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University of Yangon holds grand opening of centennial celebration



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi opens the University of Yangon's centennial celebration at the convocation hall of the university yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended the grand opening ceremony of University of Yangon's centennial celebrated in its convocation hall in the campus yesterday morning, and she delivered a speech at the event.

The ceremony was also attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Dr Pe Myint, U Min Thu, Dr Aung Thu, U Thant Sin

Maung, U Win Khaing, U Thein Swe, Dr Than Myint, Dr Myo Thein Gyi, Dr Myint Htwe, Dr Win Myat Aye and U Kyaw Tin; Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun, Deputy Ministers U Win Maw Tun and U Kyaw Linn, Ministers of Yangon Region government, Hluttaw representatives, rectors and professors of universities, alumni of University of Yangon, new generation stu-

dents, and the invited guests.

First, the students of University of Yangon performed with 'Mya Kyun Nyo Nyo' (The Emerald Island) to honour the significant features of the university.

The State Counsellor launched the ceremony, and delivered a speech, recognizing the celebration is very significant for both the University of Yangon and the country.

She added the University

was established on 1 December 1920, and its 100th anniversary will mark on 1 December 2020. The joyous celebration of centennial has begun taking place, and the activities are expected to increase gradually during this period.

She also remarked the University of Yangon has possessed the great dignity of the country, and can be regarded as the mother of all the universities in the country.

When it was first established, its organizational structures imitated those of England universities. It was also one of the best universities in the Southeast Asia. Nearby Inya Lake, convocation hall, the large dioecious tree (Thit Pote Pin), Adipati Road and its large campus are its significant features to become one of the most attractive universities in the region.

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Pyithu Hluttaw

Second Pyithu Hluttaw's 14th regular session holds tenth-day meeting

THE tenth-day meeting of the 14th regular session of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw was held at the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall of the Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, where asterisk-marked questions were asked and answered, a decision made on a bill and three reports read.

Asterisk marked questions

In the asterisk marked question and answer session questions raised by U Saw Tun Mya Aung of Papun constituency on plan to lay a power transmission line to Papun Town, U Aung Kyaw Kyaw Oo of Hline constituency on department responsible to move transformers and lighting poles obstructing municipal works and U Sai Ngaung Hsai Hein of Maukmai constituency on arrangements made to pro-



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat. PHOTO: MNA

vide electricity to villages in the constituency were answered by Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy U Khin Maung Win.

Similarly, questions relating to irrigation raised by U Steven of Kengtung constituency, U Pe Than of Myebon

constituency and U Se Ki Kaw of Mongkhat constituency, a question on amending rules to 2012 Farmland Law by U Nyan Hein of Thanbyuzayat constituency were answered by Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw.

Decision on National Records and Archive Bill

Following the asterisk marked question and answer session Bill Committee member Dr Wai Phyo Aung submitted the agreeable and disagreeable amendments of the National Records and Archive Bill returned with amendments by Amyotha Hluttaw and obtained the decision of the Hluttaw to approve the bill after obtaining the comments of Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry.

Next, Bill Committee secretary U Kyaw Soe Lin tabled a motion to submit the disagreed amendments to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for its decision. Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced that the matter will be submitted to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for discussion and decision.

Annual reports of three committees read

Afterwards Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee Annual Report, Pyithu Hluttaw Banking and Financial Development Committee Annual Report and Pyithu Hluttaw Investment and Industrial Development Committee Annual Report were read by committee members U Thein Tan, U Aung Soe and U Ohn Lwin respectively.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker made announcements for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the report to register their names after each report was read.

The 11th-day meeting of the second Pyithu Hluttaw's 14th regular session will be held on 4 December. — Aye Aye Thant (MNA)

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Amyotha Hluttaw

Amyotha Hluttaw passes Myanmar Insolvency Bill

THE 14th regular session of Second Amyotha Hluttaw held its 10th day meeting yesterday with raising questions and tabling a motion.

It also approved the Myanmar Insolvency Bill, after it was sent back by the Pyithu Hluttaw with recommendations.

Ten Ancient Cave Pagodas in Rakhine State

MP U Maung Kyaw Zan from Rakhine State constituency 9 asked the Union government to put ten ancient cave pagodas into the list of national cultural heritage areas in Rakhine State.

Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture replied that the caves are just ancient structures, and that they could not be recognized as the area of cultural heritages. However, these pagodas will be recorded in the list of ancient monuments and edifices conserved by the Department of Archaeology and National Museum.

Control of illicit trades

MP U Soe Thein from Kayah State constituency 9 asked the government about the control of illicit trade and conflict economy especially in drug trafficking.

Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo said that the surge in illegal trade is due to a transition period from some unregistered businesses to reg-



Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung. PHOTO: MNA

istered one in private sector, and the ongoing process in rule of law and lasting peace. The Deputy Minister also said the government has formed anti-illicit trade units in nine States/Regions close to the neighbouring countries.

The Deputy Minister also said the government's anti-drug efforts, including the 865 cases taken to the courts with the arrest of 1,320 persons from 16 June 2018 to 23 November 2019. The Union Minister for Home Affairs is leading in eradication of drug trafficking, poppy cultivation, control of prohibited chemicals, treatments, rehabilitation, disseminating knowledge and educative campaigns. He also said the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation is taking various actions against illegal trade of jades, timbers and metals, while the Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry has

set up 15 offices in States/Regions level, 26 offices in township level, 15 OSS camps and other checkpoints to control illegal trades.

The Deputy Minister also requested common people, Hluttaw representatives, media, and private business firms to join hands with the officials in fighting against the illegal trade.

Role of Myanmar commercial attaches

MP U Aung Myo Latt from Mandalay Region constituency 5 asked about the role of commercial attaches assigned duties in foreign countries to improve Myanmar export sector in expanding crop markets of the country.

Deputy Minister U Aung Htoo also replied that the commercial attaches are collecting market information, import policies and rules, economic policies and strategies of respective coun-

tries. They are also explaining economic development, investment policy, laws, bylaws, rules and procedures of Myanmar to the officials and businesspersons of those countries. They have to deliver weekly, monthly, biannual and annual reports on the business information and market data of those countries. These sorts of information are published in the Commerce Journal and some publications online. They also give Myanmar business information asked by individuals or companies of foreign countries.

Branch office of district election commission in Matupi

MP U Larl Min Htan from Chin State constituency 10 asked to open a branch office of district election commission in Matupi Town of Chin State before 2020 General Election and to allocate budget for construction of its building in nearest financial year.

Member of Union Election Commission U Soe Yal replied plans have been made to open an affiliated office with Matupi Township Election Commission Office, and its office will be constructed in nearest financial year as the land plot has been received for it.

Projects of Zaykabar Company Limited in Thandaung Town

MP Naw Chirst Tun (a) Dr Ar Kar Moe asked about legitimacy

of construction projects for roads, bridge, shops, waterfall and other sites carried out by Zaykabar Company Limited along Pathi Creek in Thandaung Town. The question was replied by Nay Pyi Taw Council Member U Nyi Tun.

Approval of Myanmar Insolvency Bill

Then Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung announced the Myanmar Insolvency Bill after seeking approval of the House on the recommendations of Pyithu Hluttaw.

Motion to allocate unused state-owned property

MP U Ko Ko Naing from the Sagaing Region constituency 8 tabled a motion to urge the Union government to allocate the unused state-owned property for addressing the shortage of city land in establishing public recreation places.

MP U Win Myint from the Magway Region constituency 8 supported the motion.

The Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker announced to submit the names of MPs who want to discuss the motion as it was agreed by the Hluttaw for discussion.

The 14th regular session of Second Amyotha Hluttaw will convene its 11th day meeting on 4 December. — Aung Ye Thwin

(Translated by Aung Khin)

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The State Counsellor continued that the government is renovating and upgrading the university during its centennial period by forming work committees for a master plan which is being implemented by a steering committee chaired by the Union Minister for Education.

To promote education quality and physical structures, a software committee and a hardware committee were formed.

She also recognized the adaptation of master plan for the university, including its organizational structure, management, policies and functions, to suit the developing situations. In accordance with the Myanmar Education Law 2015, the University of Yangon would be developed into an autonomous university soon after making preparations.

