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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi appears before ICJ for first oral hearing



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attends the first day of hearing at the UN's International Court of Justice at The Hague on 10 December. **PHOTO: THA BYAW**

STATE Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, attended the International Court of Justice at The Hague, Netherlands, to hear the first oral proceeding of Gambia for

provisional measures against Myanmar at 10 am local time yesterday.

The court proceeding was also attended by Union Ministers U Kyaw Tint Swe, and U Kyaw Tin, Myanmar Ambassador to

the Netherlands U Soe Lin Han and members of the Myanmar delegation, local and foreign lawyers for the Myanmar government and members of legal support group. Myanmar people who came to support the

State Counsellor and Myanmar expats in the Netherlands and other foreign countries cheered and gave her moral support outside the ICJ.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

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Pyithu Hluttaw

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THE 13th-day meeting of Second Pyithu Hluttaw's 14th regular session was held at Pyithu Hluttaw building yesterday morning.

Asterisk marked question and answer session

In the asterisk marked question and answer session questions raised by U Myint Oo of Thanatpin constituency on repairing and upgrading Bago-Sittaung canal embankment road; U Ne Lin Aung of Mindat constituency on a plan to built a suspension bridge over a creek between two villages in Mindat Township; U Lagan Ze Jone of Waingmaw constituency on a plan to repair and reconstruct main roads and bridges in Waingmaw Township inundated by Ayeyawady River; U Myint Tun of Taze constituency on stating reason and informing companies for rejections or non-selection in contract tenders and U Kyaw Min of Letpadan constituency on upgrading a pedestrian bridge used by five villages in Letpadan Township were answered by Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin.

Questions raised by U Than Lin Lin of Mesei constituency



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat. PHOTO: MNA

on relevant ministry promoting Myay Nandaw or Nat Taung in Mesei Township Hojit village tract near Kyaiktiyo Pagoda as a tour destination and U Aung Kyaw Kyaw Oo of Hline constituency on plan to restrict We Chat Pay and Alipay online payment systems and arrangements to prevent zero budget tour programmes were answered by Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Tin Latt.

Micro Financing Bill

Following the asterisk marked question and answer session Pyithu Hluttaw Banking and Financial Development Committee secretary U Tin Tun Naing tabled Micro Financing Bill

and Bill Committee member U Nay Myo Tun read a report on it.

Afterwards, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to table amendment motion on the bill to register their names.

Hluttaw discuss motion no posting particulars about tenders on website

Next, Daw Nan Htwe Thu of Pasawng constituency, U Win Myint Oo (a) U Nay Myo of Nyaungshwe constituency, U Sai Saing Mai of Mongkai constituency, U Lama Naw Aung of Injangyan constituency, Daw Yin Min Hlaing of Gangaw constituency and U Sai Okker of Laikha constituency

discussed a motion tabled by Daw Nan Kham Aye of Namtu constituency urging Union, State/Region governmental departments to post particulars about tenders invited, tender winning company and the tender work conducted until completion.

In discussing the motion Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin said the matter was repeatedly mentioned in construction work assessment committee meetings but some relevant ministries and personnel from state/region governments reported on lack of technical expertise while there were weaknesses and difficulties in capacity building. The ministry was announcing tenders in state own media as well on ministry website and social media. To ensure transparency, sign boards providing particulars of the construction works such as construction work type, tender value, responsible engineer, particulars about the work, contact department/company etc. were instructed to be setup and recommended the motion to be approved. As there was no objection, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced the motion approved by the Hluttaw.

Committee annual reports read and submitted and another committee annual report approved

Later Pyithu Hluttaw transport, communication & construction committee annual report Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations committee annual report were read by committee secretary Daw Yin Min Hlaing and committee member U Myo Zaw Aung respectively.

After the reports were read, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the report to register their names.

As a final agenda of the day Pyithu Hluttaw health and sports development committee secretary Dr Than Win tabled a motion for the Hluttaw to agree and accept the committee annual report.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker then obtained the consensus of the Hluttaw and announced Hluttaw's agreement. The 14th day meeting of Second Pyithu Hluttaw's 14th regulation session will be held on 12 December. — Aye Aye Thant (MNA)

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Amyotha Hluttaw

Second Amyotha Hluttaw's 14th regular session holds 13th-day meeting

THE 13th-DAY meeting of Second Amyotha Hluttaw's 14th regular session was held at Amyotha Hluttaw building yesterday morning.

Asterisk marked question

Asterisk marked question raised by Dr Win Myint of Bago Region constituency 11 on plan to broadcast a new health & sport channel was answered by Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun. Asterisk marked questions raised by Dr U Kywe Kywe of Mandalay Region constituency 6 on emergency response by Myanmar Police Force arranged for emergency 199 calls, U Kyaw Ni Naing of Shan State constituency 11 on a plan to assign a modern fire fighting vehicle to Shan State Kokang Self-Administered Zone Laukkai Township and Naw Hla Hla Soe of Yangon Region constituency 10 on arrangements made to reduce crime and for rule of law in Insein and Mingaladon townships were answered by Deputy Minister for Home Affairs



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than. PHOTO: MNA

Maj-Gen Aung Thu.

Receipt of three bills amending three election laws

Next, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than informed the Hluttaw of the receipt of bill amending Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law for the fifth time, bill amending Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law for the fifth time and bill amending State/Region Hluttaw Election Law for the fifth time returned with amendments by Pyithu Hluttaw

and announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the bills to register their names.

Hluttaw approve Vehicle Safety and Management Bill

Following this, Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee member reread and explained the committee's report on Vehicle Safety and Management Bill. Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker then obtained the decision of the Hluttaw on the bill clause by clause and approves it.

Later Deputy Minister for Transport and Communication U Kyaw Myo tabled a motion for the Hluttaw to approve the bill as amended. The motion was supported by U Ko Ko Naing of Sagaing Region constituency 8. As there was no objection when Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker obtained the decision of the Hluttaw to approve the motion, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker announced the Vehicle Safety and Management Bill approved as amended.

Hluttaw discuss motion on allocating unused state-own property

Afterwards U Sa Khin Zaw Lin of Ayeyawady Region constituency 2, Dr Tin Tin Win of Bago Region constituency 5, U Nyi Nyi Htwe (a) U Ko Ko Lay of Sagaing Region constituency 11 and Dr Kyaw Than Tun (Canton) of Mandalay Region constituency 3 discussed a motion tabled by U Ko Ko Naing of Sagaing Region constituency 8 urging the Union government to allocate unused

state-own property for addressing shortage of city land in establishing public recreation places.

Hluttaw approve a committee report

Amyotha Hluttaw construction, industry, electricity and energy committee report for the committee's work from 21 March 2018 to the end of Second Amyotha Hluttaw 13th regular session was discussed by Tatmadaw Hluttaw representative Colonel Zaw Lwin and U Shayrel Shu Maung of Kayah State constituency 2 as a final agenda of the day. Committee Chairman U Saw Moe Myint (a) Samuel then tabled a motion for the Hluttaw to accept and approve the report. As there was no objection Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker announced the Hluttaw's approval of the report.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attends the first oral hearing in the International Court of Justice at The Hague, Netherlands. PHOTO: MNA (NEWS ON PAGE-1)

Deputy Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker gives religious funds, relief items in Rakhine State

DEPUTY Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Aye Tha Aung, in his capacity as the chairman of Rakhine State Stability Supporting Committee, presented cash funds for installation of an elevator at the ancient Yin Yoe pagoda in Angu village of Myebon Township, and he also gave relief items for the internally displaced persons in that township of Rakhine State yesterday.

The Deputy Speaker and party arrived at Sittway Airport at 8:30 am. They were welcomed by the State Security and Border Affairs Minister Colonel Min Than, Rakhine State Advocate-General U Kyaw Hla Tun and officials.

The cash donation ceremony for installation of elevator was held at the meeting hall of

Rakhine State government villa, and it was attended by committee's Vice Chairman and Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint, its Secretary and Deputy Minister U Tin Myint, the committee members, departmental officials and Yin Yoe pagoda's board of trustee.

At the ceremony, the Deputy Speaker donated K15 million for the elevator.

He also provided relief assistance at the same venue for the IDPs in Rakhine State, and said the government is giving aid to the civilians fled from armed conflicts as they are facing problems in livelihood, social, education and health services.

Union Minister Dr Pe Myint also explained the process of

Rakhine State Stability Supporting Committee in producing its report for peace, stability and security of the State.

Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu briefed on his government's works in providing humanitarian assistance to IDPs and measures to end ongoing problems in the State.

At the ceremony, Chairman U Aye Tha Aung handed over K12,734,400 to purchase two-week rice ration for 3,032 IDPs from 802 families.

Deputy Minister U Tin Myint also explained the government's plan to provide assistance in the future.

