VP U Myint Swe addresses meeting on restoring pagodas in Bagan

CHAIRMAN of the Steering Committee for Restoration and Conservation of Pagodas in Bagan Vice President U Myint Swe addressed the fourth meeting of the committee held at the Bagan Archaeological Museum yesterday after inspecting the restoration and conservation works conducted on August 2016 earthquake-hit Bagan pagodas.

Earlier in the morning, the Vice President accompanied by Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Mandalay Region acting Chief Minister U Zarni Aung, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Kyi Min, Region ministers, Region Hluttaw representatives, Permanent Secretaries, department heads, officials from Myanmar Engineering Society, Association of Myanmar Architects and advisory team inspected the restoration and conservation works conducted on the earthquake-hit Thatbyinnyu Temple where Archaeology and National Museum Department Director General U Kyaw Oo Lwin and assistant engineer Daw Thanda Aung provided necessary explanations.

Next the Vice President went to inspect the restoration and conservation works conducted on the Htilominlo Temple where Department of Buildings Deputy Director General U Ye Min Zaw provided necessary explanations.

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(29 November, Nay Pyi Taw)

The first meeting of the Special Unit on International Criminal Justice was held at the Union Attorney General’s Office at 10:30 a.m. today. Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo attended the meeting and delivered the opening remarks. In his opening remarks, he mentioned that the President Office had formed the Special Unit on International Criminal Justice to effectively support the International Criminal Justice matters on 25-11-2019. This Special Unit was comprised of representatives from Union Attorney General’s Office, the Office of Judge Advocate General, Ministry of Defence and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. International crimes mainly include war crimes, crimes against humanity and genocide. Regarding the functions of the Special Unit, he said that the Special Unit will make advice on international criminal laws, respective conventions, international criminal justice and court’s procedures as well as relevant domestic laws.
Second Pyithu Hluttaw, 14th regular session holds 9th-day meeting

THE ninth-day meeting of the 14th regular session of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw was held yesterday. MPs raised starred questions, an annual report was read and a separate report was debated by the assembly.

MP U Than Lin Lin of Meisei constituency raised a question on whether there were plans to open the BP-14 border gate in Hoesei Village, Meisei Township, and the border gate of Saung Hein Village in Thailand in order enable bilateral trade and travel between the two countries.

Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe replied that as there is already the BP-13 border gate, which is located in Meisei Sub-township and has better trade routes, the Ministry of Commerce has remarked there are no plans to open another border gate so close by.

Next, MP Dr Aung Naing of Thabeikkyin constituency raised a question on whether a permit for the self-reliant cottage hospital in Zayat Kwin Village, Ohn Zone Village-tract, Thabeikkyin Township, will be swiftly issued soon.

Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe replied that they have submitted the necessary documents for the cottage hospital’s formation to his ministry’s planning and formation review unit and once it is approved, will be further submitted to the Union Government to take the next step.

Following this, MP U Aung Tin Lin of Natmauk constituency raised a question on whether the 50-bed people’s hospital in Natmauk Township will be upgraded to a 100-bed hospital.

Dr Myint Htwe replied that as the hospital has neither the required land area nor the number of impatient that calls for expansion, there are currently no plans to upgrade it.

The Q&A session continued with Union Minister U Thein Swe replying to whether there are plans to sign the ILO Convention No. 138 on the minimum age for admission to employment raised by MP U Myint Thein of Wetlet constituency.

Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe also replied to MP U Khan Thant Htoo of Hishang constituency’s question on appointing dentists to cottage hospitals, MP Dr Than Win of North Okkalapa constituency’s question on plans to reduce restrictions on Myanmar-born medical professionals with FRL status in the country, and MP U Sai Bu Thein of Langkho constituency’s question on whether a sports stadium will be constructed in Langkho Township.

Next, Bill Committee member U Zaw Win submitted the Rural Area Development Bill sent back from the Amyotha Hluttaw. He said there were 44 facts amended by the Amyotha Hluttaw that should be accepted, 32 facts further amended by the Pyithu Hluttaw Bill Committee, and 4 facts amended by the Amyotha Hluttaw that should not be accepted and reverted to the original version made by the Pyithu Hluttaw.

Speaker U T Khun Swe gathered the opinion of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and acquired the approval of the Hluttaw.

Bill Committee Secretary U Kyaw Soe Lin then submitted the 36 points from the bill that are engaged in controversy between the two Hluttaws and moved to have a decision be made at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The Speaker announced the matter will be submitted to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

Next, Secretary U In Htone of the Pyithu Hluttaw Ethnic Affairs and Internal Peace Implementation Committee read the annual report of the committee. The Speaker called for MPs interested in discussing the report to register their names.

This was followed by MPs U Myint Lwin of Twantay constituency, U Min Naung of Htinlin constituency, and U Mahn Nyunt Thein of Fantanaw constituency debating a report from the Pyithu Hluttaw Government’s Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Yettiung Committee.

Furthermore, committee member U Kyaw Myo Naing responded to the MPs’ debate and fellow member Daw Khin Saw Wai moved for the assembly to approve the report. The Speaker gathered the deliberation of the Hluttaw and approved it.

The tenth-day meeting of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw’s 14th regular session will be held on 2 December.—Aye Aye Thant (MNA)

Translated by Zaw Htet Oo
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Afterwards, the Vice President inspected the Payathonzu Temple where Archaeology and National Museum Department Director U Aung Aung Kyaw explained about restoration and conservation works conducted there.

From there, the Vice President went to inspect restoration and conservation works conducted on the Nan Pya Temple where Director General U Kyaw Oo Lwin, German Bagan Stone Conservation Project Director Prof. Dr. Hans Leiszen and Dr. Esther von Plehwe-Leisen provided necessary explanations.

While inspecting the temples, the Vice President stressed the need to follow the suggestions of experts in conducting restoration and conservation works, retain the original forms and styles and to ensure that the structures would be able to withstand future natural disasters.

