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

THE 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 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 discusses report of Joint Committee on Scrutinizing the Constitution

The tenth-day meeting of the Second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw’s 14th 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 representatives Brig-Gen Aung San Chit.

The matter was discussed by Tatmadaw Amyotha Hluttaw representative Maj-Gen Win Lwin Oo, U Myat Lay Oo of Hlinin constituency, Tatmadaw Amyotha Hluttaw representative Col-Gen Kaung Kyaw, Tatmadaw Amyotha Hluttaw representative Maj-Gen Zaw Win Oo, Dr U Kywe Kywe of Mandalay Region constituency, U Thaung San of Mandalay Region constituency, Tatmadaw Amyotha Hluttaw representative Lt-Col Tin Tun Aung.

Joint Bill Committee reports on Basic Education Bill 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.

THE Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution holds meeting 64/2019

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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, Secretariat of the Joint Committee Dr Myat Nyana Soe, Joint Secretary of the Joint Committee U Hlai 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.

Rakhine State Stability Supporting Committee to finalize report

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

The meeting was led by Committee Chairman and Deputy Speaker of the Amyotha 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.
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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, 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.

The representatives of the UNICEF Representative to Myanmar, read out the 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 26th 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 at ASEAN Museums’, held at the Mingalar Thiri Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The Union Minister said the needs of special conservation of artefacts at the museums where cultural heritage 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)
Science Council Asia in Yangon in 2017 and another Festival was successively held All-Round Youth Development. Information Minister Dr Pe Myint said a Magway Region ministers, Information U Aung Hla Tun, Region Chief Minister Dr Aung and Dr Myo Thein Gyi, Magway Region held from 14 to 16 December. The festival is scheduled to be of Information’s meeting hall in a coordination meeting for the organizing All-Round Youth Development. The opening ceremony of the 19th Science Council Asia (SCA) was held at Grand 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.

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Nay Pyi Taw hosts 19th Science Council Asia

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THE opening ceremony of the 19th 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 19th 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 became a member of SCA in 2012. – MNA (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)
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 of the Special Region (4), Eastern Shan State
Dated: 30 November 2019

Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group

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.

Myanmar Interfaith Dialogue Group

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

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 assistance 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 1st Foreign Office Consultations in Nay Pyi Taw

The 1st 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
Information received of people using, distributing and selling illegal drugs in a house in Hmawset Ward, Dala Township, Yangon Region.

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 the house. Police found and arrested him for being a drug dealer and possessor of U Maung Eain, 31, daughter of U Maung Eain, together with heroin.

A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa(Manye) MaYa(pa)21/2019 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Information received of people using, distributing and selling illegal drugs in a house in Ywangan Township, Yangon Region.

On 27 November 2019, police searched the house of Aye Maw, 29, daughter of U Tin Win, who lives in Myitkyina (c) Ward, Insein Township, Yangon Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.

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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.

Information received of people using, distributing and selling illegal drugs in a house in No 5 Ward, Chauk Township, Magway Region.

On 26 November 2019, police inspected two motorcycles on the road towards Chauk Township, driven by Arnoe (a) Pyoe Wei Tun (a) Pyoe Wei Tun, 23, son of U Kyi Myo, who lives in No 5 Ward, and Tharirau Oo (a) Tayoeyk, 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 Tharirau Oo (a) Tayoeyk 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.

Information received of people using, distributing and selling illegal drugs in No 5 Ward, Chauk Township, Magway Region.

On 25 November 2019, police searched the temporary dwelling of U Nyein Oo, who lives in No 13 Ward, in Chauk Township, and found him accompanied by Moi Thiha Naing, 29, son of U Thyo Win, who lives in No 12, Thankanom Ward, the same township, and Htoo Wei Yan, 23, son of U Than Swe, who lives in Yankaw Ward, Magway Township. They were arrested together with ‘88/1’ stimulant tablets.

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Information received of people using, distributing and selling illegal drugs in a house in No 5 Ward, Chauk Township, Magway Region.

On 24 November 2019, police searched the temporary dwelling of Myat Htike, 27, son of U Aung Mo Htike, who lives in No 5 Yanmaeheet Ward, Chauk Township, and found him accompanied by Moi Thiha Naing, 29, son of U Thyo Win, who lives in No 12, Thankanom Ward, the same township, and Htoo Wei Yan, 23, son of U Than Swe, who lives in Yankaw Ward, Magway Township. They were arrested together with ‘88/1’ stimulant tablets.

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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 Kompinski Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the ceremony, the Union Minister said the requirement of cooperation among relevant state departments, businesses, local and foreign NGOs, civil societies 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 UNFAO 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.