The Rakhine State Stability Supporting Committee and the Rakhine State government then held a meeting at the meeting

hall of villa.

The Chairman said that the visit of his committee was to witness developments in Rakhine State for producing a report which is in the stage of third draft.

Union Minister Dr Pe Myint also advised to present actual situations in administration, security, peace and armed conflicts to be able to produce an accurate report.

The Chief Minister of Rakhine State updated on armed clashes, security measures, IDP camps and relief aid at these camps, followed by the discussions of Rakhine State government members, the secretary and members of Rakhine State Stability Supporting Committee and officials.

The Committee's Chairman also held a meeting at the same venue with the local dignitaries, including political parties, organizations, committees, town elders, businesspersons and departmental officials.

At the meeting, he sought advice of local people to be able to end armed conflicts and establish a peaceful community in the State, and said their discussions will be put into the committee's report.

At 3:30 pm, Chairman U Aye Tha Aung met with Rakhine State Hluttaw Speaker U San Kyaw Hla at the State Villa, and separately held talks with representatives from political parties for their advice on stability of this State.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung delivers the speech during the meeting with officials from Rakhine State government. PHOTO: MNA



Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung accepts the certificate of honour for donation from Yin Yoe pagoda's board of trustee in Rakhine State. PHOTO: MNA

UEC organizes conflict resolution training course



UEC Chairman U Hla Thein and officials pose for a documentary photo at the opening ceremony of the Conflict Resolution Training (Core Mediation) course in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Union Election Commission, in corporation with the Netherlands Institute for Multiparty Democracy and Political Parties of Finland for Democracy (NIMD/Demo Finland),

organizes the Conflict Resolution Training (Core Mediation) course.

The opening ceremony of the course was held at the training hall of UEC in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning, and it was attended by members of UEC and its officials, trainees from State/Region Election Commission offices, representatives of the NIMD/Demo Finland and the trainers.

UEC Chairman U Hla Thein made a speech at the ceremony, saying that the course is aimed for capacity-building of UEC staff for knowledge and experience in holding elections, and that the UEC also formed mediation committees in the previous elections to be able to mediate disputes, challenges without delay.

He added the Strategic Plan (2019-2022) of UEC could handle possible disputes, complaints and objections at all the steps of 2020 General Election.

The training course will focus on negotiation and mediation techniques and practices of a neutral organization through international experiences.

The UEC Chairman concluded his speech with advice to practice mediations in line with election laws, bylaws, orders and directives, code of conduct for political parties and Hluttaw candidates as the fundamental principle for mediation is to ensure trust-building and mutual understanding.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Union Minister U Soe Win inspects factories, industrial training centre in Bago Region

UNION Minister for Planning, Finance and Industry U Soe Win inspected the No.1 Textile Factory in Shwedaung Township, Bago Region, on 9 December morning.

The Union Minister heard the reports of factory officer on its history, its operation processes, joint-venture with Japanese company Tsuyatomo Co.,Ltd in dyeing and finishing processes, training programmes supported by the JICA for human resource development.

The Union Minister then explained the merger of two ministries for ensuring effective production, and called for manufacturing marketable products, success of joint-venture lines, avoiding environmental damages and full-capacity of factory workers.

After leaving the factory, the Union Minister and party visited the No.1 Industrial Training Centre (Sinde). The principal of the training centre briefed on the trainings and staff affairs.

The Union Minister discussed generating more skilled workers for the industries, providing teaching aid equipment, conducting modern technologies and trainings of trainers.

During the meeting with the trainees, the Union Minister urged them to try hard in learning for the success in their lives and to contribute their participation in state building tasks.

In the afternoon, the Union Minister and party inspected No. 16 Heavy Industry (Sinde) and No.23 Heavy Industry (Nyang Chay Htauk), and coordinated the discussions of staff members.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Union Minister for Planning, Finance and Industry U Soe Win and officials inspect the No.1 Garment Factory in Shwedaung Township, Bago Region, on 9 December. **PHOTO: MNA**

ACC takes legal actions against township administrator, executive engineer

THE Anti-Corruption Commission has submitted a first information report to file a lawsuit at the police station of Thaton Township in Mon State against a former administrator of the town and its municipal executive engineer on 9 December.

Former Thaton Township Administrator U Thein Win (now in Mabein township of northern Shan State with the same rank) and Municipal Executive Engineer U Tin Tun were accused of breaching President Office's directive for tender rules (1/2017) in building apartments for Hluttaw office, installation of 500 LED street lights and construction of a 80ftx20ft bridge in Daybarein Village in Thaton Township.

The Township Administrator withdrew K50 million from the 2018 mini budget for rural development fund of Mon State government, and kept it in the account of his Township General Administration Department.

After forming a committee for procurement and installation of LED street lights, Thaton Township Municipal Executive Engineer U Tin Tun, as a head of committee, purchased 500 sets of 100 Watt LED Street Lights and 10 sets of 24 Hour Timer Complete at a total cost of K48 million from a company at Bawga Thiri Highway Bus Terminals in Pyinmana Township, Nay Pyi Taw.

The Township Administrator paid only K46 million to the company through the executive engineer and kept the remaining K2 million corruptly. The latter, however, signed the receipt of K48 million for the approval of accountant with the back-date.

Although the Township Administrator released the remaining K2 million to the Executive Engineer and the latter received it, the ACC decided the scandal was meant to commit corruption, and took actions against both of them under Article 56 of the Anti-Corruption Law at the Thaton Township Police Station.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



The Joint Committee on Amending 2008 Constitution holds its 67/2019 meeting at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Joint Committee on Amending 2008 Constitution holds meeting 67/2019

THE Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution held meeting 67/2019 at the meeting hall of 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, the Joint Committee's members who are Hluttaw representatives from political parties and Tatmadaw Hluttaw representatives and officials from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw office. — MNA (Translated by TTN)

People hold rallies in support of State Counsellor in major cities

HUNDREDS of thousands rallied nationwide yesterday in support of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi who is contesting the case filed by Gambia at the International Court of Justice-ICJ.

Yangon

Supporters of State Counsellor rallied in front of the City Hall and the Maha Bandoola Park in Yangon yesterday.

People from four districts in Yangon gathered near headquarters of Myanmar Medical Association, Thakin Mya Park in front of Bothataung Pagoda and Myoma Kyaung Street in the morning and marched towards the Yangon City Hall, holding national flags and placards.

At the rally, people saluted the national flag, sang national anthem, read the messages sent by the great religious groups, and prayed for a success.

Well-wishers also donated foods and soft drinks to the people in the rally. The hearing at ICJ was also broadcast with the use of a LED Board in front of the Maha Bandoola Park.

Daw May Thwe Oo, a supporter from South Okkalapa Township, said, "To reject the false allegation against our country, State Counsellor, as a leader of our country as well as on behalf of the nation and people, is going to defend it. We rallied to show that we are together with her and in support of her."

Mandalay

Over 300,000 people joined rally in support of State Counsellor at the Chanmyathazi Airport in Mandalay.

The mass rally comprised of eighteen ethnic groups, social organizations, teachers, students and ethnic civilians is supporting Daw Aung San Suu Kyi who is contesting the

case filed by Gambia at ICJ in order to protect the interest of the nation.

In the afternoon, the supporters of State Counsellor including Mandalay-based ethnic groups, Shan ethnic social organizations, interfaith group (Mandalay), Myanmar Thabin Association (Mandalay), teachers and students marched to the airport, holding placards reading "We Stand With Daw Aung San Suu Kyi,"

At the rally, the statement supporting Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's works on protecting nation's interest by the people in Mandalay was read by U Naing Maung Myint, the Chairman of Mandalay-based Ethnic Group, and its English version was also read by U Thuta, the Associate Professor at English Department of Mandalay Degree College.

"We need to show the world that all the people in the country are united and stand behind Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. So, people from different strata are taking part in the rally," said Dr Zaw Myint Maung, the Chief Minister of Mandalay Region.

U Naing Maung Myint, chairman of the 18 ethnic groups in Mandalay, said: "Mandalay has a long history of showing national spirit, political spirit, and unity. The rally was organized with the collective strength of the



People participate in a rally in support of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in downtown Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: ZAW MIN LATT**

public, in support of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who is protecting the nation's interest in a foreign country."

Pyapon

People also rallied in Pyapon, Ayeyawady Region, in support of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi yesterday.

Regional Hluttaw representative U Zeya Min Thein said: "The case filed by the Gambia concerns our nation's interest, so we are holding rallies."

"Daw Aung San Suu Kyi struggled for the country 20 years ago. Our love, unity, and support will be her strength," he added. People marched to the Ayeyawady jetty in Pyapon shouting slogans such as 'May State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and party be successful', 'We sup-

port Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who is protecting the nation's interest', 'May our public leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi live long', and holding placards reading 'Let's stand together with public leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi who is contesting the case filed by Gambia at ICJ in the nation's interest', and 'May the State Counsellor be successful'.