In the aspect of education reform, a faculty system will be established, and its curricula will be reviewed and developed. Its curricula and policy reform are intended for ensuring quality improvement, socioeconomic development, effective cooperation with international universities and easy student mobility.

Reform programme of the university includes the establishments of internal quality assurance system, applied research activities, internationalizations in cooperation with foreign universities and developing an e-library.

The State Counsellor also explained promoting physical structures of the university in developing a clean and safe campus, upgrading roads, creating a greening area along the Adipati Road without damaging its environment and historic buildings in accordance with the wills of new generation students, its alumni and the common people.

She added the clean water supply, flow of water, drainage system and

safe wiring installations are also included in upgrading physical structures of the university.

In academic sector, the existing curricula of university will be upgraded to meet the needs in socioeconomics and education sectors of the country. The curricula reforms could help in cooperation with international institutions and student mobility, and could generate competent human resources for the country, while a credit transfer system would soon be developed for easy cooperation with foreign universities in student mobility.

The State Counsellor remarked promotion of education quality is very fundamental to upgrading the University of Yangon, adding that a university is an educative institution intended for developing good people.

She also concluded that education could help in human development and making right decisions.

The State Counsellor commented it is not possible to judge a subject is better than any other subjects as all of these are useful, and advised to promote all the subjects in developing education sector. The values of subjects depend on the users of these subjects. It is expected to apply these subjects properly.

She also said the government will support harmonious development of subjects and generating capable students who could create a developed country.

She remarked that Myanmar is still a developing country, and that young people are responsible for the development of the country, and they should be proud of this duty.

In conclusions, the State Counsellor called for a successful holding of centennial celebration with the participations of new generation students, alumni and people.

After the speech of



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivers the address at the grand opening ceremony of University of Yangon's centennial celebration at the university's convocation hall yesterday. **PHOTO:MNA**

State Counsellor, a documentary video of University of Yangon's history was screened, and she greeted the attendees at the event.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than delivered a speech at the second session of the event.

Union Minister for Education explained the 100th anniversary celebration of the University.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein made an opening remark of the anniversary.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than, Union Ministers Dr Pe Myint, Dr Aung Thu, U Thein Swe, Dr Myo Thein Gyi, Dr Myint Htwe, and U Kyaw Tin, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker

U Tin Maung Tun presented certificates to the donors who contributed in holding the centennial celebration.

Former rector of Yangon University Dr Tin Aung Aye, film creator Director U Kyi Soe Tun, dramatist and writer Chit Oo Nyo, musician Daw Nwe Yin Win, writer Dr Khin Aye (Maung Khin Min-Danubyu) and sports

professional U Nanda Kyaw Swa talked on their previous experiences in the university.

Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu, who is a former rector of the University of Yangon, explained the emergence of Gangaw (Mesua ferrea) wood and its park for the university.

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Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than presents a certificate of honour to a dignitary. **PHOTO: MNA**

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The donors of Gangaw park presented cash and document on the donation to Rector of University of Yangon Dr Phoe Kaung.

The ceremony to open Gangaw wood and Gangaw park to mark the 100th anniversary of the university was held in front of Amara Dormitory in the campus, and it was attended by Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than and Union Ministers Dr Aung Thu and U Kyaw Tin.

Rector Dr Phoe Kaung and

donors Dr Zaw Win and U Sai Myo Win cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the wood and the park.

The centennial celebration of University of Yangon will be held the whole year until December next year.

In the first week of celebration, book shows and book sale festival will be organized along the Adapati Road, in front of library and around Thit Pote tree, the displays of history about the university in the Recreation Centre, and films and talks about the university in the campus from 10 am to 6

pm every day.

The objectives of centennial celebration of University of Yangon are to maintain the dignity of the country's prominent university, to support lasting peace and national reconciliation, to implement a quality education that suits the country's politics, economy and social situations, to generate capable human resources for education-oriented socioeconomic development and to upgrade the university into an international standard academic institution for the national and global welfares.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

MOI conducts Research Methodology, PR & Info Management Training Programme

THE Ministry of Information is organizing the third training programme on research methodology, public relations and information management from 2 to 6 December at its headquarters in Nay Pyi Taw.

It is jointly carried out by the Panna Institute with the support of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) Myanmar. Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun delivered an opening remark on the programme yesterday.

He said the increasing momentum of digital technology has been a part of 4th industrial revolution in the past three decades, leading to great impacts on many sectors, and people are finding information and entertainment programmes on mobile gadgets as the mobile SIM cards has outnumbered the country's population.

He also pointed out the importance of information manage-

ment how to collect information amidst the changing trends of communications, development of public relations and doing research methodology. The Deputy Minister also suggested building capacity to suit developing situations, and shared knowledge with the colleagues of respective departments.

Daw Khin Thuzar Tun, the Project Assistant of Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) Myanmar, explained its objectives and activities. Dr Tin Maung Maung Than, the Academic Advisor from Panna Institute, talked about the training programme. The five-day course is attended by 51 officers and staff members from the ministries, the Union Attorney-General Office, the Union Auditor General Office and the Union Civil Service Board. The first and second training programmes were held in June and October this year.—MNA (Translated by Aung Khin)



Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun delivers the opening address at the third training programme on research methodology, public relations and information management in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

CBM holds workshop on rule for outward remittance businesses

THE workshop on the rule for outward remittances businesses was held at the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the event, CBM Deputy Governor U Bo Bo Nge delivered an opening speech.

This was followed by Foreign Exchange Management Department and Monetary Policy Affairs and Financial Institutions Regulation Department of the Central Bank of Myanmar, and Bureau of

Special Investigation and financial investigation team explained the rule relating to permission of foreign exchange dealer, international norms relating to Anti-money Laundering/Counter Financing of Terrorism-AML/CFT, the rules relating to AML/CFT to be followed by exchange dealers and scrutinizing the clients.

The queries raised by attendees were answered by related departments.

Present at the meeting

were Deputy Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Bo Bo Nge, Director-General and staff from Bureau of Special Investigation of Ministry of Home Affairs, directors-general and staff from the Central Bank of Myanmar, head and staff of financial investigation team, those who interested in foreign exchange dealer and observers. —MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



CBM Deputy Governor U Bo Bo Nge makes key-note remarks at the workshop on the rule for outward remittances businesses. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor addresses Medical Skill, Simulation and Research Center opening ceremony in Yangon



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi formally opens the Medical Skill, Simulation and Research Centre at the University of Medicine-1 in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended and addressed an opening ceremony of the Medical Skill, Simulation and Research Center held in the compound of University of Medicine 1, Yangon yesterday afternoon.

Present at the event were Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Dr Pe Myint, U Min Thu, Dr Myo Thein Gyi and Dr Myint Htwe, Peace Commission Chairman Dr Tin Myo Win, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun, Region government ministers, Ministry of Health and Sports Permanent Secretary, Rectors of medical and related universities,

department heads, students, donors and invited guests.

The Medical Skill, Simulation and Research Center was opened by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Dr Pe Myint, U Min Thu, Dr Myo Thein Gyi and Dr Myint Htwe, Peace Commission Chairman Dr Tin Myo Win, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein and Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun cutting the ceremonial ribbon.

Afterwards, the State Counsellor pressed a button to unveil the signboard of the medical simulation training centre and research building and sprinkled

scented water onto the commemorative plaque.

In her address at the event the State Counsellor spoke of the day being a dawn of another unique success in the teaching and practising history of medical and related universities. This will allow for the systematic teaching and learning of international level medical expertise by doctors, nurses, medical experts and health care personnel who play a main role in public health care works.

Construction of the medical simulation training centre and research building commenced in January 2018 and it took nearly two years to be completed.

Now that the building was constructed and machineries and equipments installed, utilization can commence. More than K 12,000 million was used for it with the State allocating more than K 9,800 million and local and foreign donors donating more than K 2,300 million worth of cash and kind.

It is a proud moment to establish such training and research centre that never existed before in the medical teaching and learning history of Myanmar. It was established in the compound of University of Medicine 1 Yangon. The centre was aimed for 16 medical and related and universities as well as for 50 nurse and mid-wife training schools. Glad to know that another one will be constructed in Mandalay for upper Myanmar. Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe was enthusiastically striving toward implementing this.

