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## Commemoration of 2019 International Day of Persons with Disabilities observed in Nay Pyi Taw

**T**HE 2019 International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) was held yesterday morning, with the theme of 'The Future is Accessible' in looking towards a future where the barriers which stand in people's way no longer exist.

Vice President U Henry Van Thio, the Chairman of the National Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, delivered an opening remark on the event at the Myanmar International Convention Center-II in Nay Pyi Taw.

The ceremony was also attended by the committee's Vice Chairman and Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Sein Win, Lt-Gen Ye Aung and Nai Thet Lwin, the Deputy Ministers, members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, Hluttaw members, permanent secretaries, departmental heads, diplomats, representatives from the Myanmar Federation of Persons with Disabilities, the Myanmar Women and Children Life Promotion Organization, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, the Myanmar Paralympic Sports Federation and the Association for Prevention, Care and Protection of Abandoned Children, representatives from local and foreign organizations, the award-winners in contests that mark 2019 IDPD, the delegations



Vice President U Henry Van Thio visits the booth displaying documentary photos of activities of persons with disabilities at the 2019 International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday . **PHOTO: MNA**

of schools and organizations of people with disabilities, and the invited guests.

In his opening remark, Vice President U Henry Van Thio said that the persons with disabilities

are experiencing more difficulties than any other ordinary persons in social, health and economic affairs. They would suffer more if they were discriminated on grounds of gender and ethnic

minority.

He also said they need to have access to physical and technological environments to reduce inequality among the persons with disabilities

in both rural areas and ethnic minority areas, and that appropriate equipment and special programmes will be needed for them.

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## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

# Pyidaungsu Hluttaw discusses report of Joint Committee on Scrutinizing the Constitution

THE tenth-day meeting of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 14<sup>th</sup> regular session was held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning where Hluttaw representatives discussed a report of Joint Committee on Scrutinizing the Constitution and Myanmar conceding to International Labour Organization (ILO) Convention concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment C 138.

Joint Bill Committee reports on Basic Education Bill and Bill amending Farmland Law were also read at the Hluttaw meeting.

## Report of Joint Committee on Scrutinizing the Constitution

The meeting started with Hluttaw representatives discussing a report of Joint Committee on Scrutinizing the a bill amending the Constitution for the second time signed and submitted by 144 Tatmadaw Hluttaw representatives including Amyotha Hluttaw Tatmadaw representative Brig-Gen Aung San Chit.



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat. PHOTO: MNA

The matter was discussed by Tatmadaw Amyotha Hluttaw representative Major Win Lwin Oo, U Myat Lay Oo of Htilin constituency, Tatmadaw Amyotha Hluttaw representative Colonel Kaung Kyaw, Tatmadaw Amyotha Hluttaw representative Major Zaw Win Oo, Dr U Kywe Kywe of Mandalay Region constituency 6, U Htay Oo of Yangon Region constituency 2 and Tatmadaw Amyotha Hluttaw representative Lt-Col Tin Tun Aung.

## Joint Bill Committee reports

## read

Next, Joint Bill Committee reports on Basic Education Bill sent with comments by the President and Bill amending Farmland Law in which the two Hluttaws were in disagreement were read by committee secretary U Kyaw Soe Lin and committee member U Zaw Win respectively.

After each report was read and submitted, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to table amendment motions to register their names.

## Hluttaw discusses Myanmar acceding to ILO Convention C138

Afterwards, Hluttaw representatives discuss the matter of Myanmar acceding to International Labour Organization (ILO) Convention concerning Minimum Age for Admission to Employment C 138 sent by the President.

The matter was discussed by Daw Hla Htay @ Daw Ohn Kyi of Mandalay Region constituency 4, U Khin Cho of Hlaingbwe constituency, U Maung Maung Ohn of Ayeyawady Region constituency 5, Dr Tin Tin Win of Bago Region constituency 5, Dr Win Myint Chit of Bago Region constituency 8, U Nay Kyaw of Dagon Myothit (East) constituency, U KyintKhant Pau of Chin State constituency 6, U Myint Thein of Wetlet constituency, Daw Shwe Shwe Sein Latt of Bago Region constituency 3, U Tin Aung Tun of Magway Region constituency 5, U Maung Myint of Mingin constituency, U San Myint of Ayeyawady Region constituency 3, Dr Khin Soe Soe Kyi of Pyay constituency,

U Kyaw Thaung of Sagaing Region constituency 1 and U Khin Zaw of Kawthoung constituency.

In his discussion, Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe spoke of noting the discussions and suggestions of the Hluttaw representatives and pledges to abide by and implement it where necessary. In his discussion Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe noted the discussion and suggestions of the Hluttaw representatives, pledges to abide by and implement where necessary and submitted to the Hluttaw to approve Myanmar acceding to the ILO Convention.

Later, Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Speaker sought the decision of the Hluttaw and announced the Hluttaw's approval of the matter.

The eleventh-day meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> session of Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is scheduled to be held on 5 December. — Aung Ye Thwin, Aye Aye Thant

(Translated by Zaw Min)

## Joint Committee on Amending 2008 Constitution holds meeting 64/2019



Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution holds the meeting. PHOTO: MNA

THE Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution held its meeting 64/2019 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, Secretary of the Joint Committee Dr Myat Nyana Soe, Joint Secretary of the Joint Committee U Htay Win Aung (a)

U Pyone Cho, members of the Joint Committee political parties' Hluttaw representatives and Tatmadaw Hluttaw representatives and officials from the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office. — MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

## Rakhine State Stability Supporting Committee to finalize report



Rakhine State Stability Supporting Committee holds the meeting at Amyotha Hluttaw Affairs Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

THE Rakhine State Stability Supporting Committee held a coordination meeting to finalize its report at the Amyotha Hluttaw Affairs Hall (I-20) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was led by Committee Chairman and Deputy Speaker of the Amyo-

tha Hluttaw U Aye Tha Aung, Vice Chairman and Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint, and Secretary and Deputy Minister of the Office of the Union Government U Tin Myint. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



# Commemoration of 2019 International Day of Persons with Disabilities observed in Nay Pyi Taw

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The 2030 UN Agenda for the persons with disabilities includes three goals in promoting education programmes, easy access to transportation and adapting public spaces for them.

Myanmar signed the UN's Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) on 7 December 2011 and enacted the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Law in 2015 and its by-law in 2017. The enforcement of these laws was implemented by forming a national committee, its work committees, the respective committees at State/Region levels and in Nay Pyi Taw Union Territory.

The four meetings of national committee from 2017 to 2019 agreed to implement the projects to help the persons with disabilities with education, employments, healthcare services, social and legal affairs. Meanwhile, the nine

sub-committees also carried out their welfares.

The government has developed scripts for the blind to understand conventions on the issues of children, women and the persons with disabilities, and worked with the relevant ministries and the Japan Heart medical care volunteer association in implementing massage therapy education programmes for the blind. Moreover, the government is also conducting sign language courses and training programme, distributing publications of bylaws and manual books for their employment, as well as giving trainings jointly conducted by the Nippon Foundation.

The country will categorize the level of disabilities based on their answers to the questions for the different age levels.

The pilot project of 'Future We Want' has been launched in Yangon for easy transportation

of people with disabilities, and the second project is being carried out at Myoma Market and the Water Fountain Garden in Nay Pyi Taw.

The Vice President also said that Myanmar delegation attended the First Global Disability Summit in 2018, and could study important processes, including in education, health, employment and access to justice, to implement pledges and projects.

He added the drafting national strategy for 2020-2026 is underway to set a long-term plan for the persons with disabilities, and he also called for creating a future all-inclusive community of individuals in unity.

The Vice President concluded his speech with advice not to neglect the persons with disabilities for the goals of sustainable development.

Ms June Kunugiu, the UNICEF Representative to Myanmar, read out the



Vice President U Henry Van Thio delivers the address. PHOTO: MNA



Union ministers and dignitaries attend the ceremony to mark the 2019 International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD). PHOTO: MNA

message for 2019 IDPD sent by the UN Secretary General.

Awards were given to the winners in contests marking the 2019 IDPD by Vice President U Henry Van Thio, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Sein Win, Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Nai Thet Lwin and Dr Win Myat Aye.

After screening of a documentary video about activities of persons with disabilities, General Secretary U Myat Thu Win of Myanmar Federation of Persons with Disabilities expressed thanks for the event.

Myanmar has annually organized IDPDs since 1994, and marked 26<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. —MNA

Translated by Aung Khin

## Seminar held to discuss conservation, storage of paintings, fabric artefacts at ASEAN museums

UNION Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko delivered an opening remark at the 'Seminar on Conservation and Storage Management for Paintings and Fabric Artefacts for Museum Professionals in the ASEAN Countries', held at the Mingalar Thiri Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The Union Minister said the needs of special conservation of artifacts at the museums where cultural heritages of any country can be studied, and that the forum was expected to share knowledge on these experiences.