People saluted the national flag of Myanmar and paid their respects to Bogoke Aung San and late martyrs, sang the Thwe Thitsar song, and read the messages sent by various organizations.

Regional Hluttaw representative U Aung Khin Ko said, "The person who is contesting the case filed by the Gambia at ICJ is

the leader of the nation and elected by the people. She has vividly shown her accountability. As Mother Suu herself is leading the case, the best result is expected."

U Naing Win Htoo from Pyapon Cycling Group said: "The Gambia didn't file its case against a person or a party. They filed the case against the country. So, each citizen is responsible. As our town has also assumed this responsibility, we staged a rally in support of Mother Suu." Similar rallies supporting State Counsellor were also held in towns across the nation yesterday. Haka, Mindat, Einme, Seikpyu, Mogaung, Tachilek, Myaungmya, Bogale, Dedaye and Kyaiklat towns were among the towns. — MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



People rally to support State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in Mandalay. **PHOTO: MIN HTET AUNG**

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Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

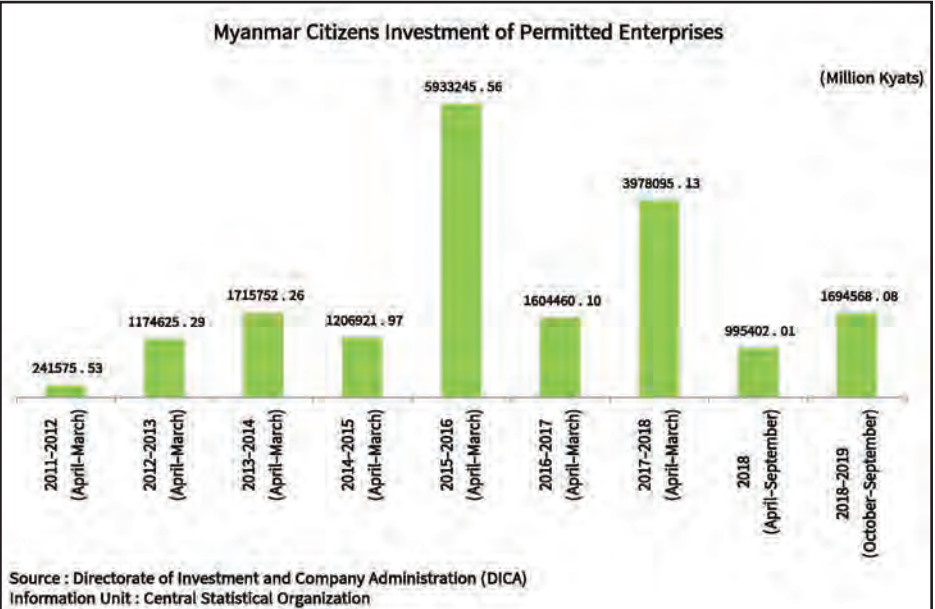
1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
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 7 December 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 Ohn Myaing who lives in Hngetpyawlaw Village, Bamaw Township, Kachin State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 3 December 2019, police arrested Ohn Myaing, 52, son of U Net, who lives in Hngetpyawlaw Village, together with heroin near Thabyaygon Village, Bamaw Township. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Bamaw) MaYa(pa)195/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2	Information received of Tun Wei who lives in Thawun Village, Mawlaik Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 2 December 2019, police searched the house of Tun Wei, 62, son of U Hla Tun, who lives in Thawun Village, Mawlaik Township, and arrested him together with heroin. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Mawlaik)MaYa(pa)52/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3	Information received of Zaw Naing Oo (a) Pwint Nadi Maung who lives in Mingon Village, Kawlin Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 7 December 2019, police searched the house of Zaw Naing Oo (a) Pwint Nadi Maung, 41, son of U Waing, who lives in Mingon Village, Kawlin Township, and arrested him together with heroin and ‘WY’ stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Kawlin)MaYa(pa)76/2019 under Section 19(a) and 20(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4	Information received of Than Aung who lives in Taungnge Village, Pyigyimandaing Township, Taninthayi Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 2 December 2019, police arrested Than Aung, 46, son of U Bwat Kar, who lives in Taungnge Village, together with ‘WY’ stimulant tablets at the jetty of Taungnge Village, Pyigyimandaing Township. A case has been opened against him with NaMaSa (Mandaing) MaYa(pa)15/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5	Information received of Chit Myat Min who lives in Ywarbe Ward, Pyay Township, Bago Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 4 December 2019, police searched the house of Chit Myat Min, 19, son of U Soe Lin, who lives in Ywarbe Ward, Pyay Township, and arrested him together with marijuana. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Pyay)MaYa(pa)5/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
6	Information received of Thant Zin Maung who lives in Thitpinshae Village, Myingyan Township, Mandalay Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 2 December 2019, police searched the house of Thant Zin Maung (a) Ashaegy, 30, son of U Maung Myint, who lives in Thitpinshae Village, Myingyan Township, and found him together with Thiha Ko, 18, son of U Ko Ko Lwin, and Khant Wei Naing, 22, son of U Kyaw Wei. Police arrested them together with ‘88/1’ stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with NaMaSa (Myingyan)MaYa(pa)1/2019 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
7	Information received of Ma Nge who lives in No 7 block, Taungmyint Ward, Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 3 December 2019, police arrested Ma Nge (a) Baimonnar, 45, daughter of U Pauksa (a) Ba Ko, and her husband Aye Min Tun, 38, son of U Khin Maung Thein, who live in No 7 block, Taungmyint Ward, Pyigyidagun Township, together with ‘88/1’ stimulant tablets, stimulant tablets crush powder and heroin on the Dugyar street, in the same ward. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa (Pyigyidagun)MaYa(pa)36/2019 under Section 19(a), 20(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. According to interrogation of them, police searched the house of Daw Mya Thida Oo, 39, daughter of U Tin Hla, who lives in the same ward, arrested her together with heroin. A case has been opened against her with MaMaSa (Pyigyidagun)MaYa(pa)37/2019 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

8	Information received of Paik Htwe who lives in Kawpauk Village, Mawlamyine Township, Mon State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 1 December 2019, police searched a farm hut near Phehtaw Village in Mawlamyine Township and found Paik Htwe, (a) Ko Ko, 40, son of U Sein Thit, Ye Htet Aung, 25, son of U Myint Soe, who live in Kawpauk Village, Than Win Aung, 19, son of U Win Tun, who lives in Phekatar Village Hpa-an Township, Thet Win Khaing, 35, son of U Than Htein, who lives in Kaw Kyauk Village, Kawkareik Township. Police arrested them together with ‘WY’ stimulant tablets, speciosa and a home-made air gun. A case has been opened against them with NaMaSa (Daiwunkwin)MaYa(pa)28/2019 under Section 19(a), 20(a), 22(b) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
9	Information received of Kyaw Soe Win (a) Kalar who lives in Kyansittha Ward, Dala Township, Yangon Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 5 December 2019, police searched the house of Kyaw Soe Win (a) Kalar, 29, son of U Myint Oo, who lives in Kyansittha Ward, Dala Township, and arrested him together with marijuana. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Dala)MaYa(pa)51/2019 under Section 16(c) 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 883 cases have been opened files as of 7 December 2019. A total of 1353 people, including 1,132 men and 221 women had been arrested with 7,154.3694 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, 12097.32 g of speciosa, 2.5 liters of liquid speciosa, 431,336 stimulant tablets, 8,757.42 g of marijuana, 0.1 liters of opium tincture, 520.28 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 36.15 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 0.001 g of crushed ecstasy powder, 19 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



MLF asks government to suspend live pig, pork products import

THE Myanmar Livestock Federation (MLF) has asked the government to temporarily restrict the importation of live pig and pork products as a preventive measure against African Swine Fever (ASF) and to reduce losses of local pig breeders.

The request was made at the 31st regular meeting of entrepreneurs with the Private Sector Development Committee, led by Vice President U Myint Swe, which was held on 8 December at the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

At the meeting, Dr Mya Han, chair of the MLF, and U Aung Soe Min Kyaw, secretary of the Myanmar Pig Breeders Association, also forwarded requests for provision of technical and fi-

nancial aid to local breeders, and grant of land permits, and sought help to establish a stable market and purchase purebred GGP-GP animals. They also urged the government to strictly clamp down on illegal imports of live pig and pork products through the border gates and international airports.

In August this year, ASF infection was reported in Mongla area of eastern Shan State, Myanmar, prompting neighboring countries China and Thailand to ban Myanmar's pig and pork products.