In fact we still need to do more for our country's medical education teaching and training to reach international level. We'll have to study how to catch up if we were left behind. Now is the time when technology developments were progressing rapidly and the same goes with medical technologies too. The quality of the doctors, nurses and health care technicians are directly related to patients' livelihood, overcoming illnesses and recovery. It is a matter of continuously studying the developing technologies to uplifting own capability

and quality.

Another matter to emphasize is research works of the universities. Research plays a vital role in the existence and development or progress of universities. Progress and development in research greatly support a country's development.

Among the world universities, the level of our universities rises. However, compared to other universities in ASEAN countries, it had dropped. I asked why? The answer was the rapid development and progress of ASEAN universities. These universities were progressing mainly due to research. This was where we'll have to reinforce.

In research works, medical universities as well as other universities in our country are to use modern and developed lab and equipment. Much need to be done toward development in research. The State was providing more and more funds for development in research works. Starting from fiscal year 2017-2018, the Ministry of Health and Sports was specially provided with more funds. At the moment, an increasing numbers of health care personnel were reading papers and making presentations at international research conferences. Post graduate, master and doctorate students need to make more efforts toward producing more international level research papers. They need to be more involved in international medical area.



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi observes equipment used for medical skill and simulation. **PHOTO: MNA**

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State Counsellor attends Medical Skill, Simulation and Research Center opening ceremony in Yangon



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi poses for photo together with dignitaries at the ceremony to open the Medical Skill, Simulation and Research Center in Yangon. PHOTO: THET AUNG

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Medical and related universities ought to conduct more medical research with Medical Research Department and National Laboratory. Here they need not be down hearted. If we are left behind, put more efforts with a belief that there are more roads left to be taken up ahead.

Learning and practicing medical expertise was not as easy as thought. There were situations where a patients feeling pain and fatigue need to be taken into consideration. In international workshops and discussion, mannequins, donated body parts, medicine and equipments were used to simulate real life situations. This was similar to using simulators to train pilots with

developing technologies rather than using an actual airplane. Due to medical simulation training centre and research department, doctors and nurses can practice repeatedly until the actual treatment work can be conducted without endangering the patient.

In this department, clinical skill as well as non-technical skill including team work, communication and leadership subjects can be taught. But I don't want to encourage the mindset of wanting to become a leader. Some just want to be a leader. Who was following? More need to be done toward cooperating.

It will also be teaching management, professionalism and medical ethics. This was very good. These are soft skills that

are required everywhere.

A doctor must not only be skilled and learned in medicine. He/she must be an expert in social skills. It was good that arrangements were made to teach this too even though it would be a bit difficult to teach this with mannequins.

Research was essential to know the requirement of the country and to resolve problems. Post graduate students, specialist and professor are urged to conduct more research works that could development relevant subjects as well as to resolve problems faced by the patients. Publish and utilize the outcome results of the research.

For the medical simulation training and research center building to run smoothly, human

resources need to be trained. Systematic management and administration is required for sustainability. The Union Minister for Health and Sports was instructed to provide required training expenses as well as medicines and equipments. Material and human resources need to be replenished in order for the department to run successfully and achieve good results. Teachers and students are urged to use the training and research centre to raise public health care quality.

Local and international donors provided much support toward establishment of this centre. Cadaveric Laboratory, Microsurgical Training Lab, Simulation Operation Theatre, Emergency Department, Simulation Intensive Care Unit, La-

bour Room, Scope Simulator and Research Laboratory as well as Audio Visual System were said to be donated. Thanks to all. Help and assistant provided to state projects are valued. Thank to the organizations and people who helped toward establishing this centre. May this centre benefit the country and people in the health care sector for long said the State Counsellor.

Afterwards the State Counsellor and event attendees took commemorative group photo and inspected the research centre.

Nine non-technical skill courses and 16 technical skill courses will be conducted in the eight storey 192 x 90 ft. medical skill, simulation center and research building. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution holds its meeting 63/2019 at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Joint Committee on Amending 2008 Constitution holds meeting 63/2019

THE Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution held meeting 63/2019 at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of the Joint Committee Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Pyithu Hluttaw U Tun Aung (a) U Tun Tun Hein, Deputy Chairman of the Joint Committee Deputy

Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Aye Tha Aung, Secretary of the Joint Committee Dr Myat Nyana Soe, Joint Secretary of the Joint Committee U Htay Win Aung (a) U Pyone Cho, members who were Hluttaw representatives from political parties, Tatmadaw Hluttaw representatives and officials from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office. — MNA

(Translated by TTN)

SWRR Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye discusses resettlement plans, closure of IDP camps in Sittway

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye explained the resettlement programmes and the National Strategy for the Closure of IDP camps at the U Ottama Hall in Sittway, Rakhine State, on 2 December afternoon.

The Union Minister said the relevant ministries are trying to emerge a suitable State Constitution that is required for rule of laws, socioeconomic development national reconciliation and internal peace, and a federal democratic union as socioeconomic development is interrelated with peace and development of the country.

He talked about the ministry's works in developing human resources that can support socioeconomic development of the country in accordance with the sustainable development plan of the country.

The Union Minister re-

marked that the armed conflicts have left many internally displaced persons at the IDP camps in Kachin, Shan, Kayin and Rakhine states, and the prolonged existence of these camps would hinder development of the country.

He said the National Strategy for the Closure of IDP camps must be implemented in cooperation with civil societies, INGOs, UN agencies and social organizations.

The strategy was adopted in 2018, and the monthly cash assistance is being given to the internally displaced persons, with the total amount of over K 1.8 billion up to date.

The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement is taking up resettlement and socioeconomic development committee out of the four work committees for peace and development in Rakhine State.



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye explains strategy for resettlement of IDPs and closing IDP Camps at a ceremony in Sittway, Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

He concluded his speech with suggestions on drawing appropriate work plans to meet the specific needs in respective states and regions.

Then, the Director General of Department of Disaster Management detailed the strategy, and the Union Minister; the Chief Minister of Rakhine State and officials replied the questions of

attendees about closures of IDP camps in Myebon and Kyaukphyu townships, possible participations of civil communities, providing assistance in education, health, livelihood, security and the right to freedom of movement for IDPs, contribution of community-based organizations in drafting state-level work plans and allocation of budgets.

The meeting was attended by the ministers of Rakhine State government, Hluttaw MPs, representatives of IDP camps, women committees, civil communities, Sittway University Union, Chin charity youth organizations and the representatives from UN agencies in Myanmar.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Deputy Commerce Minister receives delegates from WTO

DEPUTY Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo received the first mission delegates from World Trade Organization (WTO) led by Mr Masahiro Hayafuji, the Head of Region, Asia and Pacific Trade Policy Review Division, at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to the collected data for conduct-

ing second Trade Policy Review, Myanmar's trade policy reforms, Myanmar's implementation of the WTO's Notification, relaxation of trade restrictions, technical assistances needed for e-commerce industry, WTO's assistances in Aid for Trade and continued technical assistances. — MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



Deputy Commerce Minister U Aung Htoo receives WTO official in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

CBM Governor inspects installation of bank note processing machines



CBM Governor U Kyaw Kyaw Maung inspects bank note processing machines in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

GOVERNOR of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung inspected the installation of German made bank note processing machines at the Central Bank of Myanmar (Yangon branch) in Yangon in yesterday.

The CBM Governor first inspected the installation of Bank Note Processing Machines BPS-M7 manufactured by Giesecke & Devrient Co, Ltd in Germany that can perform the functions of counting banknotes, identifying counterfeit

notes and reusable notes and packing banknotes, and instructed the officials to ensure setting up, maintenance and security of the machines. — MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Revising minimum wage every two years vital for reducing poverty

IN accordance with Section 24 (d) of the Minimum Wage Law, committees from regions and states have to submit their report on revising the minimum wage every two years to the national minimum wage committee.

While revising minimum wage, the regional and state committees are required to take into account the views of the representatives of the government, employers, employees, and experts before writing their reports for the national committee.