The representatives from ASEAN member countries briefed on challenges

and difficulties in restoration of paintings and fabric handicrafts.

The two-day seminar is a project of the ASEAN Committee on Culture and Information (ASEAN-COCI), and a paper reading session is also included in the seminar. —MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko delivers the address at the Seminar on Conservation and Storage Management for Paintings and Fabric Artefacts. PHOTO: MNA



# Steering Committee meets for holding All-Round Youth Development Festival (Magway) in meeting



Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi delivers the address at meeting of the steering committee for holding All-Round Youth Development Festival (Magway) . PHOTO: MNA

THE Steering Committee for Organizing All-Round Youth Development Festival (Magway) held a coordination meeting for the upcoming festival at the Ministry of Information's meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw at 2 pm yesterday. The festival is scheduled to be held from 14 to 16 December.

The meeting was attended by Union Ministers Dr Pe Myint and Dr Myo Thein Gyi, Magway Region Chief Minister Dr Aung Moe Nyo, Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun, Magway Region ministers, permanent secretaries, directors-general, and officials from the Magway Region cabinet.

**Dr Pe Myint's speech**

In his capacity as Chairman of the Steering Committee, Union Minister Dr Pe Myint said a All-Round Youth Development Festival was successively held in Yangon in 2017 and another one in Mandalay in 2018. He said

this festival in Magway will be organized with improvements, will include numerous sectors that focus on developing youths, and should include new sectors for that purpose. He said the experience garnered from the festivals support youth development and also aims to be a source of strength in their lives.

The Union Minister youths of this generation are keenly interested in news, information and technology and thus, these topics must be incorporated into the festival. He said they should include sharing information on the shift to the Unicode system in addition to changing uses to digital technology.

The Union Minister urged the subcommittees to consider the needs of youths when organizing their respective sectors. He said to include items that would pique the interest of youths in informative booths at the festival and to also add in new beneficial

sectors.

The Union Minister said roundtable discussions aimed at youths should include topics that interest young people and gives them a chance to participate in as well. He said only this will garner the numerous benefits for youths from the all-round development festival.

**Dr Myo Thein Gyi's speech**

Next, Steering Committee Vice Chairman 1 Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi said basic education schools, technical and vocational high schools and government technical institutes of the Ministry of Education will be assisting in the successful organization of the All-Round Youth Development Festival (Magway). He said these schools will also set up educational booths at the festival and they are therefore making necessary preparations.

The Union Minister said

they will include information sharing on the Fourth Industrial Revolution in addition to topics concerning the technology sector, dangers of narcotics, youth healthcare, adhering to traffic rules, social living for each stage of youth, and negative effects of video games. He said they will share the experiences and performances of Myanmar youths who participated in international technology competitions.

The Union Minister said his ministry will display items relating to technology, news and information, and furthermore, will also organize educational booths and roundtable discussions for youths.

Next, Steering Committee Vice Chairman 2 and Chief Minister of Magway Region Dr Aung Moe Nyo explained his cabinet's process of forming working committees and their progress in their assigned tasks. This was followed by Steering Commit-

tee Joint Secretary 1 and Director-General of the Information and Public Relations Department, U Ye Naing, explaining the preparations for the youth festival, future processes and matters required to be discussed prior to making decisions.

Next, subcommittee members explained the status of their respective assigned tasks and attendees engaged in general rounds of discussions. The Steering Committee Chairman concluded the meeting with a closing speech.

The All-Round Youth Development Festival aims to promote the value of knowledge, skills and ethical values as well as developing the five strengths – physical, mental, ethics, friendship, and strength – in order to establish the future of Myanmar society with the positive thoughts and ideas of youths. – MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

## Nay Pyi Taw hosts 19<sup>th</sup> Science Council Asia

THE opening ceremony of the 19<sup>th</sup> Science Council Asia (SCA) was held at Grand Amara Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi first spoke at the ceremony. He said Myanmar is part of the 32 members states to the SCA and there are exchanges of skills and good practices in joint research efforts. He said the Myanmar Arts and Science Group needs to increase cooperation with SCA in the innovation sector. He said that in this conference experts will be sharing their skillful perspectives and hopes that they will not only discover the main issues in Asia but also solutions to them.

Next, China's Vice Minister of Science and Technology Dr Wang Xi, Myanmar Arts and Science Group Chairman Dr Thet Lwin, Asian Development Bank Vice President Dr Bambang Susantono, and Myanmar Arts and Science Group's first chairman Dr Than Oo delivered separate addresses. The paper reading sessions on various topics then commenced as scheduled.

The 19<sup>th</sup> SCA will continue till 5 December and has organized 108 paper reading sessions under one main topic and four sub-topics, in addition to two joint research project workshops.

SCA was formed in 2000 and Myanmar Arts and Science Group become a member of SCA in 2012. –MNA (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi addresses the 19<sup>th</sup> Science Council Asia (SCA). PHOTO: MNA



Special Region-4 (Mongla) issued a statement dated 30 November. Following is the full text of the statement.

Statement of the Peace and Solidarity Committee of the Special Region (4), Eastern Shan State, concerning the initiative of the State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to contest a lawsuit brought by the Republic of The Gambia before the ICJ

We have learned of The Gambia’s filing an application against Myanmar at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) through news media. As this matter is in a way related to our Special Region (4) in Eastern Shan State, we fully support the initiative of the State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in leading a delegation to contest the lawsuit at the ICJ. We call upon respective international organizations to attentively listen to the voice of Myanmar.

The success of our Special Region (4), Eastern Shan State’s efforts to undertake ceasefire and build lasting peace during the past 30 years prove that the development of the State and creation of prosperity for its people is achievable through the path of peace and development.

*The Peace and Solidarity Committee  
Special Region (4), Eastern Shan State  
Dated: 30 November 2019*

Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group (Myanmar) (Central) issued a statement. Following the full text of the statement.

Statement of the Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group Regarding The Gambia’s Filing of a Lawsuit Against The Republic of the Union of Myanmar at the International Court of Justice (ICJ)

1. The Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar was officially notified on November 11, 2019 regarding the filing of a lawsuit against it by The Gambia before the ICJ. Myanmar, as a member of the United Nations and the ICJ, has a responsibility and an obligation to resolve this lawsuit in a serious manner. It is also our understanding that the State Counsellor, in her capacity as the Union Minister of Foreign Affairs, will travel to The Hague, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, to safeguard the national interests of Myanmar and its citizens.

2. We, the Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group, welcomes the news of the State Counsellor, in her capacity as the Union Minister of Foreign Affairs, personally representing Myanmar on this issue in order to protect the national interests of Myanmar and its citizens.

3. We wish for a fair and just proceedings and fulfillment of Myanmar’s national interests as the State Counsellor travels to the ICJ to defend and resolve this issue.

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Union Minister for International Cooperation receives State Secretary of Foreign Affairs of Norway



Union Minister U Kyaw Tin welcomes Ms Marianne Hagen, State Secretary of the Foreign Affairs of Norway. PHOTO: MNA

U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation received Ms Marianne Hagen, State Secretary of the Foreign Affairs of Norway at 8:30 am on 3 December 2019 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting, they cordially exchanged views on matters pertaining to the strengthening of bilateral relations and cooperation, providing assis-

tance to Myanmar’s efforts for peace and national reconciliation, democratization and development. They also discussed on recent developments in Rakhine State and issues of mutual interest.

The Union Minister for International Cooperation hosted a working luncheon for the visiting Norwegian Delegation at the Park Royal Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Myanmar, Norway holds 1<sup>st</sup> Foreign Office Consultations in Nay Pyi Taw



The 1<sup>st</sup> Myanmar-Norway Foreign Office Consultations in progress at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

The 1<sup>st</sup> Myanmar-Norway Foreign Office Consultations was held on 3 December 2019 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

The meeting was co-chaired by U Soe Han, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ms Marianne Hagen, State Secretary of the Foreign Affairs of Norway.

During the meeting, the

two sides cordially exchanged views on promotion of bilateral relations, and reviewed and explored ways to foster the complete range of bilateral cooperation including trade and investment, telecommunication, electricity and energy, natural resources management, climate change, environmental conservation and development cooperation.

The Permanent Secretary

also appraised on the Government’s priorities and ongoing efforts for peace and national reconciliation and recent developments in Rakhine State.