ASF has been detected since August, 2018 in some northeastern provinces, central provinces, and eastern provinces of China, including Yunnan Province, which is adjacent to the Myanmar border. As per an announcement

from China's Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs, the ASF outbreak started in Liaoning Province on 3 August, 2018 and spread to 32 provinces and counties within 10 months, with a total of 163 outbreaks registered. More than 1.1 million pigs were slaughtered to control the infection.

The Food and Agriculture Organization declared on 29 May that African Swine Flu had touched Menghai County in Xishuangbanna Dai Autonomous Prefecture of the People's Republic of China. The area borders Myanmar's Mongla area. And, the FAO also declared that China's neighbors Myanmar, Viet Nam, Laos, and Cambodia were the most at risk for ASF.

With high virulence forms of the virus, the ASF is a highly con-

tagious viral disease of domestic and wild pigs. The virus spreads easily between pigs through direct contact or indirectly from contact with contaminated objects. The biosecurity of pig farms plays a pivotal role in preventing an ASF outbreak. Preventive measures that need to be taken include spraying with acaricides at pig markets, avoiding feeding of leftover feedstuff to domestic pigs, systematic farming, purchasing only pedigree pigs, and carrying out separate farming of newly purchased pigs and existing pigs, according to the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD) under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation.

In addition, people must avoid consuming imported frozen

pig and pork products such as bacon, ham, and sausage, according to officials. Hunting wild pigs and farming wild pigs with domestic pigs must be avoided, they said.

"On encountering any suspicious signs in pig farms, people need to immediately inform the nearest LBVD and the Myanmar Livestock Federation. They also need to cooperate with the related departments and organizations to carry out preventive measures and research on the disease," the LBVD urged.

ASF cannot be transmitted to humans through contact with infected pigs or pork, the World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and FAO have officially announced. — GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Need to build strong trade with China, instead of seeking export quota: Yangon Chief Minister

By Nyein Nyein

TO ship goods to China, Myanmar needs to build a strong trading system rather than an export quota, said Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein at the Private Sector Development Committee meeting, held on 8 December at the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry.

Myanmar traders have to go to China to purchase goods, whereas China conducts trade with Myanmar only in the border areas, the Chief Minister said.

"They ask Myanmar traders to transport goods to border areas, but they do not promise to buy them for sure. If they do not like them, they do not make a deal. Also, they manipulate the price. Having said that, we need to create a firm trading system than quotas," said U Phyo Min Thein.

Moreover, Myanmar's traders have to meet distributors sometimes, and trading is mostly carried out by brokers, he said.

"Rather than a quota system, buyers should sign a trading agreement in Yangon and Mandalay markets to have firm trading," he added.

"For example, local traders face losses when they send watermelons to border areas and China does not buy them. As fruits and vegetables can spoil,

brokers and Chinese traders take advantage of the market," the Chief Minister said.

"Additionally, packaging businesses are crucial in logistics. China always has food requirements. Therefore, representatives from their side have come to discuss with us," he added.

The Chief Minister also asked the stakeholders in the whole supply chain, from farmers to traders, to make concerted efforts to develop trade.

At present, to promote exports, Myanmar is exploring new markets for agricultural crops.

The Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation has already sent information on tissue-culture bananas, lime, pineapples, avocados, pomelos, elephant foot yams, sterculia gum (locally called Saekalamat), and cardamom (Amomum Villosum) to China's food safety inspection mechanism, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection, and Quarantine (AQSIQ), for legitimate export.

China has asked the Ministry to reply to questions on Pest Risk Analysis of cardamom and elephant foot yam as traditional trade items, sterculia gum as a food additive, and some fruits to AQSIQ, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Myanmar registers trade surplus of \$45.6 mln in current fiscal

HIGHER exports in the last two months of the 2019-2020 financial year have resulted in a trade surplus of US\$45.6 million, according to data provided by the Ministry of Commerce.

In the current fiscal, there has been a significant drop from a trade gap of \$654.98 million registered in the corresponding period of the 2018-2019FY, according to data from the Ministry of Commerce.

Between 1 October and 29 November, Myanmar's external trade increased to \$6.16 billion from \$5.24 billion recorded in the same period of the previous FY.

In the October-November

period, exports were estimated at \$3.106 billion and imports were valued at \$3.06 billion. Compared to the previous fiscal, exports showed an increase of \$810.8 million, while imports jumped by \$110.27 million.

Myanmar exports agricultural products, animal products, minerals, forest products, and finished industrial goods, while it imports capital goods, intermediate goods, CMP raw materials, and consumer goods.

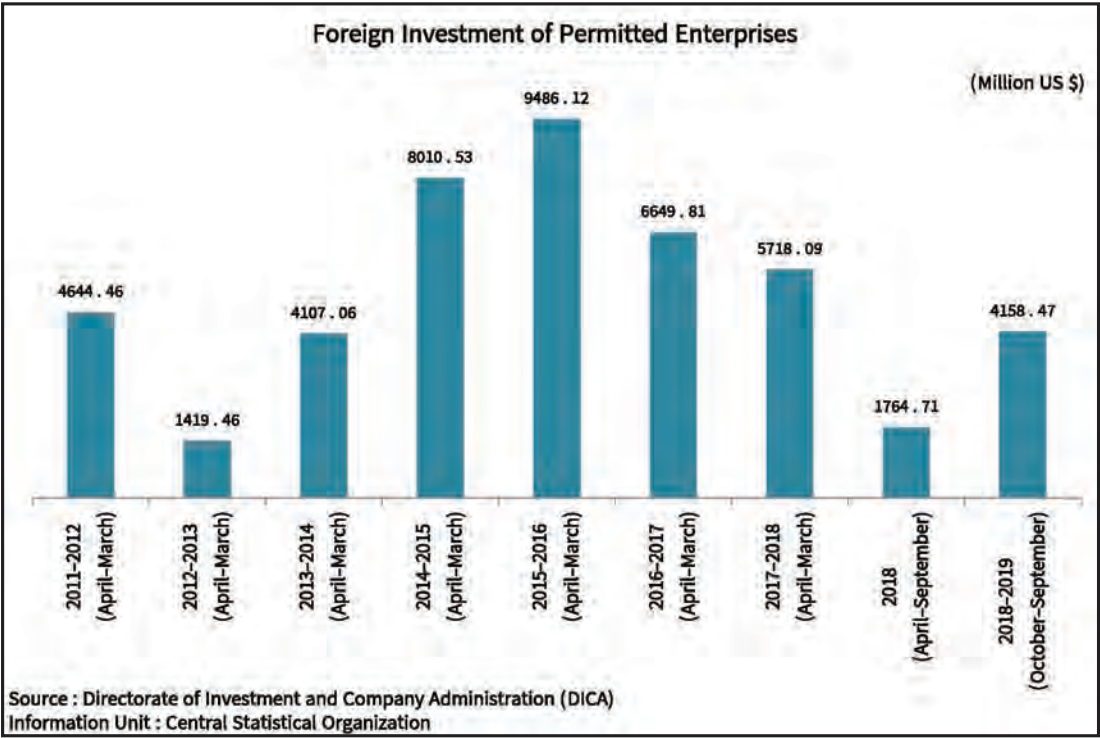
The country's export sector relies more on the agriculture and manufacturing sectors. While export earnings from the CMP (cut, make, and pack) gar-

ment businesses are rising, the country's reliance on natural resources, such as natural gas and jade, is lessening.

The government is trying to cut the trade deficit by screening luxury import items and boosting exports.

Myanmar's trade deficit was pegged at \$1.14 billion in the 2018-2019 fiscal year, \$1.3 billion in the last mini-budget period, \$3.9 billion in the 2017-2018FY, \$5.3 billion in the 2016-2017FY, and \$5.4 billion in the 2015-2016FY, according to statistics released by the Central Statistical Organization. — Mon Mon

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)



Face challenges with unity and confidence

THE International Human Rights Day is observed every year on 10 December. This day coincides with the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) in 1948 by the United Nations General Assembly.

Human rights based on fairness and inclusiveness is essential in a multi-ethnic, multi-religious country like Myanmar as it transitions into a democracy.

All ethnic people must give importance to unity and mutual respect. No one should look down on the culture and customs of others.

The challenges that Myanmar faces are many, and each challenge calls for strength, patience, and courage. Our nation is a rich tapestry of different people, languages, and religions, woven on a backdrop of vast natural potential.

It is the aim of our country to bring out the beauty of our diversity and to make it our strength by protecting rights, fostering tolerance, and ensuring security to all.

The human rights situation in all countries can be reviewed constructively and impartially. Every country has human rights and developmental challenges, and Myanmar is no exception.

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According to Article 1 of the Universal Human Rights Declaration, all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. They are endowed with reason and conscience and should act towards one another in a spirit of brotherhood.

However, it is found that some countries have formed a group and are using human rights as a political weapon, for their own interest, and practicing a double-standard policy with other nations.