When experts and representatives review the conditions to revise the legal minimum wage, they should take into consideration long-term stability at the worksite and ensure that the minimum wage supports the country's GDP and economic development.

We are confident that their discussion at the workshop in

Everybody deserves a living wage. However, we need to be aware that the legal minimum wage can sometimes affect the bottom line of small business and even lead to their closure.

Nay Pyi Taw would help create a policy that will guarantee a legal minimum wage that supports both workers and employers.

In fact, the legal minimum wage is the result of the discussion between the representatives of the government, Hluttaw, employers, employees, and experts, after reviewing all conditions related with the minimum wage and international conditions.

Significantly, the minimum wage was set through tripartite social discussions between employers' associations, workers' organizations, and government representatives in 2015, and the country's daily minimum wage for an eight-hour work day was set at K3,600. The wage was increased to K4,800 in May, 2017. The revised

wage has applied to all businesses with 10 or more employees, irrespective of the location or type of work.

Everybody deserves a living wage. However, we need to be aware that the legal minimum wage can sometimes affect the bottom line of small business and even lead to their closure.

The increase in minimum wage every two years is an important milestone for our country and an example of the legislative body, the administrative body, employers, and employees rolling up their sleeves and putting in the work to make things better for the people they serve.

It's an excellent way to start the Myanmar traditional new year, and we hope for more bold initiatives like in 2015 and 2017, when we introduced the legal minimum wage believing that it would bring positive results in terms of reducing poverty and inequality.



Wa Special Region-2 issued a statement dated 27 November. Following is the full text of the statement.

Statement of the United Wa State Party (UWSP), Government of the Wa Self-Administered Division, and United Wa State Army (UWSA) Regarding the Application Filed by the Republic of The Gambia Before the International Court of Justice (ICJ)

The Wa Self-Administered Division extends its support for the position taken by the Government of Myanmar regarding the application filed by the Republic of The Gambia against the Republic of the Union of Myanmar before the International Court of Justice (ICJ). We take pride in the action taken by the State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, in her capacity as the Union Minister of Foreign Affairs, in leading the delegation to The Hague, the Netherlands, to defend against these allegations and safeguard the dignity of the Union.

The situation in the Rakhine State of Myanmar is complex

and the historical roots to these problems date back 200-years. Any biased action or improper international intervention can lead to further instability and confusion in the Rakhine State as the situation touches on issues such land, religion, race, culture, politics, economy and security.

The Wa Self-Administered Division objects to any unjust attempt to solve Myanmar's internal conflict. We are hopeful that the situation in the Rakhine State is resolved by the two concerned countries through the good offices of the third-party mediating

country, based on the principles of international law and international relations set forth in the United Nations Charter as well as the principles of peaceful resolution of conflicts.

It is also desirable for the concerned parties within the Union to resolve these conflicts through patience, wisdom and magnanimity. The Wa Self-Administered Division believes that if the concerned parties genuinely desire peace and work together towards that end, the existing conflicts would be resolved amicably.

Myanmar Muslim National Affairs Organization issued a statement dated 28 November. Following is the full text of the statement.

Date: November 28th, 2019

Statement of the Myanmar Muslim National Affairs Organization concerning The Gambia's lawsuit against Myanmar at the International Court of Justice

1. The Gambia's lawsuit at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) alleges that Myanmar either directly or indirectly has failed its obligations under the "Genocide Convention of 1948".

2. Myanmar as a responsible party of the ICJ pursuant to the United Nations Charter is responding to the lawsuit.

3. The Myanmar Muslim National Affairs Organization (Ma-Ah-Pha) wholeheartedly supports Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, the Union Minister of Foreign Affairs who will personally represent the country to defend Myanmar's national interests and interests of its people and to effectively respond to the lawsuit, with the cooperation of the Tatmadaw.

4. We hope for fair and just proceedings and fulfillment of Myanmar's objectives.

Central Working Group
Myanmar Muslim National Affairs Organization
(Ma-Ah-Pha) Main Office
Yangon

United Nations Secretary-General's Message on the International Day for Persons with Disabilities

3 December 2019

WHEN we secure the rights of people with disabilities, we move closer to achieving the central promise of the 2030 Agenda – to leave no one behind.

While we still have much to do, we have seen important progress in building an inclusive world for all.

Almost all United Nations Member States

have ratified the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities and I urge those who have not yet done so to ratify it without delay.

In June, I launched the United Nations Disability Inclusion Strategy, to raise our standards and performance on disability inclusion, across all areas of our work and around the world.

And for the first time, the Security Council adopted its first-ever resolution dedicated on the protection of persons with disabilities in armed conflict.

We are determined to lead by example.

On this International Day, I reaffirm the commitment of the United Nations to work with people with disabilities to build a sustainable,

inclusive and transformative future in which everyone, including women, men, girls and boys with disabilities, can realize their potential.

Thank you.

United Nations Information Centre,
Yangon

Union Supreme Court sits to pass judgement, hear cases

Union Supreme Court sits at Union Supreme Court Room No 1 yesterday with Chief Justice of the Union Supreme Court U Htun Htun Oo and all Union Supreme Court judges and passed judgement on four special criminal appeal cases and one special civil appeal case. It also heard five special civil appeal cases. — MNA ■

(Translated by Tun Tun Naing)



Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Monday 2nd December, 2019)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 03rd December, 2019: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin State. Degree of certainty is (60%). Weather will be partly cloudy in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Shan, Chin, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4 – 7) feet in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts and about (3 – 5) feet off and along Rakhine Coasts.

Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their work to the **Global New Light of Myanmar** at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, in person, or by email to ce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Own name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.). – Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar

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Over 10,000 tourists visit Indawgyi Lake this year

THE Indawgyi Lake in Mohnyin Township, Kachin State, received more than 10,000 tourists in 2019, according to data provided by the Indawgyi Wetland Education Centre.

The tourists enjoyed boat tours in the lake, trekking along the mountain near the lake, and observing bird species and monkeys, and traditions and customs of the local ethnic people, said Daw Phyu Ma Ma from Fauna & Flora International (FFI), who is serving at the Indawgyi Wetland Education Centre.

The Indawgyi area is being conserved with the help of a German development partner, and majority of the visitors are German, said U Khin Maung Win, head of the Indawgyi Wildlife Sanctuary.

Two towns and 33 villages are located within Indawgyi area.



Indawgyi lake is one of the tourist attractions in upper Myanmar. PHOTO: WIN NAING (KACHINMYAY)

Indawgyi Lake is one of the largest freshwater lakes in South East Asia. It was designated an ASEAN Heritage Park in 2013, a Ramsar Site in 2016, and a Biosphere Reserve in 2017. The education center features the history of the wildlife park and Indawgyi Lake, a biosphere map, Wetland and Fly network site, forest ecosystem, muddy delta, Ramsar site, eco-tourism in Indawgyi, tradition and culture of locals, and fish conservation in the Indawgyi Lake. —Win Naing (Kachinmyay)

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Nat statues selling well at Mandalay carving market

TRADITIONAL figures of Nats, spirits worshipped by some people in Myanmar, are enjoying a high demand in the Mandalay carving market, said

Mandalay sculptors.

At present, the industry is faced with shortage of wood for carving and low demand in the local market. Therefore,

sculptors are prioritizing small statues portraying ancient Myanmar culture as those carvings are being purchased by tourists as souvenirs.

“Since 2017, wood carvings showing the ancient design of the Ava period have primarily been sold,” said U Naing Lin, a sculptor from Mandalay. “The Thailand market purchase 37 Nat figures and then, they resell them to international markets. Sculptures sized 2-3 feet are mostly purchased as they are fit for transportation. Sculptures measuring 10-15 feet are rarely traded. There is demand only from hotels in the local market,” he added.

Mandalay is welcoming more tourists year over year. Once the high season starts, the Mandalay carving market teems with buyers, according to shops selling sculptures.