They also exchanged views on matters pertaining to closer collaboration in regional and international fora particularly in the United Nations, ASEAN and Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM). —MNA



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Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
2. With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offenses up to 30 November 2019 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

Sr	Nature of report	Details on seizure and legal action taken
1	Information received of some people distributing and selling illegal drugs in temporary huts located in a mile east of Naungpat Village, Bamauk Township, Sagaing Region.	On 25 November 2019, police searched the temporary hut located in a mile east of Naungpat Village, Bamauk Township, and found Eiyaw, 34, son of U Tin Maung, who lives in Kankon Village, and Hla Khine, 39, son of U Ba Win, who lives in Inn Village, Indaw Township, together with heroin. A case has been opened against them with NaMaSa (Mansigy) MaYa(pa)44/2019 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2	Information received of Win Pe and Daw Khin Aye who live in Pinmu Village, Pinlebu Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 28 November 2019, police searched the house of Win Pe, 55, son of U Chwe, who lives in Pinmu Village, Pinlebu Township, but he wasn't in his house. Police found and arrested his wife Daw Khin Aye, 51, daughter of U Maung Eain, together with heroin. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa(Pinlebu) MaYa(pa)85/2019 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3	Information received of Arnoe (a) Phyo Wei Tun who lives in No 5 Ward, Chauk Township, Magway Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 26 November 2019, police inspected two motorcycles on the road towards Chauk Township, driven by Arnoe (a) Pyoe Wei Tun, 23, son of U Kyi Myo, who lives in No 5 Ward, and Thurain Oo (a) Tayokegyi, 19, son of U Min Min Oo, who lives in No 13 Ward, in Chauk Township. During the inspection, Arnoe (a) Pyoe Wei Tun ran away from there and Thurain Oo (a) Tayokegyi was arrested together with '88/1' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa(Chauk) MaYa(pa)2/2019 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4	Information received of people using, distributing and selling illegal drugs in No 5 Yenanneethat Ward, Chauk Township, Magway Region.	On 26 November 2019, police searched the house of Myat Htike, 27, son of U Aung Moe Htike, who lives in No 5 Yenanneethat Ward, Chauk Township, and found him accompanied by Myo Thiha Naing, 20, son of U Tin Myo Win, who lives in No 12, Thankankon Ward, the same township, and Htoo Wei Yan, 23, son of U Than Swe, who lives in Yankyaw Ward, Magway Township. They were arrested together with '88/1' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa(Chauk) MaYa(pa)3/2019 under Section 19(a), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5	Information received of people distributing and selling illegal drugs along Ayethayar Street, Setyonsu Ward, Sittway Township, Rakhine State.	On 24 November 2019, police searched the house of San Myat Nwe, 25, son of U Maung Than Shwe, who lives in Setyonsu Ward, Sittway Township, and found him accompanied by Moe Thu, 26, son of U Kyaw Thu, Kyaw Nyunt Oo, 26, son of U Tun Aung Kyaw, and Soe Min Tun, 25, son of U Hla Aye Maung, who live in the same ward, Nyein Chan Aung, 17, son of U Aung Nay Soe, who lives in Mingan Ward, and Zin Myo Hlaing, 16, son of U Than Tun Hlaing, who lives in Hsetyokya Ward, Sittway Township. They were arrested together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa(Sittway) MaYa(pa)40/2019 under Section 16(c), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
6	Information received of Ma Aye Aye Maw and Zin Ko Oo who live in Myothit (c) Ward, Insein Township, Yangon Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 24 November 2019, police searched the house of Ma Aye Aye Maw, 29, daughter of U Tin Win, who lives in Myothit (c) Ward, Insein Township, arrested her and her husband Soe Lay (a) Thiha Soe, 31, son of U Soe Win, together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa(Insein) MaYa(pa)193/2019 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Similarly, police searched the house of Zin Ko Oo, 31, son of U Myo Myint, who lives in the same ward, but police did not find him in his house. Police seized 'WY' stimulant tablets in the house. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Insein) MaYa(pa)194/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
7	Information received of Ahphwargyi who lives in Hmawset Ward, Dala Township, Yangon Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 27 November 2019, police searched the house of Ahphwargyi (a) Daw Lone (a) Daw San Yi, 73, daughter of U Hla Pe, who lives in Kyaukse Street, Hmawset Ward, Dala Township, arrested her and her daughter Ma Chit The Oo, 24, daughter of U Kyaw Swar Win, together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa(Dala) MaYa(pa)48/2019 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

3. Out of the information sent to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department, so far a total of 873 cases have been opened files as of 30 November 2019. A total of 1337 people, including 1,118 men and 219 women had been arrested with 7,146.8494 g of heroin, 1,347.32 g of ICE, 39,999.61 g of opium, 389.92 g of low-quality opium, 53230.76 g of speciosa powder, 7,833.19 g of speciosa, 2.5 liters of liquid speciosa, 430,196 stimulant tablets, 8,406.52 g of marijuana, 0.1 liters of opium tincture, 520.28 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 29.15 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 0.001 g of crushed ecstasy powder, 18 firearms, different kinds of 257 cartridges and one grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the department will report on further exposed cases.

4. To seize further drugs and to arrest drugs dealers, people are urged to inform the Ministry of Home Affairs, region and state governments and to inform huge cases of drug trafficking and other suspicious cases directly to the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** of the Office of the President via following contact numbers:

**Contacts**  
**Landline No. — 067-590200**  
**Fax Phone No. — 067-590233**  
**Email Address — [antinarcotics@presidentoffice.gov.mm](mailto:antinarcotics@presidentoffice.gov.mm)**

Police confiscate narcotic drugs in Indaw, Launglon, Ywangan

POLICE from anti-narcotic drug squad No.6 of Katha confiscated K 209 million worth 2.09kg of heroin and two mobile phones from the Toyota Crown car driven by Branu and Ma Sai Pan (a) Ma Nu on board on Shwebo-Myitkyina road near Sinhouse Village in Indaw Township on 2 December. Similarly, a combined team from Dawei district police force searched the house of Yan Naing Lin in Thabyar Village, Thabyar Village-tract in Launglon Township and seized 24,000 stimulant tablets, Myanmar currency notes amounted K 166,000, a mobile phone and one motor cycle. Police from anti-narcotic drug squad No.25 of Taunggyi also stopped the car driven by Sai Ohn Kyaw (a) Ar Lin on Ywangan-Kyaukse road near Kyaukkupyin Village in Ywangan Township and seized 726g of heroin, 36,000 stimulant tablets and a mobile phone from him. Police filed charges against them under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law, according to Myanmar Police Force. — GNLM

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun )



# MOALI receives survey results of 2018 on fishery resources, ecosystem in Myanmar

THE Ministry for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation received the 2018 survey results on fishery resources and ecosystem in Myanmar.

Union Minister Dr Aung Thu attended the launching ceremony of survey results, held at the Kempinski Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the ceremony, the Union Minister said the requirement of cooperation among relevant state departments, businesspersons, local and foreign NGOs, civil organizations and local people for sustainable development in fishery resources. He also remarked to set up a management system to conserve fishery resources for posterity.

He added that Myanmar is working together with relevant organizations in implementing international conventions such as the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) and the UN Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC), the Myanmar's National Biodiversity Strategy and Action Plan (NBSAP), and the objectives for sustainable management and protecting marine and coastal ecosystems.

Norwegian State Secretary Ms. Marianne Hagen and UN-FAO Representative in Myanmar Ms Xiaojie Fan extended greetings at the ceremony.

Deputy Director Dr Tun Thein from the Department

of Fisheries briefed on the 2018 results, and Dr Jens Otto Krakstad of Institute of Marine Research in Norway explained analysis in scientific approach on the results.

Union Minister Dr Aung Thu received the Results of the 2018 Fishery Resources and Ecosystem Survey in Myanmar presented by the UNFAO Representative in Myanmar Ms Xiaojie Fan.

The recent survey was carried out by the RV Dr Fridtjof Nansen Advanced Research Vessel from Norway under the UNFAO programme. Such surveys were also conducted in Myanmar sea in 1979, 1980, 2013 and 2015.



Union Minister Dr Aung Thu receives Results of the 2018 Fishery Resources and Ecosystem Survey presented by Ms Xiaojie Fan. **PHOTO: MNA**

Recommendations based on the findings will be put into the fishery management plans of the country.

The launching ceremony of survey results was also attend-

ed by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe and Lt-Gen Sein Win, Deputy Minister Dr Ye Myint Swe and officials.—MNA ■

(Translated by Ba Htoo)

## Opening ceremony of 5<sup>th</sup> Regional Meeting of APP held in Nay Pyi Taw

THE Asian Preparedness Partnership (APP) was established as a pilot project in Asia Region with the participation and cooperation of national governments, private businesses and civil society organizations from Cambodia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines and Sri Lanka.

Myanmar hosted its first meeting of APP, the 5<sup>th</sup> Regional Meeting, in Novotel Yangon Max Hotel on 2 December morning. Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Re-

settlement Dr Win Myat Aye attended the event and gave an opening address.