Opening ceremony of 5th 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 5th Regional Meeting, in Novotel Yangon Max Hotel on 2 December morning. Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Reconstruction Works, Union Minister 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 withstand natural disasters 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 support 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 MF would reinforce the state/regional disaster management work process.

Malaysia, Myanmar Action Plan on Disaster Risk Reduction (MAPRR) 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 organizations, 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 ADPC Executive Director Mr Hans Guttman addresses the event.

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

The 5th Regional Meeting of APP was attended by Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Reconstruction Works, 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.
Female Anopheles mosquitoes and malaria

By Wywady Khin Oo

Healthy mother can give birth to healthy babies so that next generation of physically and mentally developed people can be beneficial for the sustainable development of our country.

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

In Myanmar, an estimated 237,000 youths were living with HIV in 2018, and 0.1 per cent of them had contracted AIDS. There were 29,000 newly infected cases in 2000 at the recorded rate, and the number declined to 6,000 in 2018.

The figures also showed that the newly infected patients were mainly people who injected drugs (PWIDs), women sex workers, or men who had sexual contact with other men. The highest infection rates were seen in Kayin State, northern Shan State, Sagaing Region, and Yangon Region.

The HIV infection rates are increasing among teenagers and young women, and men, and women.

Understanding HIV-risk behavior requires a thorough theoretical framework. Comprehensive HIV prevention programs have led to reduced risk behavior among HIV-infected youths and those 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.

Ministry of Electricity and Energy
Progress of installed capacity annually

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Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, essays, articles, news, and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their work to the Global New Light of Myanmar at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, in person, or by email at news@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (a) your work which you wish to be included in poetry, opinion, etc. (b) your name and (c) your contact number, your profession, your level of education, name of your School/College/University, (d) a statement of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other paper or publishing house. (e) a color photo of the submitter, (f) Copy of your NIC card. (g) Contact information (mobile, Facebook, Instagram, etc.) - Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar

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

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,” she added.

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 GrabTaxi for hassle-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, andBagan 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, Booking Holdings and GRAB announced their strategic partnership to offer 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.

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On 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 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 provided every six months, and this is the seventh time the vaccination is being administered.

The authorities plan to provide free vaccinations eight times.—Chan Thar (Meiktila) (Translated by Hay Mar)
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, 192,692 shares worth K2.47 billion 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 K1.2 billion, MCB at K3.5 billion, MB at K3.0 billion, FPB at K250, and TMH at K2.7 billion. 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 K76 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, Kyaukpyu

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

Hong Kong-listed CNTIC Vpower Co. Ltd, which is involved in the generation of 150 MW of electricity from LNG, 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 50 MW of electricity from LNG, and supply and sale of electricity on IPP (BOO) basis in Kyaukpyu Township in Myeik District.

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 providing power supply at the soonest, he said.

Hong Kong topped 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 Investment 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

Mr. Thura U Aung Ko, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture, 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 Takami 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 Yi Myint

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 two-storey primary school building was constructed in the No. 16 Basic Education Primary School compound.

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

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Officials and representatives of KYOBO Life Insurance and Good Neighbours International formally open the two-storey building. PHOTO: GNLM
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Springaid for the 5th Myanmar-Viet Nam bilateral drug control meeting

ATTENDERS OF THE 5TH MYANMAR-VIETNAM BILATERAL DRUG CONTROL MEETING POS FOR A GROUP PHOTO. PHOTO: MNA

Announcement of changing Manufacturing Company

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Department of Hydropower Implementation
Building No. (27), Nay Pyi Taw
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Addendum No. (1) to the Notice of the request for proposal of Consultancy Services with reference of the following notices dated 2nd December 2019.

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

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

By Kyaw Htike Soe

The 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...
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 US$ 4.59 billion in August 2019. 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 2018. 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, Senior Research Analyst of Colliers, covered five sectors of Yangon’s real estate landscape during the presentation, specifically office, retail, serviced apartment, up- and mid-market, and condominiums.

“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 at hand if we look at the right sectors and the right segments,” said Mr Paul Ryan.

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 Development 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 measures 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

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

The 4th Women in Business and Leadership Development Gala and Conference, organised by AusCham 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 4th 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 (Chris Mackenzie), Myanmar supermodel-entrepreneur and Founder of T’s Workshop, T Fitness Personal Training Application; Phyoe Phyoe Aung, lifestyle & motivational blogger and creator of Carus Media & GandaWin Enterprises.

The WIB2019 Opening Gala Before opening the Conference, AusCham 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 AusCham 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 Eka Kay Maw, CEO of AusCham Myanmar.—GNLM
Myanmar bags eight more medals at 30th SEA Games

The Myanmar athletes took eight more medals on 3 December at the 30th 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 Nanquan (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 Vietnam 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.

On Doctor 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

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