Myanmar sculptures are popular in China, Thailand, and Laos. Carvings, priced K10,000-100,000, depending on the quality of wood, size, and design, are selling well. — Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House)

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)



A man carves a wooden statue in Mandalay. PHOTO: MIN HTET AUNG (MANDALAY SUB-PRINTING HOUSE)

Narcotic drugs confiscated in four townships

POLICE from Shwebo Myoma police station searched the house of Nay Soe Htet (a) Ye Naung in No.6 Ward in Shwebo Town and seized 56g of heroin, 3,511 stimulant tablets, Myanmar currency notes amounted K 4,500 and one mobile phone from him, together with Ma Zar Chi Htaik and Nay Win Htet on 30 November.

A combined team including anti-narcotic drug squad No.41 of Yangon (East) confiscated 353.5 g of ICE, 7,270 stimulant tablets and a mobile phone from the house of Phone Maung in Zay Street in Byaing Yay Oo Sin Street in Tamway on 1 December.

Similarly, Anti-narcotic drug

squad No.27 of Loilem searched the house of Aik Kyaw and Ma Nam Kham Lu (a) Nam Aye Lu in No.1 Ward in Mongshu Town and seized 4,000 stimulant tablets, 1 kg of raw heroin and Myanmar currency notes amounted K 80,000.

On the same day, Tatmadaw personnel searched a hut in the

farm near Kun Taw Village, Ma-bein Township and seized 10,600 stimulant tablets from Ma Hla Win who was found in the hut.

Police filed charges against them under the Anti-narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, according to Myanmar Police Force. — GNLM

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

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Local gold prices expected to extend their drop on weak global cues

WITH gold prices sliding in the global market, the price of the yellow metal in the domestic market is likely to continue falling, according to gold traders.

“Global gold price has dipped. The local currency is gaining against the dollar in the internal forex market. Gold price is expected to extend its drop this month,” said U Myo Myint, chair of the Yangon Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association.

In early September, the price of pure gold crossed K1.3 million per tical (0.578 ounces, or 0.016 kilograms) in the domestic market, tracking global cues and rumors in the local banking industry. Then, it dropped to K1.175 million on 2 December.

“Despite the price drop, regular trading is being witnessed in the domestic market. About



Sales girls show gold jewellery to a customer at a shop in downtown. **PHOTOPHOE KHWAR**

50 viss (a viss equals 1.6 kg) of gold is being traded daily,” U Myo Myint added.

The domestic gold price is positively related to the global gold price. Global prices were pegged

at over US\$1,459 per ounce on 2 December and the US dollar exchange rate stood at K1,514, ac-

cording to the gold market. 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 1,200,000 (7 August-4 September), and then reaching a fresh peak of K1,300,000 on 5 September.

According to gold traders, the lowest price for gold in June was K1,223,800 (14 September) and the highest was K1,307,000 (5 September). In October, the gold price touched the lowest level of K1,211,500 on 1 October and the highest level of K1,229,000 on 10 October. In November, the price moved in the range of 1,219,400 (2 November) and K1,173,000 (28 November), according to gold traders. — Nyein Nyein (*Translated by Ei Myat Mon*)

Imports exceed exports in Myanmar’s trade with Singapore in 2018-2019FY

THE value of Myanmar’s imports surpassed exports in bilateral trade with Singapore in the 2018-2019 Financial year, according to data from the Ministry of Commerce.

Singapore is Myanmar’s second largest trading partner in the region, after Thailand. In the previous fiscal, Myanmar’s exports to

Singapore were registered at just US\$329.8 million, while imports were valued at \$3.15 billion, with total trade pegged at \$3.486 billion.

Myanmar exports agricultural products, footwear, textiles and clothing, minerals, and animal products to Singapore, while it imports plastic, fuel oil, capital goods, intermediate goods,

consumer products, metals, and chemicals. Myanmar’s bilateral trade with Singapore was registered at \$1.99 billion in the last mini-budget period, \$3.83 billion in the 2017-2018FY, \$2.96 billion in the 2016-2017FY, and \$3.69 billion in the 2015-2016FY.

As per data from the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration, Singapore ranked first among foreign investors with the largest investments in the previous Financial year, bringing in \$2.4 billion. In the current 2019-2020FY, Singapore-listed companies have discussed investing in Myanmar’s energy and banking businesses with the Myanmar Investment Commission, and there is potential to increase investments, said U Thant Sin Lwin, Director-General of the DICA, at the Myanmar-Singapore Business Summit 2019, held on 14 November at the Novotel Yangon Max. — Ko Khant (*Translated by EMM*)



A cargo ship loading containers at a shipping container port in Yangon. **PHOTO; PHOE KHWAR**

MIC clears investments of \$857.29 mln from six foreign firms, K269.3 bln from seven local enterprises

THE Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC), at a recent meeting, approved and endorsed investments of US\$857.29 million from six foreign enterprises along with seven domestic investment projects with estimated capitals of K269.3 billion and \$1.486 million.

Four foreign businesses were given the go-ahead by the MIC and the proposals of two foreign enterprises were endorsed by the Ayeyawady Region Investment Committee.

The investments will flow into the electricity, real estate, transportation, and manufacturing sectors. The projects are expected to create over 3,000 jobs for local residents.

Meanwhile, the proposals of three domestic enterprises were approved by the MIC and four were endorsed by the Mandalay Region, Ayeyawady Region, and Mon State investment committees.

The domestic projects will be executed in the manufacturing, real estate, hotel, and livestock and fisheries sectors, and create over 1,460 jobs. The Myanmar Investment Law allows regional and state Investment Committees to endorse local and foreign proposals, where the initial investment does not exceed K6 billion, or \$5 million, with the aim of simplifying the verification of investment projects. — Nyein Nyein (*Translated by Ei Myat Mon*)

Imports by public sector fall \$109 mln in current fiscal

THE value of goods imported by the public sector between 1 October and 22 November in the 2019-2020 financial year showed a decline of US\$109 million in all three import groups — capital goods, intermediate goods, and consumer goods — compared with the year-ago period.

Meanwhile, compared with the corresponding period of last

year, private sector imports registered an increase of \$188 million in two groups — capital goods and intermediate goods.

The total import figure stood at \$2.62 billion, an increase of \$79 million from \$2.54 billion registered in the year-ago period, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce.

As of 22 November, capital

goods, such as auto parts, vehicles, machines, steel, and airplane parts were brought into the country by the public and private sector, with an estimated import value of \$890.2 million. The figure was \$57 million higher compared to the same period in the 2018-2019FY.

Meanwhile, Myanmar imported consumer products worth

\$481.18 million, including pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and palm oil. Both private and public sector imports of consumer products showed a decrease of \$6 million compared with the same period of the previous fiscal.

Intermediate goods make up a large share of Myanmar’s imports, with petroleum products and plastic raw materials

being the main import items. In the current fiscal, imports of raw materials declined by \$12.8 million from the year-ago period to reach an estimated \$919 million.

During the same period, raw materials worth \$344 million were also imported for the Cut-Make-Pack (CMP) garment sector. — GNLM (*Translated by Ei Myat Mon*)



The Viet Nam-Myanmar Education Forum is in progress at the Diamond Jubilee Hall of the Yangon University in Yangon on 2 December. PHOTO: MNA

Myanmar - Viet Nam Education Forum held at Yangon University

ORGANIZED by Viet Nam Embassy in Yangon, the Viet Nam-Myanmar Education Forum was held yesterday at the Diamond Jubilee Hall of the Yangon University in Yangon yesterday.

The aim of the forum is to widely implement the memorandum of understanding signed by Viet Nam Ministry of Education & Training, and Myanmar Ministry of Education in 2017. During the meeting, they discussed matters related to the businesses in Viet Nam that will give scholarships to the students in Myanmar, scholarship programmes of universities in Viet Nam, the scholarship courses co-assisted with other foreign universities and bilateral cooperation in education sector and Myanmar's education reform process. — MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

AGTI alumni celebrate 35th ATB Cup 2019

ALUMNI of the Associate of Government Technology Institute—AGTI organized the presentation and dinner of the 35th Myanmar Tourism Bank Cup 2019 at the Myanmar Golf Club at the 9th Miles in Yangon yesterday.

The event began with greeting remarks by U Nye-in Aung of AGTI Association and U Yan Win, President of Myanmar Tourism Bank.