In his opening address the Union Minister said APP was formed and implemented with an aim to increase the cooperation momentum between the region's and the countries' government departments, private sector and civil society organizations. In Myanmar, these three entities traditionally cooperated when facing natural disasters but cooperation with APP was established to

strengthen and systematically establish a society that can resist natural disaster in Asia region through the cooperative force. Myanmar's natural disaster management policy involves private sector and civil society organizations as well as local and international organizations cooperation to achieve better socio-economic lives to affected people and establish a society that can withstand natural disaster. Increasing partnership cooperation was one of the global targets of the

Sendai Framework of substantially reducing the possibility of damages and losses from natural disaster. Forming of Myanmar Preparedness Partnership (MPP) in February 2018 was a milestone on disaster management reached through the cooperation with APP. MPP was formed with regional governments, private sectors and civil society organizations that provided cooperation from the front line when the State encounters natural disaster. The roles and supports of Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, USAID and Asian Disaster Preparedness Center (ADPC) were recognized and thanked for their assistance and support in establishing APP and MPP. At the National level, Vice President led National Disaster Management Committee was formed and forming MP would reinforce the state/region disaster management work process. Similarly,

Myanmar Action Plan on Disaster Risk Reduction (MAPDRR) 2017 was implemented in connection with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and Sendai Framework, Climate Change Paris Agreement and Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan. It was believed that through cooperation of partner organ-

izations, effect of natural disasters at country, region and global level was reduced by strengthening management. This cooperative force will enable the establishment of a climate change and natural disaster resistant society and implement preparation against natural disaster and to conduct reconstruction works said the Union Minister.

Next Dr Valerie Bemo of Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation (BMGF) and APDC Executive Director Mr Hans Guttman addresses the event.

In the second part of the event, APP Steering Committee meeting was held.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Regional Meeting of APP was attended by Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Deputy Minister, Disaster Management Department Director General and officials, APP members from Cambodia, Nepal, the Philippines and Sri Lanka, representatives from BMGF and ADPC totalling 60 personnel.

On the second day of the meeting yesterday, implementation of APP Phase II in the coming three years and expected results were discussed and joint chairmanship of APP was transferred to Nepal. —MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye delivers the address at the 5<sup>th</sup> Regional Meeting on the Asian Preparedness Partnership. **PHOTO: MNA**



## Communal support is crucial in building an HIV-free generation

**Y**OUTHS, such as students, like trying and testing everything. That's why, first drug use is more likely in the younger age groups. Teachers and parents should devote time and make efforts to ensure the well-being of youths as the rate of drug abuse is quite alarming in the present day and age.

The high rate of drug abuse has always been a problem, and the increase in the number of youngsters taking to drugs is especially worrying as it has had a detrimental effect on society.

We have been witnessing an increase in cases of HIV and AIDS due to drug use and other negative consequences related to health due to drug abuse.

Young people are particularly vulnerable to HIV: 15–24 year olds account for 50 per cent of new cases worldwide. According to the World Health Organization, 5,000-6,000 youths are being diagnosed with HIV or AIDS every day — most of them in developing countries.

We believe that national campaigns which raise awareness and encourage behavioral changes are particularly crucial in fighting HIV and AIDS.

The HIV infection rates are increasing among teenagers and young women, and a growing number of youths are living with an infected family member.

Understanding HIV-risk behavior requires a broad theoretical framework. Comprehensive HIV prevention programs have led to reduced risk behavior among HIV-affected youths and teens at risk of infection.

We believe that national campaigns which raise awareness and encourage behavioral changes are particularly crucial in fighting HIV and AIDS. High rates of new infections are being recorded among the youth who ordinarily are quite knowledgeable as they are exposed to literature and information through various platforms.

This year's theme, 'Communities Make the Difference', is apt as the incidence of HIV and AIDS is a medical as well as a social problem. To reach the goal of "Towards UHC: Communities for an HIV-free Generation", we need support from communities, parents, and teachers and we would like to underscore the necessity for local initiatives in the health sector to integrate the fight against the menace.



## Female Anopheles mosquitoes and malaria

By Yuwady Khin Oo

**F**INAL year medical student Nwe-Ni came hurriedly with a lot of orchid flowers and with books in armpit. "Auntie, I have been studying malaria. Malaria has given a lot of troubles to infants and their mothers. Female Anopheles suck blood from people during TV time and sleeping time and during worshipping and meditation of the elders." "Yes, please go on, my niece."

The aunt and niece keep sitting on a white bench in a flower garden. Because of malaria, the death rate of infants and babies under the age of one becomes higher due to immunodeficiency. Malaria is more infectious among malnourished pregnant mothers. "Yes, my niece." I while working as a child expert, encountered a lot of experience concerning with malaria such as thin and anemic children and loss of lives due to malaria-infected brains. Children suffering from malaria tend to have fits of delirium, diarrhea and stomach aches. Then they happen to excrete black urine. "Ant, what kind of malaria falls on pregnant women?" "They happen to supper from a penetrating chill with high temperature. Shaking with fever on alternate days. Anemic and weak with yellow eyes and loss of consciousness, births with underweighted babies and abortion." "How about malaria spreading in hilly regions, forested areas and plain?" "My niece,



malaria is an infectious disease. It spreads among mountainous regions. Due to modernization, trading purposes from a village to a village and town to town, you have to prevent female anopheles mosquitoes for not infecting from one to another. "Yes, Auntie!" It is important to prevent female anopheles from biting." "Yes, my niece". Malaria spreads from one person to another due to the bites by Anopheles mosquitoes. Not bathing and drinking water from streams and eating bananas could cause malaria; these cases must

be known to mothers and pregnant mothers.

New-Ni grasped with her hands some beans and paddy seeds from the empty condensed milk can which is put on a bench and throw them to feed pigeons and doves. The two get fresh with sweet smells from flowering plants in the garden. Prevention and suppression of malaria is important; suppression of larvae must be carried out by cutting grass and bushes and piling earth on potholes. Water should be channeled by cleaning water

tanks and glazed earthen jars. By keeping environment clean means not breeding mosquitoes. At the same time, you have to sleep in the mosquito nets and coils lighting; a lot of smoke must be billowed at night. If you have to go to the malaria-infested areas, you have to take a drug of chloroquine; living in these areas you have the drug weekly. Even after returning from these areas, you will have to take chloroquine for weeks. During pregnancy, the prevention is prescribed as chloroquine; New-Ni said chloroquine

tablets are available from health officials. "Yes, Ant," we have to live by means of self-prevention from malaria.

All people should understand malaria should be prevented from contracting from one person to another person. Female anopheles suck blood from infected people

have collective knowledge. Having knowledgeable understanding of collective prevention could reduce the death rate of mothers and infants. Healthy mother could give birth to healthy babies so that next generation of physically and mentally developed people could be beneficial for the sustainable

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development of our country. "Yes, Aunt," what you said is really right. I wish I could never become an anopheles mosquito which keeps giving troubles to people in general. Have a look, Aunt. Healthy and nourished doves are seen enjoying their ways of life. I also become hungry and eat oranges from inside our home. My niece comes into our home hurriedly and happily and makes me wish Nwe-Ni to become an affectionate medical doctor for our country.

(Translated by Arakan Sein)

### Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December, 2019)

**BAY INFERENCE:** Weather is generally fair over the North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 04<sup>th</sup> December, 2019:** Rain will be isolated in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyarwady and Taninthayi Regions, Shan and Kayah States. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy 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.

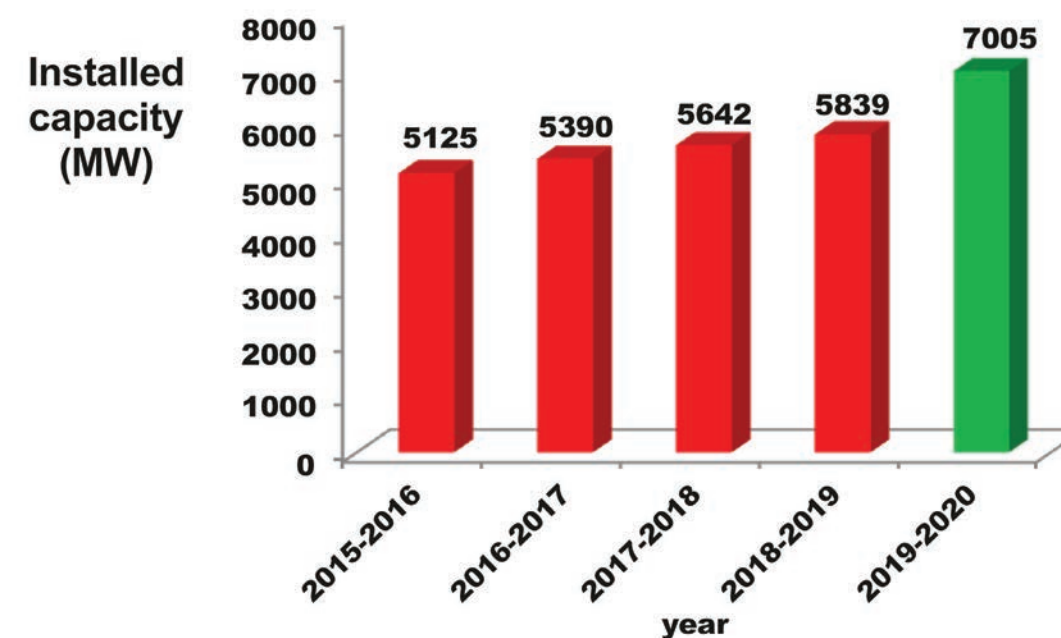
**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Generally fair in the whole country.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 04<sup>th</sup> December, 2019:** Partly cloudy.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 04<sup>th</sup> December, 2019:** Partly cloudy.

