 30th South East Asian Games, which will start on 5 December in the Philippines, according to her official social media page.

Thet Htar Thuzar will leave for the Philippines on 3 December.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Jurgen Klinsmann keeps family link as new Hertha Berlin coach

BERLIN (Germany) — Former Germany and United States coach Jurgen Klinsmann said Wednesday he is maintaining a family passion by taking over as interim boss of struggling Bundesliga club Hertha Berlin until the end of the season.

Klinsmann replaces Ante Covic, who only took charge in July after six years coaching the reserves, but was sacked following Sunday’s 4-0 thrashing at mid-table Augsburg, the club’s fourth straight league defeat.

Klinsmann, the 55-year-old a former European and world champion, was appointed to the club’s supervisory board at the start of November, but steps in with Hertha just above the relegation zone.

“It’s an honour to be able to help out,” said Klinsmann in a hastily arranged press conference.

“My father was an enthusiastic Hertha fan and my son played here for two years, so I know a lot of people here,” added Klinsmann.

Klinsmann’s backroom staff also has plenty of experience.

His assistant coach Alexander Nouri helped rescue Werder Bremen from relegation in 2016-17, while goalkeeping coach Andreas Koepke won the Euro ‘96 title alongside Klinsmann for Germany.

Klinsmann’s main task is to keep Hertha up. The club spent 2010-11 and 2012-13 in the second division.—AFP

30th SEA Games men’s football tourney: Myanmar beat Philippines 2-1

THE Myanmar U-22 men’s national football team beat the Philippines U-22 team by 2-1 in the second Group A match of the men’s football competition at the 30th SEA Games, which was held yesterday at the Rizal Memorial Stadium in Manila, the Philippines.

Led by head coach Velizar Koev, the team, who are currently third in Group A, fought hard to earn their first victory. With the 2-1 win, Myanmar progressed to the next round of the competition.

Myanmar striker Aung Kaung Mann (No. 13) scoring the first goal for the U-22 team during yesterday’s Group A match of the 30th SEA Games men’s football tourney against the Philippines U-22 team at the Rizal Memorial Stadium in Manila, the Philippines. PHOTO: MFF

The goal for Myanmar spurred the Philippines players to score an equalizer.

Philippines player Mikel Justin Bass netted the equalizer at 45 minutes, and the first half ended with the two teams tied at 1-1.

In the second half, Myanmar changed their tactics and brought in striker Win Naing Tun in place of Aung Kaung Mann, who had scored the first goal for Myanmar and seemed tired due to making scoring opportunities in the first half.

After the substitution, Myanmar’s forward line was more active, with speedy play by Win Naing Tun, which kept the Philippines defenders busy.

By relying on counter attacks, Myanmar got their second goal at 78 minutes. The goal was scored by substituted striker Win Naing Tun over a slow assist from midfielder Myat Kaung Khant.

The second goal made Myanmar confident of a win, and they changed their tempo to midfield and defense style. The match ended with a single-goal victory for Myanmar.

After the match, the Myanmar U-22 players celebrated their win with Myanmar fans by singing the Myanmar national anthem.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)