The bank's CEO Philip Koh introduced the policy, objectives and future tasks of the MTB. Managing Director of the MTB U Zaw Thu detailed about the products and services of the bank. Afterwards, winners of the Myanmar Tourism Bank Cup 2019 were awarded with prizes and the dinner was hosted to the attendees. — GNLM



Winners of the Myanmar Tourism Bank Cup 2019 are awarded with prizes at the Myanmar Golf Club in the 9th Miles, Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: GNLM

Ye Township land official charged with graft

AN official from Ye Township's Land Management and Statistics Department has been charged with taking bribes from rightful owners in exchange for use of their farmland abandoned by the local military unit, according to the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC).

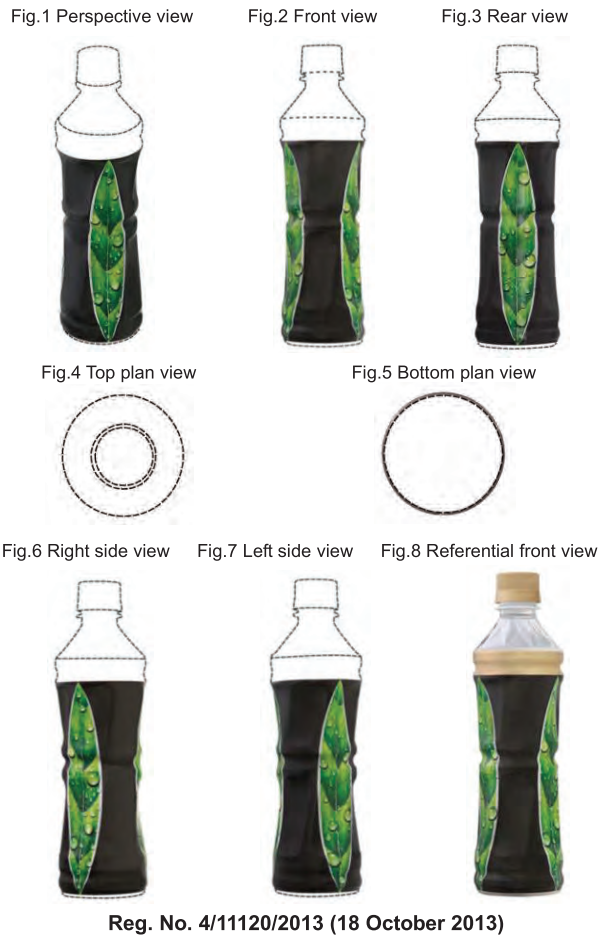
at the rate of K100,000 per acre, and received K5 million in bribes twice, said the statement released by ACC.

The official has been charged at the police station in Ye, Mon State, under Section 56 of the Anti-Corruption Law, said ACC. — MNA

Following a complaint lodged by local farmers alleging that U Win Aung, an executive officer at the Ye Township Land Management and Statistics Department, took K5 million from 14 farmers who applied for Land Use Form-7, the ACC launched an investigation into the case. During the investigation, it was found that the official abused his authority and demanded K20 million from farmers,

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Request for Proposal for Consultancy Services
RFP No. 49/Consultancy UKT/ 2019-2020

1. Department of Hydropower Implementation is in the process of preparing the consultancy services of the Upper Kengtawng Hydropower Project (51 MW) which is located on Nam Teng River, about 14 km South-West of Kengtawng Township, Sothorn Shan State, Myanmar.
2. The Employer requests for proposals to the qualified, well experienced in hydropower projects and eligible international consulting firms on the basis of open tender announcements in order to carry out the consultancy services of the said project in Myanmar Kyat.
3. The RFP document can be obtained from Department of Hydropower Implementation during office hours at 2nd December, 2019 by the authorized representative of the consultant firms upon submission of a written application in the name of Department of Hydropower Implementation.
4. A consulting firm will be selected under Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method and procedures as described in the RFP.
5. The proposals shall be submitted in six sets (one original and five duplicates) in two separate and sealed envelopes clearly marked "Technical Proposal" and "Financial Proposal" on or before the 16th January, 2020 not later than 10:00 Hours to Tender Receiving and Scrutinizing Committee, Department of Hydropower Implementation.
6. Only technical proposal will be opened on the same day at 10:30 Hours at meeting room, Department of Hydropower Implementation, in the presence of authorized representatives of the firms who choose to be present. Absence of the representative of the firms shall not hinder the opening of the proposal.
7. A pre-proposal conference will be held at 10:00 Hours on 11th December, 2019 at Department of Hydropower Implementation, Ministry of Electricity and Energy.
8. Invitation letter and Request for Proposal documents with detailed information shall be available at the following address during the office hours.

Procurement Branch, Department of Hydropower Implementation, Ministry of Electricity and Energy, Office No. (27) Nay Pyi Taw, Phone : 067-8104189, 067-8104190, Email-dirpro.dhpi@moe.gov.mm.

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Department of Hydropower Implementation
Ministry of Electricity and Energy

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on M.V MATHU BHUM VOY. NO. (251W) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3-12-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T/M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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UEC Chairman leaves for People’s Republic of China



The Myanmar delegation led by Union Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein is seen before departing for China. PHOTO: MNA

UNION Election Commission U Hla Thein left for the People’s Republic of China on 1 December night as study tour till 6 December on promoting understanding on election system between Myanmar and China. The UEC delegation led by UEC Chairman U Hla Thein was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Ambassador of PRC Mr Chen Hai and officials from UEC office and Yangon Region Sub-Election Commission. UEC Chairman was accompanied by officials from the commission. — MNA (Translated by TTN)

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)
(23/2019-2020)

1. Open tenders for 2019-2020 fiscal year are invited for supply of the following services in United States Dollars and Myanmar Kyats.

| Sr No. | Tender No. | Description | Remarks |
|--------|---------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|
| (a) | MOGE-C001/2019 | Provision of 3D Seismic Data Services for Onshore Block RSF-1 | US\$ |
| (b) | DMP/L – 180 (19-20) | Maintenance, Inspection and spare requirements Services for PLC (Daw Nyein) and Ywama (GDS) | Ks |

2. The Open Tender forms including Description of services with details specifications and Tender Terms & Conditions can be available during office hours commencing from 2 December 2019 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No. (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

3. The interested Bidders should submit the **Technical Specifications with Original Bid Bond and Commercial Quotation in each separate sealed envelopes** on which to be addressed to the Managing Director, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in Tender Box of the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than **14:00 pm on 30 December 2019**.

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Request for Proposal for Consultancy Services
RFP No. 46/Consultancy MPL/ 2019-2020

1. Department of Hydropower Implementation is in the process of preparing the consultancy services of the Middle Paunglaung Hydropower Project (152 MW) which is located on Paunglaung River, about 32 km North-East of Pyinmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory.

2. The Employer requests for proposals to the qualified, well experienced in hydropower projects and eligible international consulting firms on the basis of open tender announcements in order to carry out the consultancy services of the said project in **Myanmar Kyat**.

3. The RFP document can be obtained from Department of Hydropower Implementation during office hours at 2nd December, 2019 by the authorized representative of the consultant firms upon submission of a written application in the name of Department of Hydropower Implementation.

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7. A pre-proposal conference will be held at 14:00 Hours on 10th December, 2019 at Department of Hydropower Implementation, Ministry of Electricity and Energy.

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Tender Receiving and Scrutinizing Committee
Department of Hydropower Implementation
Ministry of Electricity and Energy

Request for Proposal for Consultancy Services
RFP No. 47/Consultancy UYY/ 2019-2020

1. Department of Hydropower Implementation is in the process of preparing the consultancy services of the Upper Yeywa Hydropower Project (280 MW) which is located on Myit Nge River, about 32 km south of Kyauk Me Township, Northern Shan State, Myanmar.

2. The Employer requests for proposals to the qualified, well experienced in hydropower projects and eligible international consulting firms on the basis of open tender announcements in order to carry out the consultancy services of the said project in **Myanmar Kyat**.

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Request for Proposal for Consultancy Services
RFP No. 48/Consultancy TH/ 2019-2020

1. Department of Hydropower Implementation is in the process of preparing the consultancy services of the Tha-htay Hydropower Project (111 MW) which is located on Tha-htay Chaung River, about 19 km north-east of Thandwe Township, Rakhine State, Myanmar.