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 04<sup>th</sup> December, 2019:** Partly cloudy.

### Ministry of Electricity and Energy Progress of installed capacity annually



## ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE

### WHAT CAN PHARMACISTS DO?

- Do you only dispense antibiotics when they are needed, according to current guidelines (e.g. does the patient have a valid prescription, is it for the right drug/dose/duration)?
- When patients are seeking treatment for cold or flu, do you explain that antibiotics are not needed?
- Do you talk to patients about how to take antibiotics correctly, antibiotic resistance & the dangers of misuse?
- Do you remind patients to contact their health professional if symptoms persist?
- Do you talk to patients about preventing infections (e.g. vaccination, hand washing, safer sex, covering nose & mouth when sneezing)?

Antibiotic Resistance happens when bacteria change and become resistant to the antibiotics used to treat the infections they cause. This is compromising our ability to treat infectious diseases and undermining many advances in medicine.

We must handle antibiotics with care so they remain effective for as long as possible.

#AntibioticResistance

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# Grab launches new application for booking hotels

GRAB, the leading ‘super-app’ in Myanmar and Southeast Asia, has launched a new service named Hotels, which allows to directly book hotels and other accommodations from Agoda and Booking.com on the app, from today.

The new service has been rolled out before the Christmas and New Year holidays so users can compare prices across more than 2 million places to stay, ranging from luxury and budget hotels to apartments and vacation homes.

“Most of the Myanmar people love to travel domestically or internationally. Those services are the best for working people

who travel frequently on holidays, or families looking for the best deals.

With the Hotels service, Grab users can search for the best-quality hotels within their budget on the world’s top hotel booking sites, and they can get more value with exclusive discounts available only to them,” said Cindy Toh, country head, Grab Myanmar.

“Our Hotels’ service adds to the multiple benefits we already offer to travelers in Myanmar. This includes Grab Taxi for haggle-free trips around town and our recently launched Premium Rentals service for hourly use to explore all that Yangon

has to offer,” she added.

Grab users in Yangon, Mandalay, and Bagan will be able to see the ‘Hotels’ tile on the App’s home screen starting today. After tapping on it, users will have the option of creating or logging in to their Agoda and Booking.com accounts.

They can then browse the selection of hotel listings on Agoda and Booking.com and book their hotel stays without having to leave the Grab app. Users will receive an email directly from the booking partner once the booking is completed.

In October, 2018, Booking Holdings and Grab announced their strategic partnership to of-

fer on-demand transport services through their apps, allowing Grab users to book accommodations across the globe through Booking.com and Agoda.

Through this collaboration, the world’s largest online travel platform and Southeast Asia’s leading online-to-offline (O2O) mobile platform aim to broaden and simplify travel solutions for travelers in Southeast Asia and beyond.

In addition, Booking Holdings has invested US\$200 million in Grab, recognizing Grab as the leading O2O mobile platform in Southeast Asia, according to a press statement from Grab.—GNLM

# Free vaccines against foot-and-mouth disease to be given to over 20,000 cattle in Meiktila

THE Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department is providing free vaccines against foot-and-mouth disease to more than 20,000 cattle in Meiktila Township, said Dr Soe Naing, head of the department.

“The department is implementing the campaign in cooperation with the World Organization for Animal Health. We will administer the free vaccinations to more than 20,000 cattle in Meiktila. The campaign will be held from 1 to 25 December,” he added.

“We will form trained staff into six groups for the free vaccination campaign. Each team will have five staff members. Each team will be led by a deputy head of the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department. So, there will be six members in each team. We have already administered free vaccinations to 4,123 cattle



Veterinary officials vaccinate cattle in Meiktila Township. **PHOTO: CHAN THAR (MEIKTILA)**

from 22 villages in seven village-tracts as of 2 December,” said Dr. Soe Naing.

There are more than 20,000 cattle in 147 villages in 36 village-tracts of Meiktila Township. The free vaccines against

foot-and-mouth disease were provided in May, 2017 in cooperation with the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department and the World Organization for Animal Health. The vaccination is being pro-

vided every six months, and this is the seventh time the free vaccination is being administered. The authorities plan to provide free vaccinations eight times.—Chan Thar (Meiktila) (Translated by Hay Mar)

# Over 1.1 mln tourists entered Myanmar via Tachilek this year

MORE than 1.1 million tourists, including overnights and day trippers, entered Myanmar through the Tachilek border gate between 1 January and 28 November this year, according to official statistics from the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism. Tourists entered Myanmar daily through the gate.

Most of the tourists who visited Myanmar via the border gate were citizens of Thailand and third country citizens. Myanmar granted visa-free entry

to travelers from China, Japan, and South Korea.

Between 1 January and 28 November, a total of 1,163,570 tourists visited Myanmar through Tachilek. The figure includes 1,080,846 Thai citizens, 15,940 third country citizens, 345 Thai tourists and five third country citizens who made a day trip to the Lam Taung pagoda, 11,227 tourists who travelled to Maing Phat and Kengtun, and 55,207 travelers who were granted a visa-free entry.

The tourists are continuously entering Myanmar through the international gateways and border gates, with travelers coming to the country to observe its natural landscapes, scenery, and tourist attractions, and ethnic people. Besides, there is now a culture-based tourism through which tourists can observe the traditions and cultures of the ethnic people.

From January to September, the number of tourists

visiting Myanmar through the international airport, ports, and border gates increased by over 600,000 compared to the same period last year, according to the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population.

Tourist arrivals in Myanmar reached 3,144,270 between January and September, an increase of 621,286 from the same period of 2018. Last year, Myanmar received 2,522,984 tourists.—Aye Maung (Translated by Hay Mar)



## Stock trades on YSX plunge; shares worth K992.69 mln traded in Nov

THE value of shares traded on the Yangon Stock Exchange (YSX) last month declined sharply to K992.69 million compared with K1.36 billion recorded in October.

While 141,361 shares were traded on the exchange in November, 259,245 shares were traded in October.

The value of stocks traded on the exchange had reached a peak this year in September at K2.47 billion. A total of 421,358 shares were traded on the YSX that month.

Compared with September, the volume of shares traded on the exchange showed a drop in October and November, according to the monthly report of the YSX.

At present, shares of five listed companies — First Myanmar Investment (FMI), Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings (MTSH), Myanmar Citizens Bank (MCB), First Private Bank (FPB), and TMH Telecom Public Co. Ltd — are being traded on the stock exchange.

In January, 89,576 shares worth K526 million were traded on the exchange, and the trade value slid to K409 million and

K396 million in February and March as share prices fell. In April, 102,682 shares worth K506 million were traded on the YSX. Starting from May, the value of shares traded crossed K1 billion. It touched a new peak of K1.4 billion, with 275,325 shares traded, in May; K1.32 billion, with 233,994 shares traded, in June; K1.22 billion, with 256,241 shares traded, in July, and K1.9 billion, with 322,176 shares traded, in August. The value of shares traded on the YSX reached a record-high in September and then plunged by nearly 50 per cent in October.

In November, the shares of FMI closed at K12,000, MTSH at K3,850, MCB at K8,000, FPB at K25,500, and TMH at K2,700.

The YSX was launched three years ago to improve the private business sector. It disseminates rules and regulations regarding the stock exchange and knowledge of share trading through stock investment seminars. The YSX has doubled its stock trade matching time from two to four per day. In addition to this, it held a promotional event to attract new investors and encourage existing inves-



The Yangon Stock Exchange in downtown Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

tors to trade more actively. The YSX has also sought the government's support to get more public companies to participate in the stock market and to help more institutional investors, such as financing companies, investment banks, and insurance companies, to emerge.