After inspecting the restoration and conservation works conducted on the temples, the Vice President visited the Bagan Archaeological Museum where museum official Deputy Director U Nyi Mon provided necessary explanations.

Later, the Vice President addressed the fourth meeting of the Steering Committee for Restoration and Conservation of Pagodas in Bagan held at the Bagan Archaeological Museum.

In his address the Vice President said that the Bagan cultural region was a place where invaluable thousand years old ancient pagodas and temples can be seen. Due to the participation of the entire country, the Bagan region had become a world heritage site. It was not only an outstanding region in Myanmar but also a region that attracts international interests.

A total of 389 pagodas were damaged by a 6.8 magnitude earthquake on 24 August 2016. The Steering Committee for Restoration and Conservation of Pagodas in Bagan was formed and necessary work committees, sub-committees, Advisory Team, Technical Expert Team and international cooperation committee were also formed.

In financial year 2017-2018, about 300,000 international visitors visited the Bagan cultural region. In financial year 2018-2019, over 400,000 international visitors visited it. As this region had become a world heritage site, there would be more international visitors and the region needs to be continuously and systematically maintained.

Restoration and conservation works on earthquake-hit temples were started right after the earthquake occurred by local and foreign experts, related ministerial departments, region government, region authorities, locals and charity groups. Following the earthquake, local and foreign experts including UNESCO set priorities for renovation and restoration of damaged pagodas: 36 pagodas to be renovated as first priority, 53 as second priority and 76 the third priority, and minor restoration for 224 in all. During the three year period to date, 26 pagodas in the first priority, 43 in the second priority, 66 in the third priority and 224 minor restorations totaling 359 were restored and conserved.

At the moment restoration and conservation works were underway on 19 while 11 remained to be worked on. He expressed special thanks to all who had cooperated and participated in the restoration and conservation works.

In carrying out restoration and conservation works a four-year plan was drawn up and year-wise preventive works against possible future disasters were conducted. Much emphasis needs to be placed towards restoring and conserving the temples to their original form. Restoring and conservation works on remaining 11 were to be conducted in the same way, said the Vice President. Related ministries were to provide support and assistance for materials used in restoration and conservation works to be carried out according to the ancient cultural heritage standards and norms. Local and foreign experts, departmental organizations, all were to continuously coordinate and work together.

Restoration and conservation works were to be conducted systematically from the viewpoint of religious belief as well as according to the suggestions of the international cooperation committee.

Donation money received up to 31 October 2019 for the restoration and conservation works reached over K 6.5724 billion, about US$1.1 million, Thai Baht 10820, Singapore $ 7250, Japan Yen 30000 and other kinds of currencies. The Vice President also urged the authorities concerned to use the donations systematically under the supervision of the officially formed committee.

Following the address of the Vice President, meeting attendees explained about their respective works and discussed about future works.

Vice President U Myint Swe gave suggestions and comments to ensure coordination based on the explanations and discussions and the meeting came to a close after his concluding remarks. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)
The National Strategy for Development of Statistics (NSDS) Action Plan was kept as a Living Document to draw up Statistical Policy Brief, NSDS and NSDS Action Plan according to the Statistical Law and to implement as per the requirement of the time, era and the departments. Every country had established ethics for statistics publishers, users and related person. Myanmar was also striving towards establishing it and all need to abide by it.

Work processes were implemented to be in accord with the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP) 2018-2030 which has been formulated and adopted based on the development needs of the country. Ministries, departments, non-govt. organizations and development partners were also cooperating towards establishing a National Indicator Framework (NIF) to assess and monitor the implementation of MSDP.

As correct statistics were required in practical projects to raise the socio-economic standard of the people, each government departments needs to cooperate and work together with private sector, research organizations, experts, civil society, development partner organizations and news media.

Connection and coordination between relevant ministerial departments, statistics publishers and users was required to publish correct and effective statistics. Therefore, there is a need for the processes of collecting, collating, evaluating, reporting and publishing to be effective and of full capacity.

Correct and quality statistics reflect the image of the country and increases trust between the government, the people and the international community. Statistics are the historical archives of a country.

For Myanmar to have quality statistics like other countries, the statistics sector needs to develop in accordance with the time and system. Surveys need to be conducted and it was important for the administrative records of departments to be complete, true and include details. Keeping of detailed and systematic records to conduct statistical evaluation should not be viewed as an additional work but viewed as very important work facilitating the smooth running of the government machinery. The Myanmar Statistical Forum is held annually so that a platform could be created to establish a Data Culture not only among the departments but also among the people and private organizations.

As Myanmar is a developing country it was important to invest and effectively use the limited time, money and human resources in the statistics sector. It was important to use quality and true statistics easily and in a timely manner to effectively set up strategies and policies, to implement and monitor projects. For the people to know the importance of statistics according to the theme “Our Statistics, Our Society: Promoting Statistical Literacy” and for statistics to be true and of quality, central committee members, development partner organizations, work groups and stakeholders are urged to participate enthusiastically, said the Vice President.

Next, Central Committee Vice Chairman Union Minister U Soe Win expressed a message of greeting.

Afterwards Central Committee Chairman Vice President U Henry Van Thio, Vice Chairman Union Minister U Soe Win and Union Minister U Kyaw Tin presented awards to student group leaders who won the first, second and third prize in the Statistical Quiz.

The Vice President, Union Ministers, Deputy Ministers, states/regions planning and finance ministers, Hluttaw representatives, Permanent Secretaries, directors general, representatives from local and foreign development partner organizations, panel session participants and Statistical Quiz prize winners then took a commemorative group photo.