2. The Employer requests for proposals to the qualified, well experienced in hydropower projects and eligible international consulting firms on the basis of open tender announcements in order to carry out the consultancy services of the said project in **Myanmar Kyat**.

3. The RFP document can be obtained from Department of Hydropower Implementation during office hours at 2nd December, 2019 by the authorized representative of the consultant firms upon submission of a written application in the name of Department of Hydropower Implementation.

4. A consulting firm will be selected under Quality and Cost Based Selection (QCBS) method and procedures as described in the RFP.

5. The proposals shall be submitted in six sets (one original and five duplicates) in two separate and sealed envelopes clearly marked “Technical Proposal” and “Financial Proposal” on or before the 16th January, 2020 not later than 13:00 Hours to Tender Receiving and Scrutinizing Committee, Department of Hydropower Implementation.

6. Only technical proposal will be opened on the same day at 13:30 Hours at meeting room, Department of Hydropower Implementation, in the presence of authorized representatives of the firms who choose to be present. Absence of the representative of the firms shall not hinder the opening of the proposal.

7. A pre-proposal conference will be held at 14:00 Hours on 11th December, 2019 at Department of Hydropower Implementation, Ministry of Electricity and Energy.

8. Invitation letter and Request for Proposal documents with detailed information shall be available at the following address during the office hours.
Procurement Branch, Department of Hydropower Implementation, Ministry of Electricity and Energy, Office No. (27) Nay Pyi Taw, Phone: 067-8104189, 067-8104190, Email-dirpro.dhpi@ moee.gov.mm.

Tender Receiving and Scrutinizing Committee
Department of Hydropower Implementation
Ministry of Electricity and Energy

China suspends Hong Kong visits by US military ships, aircraft, sanctions US NGOs

BEIJING — The Chinese government has decided to suspend reviewing applications to visit Hong Kong by US military ships and aircraft starting Monday, foreign ministry spokesperson Hua Chunying said.

China will also take sanctions against some US non-governmental organizations (NGOs) for their role in the disturbances in Hong Kong, Hua said at a press conference.

The NGOs include the National Endowment for Democracy, National Democratic Institute for International Affairs, International Republican Institute, Human Rights Watch and Freedom House.

A lot of facts and evidence have shown that the aforementioned NGOs supported anti-China rioters in Hong Kong in various ways, abetted their extreme and violent criminal behavior and incited separatist activities for “Hong Kong independence”, Hua said, adding that these organizations bear major responsibilities for Hong Kong’s chaotic situation and should be sanctioned and pay their price.

The spokesperson said the United States has seriously violated the international law and basic norms governing international relations, and interfered in China’s in-

ternal affairs by signing the so-called Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act of 2019 into law despite China’s firm opposition.

“China urges the US to correct its mistake and stop meddling in Hong Kong affairs or interfering in China’s other internal affairs by any word and act,” Hua said.

China will take further necessary actions in accordance with the development of the situation to firmly defend the stability and prosperity of Hong Kong and safeguard national sovereignty, security and development interests, she said. — Xinhua ■



Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

Japan promises \$3 bil in funding to ASEAN nations from 2020

TOKYO — Japan has promised \$3 billion in investment and loans to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations to boost development in the fast-growing region, Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi said Monday.

The public and private sectors will make the contribution over three years from 2020 to 2022 as part of Japan’s efforts to improve infrastructure, women’s empowerment and protection of the natural environment, he said.

The announcement follows Prime Minister Shinzo Abe’s promise in early November to double investment and loans to the 10-nation group as he looks to garner support for his vision of a “free and open” Indo-Pacific

as a counter to China’s growing influence. In a speech in Tokyo, Motegi said the move showcases Japan’s commitment to “free and fair economic development in ASEAN by providing economic options in all of its corners.”

“Economic cooperation is not just about paying for infrastructure construction. We always come in with a long-term vision to create local jobs, to build capacity, to nurture human resources that will become an engine for growth,” he said at a symposium organized by the Japan Institute of International Affairs. Of the total, \$1.2 billion will come from the government-funded Japan International Cooperation Agency. — Kyodo News ■

Australia unveils multimillion dollar counterintelligence program

SYDNEY — The Australian government on Monday unveiled a plan to create a new counterintelligence task force to strengthen the country’s response to foreign interference.

Prime Minister Scott Morrison said the planned AU\$88 million (\$59.6 million) Counter Foreign Interference Taskforce would help to “disrupt and deter anyone attempting to undermine our national interests.”

The plan, developed on the advice of Canberra’s intelligence agencies, comes amid increased concern about national security following claims of Chinese espionage and a cyberattack on the country’s parliamentary network.

“Foreign interference comes from many, many different sources and it’s important that we have the capacity to deal with it,” Morrison said. “It’s an evolving threat and it’s also been a building and evolving response.”

In November, local media reported a Chinese spy ring allegedly attempted to plant an agent in the nation’s parliament.

According to media organ-



Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison speaks during an official visit ceremony at the South Lawn of the White House on 20 September 2019 in Washington, DC. Prime Minister Morrison will participate in an Oval Office meeting, a joint news conference, and a state dinner during his state visit in Washington. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

ization Nine, Bo “Nick” Zhao, a Melbourne-based luxury car dealer was approached by a Chinese intelligence group offering AU\$1 million to fund his campaign for a lower house seat in last May’s general election.

Zhao was reportedly found dead in a Melbourne motel room after he disclosed the offer to Australian intelligence officials.

Further, the prime minister

in February accused a “sophisticated state actor” of breaching the parliament’s computer network in a cyberattack that allowed access to documents of the nation’s three major political parties.

Reuters news agency reported in September that sources within Australian intelligence deemed China responsible for the attack. — Kyodo News ■

Delhi: AIDWA, AIDS0 members protest crimes against women

NEW DELHI (India) — Members of All India Democratic Women’s Association (AIDWA) and All India Democratic Students Organisation (AIDS0) on Monday staged a protest at the JantarMantar here to protest the crime against women.

The protestors blocked the traffic at the JantarMantar, shouting slogans such as — ‘We want justice’. “The Hyderabad case was a trigger. Even after that, the rape cases have not stopped. There is just a continuous rise in the rape cases from across India,” said a protestor.

A veterinarian was brutally gang-raped and killed by four

persons before they burnt her body in Shamshabad in Telangana’s Ranga Reddy district last week. The accused have been arrested by the Cyberabad Police.

Earlier in the day, the issue was even raised in the Lok Sabha with Speaker Om Birla stating: “The Parliament is worried over the incidents happening across the nation.”

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that the government is prepared to enact the strongest provision in law to check incidents of heinous crimes rape and murder case and have a discussion in Parliament on the issue of crime against women. — ANI

US House panel to meet on Trump impeachment charges

WASHINGTON (United States) — A Congressional panel will begin drawing up charges against President Donald Trump on Wednesday as the likelihood grows of his becoming only the third US leader ever impeached.

However, Trump's attorney signaled on Sunday night that the White House won't send anyone to the hearings, at least not right away.

"We cannot fairly be expected to participate in a hearing while the witnesses are yet to be named and while it remains unclear whether the Judiciary Committee will afford the President a fair process through additional hearings," White House counsel Pat Cipollone wrote in a letter to Jerry Nadler, the Democratic chairman of the House Judiciary



US President Donald Trump steps off Air Force One upon arrival in West Palm Beach, Florida, in November 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**

Committee.

But Cipollone also did not rule out White House participa-

tion in the hearings entirely, instead requesting further details from Nadler on how the inquiry

will be conducted and saying he will give him an answer by next Friday.

Trump has been unable to quash allegations in the House of Representatives investigation that he illegally sought help from Ukraine to obtain dirt on his domestic political rivals, including possible 2020 challenger Joe Biden.

Nadler's committee meets on Wednesday to begin determining whether the evidence compiled in the investigative phase of the process meets the constitutional impeachment standard of "treason, bribery, or other high crimes and misdemeanors."