In 2016, shares of only three companies were traded on the

YSX — First Myanmar Investment, Myanmar Thilawa SEZ Holdings, and Myanmar Citizens Bank. One more public company, First Private Bank, was listed on the YSX in 2017. Last year, TMH Telecom Public Co. Ltd debuted on the exchange.

More than 2.5 million shares of three listed companies were

traded on the YSX in 2016, and their value was estimated at K70 billion. In 2017, despite an increase in the stock trading volume to 2.6 million shares, the trade value was only K22 billion. In 2018, 2.3 million shares of five companies, worth K11.5 billion, were traded on the exchange, according to the annual report of the YSX. — GNLM

## Hong Kong firm to invest \$500 mln in power generation, supply in Yangon, Kyaukpau



CNTIC Vpower Company will invest \$140.47 million in the generation of 150 MW of electricity from LNG in Kyaukpau. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

A Hong Kong-based company will invest US\$500 million to execute electricity generation, supply, and sale projects in Yangon and Kyaukpau cities, said U Thant Sin Lwin, Director-General of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

Hong Kong-listed CNTIC Vpower Company will invest \$363.070 million in the generation of electricity from LNG, and supply and sale of electricity on IPP (BOO) basis at the Thakayta

power plant in Yangon Region.

Additionally, the company will invest \$140.47 million in the generation of 150 MW of electricity from LNG, and supply and sale of electricity on IPP (BOO) basis in Kyaukpau Township in Rakhine State.

The company has not set the period for starting operations, but it plans to begin as soon as possible, said U Thant Sin Lwin.

At an MIC meeting, the company committed to provid-

ing power supply at the soonest, he said.

Hong Kong topped in the list of investors in the first two months of the current financial year, pumping in over \$1 billion in real estate development, electricity, and garment businesses, according to data from the DICA.

The total foreign direct investment stood at \$1.39 billion as of 29 November in the current financial year. — Nyein Nyein (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

## Taninthayi Region investment forum to be held on 7 Dec

THE Taninthayi Region investment forum will start on 7 December at the Pearl Laguna Resort in Myeik, said U Thant Sin Lwin, Director-General of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

The forum is aimed at boosting investments in the region. It is being organized by the Taninthayi Region government and the Taninthayi Region Investment Committee, with the support of the Ministry of In-

vestment and Foreign Economic Relations, Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC), and Myanmar Investors Development Association (MIDA).

“The objective behind investment forum is to explore potential investment opportunities in the states and regions. The forums also act as a bridge between local businessmen and foreign investors. They are also aimed at attracting investors,” U Thant Sin Lwin added.

The Taninthayi forum will

highlight investment opportunities in the tourism, mining, and fishery sectors in the region.

“Taninthayi Region depends on fisheries businesses. Mining businesses are also seen in the region. Through this forum, we would like to attract foreign investors and bring local investors together. Lately, Taninthayi Region has become a popular spot among tourists. Thailand eyes Taninthayi Region. The region also has smooth transportation,” said U Thant Sin Lwin.

The forum will be a two-day event. On the first day, there will be speeches by high ranking government officials and four panel discussions. Two site visits will be organized on the second day.

At the forum, officials from the MIC and the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration will apprise local and international investors of the latest developments such as Myanmar Investment Law and new investment opportunities.

At present, the saltwater

prawn farming business in the region is valued at just K3.3 billion, as per data from the DICA.

Between 1 October and 29 November in the current fiscal year, foreign direct investment of US\$1.39 billion flowed into the country, including the expansion of capital by existing enterprises, as per data provided by the Myanmar Investment Commission. The MIC has set an FDI target of \$5.8 billion for the current financial year. — Nyein Nyein (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)



# Union Religious Affairs, Culture Minister receives outgoing Vietnamese Amb



Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko receives Vietnamese Ambassador Dr Luan Thuy Duong. PHOTO: MNA

UNION Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko received Vietnamese Ambassador Dr Luan Thuy Duong, who has completed her tour of duty in Myanmar, at his ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. They openly discussed religious and cultural affairs during the meeting.— MNA  
(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

# Union Constitutional Tribunal receives Australian university delegation



The delegation from the Australia's Monash University poses for photo with officials of the Constitutional Tribunal in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

U Kyaw San, member of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, received a delegation from Australia's Monash University led by Senior Lecturer Dr Lennon Yao Chung Chang and with 19 university students in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. During the meeting, U Kyaw San explained the judicial administration throughout Myanmar's history, law enactments, standards of fairness in judiciary matters included in the 2008 Constitution, and the tribunal's role. He then replied to questions from the excursion group.— MNA  
(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

# Grand Guardian Tokio Marine, Nippon Life Insurance launch JV business

GRAND Guardian Insurance-GGI, Japan's Grand Guardian Tokio Marine General Insurance Co Ltd and Grand Guardian Nippon Life Insurance launched their joint venture business in Yangon yesterday. The launching ceremony was formally opened by Yangon Region Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Lin Naing Myint, Secretary of Insurance Business Supervisory Board U Zaw Naing, Director of GGI Holding Public Co Ltd U Ye Myint, Mr Shinkichi Miki of Tokio Marine & Nichido Fire Insurance, Mr Koji Ichiba of the Nippon Life Insurance and Mr Kazuyuki Takimi of Japanese Embassy in Yangon. Following the opening ceremony, the officials of the JV business met with the media. Grand Guardian Nippon Life Insurance is one of the three foreign life insurance companies, set up as joint ventures with local partners, which have been granted licence by the government. Likewise, the Grand Guardian Tokio Marine General Insurance Company Limited is one of the three non-life insurers, set up as joint ventures between foreign and local insurers.—Yi YiMyint



PHOTO: YE HTUT

# Two-storey school building of KYOBO company opened in Mingalardon

A two-storey primary school building donated by KYOBO Life Insurance and Good Neighbours International was recently opened in Mingalardon Township, Yangon Region, according to a statement released by the company. The school facility includes outdoor playground, solar panels, library installed with computer system, miscellaneous school facilities, four-rooms attached toilet and 5,000-gallon tank for collecting rain water. Officials of Yangon Region Social Welfare Office and local authorities also attended the ceremony.— GNLM ■



Officials and representatives of KYOBO Life Insurance and Good Neighbours International formally open the two-storey building. PHOTO: GNLM

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# Myanmar, Viet Nam hold 5<sup>th</sup> bilateral drug control meeting

MYANMAR and Viet Nam organized the 5<sup>th</sup> bilateral meeting on Drug Control Cooperation at the M-Gallery Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Secretary of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Lt.Gen Aung Win Oo and Deputy Head of the Vietnamese Ministry of Public Security's Po-

lice Department for Drug Crime Investigation Police Col Mr Vu Van Hau delivered opening speeches.

At the meeting, the delegates from Myanmar and Viet Nam discussed drug trafficking cases in both countries, reviewed the decisions in the fourth meeting and coordinated over the future cooperation in combating drug trafficking.

After the results of the meeting were reviewed and confirmed, the date and venue for their sixth meeting were discussed.

Also present at the meeting were invited police officers, heads and Senior officers of Drug Enforcement Division and representatives from Myanmar and Viet Nam.

— MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



Attendees of the 5<sup>th</sup> Myanmar-Viet Nam bilateral drug control meeting pose for a group photo. **PHOTO:MNA**

# Toyota Boshoku teams up with Germany's Aunde via sale of Indian arm

NEW DELHI — Toyota Boshoku Corp. will form a joint venture in India with German auto parts maker Aunde Achter & Ebels GmbH by selling an equity stake in its Indian arm to beef up auto seat cover production in the growing South Asian market.

A 49 percent stake in TB Kawashima Automo-

tive Textile (India) Pvt. Ltd., an auto seat cover maker, will be sold for an undisclosed amount pending approval by local authorities, according to a Toyota Boshoku statement released on Friday.

Toyota Boshoku's subsidiary, TB Kawashima Co., will retain the remaining 51 per cent.

Aunde will transfer at least some of its seat cover production to the joint venture in the southern state of Karnataka to improve the operating ratio of the existing plant, a Toyota Boshoku spokesman told NNA on Monday, declining to disclose the output capacity.

— Kyodo News ■

**Announcement of changing Manufacturing Company Name**

We are pleased to announce that Sanpu Multi Grass Plant Formulation Co., Ltd who is a manufacturer and supplier of Matrine Aqueous Solution 0.36% (Insecticide), Bio Green (F2010-718, Full registration) (Pesticide Registration Board) has changed its name to Beijing Multigrass Formulation Co., Ltd (Reg No. 91110228801145613E in China) as follows from 2<sup>nd</sup>, December 2019.