Myanmar is fully aware of the difference between genuine concern for human rights and political drives. Myanmar experienced neglect of human rights for decades and the nation also enjoyed no rights in the past. Now, Myanmar is transitioning into a democracy to bring everlasting dignity to its people.

We will face the challenges in the right way in order to uphold the dignity of the Union and its citizens.

The road ahead is long, but we will traverse it with confidence, trusting in the power of peace, love, compassion and unity.



Charles Bo, The Cardinal, Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Yangon, prays for the justice and truth in the case at the International Court of Justice.

Following is the full text of his prayer.

Prayers for justice in dealing with the case filed in ICJ

In responding to the application filed by Gambia, a country in West Africa, accusing Myanmar, a country in Southeast Asia, of failing to abide by the UN Genocide Convention, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, as the Minister of Foreign Affairs, has decided to defend Myanmar at the ICJ from 10 to 12 December at The Hague, the Netherlands, and for this, we all pray for justice and for truth to be revealed in the case.

As she has decided to take the leadership role

in defending this case, with responsibility and accountability, we pray for the Light of Wisdom and the Grace of God to be upon Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, and to grant her the Light of Wisdom to enable her to make the correct decisions.

We also pray that the Judges of the ICJ follow the principal function of its statute, which is to safeguard the peace and security of the countries of the world, and in the independent exercise of their duties, the judges, without representing any

person, dispatch their duties with honesty, integrity, loyalty and impartially in line with the international rules and regulations.

Furthermore, we pray that, in their efforts to seek justice and in attempting to show those who are guilty of crimes, the international community might not unwittingly end up either putting the blame on those not actually involved or penalizing the citizens of Myanmar in general or resorting to ways and means which would hurt the poorest

of the poor.

Since genuine peace can only be attained by accepting and acknowledging Justice and Truth, I sincerely hope that this case will have an effect on the internal unity and the peace process of Myanmar.

Cardinal Charles Bo
Archbishop of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Yangon

The National Spiritual Assembly of Baha'i sends a message to mass rallies on 10 December, 2019 in support of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi who will defend the case at the International Court of Justice. Following is the full-text of the message.

Message of felicitations from The National Spiritual Assembly of Baha'i to the rallies in support of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in defending Myanmar at ICJ Date: 10 December 2019

Venue: The Yangon City Hall

We strongly believe that the State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is a distinguished public leader; the pride of Myanmar for her acts of self-sacrifices and commitment as a role model for all the citizens and the State. It is no exaggeration to say that she is the most celebrated public leader for the citizens of Myanmar; as well as for the future generations of

Myanmar. The case filed at The Hague shows her strong sense of responsibility and accountability of a statesman, as well as her unflinching courage, that she would not fail to stand for justice and the Truth to defend the interests of Myanmar. For this, we the Baha'i religious community of Myanmar support and stand with Daw Aung San Suu Kyi with all our hearts together with the citizens of Myanmar.

We all give full and strenuous support to the role model leader taking the leadership to prove that Myanmar has been, and will be, a country abiding by the standard ethics of humanity, her citizens being civilized people attributed with untarnished reputation.

We are proud to have such a role model leader who has devoted her whole life for the welfare of

her country for the sake of the future generations.

We, the Baha'i Central Organization and the Baha'i Religious Community, stand together with all the citizens of Myanmar; sending best wishes to the State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs and distinguished public leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

The National Spiritual Assembly of Baha'i

Myanmar Muslims send a message to mass-rallies in support of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi who is defending the case at ICJ with responsibility and accountability. Following is the full-text of the message.

Message of felicitations from the Myanmar-Muslims to the mass rallies who stand together with the State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

We believe that Justice and Peace are sine qua non in Myanmar, and that working for these with responsibility and accountability is the Truth, and that this in a way amounts to safeguarding the national interests.

We make a solemn promise, together with

these rallies in support of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, to perpetuate the good traditions of the patriotic Myanmar-Muslims and pass on these traditions to the younger generations.

We are convinced that Diversity, which is the reality in our country today, serves as

strengths and beautiful principles for nation building.

We would therefore like to urge all and everyone to strive for consolidation of goodwill and friendship and to respect and value peaceful coexistence among all religions.

On behalf of all Myanmar-Muslims
Saya U Tin Aye
Haji Salamath Jamah Mosque



Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 10th December, 2019)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy over the South Bay and a few cloud over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 11th December, 2019: Weather will be generally fair in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Ayeyawady Regions, Eastern Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States and partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States.

STATE OF THE SEA: Strong easterly winds with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthyai Coasts. Surface wind speed in strong easterly winds may reach (30-35)m.p.h. Sea will be slight to moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (7-9) feet in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthyai Coasts and about (3-6) feet off and along Rakhine Coast.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of slight increase of night temperatures in Taninthayi Region and Mon State.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11th December, 2019: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11th December, 2019: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11th December, 2019: Generally fair weather.

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YCDC cracks down on unauthorized buildings

By Nyein Nyein

LEGAL action is being taken against buildings constructed without permission in Yangon Region, said U Win Myint Than, committee member-7, Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC).

"Relating to construction of buildings without erection of green signboards, the elected Township municipal chairman, YCDC representative (EO), in his capacity as secretary, and two other members checked such houses and scrutinized land ownership. If the ownership was found to be legitimate, the house owner was asked to pay a fine. They were allowed to continue construction and will be given a BCC permit upon completion of construction," said U Win Myint Than.

"Some heads of households perish while staying in such houses, leaving behind the problem of inheritance. The ownership of land and building are not clear in such cases. There are many similar problems. To prevent such cases, the YCDC committee lets them pay fines and apply for ownership. There are two types of fines--pre-construction penalty. But, we do not allow construction without payment of



Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe delivers the speech at the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) meeting in Yangon. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

fines. While imposing a pre-construction penalty, we make the home or land owners pay a fine and continue with construction. Some people are willing to pay the pre-construction penalty," he added.

"Moreover, we check the ownership of land through a complaint letter. If they pay the fine, we allow them to continue construction. During the new government's term, we found only a few buildings constructed without permission," U Win Myint Than added.

"A complaint letter can be sent along with the address of the houses that are being constructed without erecting green signboards. Then, we will take legal action against them immediately," said U Maung Maung Soe, Yangon Mayor.

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"YCDC staff are not allowed to levy any extra charge to issue construction permits. If anyone finds them quoting extra charges, they can inform the YCDC with detailed information. The YCDC authorities will take action against the staff under the rules and regulations," said U Tin Maung Kyi, head of the Engineering Department (Buildings), YCDC.

"People planning to construct buildings have to apply for a permit first. If they fail to apply for a construction permit for valid reasons, they can pay a fine, and they would then be allowed to continue construction," he added.

"Regarding the construction permit, the YCDC has relaxed some strict rules in order to ease the burden on the people. If they apply for a construction permit, we will issue it in a week, once the ownership is verified," said U Tin Maung Kyi.

"We would like to suggest that owners apply for construction permits themselves. Then, they will know if it is complicated. Now, we are streamlining the permit issuance process. We are also implementing an online system as a pilot project. Currently, the online system can be accessed through the YCDC website. So, people don't need to come to the YCDC office in person," he said.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Three AGTIs to be opened this academic year

THREE Government Technology Institutes (AGTIs) will be launched in the current academic year, according to the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Department, Ministry of Education. Courses on automobile engineering and agricultural farm machinery engineering will also be added in the 2019-2020AY.

"Currently, there are 25 AGTIs across the country. Three new AGTIs will be opened in December this year. This academic year will see a total of 28 AGTIs. We are planning to open new AGTIs across the country and add new engineering courses, in accordance with the new system. We are aiming at the emergence of new qualified youths from these institutes. We need more cooperation from the related

ministries and government organizations," said Dr Nay Myo Tun, deputy director-general of the Technical and Vocational Education and Training Department.

AGTI (Nay Pyi Taw), AGTI (Loikaw), and AGTI (Aung San) will be opened in the 2019-2020AY. The AGTIs offer three-year courses, and the modules will include theory and practical studies. The courses include civil engineering, mechanical engineering, electronic engineering, information technology engineering, and industrial engineering.

Beginning this December, automobile engineering and agriculture farm machinery engineering courses will be opened at Kyaiklat and Wake-ma in Ayeyawady Region and in Shwebo of Sagaing Region, according to the TVET Depart-



Three Government Technology Institutes (AGTIs) will be opened in this academic year. **PHOTO: MYINT MAUNG**

ment.

Those who would like to attend the AGTIs need to pass the matriculation exam. Admis-

sion to the schools will be based on English and Mathematics scores.—Myint Maung
(Translated by Hay Mar)

Indonesia donates station hospital in Rakhine State

INDONESIA government constructed a station hospital in Myaung Bwe Village of MraukU Township for all the communities in Rakhine State.