The committee is expected to consider at least four counts, or articles of impeachment, including abuse of power, bribery,

contempt of Congress and obstruction of justice.

"The president has accepted or enlisted foreign nations to interfere in our upcoming elections," said House impeachment leader Adam Schiff, a Democrat, in a November 25 statement.

"This is an urgent matter that cannot wait if we are to protect the nation's security and the integrity of our elections."

Trump and Republicans continue to brand the accusations and process as a political "witch hunt."

"This is a complete American waste of time," said Doug Collins, who as the leading Republican on the Judiciary Committee will lead that party's counterattack. He appeared on "Fox News Sunday."—AFP ■

Russia cements role as gas 'kingpin' with three new pipelines

MOSCOW (Russia) — Russian President Vladimir Putin and Chinese leader Xi Jinping launch Monday a gas pipeline that is the first of three ambitious projects intended to cement Moscow's role as top gas exporter.

Putin and Xi are to inaugurate by video link-up the "Power of Siberia" pipeline, sending Siberian gas to China in a move that will strengthen their ties amid Moscow's confrontation with the West. Russia is also planning to soon launch two more gas pipelines that will ramp up supplies to Europe while bypassing Ukraine.

TurkStream, which Putin and Turkish leader Recep Tayyip Erdogan hope to launch in January, is to transport Russian gas to Turkey.

Nord Stream-2, which would double Russian gas volumes to Germany, is expected to go online in mid-2020. Analysts said the three projects have long-term economic and political benefits for Russia, which has inserted itself between European markets to the west and the rapidly grow-

ing Chinese market to the east.

"Russia is not only creating new income streams, but hedging its bets and bolstering its position strategically," said energy analyst Andrew Hill.

"The ability to play one off against the other will not have been lost on either Gazprom or the Kremlin," Hill, who leads the S&P Global Platts EMEA gas and power analytics team, wrote in a blog post. He said the three projects were a sign that the Russian gas industry — "this kingpin of the global gas sector" — was becoming more mature.

Putin's spokesman Dmitry Peskov said the significance of the 3,000-kilometre (1,850-mile) Power of Siberia pipeline running from remote regions of East Siberia to Blagoveshchensk on the Chinese border was hard to overestimate.

"This is important for our country, this is important for China," he said ahead of the launch, stressing that the project would create jobs and infrastructure in Russia's Far East. — AFP ■



The Nord Stream 2 gas pipeline is likely to make western Europe more dependent on Russian natural gas, critics say. **PHOTO: AFP**

Morales victim of 'coup,' says AMLO during first-term celebration



Mexican President Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador (left) waves next to his wife Beatriz Gutierrez Muller during a rally marking his first year in office at the Zocalo square in Mexico City on 1 December 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**

MEXICO CITY (Mexico) — Mexican president Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador said Sunday that former Bolivian leader Evo Morales was the "victim of a coup d'etat."

The leftist president, nicknamed AMLO, celebrated his first year in office with a speech to throngs of supporters in Mexico City.

While detailing the ongoing fight against corruption and budget and tax policies, Lopez Obrador touched on Mexico's foreign policy by recalling his

government's decision to accept Morales as an asylum seeker while discussing Mexico's foreign policy.

"Evo was the victim of a coup d'etat! And from Mexico, we tell the world, 'Yes to democracy, no to militarism!'" AMLO said during the rally in the central Plaza del Zocalo.

The square was packed with people, and musical groups performed alongside AMLO's speech.

It also marked the first time that Lopez Obrador, who has

been in office for a year, spoke directly about the circumstances that led to Morales's departure from Bolivia.

Morales resigned on November 10 amid swelling protests over what political opponents said was his rigging of October 20 elections.

He fled to Mexico the following day after losing the support of the military and police, claiming to be the victim of a coup.

While echoing Morales's claim Sunday, AMLO called the exiled leader "our brother, who represents with dignity the majority of indigenous people of Bolivia."

Morales has yet to meet publicly with Lopez Obrador. He was welcomed on arrival to Mexico by Foreign Minister Marcelo Ebrard.

Lopez Obrador's one-year anniversary was marred when a shootout broke out Saturday afternoon near the US border between suspected drug traffickers and police, leaving at least 21 dead.

Shooting continued into early Sunday, and authorities said that four of those killed were police, 14 were suspected criminals and another three bodies were unidentified.

The shootout comes after Lopez Obrador warned he would not allow the US to conduct cross-border armed operations against drug cartels in the country. — AFP ■

Myanmar U-22 men’s football team beats Cambodia 2-1

THE U-22 men’s national football teams of Myanmar advanced to semifinal after beating Cambodian U-22 men’s national team 2-1 in the 30th South East Asian Games in the Philippines yesterday.

Being the winner of Group A, the Myanmar U-22 men’s football team was awarded K 50 million by Patron of Myanmar Football Federation U Aung Ko Win and

President of the MFF U Zaw Zaw. Myanmar was the winner of Group A and Cambodia runner-up, while Viet Nam is winner of Group B and Thailand runner-up. — Kyaw Khin



Myanmar player (white) and Cambodian player (blue) vie for the ball in the 30th South East Asian Games in the Philippines yesterday. **PHOTO: MFF**

Maguire frustrated over Man Utd defensive lapses

HARRY MAGUIRE is frustrated that defensive lapses are costing Manchester United crucial points after they let slip a winning position for the second consecutive match against Aston Villa. Ole Gunnar Solskjaer’s side were leading 2-1 midway through the second half at Old Trafford on Sunday before a Tyrone Mings equaliser forced them to share

the points. The 2-2 draw left United in ninth place in the Premier League with 18 points from 14 matches, their worst return at a similar stage since 1988/89. United also conceded a late goal in the previous week in a 3-3 draw against Sheffield United after storming back from 2-0 down to lead 3-2.

“We got ourselves in a great position in the second half (against Villa) and again conceded a sloppy goal really,” Maguire told MUTV. “As a defender especially, it’s frustrating,” he added. “We haven’t really conceded many chances or goals prior to the last two games and then we’ve conceded five.”—AFP ■



Manchester United defender Harry Maguire in action against Aston Villa. **PHOTO: AFP**

Myanmar women’s team beats Malaysia 5-0, advance to semifinal

THE Myanmar women’s national football team advanced to semifinal after beating Malaysian women’s national team 5-0 in the 30th South East Asian Games yesterday at the Binan Football Stadium in Binan, the Philippines yesterday.

Being the winner of Group A, the Myanmar women’s football team was awarded K 20 million by Patron of Myanmar Football Federation U Aung Ko Win and President of the MFF U Zaw Zaw. In the semifinals, the winner of Group A Myanmar will meet the runner-up of Group B Thailand at the Rizal Memorial Stadium in Manila and the runner-up of Group A host Philippines will have

to play against the winner of Group B Viet Nam at the Binan Football Stadium in Binan on 5 December. Head coach of Myanmar women’s national football team said it was satisfied with being the group winner and advancing to next level. Despite weakness in the last part of the match, we would correct our weaknesses in semifinals. “A My team got targeted goals and advanced to next level. I praised all the players.” he added. The match between Myanmar and Thailand will be held at 6:30pm (Myanmar Standard Time) on 5 December. — Kyaw Khin



Myanmar women’s football players celebrate after they scored a goal against Malaysian team in the 30th South East Asian Games yesterday. **PHOTO: MFF**

| 2019 Southeast Asian Games medal tally updated | | | | | |
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| COUNTRY | | GOLD | SILVER | BRONZE | TOTAL |
| | PHILIPPINES | 38 | 20 | 13 | 71 |
| | VIETNAM | 15 | 20 | 16 | 51 |
| | MALAYSIA | 10 | 2 | 7 | 19 |
| | INDONESIA | 6 | 11 | 12 | 29 |
| | THAILAND | 6 | 9 | 16 | 31 |
| | SINGAPORE | 3 | 7 | 7 | 17 |
| | CAMBODIA | 1 | 3 | 13 | 17 |
| | BRUNEI DARUSSALAM | 1 | 3 | 3 | 7 |
| | MYANMAR | 0 | 5 | 14 | 19 |
| | LAOS | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| | TIMOR-LESTE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |