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 students, 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 it 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.
Amyotha Hluttaw passes Myanmar Insolvency Bill

THE 14th regular session of Sec-
ond Amyotha Hluttaw held its 10th 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 in the list of national cultural heritage areas in Rakhine State.

Deputy Minister for Reli-
gious 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 Com-
merce U Aung Htoo said that the surge in illegal trade is due to a transition period from some unregistered businesses to reg-
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Second Pyithu Hluttaw’s 14th regular session holds tenth-day meeting

THE tenth-day meeting of the 14th regular session of the Sec-
dond 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 ques-
tion and answer session ques-
tions raised by U Saw Tun Mya Aung of Papan constituency on plan to lay a power transmis-
sion line to Papun Town, U Aung Kyaw Kyaw Oo of Hlino constituency on department responsibility to move transformers and light-
ning poles obstructing municipal works and U Sai Ngaung Hsai Hein of Maukami constituency on arrangements made to pro-
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 Po Than of Myeik constituency and U Se Kkaw 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, Liv-
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Annual reports of three com-
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Afterwards Pyithu Hluttaw Public Accounts Committee Annual Report, Pyithu Hluttaw Banking and Financial Develop-
ment 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 Linw 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)
University of Yangon holds grand opening ...

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, socio-economic 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 the 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, 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-Danub) 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.

PHOTO: MNA

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Su Akyi delivers the address at the grand opening ceremony of University of Yangon's centennial celebration at the university’s convocation hall yesterday.

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MOI conducts Research Methodology, PR & Info Management Training Programme

CBM holds workshop on rule for outward remittances businesses
State Counsellor addresses Medical Skill, Simulation and Research Center opening ceremony in Yangon

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, 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 6,000 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 universities as well as for 30 nurse and mid-wife training schools. Glad to know that another one will be constructed in Mandalay for upper Myanmar.

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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, medicines 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 center 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, Labour 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 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 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)
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 remarked that the armed conflicts have left many internally displaced persons at the IDP camps in Kachin, Shan, Kayn 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.

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

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 conducting 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)

CBM Governor inspects installation of bank note processing machines

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 committees.

When experts and representatives review the conditions to revise the legal minimum wage, they should take into consideration long-term stability at the workplace and ensure that the minimum wage supports the country’s GDP and economic development. We are confident that their discussion in the workshop in Nay Pyi Taw would help create a 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, labour, 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 K4,800. The wage was increased to K5,200 in May, 2017. The revision of the minimum 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 minimum wage can affect the bottom line of small business and even lead to their closure. It’s an excellent way to start the Myanmar traditional new

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 (UWS), 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-Administrated 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 for Foreign Affairs, in leading the delegation to The Hague, The Netherlands, to defend against those 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 as land, religion, race, culture, politics, economy and security.

The Wa Self-Administrated 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 concerned countries through the good offices of the third-party mediation 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-Administrated 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”.

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We look for fair and just proceedings and fulfillment of Myanmar’s objectives. Central Working Group Myanmar Muslim National Affairs Organization (Ma-Ah-Phau) Main Office Yangon

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

Date: 3 December 2019

W hen 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 195 States 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 sat at Union Supreme Court Room No 1 yesterday with Chief Justice of the Union Supreme Court U Htun Htun On 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 – MAG

(Translated by Tun Tun Naing)
Over 10,000 tourists visit Indawgyi Lake this year

THE Indawgyi Lake in Mohyn 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 largest freshwater lakes in South East Asia. It was designated as 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 (Kachinmawy) (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Narcotic drugs confiscated in four townships

POLICE from Shwebo Myoma police station searched the house of Nay Soe Htet (a) Yoe 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 Htuk and Nay Win Htet on 30 November.

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

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 Decem-

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“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 Thai market purchase 37 Nat figures and then, they resell them to international markets.

Sculptures sized 2-3 feet are mostly purchased as they are 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 after year. Once the high season starts, the Mandalay carving market teams 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)
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.

“Gold global 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 tael (0.578 ounces, or 0.016 kilogram) 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 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, according to the gold market. With global gold prices on the uptick, the domestic price hit fresh highs this year; reaching K1,200,000 per tael 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.

According to gold traders, the lowest price for gold in June was K1,233,800 (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$29.8 million, while imports were valued at $3.15 billion, with total trade pegged at $3.48 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 $3.09 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)

MIC clears investments of $857.29 mn 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 Ayeawady 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 local enterprises were approved by the MIC and four were endorsed by the Mandalay Region, Ayeawady Region, and Mon State investment committees.

The domestic projects will be executed in the manufacturing, real estate, hotel, and live-stock 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 mn 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 airframe 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 $481.8 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)
AGTI alumni celebrate 35th ATB Cup 2019

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

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

Winners of the Myanmar Tourism Bank Cup 2019 are awarded 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).

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, 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

CHANGING DISTRIBUTOR OF REGISTERED PESTICIDE

This is a notification of the change of distributor of below herbicide, registered by Bayer AG, under the Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board, from AGT (Argo Tech Co., Ltd) to Zagro Myanmar Limited. Any objection from the said distributor of the newly appointed company may be sent to Joint Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogyone, Insein, within 14 days.

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V. MATHU BHUMI VOY, NO. (251W)

This is hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3-12-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T./M.I.P. where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses, and subject to the byelaws of the Port of Yangon.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after 11:00 am and 12 noon to 4 pm on Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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### MYANMAR OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE

### (INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)

### (23/2019-2020)

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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, Myanmar 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, Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in Tender Box of the Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than 14:00 pm on 30 December 2019.

4. Tender Closing Date & Time: 30-12-2019, 14:00 pm

Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise
Ph No. +95 67 – 411206/411214

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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, 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.

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 15th 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 10th 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 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.
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**Request for Proposal for Consultancy Services**

**RFP No. 47/Consultancy UYI/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 Myine River, about 32 km south of Kyauk Me Township, Northern Shan State, Myanmar.

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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 Lower Thahtay Hydropower Project (111 MW) which is located on Thahtay Ngwe 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.

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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.

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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 spokesman Geng Shuang said.

There will also be sanctions against some US non-governmental organizations 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 internal 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

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 (US$59.6 million) Counter Intelligence 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 important we are alert and appropriately proactive,” he said.

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

According to media organization 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 Chinese responsible for the attack.

— 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

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 (AIDSO) 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” and “The Parliament is worried over the incidents happening across the nation.”

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh said that the government is preparing 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 Committee. But Cipollone also did not rule out White House participation 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 23 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 would lead that party’s counterattack. He appeared on “Fox News Sunday.”

Russia cements role as gas ‘kingpin’ with three new pipelines

MOSCOW (Russia) — Russian President, Vladimir Putin and Chinese leader Xi Jinping launched 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 in a inaugurating rate 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 say 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-
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 Vietnam is winner of Group B and Thailand runner-up. — Kyaw Khin

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 Vietnam 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

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

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

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

2019 Southeast Asian Games medal tally updated

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