The forum was attended by Central Committee for Accurate and High Quality Statistics Vice Chairman Union Minister for Planning, Finance and Industry U Soe Win, Union Ministers U Thant Sin Maung, U Ohn Win, U Win Khaing and U Kyaw Tin, Central Bank of Myanmar Governor, Deputy Ministers, states/regions planning and finance ministers, MPs, governmental officials, statisticians, researchers, representatives from local and foreign development partner organizations. — MNA

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In addition, the Special Unit will also have to evaluate development of international laws and its effort on the State. Then the Special Unit shall report their findings to the authorities concerned in a timely manner.

After that, members of the Special Unit on International Criminal Justice discussed on the responsibilities and programs of the Special Unit.

The Deputy Attorney General U Win Myint, the President’s Advisor Ambassador U Maung Wai, Directors General, Deputy Directors General, Special Unit members and other invited persons attended the meeting. — MNA

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There are over 180 markets in Yangon, and they are managed by the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC). On behalf of the shopkeepers, five representatives asked the Yangon Region Government to start construction after an agreement is reached between the government and the current shopkeepers on the architectural design of the new market.

They also submitted eight demands to the Yangon Region Government.

Afterwards, U Phyo Min Thein and YCDC officials replied to questions raised by the shopkeepers at the meeting.

The design for the market was drawn with inputs from the Myanmar Engineers Association, Myanmar Architectural Association, and Huttaw representatives.

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Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein met with shopkeepers from Tamway Market yesterday to discuss plans for upgrading the market located in Tamway Township.

The Tamway Market will be established on 3.792 acres of land, and it will be a five-storey building with car parking and shop houses.

At the meeting, U Phyo Min Thein disclosed the government’s plan to upgrade all existing markets in the region to shopping malls as part of efforts for increasing the earnings of the government.

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According to Wave Money, Wavepay users would be able to purchase air tickets and car tickets more quickly and easily through the FlyMya website. Users would be able to use car rental services for trips and the airport shuttle service, it added.

FlyMya, wholly owned by a domestic firm, allows pre-purchase of local air and car tickets for over 20 destinations, and the new technology-based business offers one-stop travel and visa services.

According to FlyMya, its users can compare information of five local airlines, including on trips, timetables, and prices, through the website. Currently, the travel portal has tied up with more than 700 tour organizations. FlyMya was established in 2015, and it has been organizing both pleasure as well as business trips. FlyMya is also promoting Myanmar as a destination among global travelers.

(Translated by Hay Mar)
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Eleven foreign, JV insurance companies granted licenses

THE Ministry of Planning and Finance on Thursday granted licenses to five foreign life insurance companies along with three non-life insurance companies, set up as joint ventures between local and foreign insurers.


And, the three non-life insurers, set up as joint ventures between foreign and local partners, are CB Life Insurance Company Limited, Capital Taioy Life Insurance Limited, and Grand Guardian Tokio Marine General Insurance Company Limited. And, the three non-life insurers, set up as joint ventures between foreign and local insurers, are AIA Sompo Insurance Company Limited, Grand Guardian Taioy Life Insurance Company Limited and KBZ MS General Insurance Company Limited, and KBZ MS General Insurance Company Limited, and KBZ MS General Insurance Company Limited, and KBZ MS General Insurance Company Limited.

With the granting of licenses to foreign insurers to allow them to operate in Myanmar, the second phase of liberalization is now complete.

The licensed insurers would provide new insurance products, created by utilizing their expertise and technical know-how for the development of the Myanmar insurance sector, said the Union minister.

“I strongly believe that people will be able to enjoy more insurance coverage in near future and in turn, the flow of foreign direct investment into Myanmar’s financial sector will increase,” U Soe Win added.

On behalf of the wholly-owned foreign life insurance companies, Mr. Hak Leh Tan, representing AIA Myanmar Life Insurance Company Limited, expressed words of thanks. This was followed by two representatives, Mr. Yasuhiro Mori and U Nyo Myint from Capital Taioy Life Insurance Company Limited and KBZ MS General Insurance Company Limited, giving words of thanks on behalf of the JV foreign life and non-life insurance companies. —MNA

Sea trade accounts for over 84 per cent of rice exports in current fiscal

MYANMAR’s maritime trade constituted 84.76 per cent of rice exports and generated an estimated income of US$108.65 million as of 15 November in the current financial year, as per data from the Commerce Ministry.

Earlier, border trade was relatively high compared to sea trade in terms of rice exports. Since the previous financial year, border trade has dropped, and currently, it accounts for just 15.24 per cent of the total rice exports. Rice exports through the border gates have generated an estimated $17.76 million in the current financial year.

The volume of rice and broken rice exported between 1 October and 15 November in the 2019-2020 financial year has been estimated at over 436,685 metric tons, worth $126.4 million, according to an announcement from the Myanmar Rice Federation.

In the current financial year, Myanmar has shipped rice to 37 foreign markets. China, which accounts for over 42.88 per cent of the total rice exports, is the main buyer of Myanmar rice, followed by Madagascar and Cameroon. Malaysia is the fourth-largest buyer and Mozambique the fifth-largest buyer of Myanmar rice.

The European Union countries account for over 10 per cent of rice exports, while 38.8 per cent of rice grown in Myanmar goes to African countries.

Local gold prices see sharp drop in November

WITH gold prices sliding in the global market, the price of the yellow metal in the domestic market plummeted yesterday to K1,173 million per tical (0.578 ounces, or 0.916 kilograms) from K1,217 million listed on 1 November, a decline of around K450,000, according to gold traders.

The domestic gold price is positively related to the global gold price. Global prices were pegged at over US$1,500 per ounce on 1 November and then, they fell to $1,456 on 28 November due to a drop in demand from China, according to the gold market.

In early September, the price of pure gold crossed K1.3 million per tical in the domestic market, tracking global cues and rumors in the local banking industry. Then, it dropped to K1.2 million on 1 November and K1.17 million on 28 November as gold prices in the global market dipped and the local currency was stable against the dollar in the internal forex market, according to Yangon Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association.

With global gold prices on the uptick, the domestic price hit fresh highs this year, reaching K1,000,000 per tical between 17 January and 21 February, crossing K1,100,000 (22 June to 7 August), climbing to K1,200,000 (7 August-4 September), and then reaching a fresh peak of K1,300,000 on 5 September. —GNLM (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)
A wake up call

DURING the seventh-day meeting of the Second Session of the Pyithu Hluttaw’s 14th regular session yesterday, the Union Minister for Health and Sports answered a question raised by Dr Thwin Win of North Okkalapa Constituency MP. Speaker: Dr Thwin Win of North Okkalapa Constituency will raise his question. 

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MIC approves 5 proposals; to create 1,000 jobs

THE Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) yesterday approved five projects worth US$503.940 million and K26,323 million, which are expected to create 1,101 job opportunities.

The projects are in the power livestock and fisheries, and real estate sectors. At the end of October, the countries with the largest investments in Myanmar were Singapore, the People’s Republic of China, and Thailand.

The projects were approved at an MIC meeting (19/2019) in Yangon, which was attended by U Thaung Tun, chairman of the commission and eight members.

The oil and gas sector has attracted the largest share of foreign investment (27.29 per cent), followed by the power sector (25.77 per cent), and the manufacturing sector (14.04 per cent) in the current financial year. — MNA

Cooperation needed to stabilize market for locally bred fish: association

By Nyein Nyein

COOPERATION is necessary to stabilize the domestic market for locally produced fish such as rohu, striped catfish, and pomfret, said U Zaw Lin, Secretary of the Myanmar Fisheries Entrepreneurs’ Association.

“The fisheries market in Myanmar is weak in terms of stability and we need more cooperation from the government departments, technical teams, and other fellow organizations, including the Myanmar Fisheries Federation (MFF),” he added.

“Today, we want to talk about this instability in the market for the three main fish. Some are still talking about the unpredictable supply of fisheries resources, such as offshore and inshore and local fresh water fish. However, we need more cooperation from our federation, government departments, and the university providing the technology in order to develop our fisheries resources, boost production, and ensure high quality products,” said U Zaw Lin.

Although rohu, striped catfish, and pomfret are largely traded in the export market and for domestic consumption, their prices are changing daily because of an unstable market. If we can exercise control over the market to ensure a stable market, there would be a higher potential for profit,” he added.

“The prices of fish are good only on some days as a result of the instability in the market. Currently, rohu has a strong export market, while the market for striped catfish and pomfret is still weak. This week unreasonable prices were quoted for striped catfish and pomfret,” said U Zaw Lin.

Moreover, the market for striped catfish is positively related to the local dried fish market. About 30 per cent of the local dried fish market depends on the supply of striped catfish, according to the Myanmar Fisheries Entrepreneurs’ Association.

The rise in export markets would rely on the government departments, fish breeding entrepreneurs, technical teams, and the MFF, he added.

“Fisheries enterprises faced crises in 2015, 2016, and 2017. So, fisheries enterprises, including the MFF, should make all the necessary preparations this year,” according to the Myanmar Fisheries Entrepreneurs’ Association. (Translated by Hay Mar)

Cherry ferry transporting around 26,000 passengers per day

THE Cherry ferry operating along the Pansodan-Dala route is providing transport services to about 26,000 passengers daily, according to Delta Division, Inland Water Transport (IWT).

“Our Pansodan-Dala ferry service is operating from 5 am to 9:30 pm. The two ferries run 46 times a day and they transport passengers and goods. Usually, the ferries provide transport services to about 26,000 passengers on normal days. On some busy days, about 28,000 people use the ferry service,” said U Thein Myint, Assistant General Manager, Delta Division, IWT.

Dala Township is close to Twantay, Kawkhmu, and Kungyangon townships in the Southern District of Yangon Region. It is also close to Pyapon, Dedaye, Bogale, Kyakidat, and Maubin townships in Ayeyawady Region.

To reduce heavy traffic in Yangon Region, Z-crafts are carrying vehicles from Wahdan jetty to Dala Township.

“The Z-crafts are operating from 6 am to 7 pm. Currently, Z-crafts are operating up and down. Currently, Z-craft operation is being done under the Dala bridge construction project. It will be safer for vehicles and passengers if the authorities build a Z-craft jetty in front of Wahdan jetty. We have already submitted a proposal about this issue,” he added.

“The Dala bridge construction project will take nearly three years. If we have a Z-craft jetty, the transportation of vehicles will be more convenient. The income of IWT will also increase nearly two times,” according to the IWT. — Pwint Thit Sar

(Translated by Hay Mar)
Rich nations must pay for climate damage: NGOs

PARIS — Climate negotiations opening next week in Madrid must prioritise funding for nations already dealing with the cost of drought, floods and superstorms made worse by rising temperatures, more than 150 environmental groups said Friday.

In an open letter to the president of the COP 25 talks, Chile’s environment minister Carolina Schmidt, the organisations urged agreement on “the creation of a comprehensive financial facility, including debt relief, for developing countries experiencing such disasters.”

They said money should come from wealthy nations — historically most responsible for planet-warming carbon emissions — in the form of tax on financial transactions, international air travel and fossil fuels.

The Madrid conference is set to be dominated by discussions on so-called “loss and damage” funding, with a sharp divide between developing nations and richer polluters over how finance should be structured.

Green groups this week said the increased pace and intensity of climate disasters, such as the twin cyclones that devastated parts of Mozambique this year, means that funding needs boosting to keep track. They said the amount needed for loss and damage would top $300 billion annually by 2030.

“Without finance to help countries cope with climate-induced loss and damage, the most vulnerable parts of the world will sink deeper into debt and poverty every time they are hit by climate disasters they did not cause,” the letter said.

—AFP

In Antarctica, tourists swim among penguins

ANTARCTICA — “It’s like getting stabbed,” a tourist exclaimed, as he plunged into the three-degree Celsius (37-Fahrenheit) water, all under the intrigued gaze of a group of penguins.

All around Half Moon Island, off the Antarctic Peninsula, blocks of ice of all sizes float by on a calm sea, their varying forms resembling weightless origami shapes.

To reach the Antarctic destination the 58-year-old Norwegian, Even Carlsen, travelled 14,000 kilometres (8,700 miles), and spent thousands of euros.

Mostly indifferent to the hipeds donning neon-coloured windbreakers, wildlife abounds in the deafening silence of the icy landscape.

The penguins are as awkward on land as they are agile in water, while massive and majestic whales slip through the waves, and sea lions and seals laze in the sun.

Antarctica, a land of adventure without rulers, is “like the heart of the Earth,” according to Marcelo Leppe, director of the Chilean Antarctic Institute.

He said it expands and contracts like a beating heart, while the mighty current which revolves around the continent is like a circulatory system absorbing warm currents from other oceans and redistributing cold water.

But this long tongue of land that stretches towards South America is warming rapidly. Its glaciers are melting and its ecosystem has been invaded by microplastics carried by currents.—AFP

Building a better battery with machine learning and artificial intelligence

WASHINGTON — With the help of machine learning and artificial intelligence researchers are accelerating the power of batteries. Researchers at the U.S. Department of Energy’s (DOE) Argonne National Laboratory have turned to the power of machine learning and artificial intelligence to dramatically accelerate the process of battery discovery, according to the study published in — Chemical Science. As described in two new papers, Argonne researchers first created a highly accurate database of roughly 133,000 small organic molecules that could form the basis of battery electrolytes.

To do so, they used a computationally intensive model called G4MP2. This collection of molecules, however, represented only a small subset of 166 billion larger molecules that scientists wanted to probe for electrolyte candidates.

Because using G4MP2 to resolve each of the 166 billion molecules would have required an impossible amount of computing time and power, the research team used a machine-learning algorithm to relate the precisely known structures from the smaller data set to much more coarse-modelled structures from the larger data set.

“When it comes to determining how these molecules work, there are big tradeoffs between accuracy and the time it takes to compute a result,” said Ian Foster, Argonne Data Science and Learning division director and author of one of the papers. “We believe that machine learning represents a way to get a molecular picture that is nearly as precise at a fraction of the computational cost.”—ANI

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Barring US lawmakers may be Chinese response to Hong Kong law

BEIJING — China said Friday that “unwelcome” individuals might well be denied entry to the country, increasing speculation that China may be considering barring some US lawmakers from entering the country as a countermeasure to the US enactment of a Hong Kong human rights law.

“The Chinese government has the right to decide who is allowed to enter and who is not allowed to enter. Those who are unwelcome will be denied entry,” Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said at a regular press briefing.

The spokesman responded to a reporter’s question over whether China will make a non-entry list of US lawmakers involved in the legislation aimed at supporting pro-democracy protesters in Hong Kong. US President Donald Trump signed the bill into law on Wednesday, prompting China to threaten “reprisal measures.”

US lawmakers “who openly voiced support for Hong Kong rioters” and as possible candidates on the blacklist.—Kyodo News

Chinese envoy meets with Huawei CFO under house arrest in Vancouver

BEIJING — China’s embassy in Canada said Friday that its ambassador, Cong Peiwu, has met in Vancouver with the chief financial officer of Chinese tech giant Huawei Technologies Co., who remains under house arrest after her arrest last year by Canadian authorities.

“The Chinese government’s determination to safeguard the legitimate rights and interests of Chinese citizens and enterprises is unwavering,” the ambassador to Canada was quoted by the embassy as telling Meng Wanzhou on Thursday.

Beijing “will continue to call on Canada to correct its wrongdoing and take measures to resolve the issue as soon as possible,” Cong also said.

Meng, daughter of Huawei founder Ren Zhengfei, remains under house arrest in Vancouver after her release on bond. She could be extradited to the United States, where she faces charges related to Iran sanctions.

In December 2018, Canada arrested Meng at the request of the United States, which has accused her of helping Huawei evade US sanctions on Iran.—Kyodo News

K-pop star jailed for six years for gang rape, spycam crimes

SEOUL — South Korean K-pop singer-songwriter Jung Joon-young was convicted Friday of gang rape, as well as secretly filming and distributing illicit sex videos of his partners, and jailed for six years.

Jung and Choi Jong-hoon, the former member of boy band FT Island, were found guilty of gang raping two different victims on two occasions in 2016.

Separately, 30-year-old Jung was also convicted of filming himself having sex with other women without their knowledge and sharing the footage 11 times without their consent.

It is the highest-profile example of an epidemic of spycam crimes in South Korea, which have prompted widespread anger and seen women demonstrating in Seoul, chanting: “My life is not your porn”.

Jung distributed his videos in mobile chatrooms with recipients including fellow K-pop star Seungri of BIGBANG, who has been accused of illegal gambling in connection with a sex and drugs scandal.

Jung was jailed for six years and Choi, 29, for five.

The article singled out House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi and Sen. Marco Rubio as U.S. lawmakers “who openly voiced support for Hong Kong rioters” and as possible candidates on the blacklist.—Kyodo News

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Trump visits troops in Afghanistan, says Taliban talks back on

US President Donald Trump speaks to the troops during a surprise Thanksgiving visit at Bagram Airfield, on 28 November, 2019 in Afghanistan. PHOTO: AFP

Iraq cleric urges cabinet change as protesters regroup after crackdown

KARBALA — Iraq's top Shiite cleric on Friday urged parliament to replace the cabinet, after dozens of protesters were killed in one of the bloodiest days of anti-government rallies gripping the country.

Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani's weekly sermon gave a major boost to Iraqi demonstrators who have been taking to the streets since early October against a ruling class deemed corrupt and inefficient.

The grassroots movement is the largest Iraq has seen in decades but also the deadliest, with nearly 400 people dead and more than 15,000 wounded in the capital and Shiite-majority south, according to an AFP tally.

For weeks, Sistani has called for restraint in dealing with demonstrators and has urged political parties get “serious” about reform, but he ramped up demands on Friday.

“The parliament, from which this current government is drawn, is asked to reconsider its choice in this regard,” he said in the sermon delivered by a representative.

Within minutes, MP and former premier Haider al-Abadi called on lawmakers to convene Saturday for a “special session for a vote of no-confidence and to form a new independent government”.

Lawmakers from parliament’s largest bloc, Sarooq, said they would go to their offices on Friday, which is normally a day off, to plan an “immediate” no-confidence vote.

And Qais al-Khazali, head of the powerful paramilitary faction Asaib Ahl al-Haq, tweeted: “Your commands will be ours, too.” — AFP

Almost 50 dead, more than 5,000 displaced in Albania quake

TIRANA — Albania’s prime minister said the country had been “wound-ed” by the violent earth-quake this week that killed whole families and pulverised buildings, as he gave a new toll on Friday of 49 dead and 5,000 displaced.

The 6.4 magnitude quake that jolted Albania before dawn on Tuesday was the most deadly and destructive in decades.

Entire families were crushed by their homes while they were sleeping.

“We have all been touched and wounded” by the tragedy, said Prime Minister Edi Rama, his voice strained as he mentioned the death of a close friend of his son, a medical student whose body was found in the rubble with her brother and two parents.

The damage was most concentrated near the Adriatic coast in the port city of Durres and the town of Thumanë, where scores of people were trapped beneath the wreckage of toppled apartments and hotels.— AFP

Kyoung Lim Myanmar Company Limited (In Members’ Voluntary Liquidation)

According to the Special General Meeting of the Members of Kyoung Lim Myanmar Company Limited held the Board of Directors Meeting on November 8, 2019 when the following “Special Resolutions” were passed:

1. The Shareholders approved to voluntarily liquidate the Company effective as of November 30, 2019, and
2. The Shareholders approved to appoint Daw Tint Tint [BSc (Zoo), DA], NRC 12/Ma Ga Da (N) 074888 as act to be the liquidator for winding up the Company.

All creditors of Kyoung Lim Myanmar Company Limited are, therefore, requested to submit details of their claims together with any documentary evidence to the liquidator at the address given no later than 15-12-2019.

Mr.Han Jung Han
Managing Director
Liquidator

Transferring Distributor for Registered Pesticides

Distribution and registration processes of pesticides produced by LIMIN CHEMICAL CO., LTD. are transferring from LIMIN CHEMICAL (MYANMAR) CO., LTD. to LUCKY GREAT CO., LTD. So, any objection regarding to this transfer can notify to this address: Co-Secretary, Pesticides Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, Gyogne (West), Insein. for the following Pesticide within (14) days from this announcement.

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TBA Power Myanmar Company Limited (TPMC) is planning to build a 388 MW Combined Cycle Power Plant supplied in Natural Gas. The project consists of three main components, which includes a Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) power plant in Ahlone, a LNG receiving facility in Dala, and a natural gas (NG) pipeline in Dala and Seikgyikananaungto, as well as a 24km Electric Transmission Line as associated facility in Twantay and Hlaingtharyar Townships.

TPMC, Environmental Resources Management (ERM), and Sustainable Environment Myanmar (SEM) have prepared an Initial Environmental Examination (IEE) study for the proposed activity, and have submitted the study to the Environmental Conservation Department (ECD), on 18 November 2019. Hard copies of the IEE study are publically available at Seikgyi Kanaungto, Hlaingtharyar, and Twantay Township GAD, and at TPMC’s office in Yangon. Electronic copies of the study are publically available on TPMC’s website as follows: https://tbp.com/news/activities.

TPMC Office Address: 16B, 16th Floor, Centre Point Tower, No. 65, Corner of Sule Pagoda Road and Merchant Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon, Myanmar.
It was assumed that housings for humans were built in early Pyu era in Myanmar history. So, we can see religious edifices and walls built by Pyu people till today but not for buildings made of wood and bamboo.

Religious monuments were built of stones and bricks in Bagan era but the royal palace and houses were made of wood and bamboo. In passing many years, there remained the buildings made of stones and bricks but did not remain wooden- and bamboo-made buildings.

However, Myanmar handicrafts can be seen at some wooden and brick buildings built in Yadanabon era thanks to successive preservation. Among them, observation can be made at two monasteries namely Thakawun monastery and Yawmingyi brick monastery built in mixed styles of Myanmar and architectural works in Mandalay till today because of doing conservation in successive eras. Thakawun wooden monastery was built by Kinwun Mingyi U Kaung and Yawmingyi brick monastery by Yaw Atwinwun U Boe Hlaing.

**Thakawun monastery**

Impacts of wars and climatic conditions as well as weakness in preservation caused damage to disappearing some monasteries. However, famous monasteries decorated with Myanmar handicrafts in Myanmar such as Thakawun monastery, Yawmingyi brick monastery, Golden Palace Monastery, Thingaza monastery, Shweinpin monastery, Maha Minhtin monastery, Yamethin monastery, Moegaung monastery and Kyemyin monastery are under preservation in Mandalay to date.

Thakawun monastery is located in the precinct of Kinwun Mingyi Monastery at the corner of 86th and 38th streets in Kokkosu Ward, Mahaaungmye Township of Mandalay. Visitors can enter the monastery from the side of 86th street along the stairway from the east to the west. Locals in successive eras said the monastery was named Thakawun because of thriving teak plants around the monastery and building the monastery of teak.

Thakawun monastery is seemed as a grand house in works of colonial era, and its triangle shape gable ends, spiral stairs and square teak posts might take designs of royal palaces from European countries such as France and England.

The foundation of the monastery facing northern ward was in square shape. The downstairs was formed with 12 teak posts square shape of thickness in its length and nine posts in width. Ten teak posts in length of the 108-post monastery and seven in width were fenced with timber sheets at the downstairs.

**Constructional works of Thakawun monastery**

Northern brick ladder was the largest among others at the monastery. Four sides of roofs were built of gable ends and corners of the triangle blocks decorated with wooden eagle statues in European style.

Tops of the posts were carved as Myanmar traditional arts and crafts. To prevent state of decay, the foot of outer posts were covered with concrete in new era. But, bases of inner posts can be seen in the ground as original style. The original roof of the monastery was convex. The strong winds in Mandalay destroyed the roofs and two tier-roofed buildings of the monastery in 1899. Layman U Hlay of Abbot U Dhammadhi, adopted son of Kinwun Mingyi, spent K80,000 on renewing the roof of the building.

As steel fixtures were installed at the outer door to the corridor from the northern ladder, there were not original but these were installed later with the purpose of security measures. The main building of the monastery was rounded with corridor and ten doors were decorated with floral arabesques. The whole main building was decorated with wooden crafts. As such, the ceiling and posts were beautified with traditional arts and crafts as well as floral works.

Upstairs hall was dull due to weak lighting from the northern windows but adequate lighting could be given to the hall from opening of door. The hall was rounded with five small rooms, with a mezzanine with the height which was higher than that of a man. A wooden spiral stairs was installed to the mezzanine. The abbot from Thakawun monastery explained the cylinder shape hall was the venue of Kinwun Mingyi to take meditation. Any one can...
Yaw Atwinwun U Boe Hlaing
Maung Boe Hlaing was born as Governor of Yenangyoung Town, Yintaw Minister Thadoe Minhla Kyawhtin and wife Mei Nyein on 10th waxing of Haung Tagyi, 1191 ME (2 April 1830) in Wwapale of Myingyan. He was initiated into novice at the monastery in Kyapoh Village.

When he was appointed as governor of Yaw Town at 21 years old, he was famous as Yawmingyi. He married to Khin Phyu, daughter of Magway Minister on 11 waning of Tagu, 1233 ME (1871 AD), King Mindon appointed as minister for guards. After being appointed as king’s counselor in 1871, he led the goodwill diplomatic delegation to France, Italy and England and compiled the records on travels. He was appointed as minister of Governor of Yenangyoung Town, Yintaw Minister Thadoe Minhla Kyawhtin and wife Mei Nyein on 10th waxing of Haung Tagyi, 1191 ME (2 April 1830) in Wwapale of Myingyan. He was initiated into novice at the monastery in Kyapoh Village.

When he was appointed as governor of Yaw Town at 21 years old, he was famous as Yawmingyi. He married to Khin Phyu, daughter of Magway Minister in 1215 ME. In his service term, he was severally demoted. The statue of Yawmingyi and mau-soleum were built on 22nd Street between 90th and 91st streets in Aungmyethazan Township.

Kwinw Mingyi and Yaw Atwinwun built their monasteries without formation of the tier-roofed building, Sanu hall, Zaytawun hall and Nawgah hall as styles of Myanmar monasteries but took European designs mixed with Myanmar arts and crafts. Hence, the two were significant among the monasteries built in Yadanabon era.

Whatever it maybe, the two monasteries built in last 150 years showing European designs are famous among local and foreign travellers. So, it needs to maintain these monasteries as Myanmar cultural heritages for long term existence.

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Yawmingyi Brick Monastery. PHOTO: MAUNG THA (ARCHAEOLOGY)

European style spiral stairs. PHOTO: MAUNG THA (ARCHAEOLOGY)

By Maung Tha (Archaeology)

not know whether the venue was not for preventing high temperature or for hiding somebody in significant event. It was seemed that the one-door venue built with small gutters might be the chamber of Buddha image.

European-style monastery was built by carpenters and sculptors in Yadanabon era. Although Kwinw Mingyi managed construction of the building for his accommodation, some assumed that as it was very good for him, he donated it as monastery.

Kwinw Mingyi U Kaung spent more than K50,000 on construction of the monastery in 1241 ME and donated it to Pahtamakyaw, first lecturer and treatise compiler Salin Sayadaw. U Paññasiha by sharing merits and his accommodation, some assumed that as it was very good for him, he donated it as monastery.

Kwinw Mingyi

The childhood name of Kwinw Mingyi, who was the most famous king’s counsellor in Yadanabon era, was Maung Chin. Born of U Hmo and Daw Mei Si in Hsinshin Township on 3 February 1822 in Montabon era, was Maung Chin famous king’s counsellor in Yawwun Mingyi, who was the most significant event. It was seemed that as it was very good

1241 ME and donated it to construction of the monastery. All wooden parts of the monastery were damaged in outbreak of fire caused by bomb blasts in the Second World War. In 1998, well-wishers and the government rebuilt it.

As Yaw Atwinwun U Boe Hlaing spent K50,000 on construction of the brick monastery in 1228 ME, (1866 AD), King Mindon donated K10,000 to the fund of construction.

The brick building was formed with the main hall, the lecture hall and the chamber of Buddha image including a roofless balcony. Construction style took western architectural designs mixed with Myanmar ones, which were different from other brick monasteries in Mandalay. Indian technicians were assigned to build the monastery. It can be said the brick posts of the monastery were decorated with the crafts in Asoka era of India.

The monastery was roofed with brick tiles on sal beams. However, bomb blasts in the Second World War destroyed roofs, wooden works and masonry crafts except four main walls of the monastery.

The abbot taking responsibilities for maintaining the monastery explained the upstairs of the brick monastery had 113 windows and ventilated holes. Rainwater from the roof was taken by pipelines to flow into the lake at the northeast corner of the precinct.

Masonry crafts at the monastery showed western and eastern architectural works. European-style spiral stairs, convex hall, portico, Myanmar traditional arts and crafts on the concrete wall and lion statue-based posts attract all visitors.

As Yawmingyi supplicated on completion of Eikhtakayama monastery on 11 waning of Tagu, 1233 ME (1871 AD), King Mindon ordered him to donate the monastery to Maha Bo Sayadaw.

According to the royal order, Yawmingyi supplicated Maha Bo Sayadaw at Maha Bo Tawya in Shwebo to accept the monastery as his donation. Maha Bo Sayadaw accepted it in a short period but handed it over to Maha Wihoklayon Sayadaw.

At 30 years old. In 1866, he was appointed as minister for guards. After being appointed as king’s counsellor in 1871, he led the goodwill diplomatic delegation to France, Italy and England and compiled the records on travels. As he saw fortresses in Portsmouth in England, he arranged construction of the fortresses along the bank of Ayeyawady River. Among them, Asaykhan, Hsinkyon and Thabyetan fortresses were well-known ones. Likewise, he created architectural works from European countries he visited at construction of Thakawun monastery.

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not know whether the venue was not for preventing high temperature or for hiding somebody in significant event. It was seemed that the one-door venue built with small gutters might be the chamber of Buddha image.

European-style monastery was built by carpenters and sculptors in Yadanabon era. Although Kwinw Mingyi managed construction of the building for his accommodation, some assumed that as it was very good for him, he donated it as monastery.

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Myanmar wins two gold, one silver medals in World Karate Tournament 2019

THREE young Myanmar athletes participated in the World Youth Karate Elite Tournament 2019, which was held from 22 to 24 November in Tokyo, Japan, and secured two gold and one silver medals. Ja La, who represented Myanmar in the 8-year-old boys' category, won a gold medal. San Mai Nu, who represented Myanmar in the 7-year-old girls' category, also secured a gold medal.

Meanwhile, Seng Lat Aung, who represented Myanmar in the 7-year-old boys' category, claimed the silver medal. The three young athletes are from the International Karate Organisation (IKO) Myanmar, and they were led by Karate Master Sayagi U Min Lwin Oo.

The three children trained very hard and were coached by Sempai Ying Bawm, official dojo operator of IKO Myanmar, said a source with IKO Myanmar.

The Karate Championship is one of the most prestigious Kyokushin Karate events for youths in the world, and this was the 12th edition of the tournament. Young athletes from several nations, including Japan and Russia, participated in the tournament, according to IKO Myanmar.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

30th SEA Games men's football tourney: Myanmar beat Timor Leste 3-1

THE Myanmar U-22 men's national football team beat the Timor Leste U-22 team by two goals in the Group A match of the men's Football competition at the 30th South East Asian Games, which was held yesterday at the Rizal Memorial Stadium in Manila, the Philippines.

Myanmar lined up with goalkeeper San Satt Naing, Win Moe Kyaw, Ye Yint Aung, Ye Min Thu, Aung Wunna Soe, Aung Naing Win, Lwin Moe Aung, Captain Hlaing Bo Bo, Myat Kaung Khant, Htet Phyo Wai, and Aung Kaung Mann.

Aung Kaung Mann scored the first goal at 10 minutes over an assist from Htet Phyo Wai in one-touch play.

Showing his football skills, Htet Phyo Wai again scored the second goal for Myanmar at 36 minutes, kicking the ball over an assist from midfielder Lwin Moe Moe Aung, but failed to get it past the Timor Leste keeper.

At 45 minutes, Myanmar missed a goal chance when Captain Hlaing Bo Bo kicked the ball towards the net over an assist from midfielder Lwin Moe Moe Aung, but failed to get it past the Timor Leste keeper.

The second half saw better performance from team Myanmar, with back heel and back passes from strikers and midfielders.

A header from Hlaing Bo Bo off a corner kick by Myat Kaung Khant at 54 minutes secured the third goal for Myanmar.

Myanmar did not reduce their power play for the remaining of the match and launched continuous attacks on Timor Leste. Team Timor also shifted into attack mode and kept Myanmar defenders busy. There were no more goals till the final whistle, and Myanmar claimed victory, bagging three points.

In another Group A match yesterday, host Philippines beat Malaysia by 1-0 to secure four points. Cambodia is currently trailing Myanmar with the same points as the Philippines, but with a goal difference.

Malaysia is in the fourth place with one point, while Timor Leste is in the fifth place with no points.

With the win Myanmar has secured 7 points from two wins and one draw, and the team is still leading in Group A.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

OFFICIALS from the Myanmar Football Federation have arranged to distribute free tickets to Myanmar fans for the team's matches in the South East Asian Games in the Philippines, according to a statement issued by the MFF. The MFF officials would buy the tickets from the Philippines SEA Games organizing committee and the free tickets would be delivered at the entrance of football stadiums in the Philippines an hour ahead of team Myanmar matches, officials said.

Myanmar football fans who have traveled to the Philippines have been invited to watch the matches and encourage team Myanmar by raising a huge Myanmar National Flag at the ordinary stand in the football stadiums for every Myanmar match, the MFF stated.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

MFF to hand out free tickets for team Myanmar matches in Philippines

30th SEA Games opening ceremony to be broadcast live on MRTV

THE opening ceremony of the 30th South East Asian (SEA) Games, which is scheduled to be held at 5:30 pm (Myanmar Standard Time) today in Bo- cause, the Philippines, will be broadcast live on MRTV and MRTV Sports Channel and aired live on Myanmar Radio from 5:25 pm.

The 8:00 pm news on MRTV will be shown after the SEA Games opening ceremony.—MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)