Content	Old Company Name	New Company Name
Company Name	Before 2 <sup>nd</sup> , December 2019	Since 2 <sup>nd</sup> , December 2019
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Sr No.	Tender No.	Description	Remarks
(a)	DMP/L-023(19-20) (Retender)	Model 8040 D 10 Dual Cell Pressure Size Consistometer (1) Set	Ks
(b)	DMP/L-049(19-20) (Retender)	10 Ton Truck with Crane (1) Unit	Ks

2. The Open Tender forms including Description of Materials / Qtty with details specifications and Tender Terms & Conditions can be available during office hours commencing from **4 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 3 January 2020**.

4. Tender Closing Date & Time **3-1-2020, 14:00 pm**

Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise  
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**Ministry of Electricity and Energy  
Department of Hydropower Implementation  
Building No. (27), Nay Pyi Taw**

**Notice**

Addendum No. (1) to the Notice of the request for proposal of Consultancy Services with reference of the following notices dated 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2019.

The date of Pre-proposal Conference is postponed as per following;

Sr; No.	RFP No.	Project Name	Postponed		Remark
			Date	Time	
1.	RFP No. 46/Consultancy MPL/2019-2020	Middle Paunglaung HPP	9.12.2019	9:30	
2.	RFP No. 47/Consultancy UYY/2019-2020	Upper Yeywa HPP	9.12.2019	11:00	
3.	RFP No. 48/Consultancy TH/2019-2020	Tha-htay HPP	9.12.2019	13:00	
4.	RFP No. 49/Consultancy UKT/2019-2020	Upper Kengtawng HPP	9.12.2019	15:00	

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**  
**M.V SINAR BALI VOY. NO. (130N/S)**

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V SINAR BALI VOY. NO. (130N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4-12-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T 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.

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINE**  
Phone No: 2301185

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**  
**M.V IAL 001 VOY. NO. (051N/S)**

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V IAL 001 VOY. NO. (051N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4-12-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T 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.

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

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S INTER ASIA LINES**  
Phone No: 2301185

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**  
**M.V CAPE FLORES VOY. NO. (142 N/S)**

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V CAPE FLORES VOY. NO. (142 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4-12-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA SHIPPING LINES**  
Phone No: 2301185



# Myanmar-Sino border trade via Muse checkpoint estimated to reach US\$ 5 bln in current FY



Trucks seen at 105-mile trade zone Muse, northern Shan State. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

By Kyaw Htike Soe

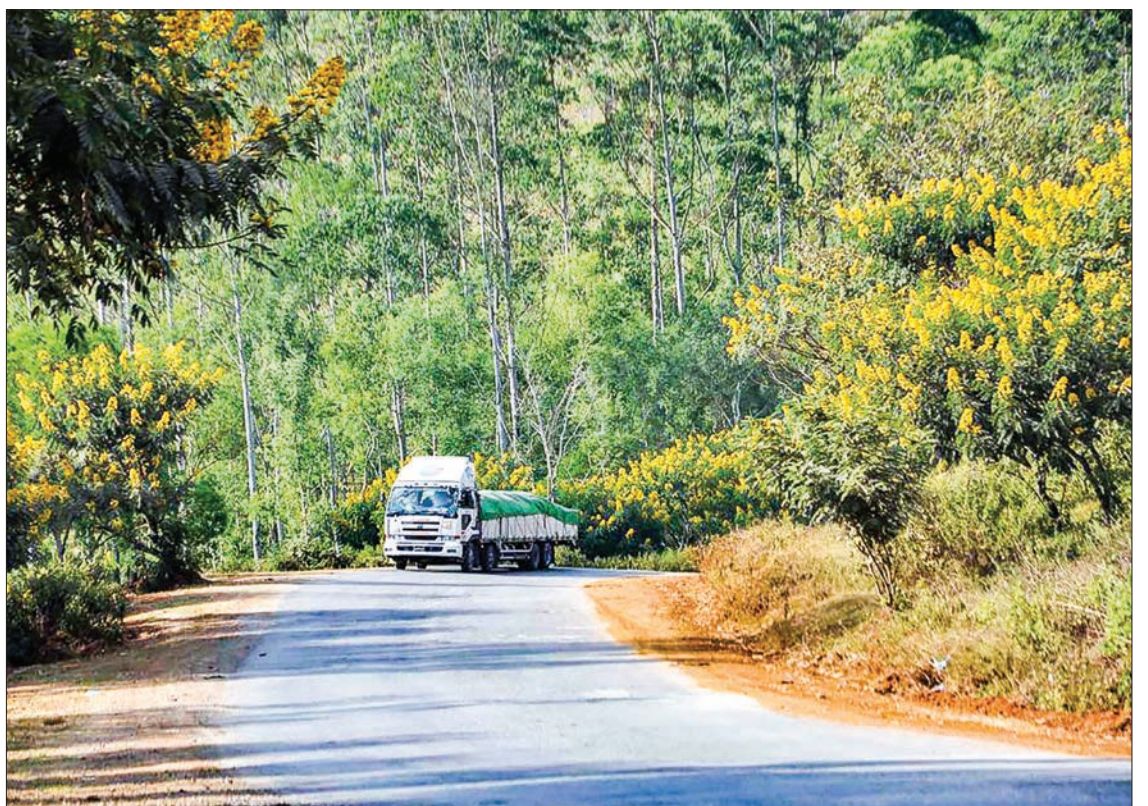
**T**HE border trade between Myanmar and China through Muse border trade camp in Northern Shan State is projected to hit US\$ 5 billion with an export volume of US\$ 3.5 billion and US\$ 1.5 billion of import volume in the fiscal year 2019-2020 which started on 1 October, according to the Ministry of Commerce. The two neighbours' trade volume via Muse border trade camp amounted to nearly US\$ 650 million in the current financial year, increased by US\$ 290 million when compared to the same period last year, the ministry said.

Total trade volume between Myanmar and China through four border gates during the current financial year reached over US\$ 750 million, up by more than US\$ 300 million when compared

to the same period of the previous year. Border trade between Myanmar and China has seen a significant growth over the past couple of years. But due to import ban on rice, sugar and maize by China and ongoing armed clashes in Northern Shan State and Kachin State, the border trade volume between Myanmar and China via Muse border trade camp which is one of the biggest overland trading routes in Myanmar has been declined slightly when compared to previous years. China suspended the import of some agricultural products from Myanmar. The suspension resulted in a sharp drop in trade at Muse border trade camp, according to an official from the ministry.

China is the major rice export market for Myanmar and China offered Myanmar to officially purchase rice through border gates between the two countries, according to the Myanmar Rice Federation.

Myanmar conducts border trade with China through four border checkpoints in Muse and Chinshwehaw in Shan State, and Lwejel and Kanpeiktee in Kachin State. Myanmar mainly



A truck seen on Muse highway. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**



exports beans and pulses, sesame, maize, rubber, and marine products to China while pesticides, fertilizers, household items, and foodstuff are imported into the country through Muse border trade camp. In an attempt to boost bilateral trade between Myanmar and China, the two neighbours have been organizing trade exhibitions, seminars and workshops on a rotating basis.

Around 20 per cent of Myanmar's total trade is conducted through its border gates and the remaining 80 per cent is done by sea route.

Myanmar's total foreign trade amounted to 4.59 billion US dollars as of 15 November. 15 this FY, with 2.3 billion US dollars' import value. During the period, Myanmar's trade with foreign countries via sea route was valued at US\$ 3.3 billion while its border trade saw US\$ 1.29 billion.

According to the figures from the ministry, border trade between Myanmar and China amounted to US\$ 4.3 billion in over eight months of the fiscal year 2018-2019 which ended in September. As of June this year, Myanmar's exports through border checkpoints were valued at US\$ 3 billion while its imports were worth US\$ 1.3 billion. Both of these figures are down from last year, with the export number reaching US\$ 2.6 billion and imports saw US\$ 0.98 billion in 2018. Border trade volume between Myanmar and China via Muse border gate stood more than US\$ 5.68 billion in the financial year 2017-2018 and over US\$ 4.53 billion in the fiscal year 2018-2019.

China's investment in Myanmar during the period from 1988 to date was valued at more than US\$ 20 billion which is equivalent to about 26 per cent of total FDI in the country. Around 1,780 foreign enterprises from 50 countries around the world were permitted to invest in 12 sectors, with the total amount of US\$ 81,597.743 million during the period from 1988 to the end of August 2019. Myanmar received US\$ 9.4 billion of foreign direct investment in 2015-2016 FY, US\$ 6.6 billion of FDI in 2016-2017 and US\$ 5.7 billion of FDI in 2017-2018 FY.

The largest sector of FDI came to oil and gas sector, accounting for 27.48 per cent of the total foreign investments, followed by the power sector with 25.95 per cent and the manufacturing sector with 14.01 per cent.



## "Property Market Update Q3 2019" seminar held in Yangon

A SEMINAR entitled "Property Market Update Q3 2019" was held by Colliers International Myanmar in collaboration with Mottama Development Group Co Ltd, in Mottama Development Group Property Gallery at Maha Land Centre in Yangon on 28 November.

The event is attended by key industry players such as developers, investors and legal consultants to discuss the current and future trajectory of the country's real estate industry.

In detail, the first part of the event covered a Q3 2019 review of the industry. Mr Paul Ryan Cuevas, Senior Research Analyst of Colliers, covered five sectors of Yangon's real estate landscape during the presentation, specifically office, retail, serviced apartment, upper-scale hotel, and condominium. "Yangon market continues to show signs of robust growth in the short to medium term. Despite challenges in the market currently, there are more opportunities present if we look at the right sectors and the right segments," said Mr Paul Ryan.



PHOTO: SUPPLIED

Afterwards, a panel discussion consisting of representatives from Mottama Development Group and Colliers was gathered to discuss the role of Property Management in the industry. The panelists include Mr Jeffrey Yeap, Commercial Director of Mottama Develop-

ment Group and two representatives from Colliers namely Mr Ariel Vitor, Head of Property Management and Mr Joshua De Las Alas, Senior Advisory Manager.

The topics raised during the panel discussion include property management meas-

ures and practices that needs to be taken to further the reputation and success of developers and projects, major challenges in the market, and the role of property management in enhancing the value of properties.—GNLM



## AustCham hosts 2019 Women in Business and Leadership Development Gala and Conference to advance gender inclusion and equality in Myanmar

THE 4<sup>th</sup> Women in Business and Leadership Development Gala and Conference, organised by AustCham Myanmar, were held at Rosewood Yangon. The event presented many aspects of women empowerment and gender equality in Myanmar alongside insights and advice for women that are 'breaking through the glass ceiling'. Over 750 delegates came together for the 4<sup>th</sup> Women in Business and Leadership Development Gala and Conference.

Distinguished guest speakers included HE Ms Andrea Faulkner, Australian Ambassador to Myanmar; Mr Brad Jones, CEO of Wave Money; and Ms Michelle Grady, Country Manager Woodside Energy

Myanmar.

The Australian Embassy Myanmar is a Platinum Sponsor for the event, together with Wave Money, Woodside Energy Myanmar and Yoma Bank. Other sponsors and partners include Cardno, Dulwich College Yangon, Grab, Kantar, LinkedIn Local, Metro, RICE Myanmar, and Yangon Door 2door.

Key themes and discussion tracks at the conference included Organisational Culture and Women's Leadership; Self-care; SME Access to Finance, Responsible Business in Myanmar; Employer supported Childcare; The Future of Work, Working for Women; Entrepreneurship and Innovation; and Creating an Executive Image, with presentations and workshops by Wave Money, Yoma

Bank, LinkedIn Local, among many others.

Panelists and guest speakers were Kang Wan Chern, Business Editor of Myanmar Times; Thandar Hlaing (Christie Mackenzie), Myanmar supermodel-entrepreneur and Founder of T's Workshop, T Fitness Personal Training Application; PhyoPhyoAung, lifestyle & motivational blogger and Founder of Chance Myanmar; and Lach Baniya, co-founder of Icarus Media & Ganda Win Enterprises.

The WIB2019 Opening Gala Before opening the Conference, AustCham and partners hosted the annual Opening Gala Dinner on Friday 29 November where guests enjoyed a night of glamour with pre-dinner cocktails, canapes a three-course

meal accompanied by fine music, and dance performances.

The Gala Dinner raised over \$17,000 and proceeds from the Gala tickets helped support Myanmar women to attend the Women in Business and Leadership Development Conference.

"We at AustCham are delighted to be able to host the annual Conference as it creates an opportunity for women in business and leadership positions to impart their knowledge and inspire rising female talent as Myanmar looks to the future.

Thank you to all our partners, members and guests for your support in creating this impactful Women in Business and Leadership Development Conference," said Daw Ekayi Maw, CEO of AustCham Myanmar.—GNLM





# Myanmar bags eight more medals at 30<sup>th</sup> SEA Games



Myanmar officials and athletes pose for a group photo at the 30th SEA Games in the Philippines on 3 December. **PHOTO: SPDD**

MYANMAR athletes took eight more medals on 3 December at the 30<sup>th</sup> SEA Games, according to the official website of the SEA Games.

The athletes secured one gold medal, one silver medal, and six bronze medals in the Wushu and Arnis martial art competitions. Arnis athlete Eian Dray Phoo won the gold medal for Myanmar at the Arnis-Anyo Traditional Open Weapon (F) competition, while Wushu athlete Su Hlaing Win bagged a silver medal at the Wushu-Sanda 65-kg (F) competition.

Meanwhile, at the Wushu events, Thein Than Oo won the bronze medal in the Taolu Nan-

quan (M) category, Tun Aung Myo in the Sanda 48-kg (M) category, and Chit Ko Ko in the Sanda 65-kg (M) category.

In the Arnis competition, Yar Zar Tun took the bronze medal in the Anyo Non-Traditional Open Weapon (M) event, Min Naing L Sheilar in the Anyo Non-Traditional Open Weapon (F) event, and Aung Be Be Kyaw in the Anyo Traditional Open Weapon (M) event.

With a total of 27 medals, 1 gold, 6 silver, and 20 bronze, Myanmar is placed seventh in the standing table. Meanwhile, host Philippines is at the top of the standing table, followed by Viet Nam and Malaysia. —Kyaw Khin

## MFF Myanmar Futsal League 2019-2020: Week-3 matches to be held today

THE third week matches of the MFF Myanmar Futsal League 2019-2020 will take place today at the National Indoor Stadium-2 in Hline Township, Yangon. While the match between GV F.C. and OnDoctor F.C. will be played at 8.30 a.m., Myoma JY F.C. will take on Dream Team at 10 a.m., and Let Wel Thone Nara will be pitted against AMM Brothers F.C. at 11.30 a.m. In the afternoon, Futsal Chit Thu F.C. will play against Winner F.C. at 1 p.m., MIU F.C. will face the MFF U-19 team at 2.30 p.m., and VUC F.C. will take on Do Do Ko Ko F.C. at 4 p.m. After Week-2, VUC F.C. is at the top of the standing table, followed by MIU F.C. in the second place and Dream Team in third place.

OnDoctor is in the fourth place, GV F.C. is fifth, Myoma JY is sixth, Winner is seventh, Do Do Ko Ko is eighth, AMM Brothers is ninth, followed by Let Wel Thone Nara, MFF U-19 team, and Futsal Chit Thu.

The matches for the fourth week are scheduled for 7 December, fifth week for 11 December, sixth week for 7 December, seventh week for 18 December, eighth week for 21 December, ninth week for 25 December, tenth week for 28 December, and eleventh week for 31 December. — Kyaw Khin












## U Zaw Zaw attends AFC Annual Awards 2019 in Hong Kong

U Zaw Zaw, vice president of the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) and president of the Myanmar Football Federation, attended the AFC Annual Awards 2019, held on 2 December in Hong Kong.

The AFC vice president along with FIFA president Mr. Infantino and AFC president Mr. Shaikh Salman presented awards to winners at the event. — Kyaw Khin



AFC vice president U Zaw Zaw presents a medal to a winner of the AFC Annual Awards 2019 in Hong Kong on 2 December. **PHOTO: MFF**

2019 Southeast Asian Games medal tally updated					
COUNTRY		GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
	PHILIPPINES	47	31	17	95
	VIETNAM	23	27	25	75
	MALAYSIA	18	5	14	37
	INDONESIA	12	20	18	50
	THAILAND	8	13	20	41
	SINGAPORE	8	10	15	33
	MYANMAR	1	6	20	27
	BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	1	4	5	10
	CAMBODIA	1	3	17	21
	LAOS	0	0	6	6
	TIMOR-LESTE	0	0	0	0

## Chelsea will find out transfer ban decision ‘very soon’, says Lampard

LONDON (United Kingdom)—Frank Lampard expects to find out “very soon” whether Chelsea will be free to make any January signings, with the club waiting to learn the outcome of their FIFA transfer ban appeal. Chelsea’s appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) was heard last month, with the Blues contesting FIFA’s two-window ban relating to the recruitment of minors.

When asked when he expects to discover the result of that appeal, Lampard replied: “Very soon I believe. Days, I think.”

“I haven’t heard any more, so I would wait and reserve judgement (on Chelsea’s plans for January) until we get the judgement and see where we want to go from there.”

Fourth-placed Chelsea will give Tammy Abraham “every possible chance” to face Aston Villa on Wednesday as the England striker recovers from a hip injury. —AFP ■