The documents of the hospital were handed over to the Ministry of Health and Sports in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the ceremony, Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar Professor Dr Iza Fadri first extended greetings and made wishes for stronger diplomatic relations which have entered the 70th anniversary and bilateral cooperation between the two countries. A responsible person for Medical Emergency Rescue Committee explained about donation of the hospital. Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe witnessed the signing of documents between the Ambassador and Deputy Director-General Dr Thida Hla from the De-

partment of Medical Services.

In the closing remark, the Union Minister expressed thanks for the donation of hospital as it reflects a sign of friendly relations between Myanmar and Indonesia.

He added the station hospital could provide healthcare services to over 30,000 local people from nearby 23 villages, and it will be developed into a modal station hospital in Rakhine State. The Union Minister also said the ministry is giving medical treatments across the country without discrimination against race or religion in line with medical ethics.

The Ministry of Health and Sports has recently signed an MoU with its Indonesian counterpart for cooperation in medical services, public health, medicines and medical equipment, human resource development



Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe witnesses the signing of documents between the Indonesian Ambassador Professor Dr Iza Fadri and Deputy Director-General Dr Thida Hla from the Department of Medical Services.

PHOTO: MNA and research.

Indonesian government donated US\$1.25 million for construction of Myaung Bwe Station Hospital in MraukU Township. The construction works led by Indonesian engineers started in 2017. The two-storey main building was completed in October this year. The facility has been installed with power supply, underground water tank and landscape in the compound.

The ministry has constructed a duplex apartment and a four-attached apartment for hospital staff members in June last year with the funds of 2017-2018 financial year.

Indonesian government will also donate medical equipment for the station hospital.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Ethiopia PM collects Nobel Peace Prize, urges unity against hatred

OSLO (Norway) — Ethiopian Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed collected the Nobel Peace Prize in

Oslo on Tuesday, appealing for unity as ethnic violence flares in his country and reconciliation ef-

forts with neighbouring former foe Eritrea have stalled.

Abiy, 43, won the Nobel for his efforts to resolve the long-running conflict with Eritrea. Announced back in October, the prize also honoured his mediation efforts in eastern Africa and the democratic reforms he has undertaken in his country, long ruled by authoritarian leaders.

Ethiopia saw spectacular progress in the months after he took power in April 2018, but the winds have since shifted: in addition to the stalled peace process with Eritrea, his reforms aimed at opening up Ethiopia have paradoxically given rise to a flare-up of ethnic tensions.

Faced with these challenges, Africa's youngest leader called for unity as he picked up his award at Oslo's flower-bedecked City Hall, in a formal ceremony attended by the Norwegian royal family and dignitaries. "There is no 'Us and Them'," he said. "There is only 'Us', for 'We' are all bound by a shared destiny of love, forgiveness and reconciliation."

On July 9, 2018, following a historic meeting in Eritrea's capital Asmara, Abiy and Eritrean President Isaias Afwerki formally ended a 20-year-old stalemate between their countries in the wake of the 1998-2000 border conflict. That was just three months after Abiy took office.

'Comrade-in-peace'

On Tuesday, Abiy was quick to praise the role of his Eritrean "partner and comrade-in-peace" — the only leader Eritrea has known since it gained independence in 1993 — in his Nobel Prize.

"We understood our nations are not enemies. Instead, we were victims of the common enemy called poverty," he said. A former soldier himself, Abiy also testified to the ravages of war, recalling how his entire unit had been wiped out in an Eritrean artillery attack but he had survived after briefly leaving a foxhole to get better antenna reception. "War is the epitome of hell for all involved," he said.— AFP ■



Abiy, shown here receiving the Peace Prize from the chair of the Norwegian Nobel Committee Berit Reiss-Andersen, faces rising ethnic violence at home. **PHOTO: AFP**

- Pilot farms for research were set up, consisting of 1 pilot plot for winter peanut using seeds provided by the Department of Agriculture Research (DAR), 2 pilot plots for experimenting with the summer paddy planting techniques, 16 pilot plots for experimenting with the monsoon paddy techniques, 30 pilot plots for experimenting with the monsoon paddy cropping patterns, and 17 pilot plots for monsoon paddy using seeds provided by the Department of Agriculture Research (DAR).
- In terms of acreage, 511,416 acres of monsoon paddy, 3377 acres of sesame, 1737 acres of peanut, 65 acres of sugar cane for the production of sugar, 727 acres of pigeon pea were planted.
- Inspections of agricultural outlets were carried out with 145 inspections for fertilizer outlets, 145 inspections for pesticide outlets and 30 inspections for seed outlets.

Dissemination of agricultural techniques

- Altogether 118 farmer education trainings were conducted attended by 6279 trainees, consisting of 4433 males and 1846 females.
- Altogether 63 capacity-building trainings were provided for agricultural staff, attended by 1355 trainees, consisting of 912 males and 443 females.
- One training for agricultural machinery operation was conducted with 30 trainees.
- Monsoon loans for 2019 totalling Kyat 72,003.600 million were provided to farmers in 17 townships.



Educational Talk for Farmers in Myaybon Township

- Loans with property as collateral totaling Kyat 3.138 billion were provided to 102 private entrepreneurs.
- Loans at 9% interest rate with repayment periods of 3 to 5 years totaling Kyat 38.900 million were provided to 10 farmer entrepreneurs.
- A loan of Kyat 50.00 million was provided to a farmer to set up a rice mill.
- Demonstration plots were organized: 25 demonstrations of monsoon paddy, 5 of summer paddy and 1 of winter crops as well as 3 demonstrations of fertilizer making and utilization.
- To disseminate agricultural techniques, 16,736 copies of educational bulletins were circulated.

Construction and maintenance of dams, irrigation canals and embankments

During the reporting period, 63 out of 138 projects for the construction and maintenance of dams, irrigation canals and embankments in Rakhine State were completed.



Construction of Yotayoke Hillside Dam in Ponnakyun Township



Construction of 2 Concrete Sluice Gates in Minbya Township

Philippines gov’t to lift martial law in Mindanao

MANILA — The Philippine government said Tuesday it will not extend martial law in the southern island of Mindanao beyond this year, ending the close to three-year military control aimed at ending rebellion in the area.

Presidential spokesman Salvador Panelo told a press conference in Manila that President Rodrigo Duterte decided not to extend its implementation when its effectivity expires on Dec. 31.

“The commander-in-chief made the decision following the assessment of his security and defense advisers of the weakening of the terrorist and extremist rebellion,” Panelo said, also citing plunging crime rates among the reasons.

“The people of Min-

danao are assured that any incipient major threat in the region would be nipped in the bud,” he said.

Duterte declared martial law in Mindanao on 23 May, 2017, after heavily armed fighters with ties to Islamic State occupied areas within the predominantly Muslim city of Marawi.

The occupation led to a protracted, six-month battle with government forces, with close to 1,500 people killed in the fighting, counting at least 165 from the government side and at least 47 civilians. Human rights groups have expressed opposition to the continued implementation of martial law in past years, its having been extended twice, citing human rights violations ranging from illegal arrests to extrajudicial killings.— Kyodo News ■



Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte speaks at a press conference in Davao on the country’s Mindanao Island on 6 October 2019. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

Regulator recommends 2.4 bil. yen fine on Nissan over Ghosn scandal

TOKYO — Japan’s securities watchdog recommended Tuesday that automaker Nissan Motor Co. be fined 2.42 billion yen (\$22 million) over allegations that it underreported former chairman Carlos Ghosn’s remuneration by billions of yen for years.

The Securities and Exchange Surveillance Commission said this is the first time it has made a recommendation of a fine to the Financial Services Agency over an alleged case of false reporting of executive remuneration.

The recommended fine over alleged financial statement falsification is the second largest since the watchdog proposed Toshiba Corp. pay some 7.3 billion yen in 2015.

Nissan said in a statement it “will continue its efforts to strengthen its governance and ensure that the (company’s) operations reflect full awareness of the importance of compliance.”

The SESC has also filed a criminal complaint against Nissan and Ghosn for allegedly violating the financial instruments law by underreporting the former chairman’s pay package by around 9.1 billion yen in the eight years through March 2018 in the company’s securities reports that were presented to Japanese regulators. Tokyo prosecutors have indicted both Nissan and Ghosn on the charge, with the trial expected to start next spring.

The fine of 2.4 billion yen targets an underre-

ported period of four years through March 2018, for which the statute of limitations has not expired.

Initially, the penalty for Nissan was expected to reach 4 billion yen, based on the amount of pay left out of submitted documents, but the automaker asked the watchdog for a reduction in the fine since it reported the matter before an investigation got fully under way. The SESC accepted Nissan’s request.

The company corrected its securities reports in May, including executive remuneration, from fiscal 2005 to fiscal 2017. If Nissan is found guilty of the charges at trial and imposed a penalty, the amount will be offset by the latest fine.— Kyodo News ■

Death toll in New Zealand eruption rises to 6 as 8 remain missing

SYDNEY — New Zealand police said Tuesday that a sixth person has died of injuries after a volcano on a tiny island erupted without warning a day earlier, leaving eight others missing and presumed dead.

Of the 47 people on or near the volcanic White Island at the time of the eruption, officials said 30 are still being treated for injuries — the majority of which are critical — in hospitals across the country. Three were well enough to be discharged overnight.

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison said in the morning that it is likely as many as three of the dead are Australians. Australians accounted for roughly half of the group of mostly tourists who were caught up in the early afternoon eruption.

Also Tuesday, police said they will conduct an investigation into the deaths of individuals on White Island on behalf of the coroner. Although police previously said they would investigate the criminal responsibility for the deaths, they have since said in a statement that “it is too early” for such an investigation.

White Island, roughly 50 kilometers off the coast of North Island, is New Zealand’s most active cone volcano and a popular tourist destination, with over 10,000 people visiting each year through daily tours of the site operated by White Island Tours.

But in the weeks preceding the deadly eruption, the privately owned, uninhabited island had shown increased volcanic activity.— Kyodo News ■

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V MANDARIN PHOENIX

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V MANDARIN PHOENIX VOY. NO. (1782) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11-12-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P.L 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 CHUN AN INTERNATIONAL LOGISTICS CO, LTD.**

Phone No: 2301928

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ATROMITOS L

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V ATROMITOS L VOY. NO. (4) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11-12-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of I.B.T.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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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S BEN LINE AGENCIES (SINGAPORE) PTE, LTD**

Phone No: 2301928

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V CHERRY VOY. NO. (001 N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V CHERRY VOY. NO. (001 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11-12-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINE**

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V BOX ENDEAVOUR VOY. NO. (948W)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V BOX ENDEAVOUR VOY. NO. (948W) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11-12-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T/T.M.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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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S MCC TRANSPORT (S’PORE) PTE LTD**

Phone No: 2301185

Chile military plane disappears with 38 aboard: Air Force

SANTIAGO (Chile)— A Chilean military plane with 38 people aboard has gone missing after it took off from the country’s south for a base in Antarctica and is presumed to have crashed, authorities have said.

Seventeen of those on board the C-130 aircraft were crew and the others were passengers, Chile’s air force said Monday.

The plane is believed to have crashed and “all national and international air and maritime means available in the area are continuing the search (for survivors) in the sector where communications were lost with the aircraft,” it added in a statement Tuesday.

The four-engine air-

craft took off Monday at 4:55 pm (19:55 GMT) from an airbase in the southern city of Punta Arenas and contact was lost at 6:13 pm.

The air force said conditions for flying were good and that it was in contact with the families of those on board, many of whom were traveling to carry out logistical support tasks at the country’s largest Antarctic base Eduardo Frei.

Personnel were also being transferred to inspect the base’s floating fuel supply pipeline and undertake anticorrosive treatment of the facility.

The air force also said that of the passengers on board, 15 were from its ranks, three were from the army, there were two

people from a private construction company, and a Chile university official.

The plane did have an emergency positioning system, but it did not appear to be working during the early morning search, said Eduardo Mosqueira, Commander of the Fourth Air Brigade.

President Sebastian Pinera, whose country is witnessing its worst civil unrest in decades, tweeted he would fly to Punta Arenas with Interior Minister Gonzalo Blumel.

Once there, they would meet up with Defense Minister Alberto Espina to monitor the search and rescue mission, which was underway using aircraft and navy vessels.

The plane went miss-



A Chilean Hercules C-130 military transport plane, the same model that has disappeared with 38 people on board. PHOTO: AFP

ing in Drake Passage — a key maritime route between South America and Antarctica frequently hit by some of the world’s worst weather. However, conditions were fine for flying on Monday, Chile’s

air force said.

The plane’s disappearance is the latest incident in a country where Chileans have for nearly two months protested social and economic inequality, as well as an en-

trenched political elite.

The nearly two-month crisis and its violent demonstrations have led to 26 deaths and more than 12,000 injuries, according to the Organization of American States.—AFP ■

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT STUDIES FOR KANDOK WINDFARM PROJECT AND ZIN TAUNG WINDFARM PROJECT IN MAGWAY REGION

InfraCo Myanmar Wind Power Co. Ltd (IMWP) proposes to develop the Kandok Windfarm Project with a capacity of up to 113 MW in Minhla Township and Zin Taung Windfarm Project with a capacity of up to 50 MW in Mindon Township, Magway Region, Myanmar.

Under the Environmental Conservation Law and Rules of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, IMWP is required to undertake an Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) Study for each Project in order to obtain an Environmental Compliance Certificate (ECC) for each Project. Environmental Resources Management - Hong Kong Limited (ERM), and Environment Quality Management (EQM), on behalf of IMWP, conducted the two EIA Studies, which includes baseline surveys and stakeholder engagement. The EIA Studies were conducted in accordance with the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation (MONREC)’s EIA Procedure (2015).

The EIA Reports for the two Projects have been submitted to the Environmental Conservation Department (ECD) of the MONREC.

More information about IMWP (as a wholly owned subsidiary of InfraCo Asia Development Pte. Ltd) and the Projects can be found at IAD’s website <https://infracoasia.com/>.

Announcement for Distributor Changing

Arvis Cropscience Co., Ltd was distributor of SHANDONG VICOME GREENLAND CHEMICAL CO., LTD the following product registered in Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board. Now, Arvis Cropscience Co., Ltd transfer the following product to Shenbon Agrosiences Co., Ltd.

Sr.	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration Type	Registration No
1.	Lal Meik Swee 70 WP	Propineb 70% WP	Provisional Reg:	P2019-4736

It is therefore announced to come and reject within two weeks to joint Secretary, Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West of Gyogone Insein in wishing to make any objection in respect of the changing distributor of Fungicide.

Arvis Cropscience Co., Ltd Add: No.385/Ka, Shwe Oo Daung St, 1 Ward, Hlaing Tharyar Township, Yangon Region, Myanmar. Ph No. 09403723854

Changing Distributor For Registered Pesticides

Distribution of pesticide registered by Sinamyang Group Pte Co., Ltd is changing from Myanmar Agrigreen Group Co., Ltd to Naing Toe Aung (Myanmar) Agro Group Co., Ltd.. Any objection regarding to this transfer can notify at Co-Secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein within two weeks.

Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Registration Number	Provisional
Glysina 13.6 SL	Glyphosate 13.6% SL	P2017-3909	Provisional

Original Distributor- Myanmar Agrigreen Group Co., Ltd
NO.113 Insein Road Hlaing Township, Yangon, Myanmar.

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M.V PACITA VOY. NO. (056W/E)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V PACITA VOY. NO. (056W/E) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11-12-2019 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.

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

Phone No: 2301185

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ISEACO GENESIS VOY. NO. (039N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V ISEACO GENESIS VOY. NO. (039N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11-12-2019 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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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

Phone No: 2301185

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V KOTA HALUS VOY. NO. (KHLU 0105 N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V KOTA HALUS VOY. NO. (KHLU 0105 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11-12-2019 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.

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES

Phone No: 2301185

FDI inflows into Myanmar surge in current fiscal year

By Kyaw Htike Soe

The Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) approved 41 foreign investment projects worth over US\$ 1.3 billion from 1 October to 30 November this year, an increase of more than US\$ 900 million when compared to the same period last year, according to the figures from the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration under the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations.

The permitted foreign investment projects are expected to create up to 20,000 job opportunities for Myanmar



Press Conference on Permitted Enterprises according to Myanmar Investment Commission Meeting (19 / 2019) was held in 2nd December, 2019 at the office of Directorate of Investment and Company Administration. U Thant Sin Lwin, Director General gave details the facts related to permitted enterprises and endorsement enterprises under Myanmar Investment Law and circulated the Press Statement (19/ 2019). A total of (17) reporters from (16) local and international media attended the press conference. **PHOTO: DICA**

citizens. "The foreign investment projects approved by the MIC from 1 October to 30

November this year under the Special Economic Zone Law reached US\$ 1377.426 million,

said U Thant Sin Lwin, Director-General of the Directorate of Investment and Company

Administration (DICA).

The MIC gave the green light to 34 foreign investment projects valued at more than US\$ 465 million during the same period in the fiscal year 2018-2019.

The increase in foreign direct investment into Myanmar attributes to massive influx of foreign investment into the Southeast Asian country, the Director-General added. "Company registration system in Myanmar has improved as compared to previously introduced scheme.

This is the reason why enormous foreign investment has been channeled into Myanmar," he said.

Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun said that FDI inflows into Myanmar will likely increase in the current fiscal year once proposals for offshore oil exploration and mineral extraction are scrutinized and approved.

The Union Minister went on to say that the government has taken a number of significant measures to ensure that it will be much easier for foreign investors to do business in Myanmar.



A bird's-eye view of PEB Steel Myanmar's steel plant. **PHOTO: MYINT MAUNG SOE**

The majority of the foreign investment from China, Hong Kong, Taiwan, British Virgin Islands, India, Seychelles and United Kingdom came to manufacturing, communications, transport, tourism, agriculture, electricity generation, real estate and industrial sectors.

The Southeast Asian country aims to woo US\$ 5.8 billion of FDI in the current financial year. The MIC expects that the country will receive more foreign direct investment in the years to come. The government is also committed to encouraging FDI inflows to the country that can contribute to the creation of job opportunities for Myanmar people, help their income increase and promote their socioeconomic status. The government believes that the foreign direct investment is a key drive for economic growth of the country.

The DICA has been cooperating with NGOs and INGOs so as to lure foreign direct investments to the country by organizing seminars, investment and business forums. Myanmar set a target to attract US\$ 221 billion of FDI within 20 years from 2016-2017 FY to 2035-2036 FY under the short-term, mid-term and long-term Myanmar Investment Promotion Plan in an attempt to attract responsible investments into the country.

In addition Myanmar is estimated to become a middle-income country by 2036. Arrangements are being made to attract more foreign direct investments in the industrial sector that can create more job opportunities for Myanmar citizens under the MIPP.

Around 1,780 foreign companies from 50 countries around the world were permitted to pour investments into 12 sectors, with the total amount of US\$ 81,597.743 million during the period from 1988 to early November 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 foreign direct investment flowed to oil and gas sector, accounting for 27.29 per cent of the total FDI, followed by the power sector with 25.77 per cent and the manufacturing sector with 14.04 per cent.



TOYOTA launches the all-new Corolla Altis

TOYOTA announced the official launch of the All-New Corolla Altis in Myanmar recently. With over 47.5 million global sales*, the “Best Selling Toyotacar” clearly demonstrates a sense of prestige through its latest advanced design on the exterior that expresses superior strength and solidity. The new premium interior offers spacious cabin with the meticulous design that represents exceptional finesse, focuses immensely on the great functionality for sheer comfort.

The all-new Corolla Altis is truly remarkable for the leading-edge driving performance made possible by Toyota New Global Architecture (TNGA) that brings to life the unique Fun-To-Drive experience. More importantly, Toyota Safety Sense, which is Toyota’s renowned global safety standard, gives sheer mobility confidence to both the driver and passengers in all journeys.

Toyota New Global Architecture (TNGA) and new drivetrain system contribute to the car’s lower center of gravity which increases the stability control when driving the car either in a straight line or on curves. On top of that, the all-new Corolla Altis also features a refined Mac-Pherson Strut Front Suspension system that helps enhance the car’s smoothness and handling efficiency,



PHOTO: SUPPLIED

while the Double Wishbone Rear Suspension substantially boosts the car’s stability and ensures smooth rides. The generous application of sound and shock absorbing and insulating materials in different positions helps minimize the penetration of unpleasant noise into the cabin, making it possible for the driver and passengers to enjoy smooth and relaxed rides.

The latest Toyota Safety Sense is one-of-a-kind safety standard that consists of newly developed Pre-Collision System to help enhance collision avoidance assistance and collision-damage mitigation. Dynamic

Radar Cruise Control is also available to detect preceding vehicles and determines their speed, then adjusts the car’s speed to ensure that there is a safe distance between both cars when driving and stopping. In addition, Lane Departure Alert (with Steering Control) / Lane Tracing Assist is a new advanced driving support system.

When it is active, the system assists the driver in steering control with gentle inputs to keep the vehicle in the center of the lane, even on curves. This is to reduce the burden on the driver.

Automatic High Beam fully

utilizes the high beam to help enhance safety during nighttime driving in consideration of reducing glare towards oncoming traffic.

Toyota Myanmar is pleased to introduce the all-new Corolla Altis at an attractive price of USD36,000 with 7 exterior and 2 interior colours to choose from. The prestige sedan also comes with 3-year/100,000 km warranty* and comprehensive aftersales support through authorized Toyota Dealers. Bookings of the all-new Corolla Altis will begin from 15th November 2019.

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SEA Games: Myanmar U-22 men’s football team win bronze medal in penalty shootout

THE U-22 men’s football team of Myanmar won the bronze medal after beating Cambodia 7-6 in a penalty shootout in the 30th SEA Games at the Rizal Memorial Stadium in Manila, the Philippines yesterday.

The match which ended 2-2 in 90 minutes has to play a penalty shootout in which Cambodia missed a goal.

The goals in 90 minutes for Myanmar were scored by Aung Kaung Mann at 9th minute and Myat Kaung Khant at 35th minute, while the goals for Cambodia were scored by Chanthea at 1st minute and Sokpheng at 71st minute. In the penalty shootout, Htet Phyo Wai, Lwin Moe Aung, Nay Moe Naing, Ye Yint Aung and Win

Naing Tun scored the goals for Myanmar, while Sadavid, Muslim, Piseth and Rosib scored the goals for Cambodia.

In the gold medal match, Viet Nam beat Indonesia 3-0 and claimed the championship title. The goals for Viet Nam were scored by Doan Van Hau at 39th and 73rd minutes and Do Hung Dung at 59th minute. The best goalscorers are Osvaldo Haay from Indonesia and Ha Duc Chinh from Viet Nam with eight goals each, and followed by Nguyen Tien Linnh with six goals. The champions of 2017 SEA Games was Thailand, and followed by runners-up Malaysia, third place Indonesia and fourth place Myanmar. — Kyaw Khin



Myanmar players including Aung Kaung Mann (No.13) celebrate after scoring a goal in the 30th SEA Games at the Rizal Memorial Stadium in Manila on 10 December 2019. PHOTO: MFF

Amazon acquire Champions League broadcast rights in Germany

BERLIN (Germany) — Amazon confirmed Tuesday that they have acquired the rights to broadcast a selection of Champions League games in Germany from the 2021-22 season, as the company continues

its offensive into the football TV rights market. The company has secured a package which includes the top picks of the Tuesday night games in Europe’s biggest club competition, German

media magazine DWDL.de revealed. In a statement on Tuesday, Amazon confirmed that they had secured the rights for their streaming platform Prime Video. — AFP ■

30th SEA Games: Myanmar jump to seventh place of medal-table with more gold medal

MYANMAR reached to seventh place in the medal-table of 30th SEA Games with a more gold medal and bronze medals yesterday, according to the official website of the Games.

The gold medal for Myanmar was taken by Phone Myint Kyaw from Billiard Sports (9-ball Pool Singles, M), and the two bronze medals were taken by U-22 men’s football team and indoor hockey

men’s team. Myanmar in eighth place on 9 December reached to seventh place on 10 December 4 gold medals, 18 silver medals, and 51 bronze medals, making up 73 in total. — Kyaw Khin

Closing ceremony of 30th SEA Games to be aired live

THE closing ceremony of 30th SEA Games which will be held at New Clark City Athletics Stadium in the Philippines will be broadcast live on Myanma Radio

and Television (MRTV), MRTV Sports Channel, and Myanma Radio at 4:25 pm today (11 December). — MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

‘I have questions’: Russian high-jump star Lasitskene slams officials

MOSCOW (Russia) — One of Russia’s top athletes, three-time world champion high jumper Mariya Lasitskene, on Tuesday called sports officials to account after her country was banned for four years from international competition.

In her open letter published by Championat.com sports website, Lasitskene, a longtime critic of Russian sports officials, demanded to know who has been punished over the country’s doping scandal and the fact that

she cannot compete under the Russian flag. Lasitskene missed the 2016 Rio Olympics because of the doping crisis and had threatened to leave Russia so as not to miss the Tokyo Olympics in 2020. “The Russian flag was taken from me at the end of 2015,” the 26-year-old wrote, calling herself “an athlete who has a lot of questions”. “Have we done an internal investigation? Who was punished?” Lasitskene said. — AFP



Lasitskene has won three world titles. PHOTO: AFP

2019 Southeast Asian Games medal tally updated

COUNTRY	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE	TOTAL
PHILIPPINES	149	117	119	385
VIETNAM	96	85	104	285
THAILAND	92	102	122	316
INDONESIA	72	83	111	266
MALAYSIA	55	58	71	184
SINGAPORE	53	46	69	168
MYANMAR	4	18	51	73
CAMBODIA	4	6	36	46
BRUNEI DARUSSALAM	2	5	6	13
LAO PDR	1	5	27	33
TIMOR-LESTE	0	1	5	6