LEAVE NO STONE UNTURNED TO PROMOTE MYANMAR’S TRADITIONAL MEDICINE

President formally opens Youth All-Round Development Festival in Magway

Dear esteemed ethnic brothers and sisters of Rakhine State,

On this auspicious occasion of the 45th Anniversary of Rakhine State Day, I send this Message of Greetings to all ethnic brothers and sisters living in Rakhine State to be blessed with prosperity and auspiciousness.

When the states and regions were designated and established in accordance with the 1974 constitution, Rakhine state was one of the states which were established. The 15th December, the date on which the referendum was started to adopt the 1974 Constitution was designated as Rakhine State Day and from that date onwards the Rakhine State Day has been celebrated every year up till the present moment. Today marks the 45th anniversary of this day.

President U Win Myint looks at the drawing and painting created by students at the Youth All-Round Development Festival at Magway University in Magway. PHOTO: MNA

State Counsellor arrives back in Nay Pyi Taw after defending lawsuit at The Hague

THE delegation led by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and party being welcomed by officials at the Nay Pyi Taw International Airport yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi left the Netherlands by air at 5.30 pm local standard time on 13 December for Nay Pyi Taw. The State Counsellor and delegation were seen off at Schiphol International Airport in Amsterdam by Myanmar Ambassador to the Belgium and the Netherlands U Soe Lin Han and wife, Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) Brig-Gen Khin Zaw and officials of the Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché Office at Suvanabhumi Hommi International Airport.

The delegation led by State Counsellor Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi left the Netherlands by air at 9.30 am local standard time yesterday, and were welcomed by Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Myo Myint Than and wife, Military Attaché (Army, Navy and Air) Brig-Gen Khin Zaw and officials of the Myanmar Embassy and Military Attaché Office at Suvarnabhumi Hommi International Airport.

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President U Win Myint delivers the speech at the opening ceremony of the Youth All-Round Development Festival in Magway.  PHOTO: MNA

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Then the President and entourage attended the opening ceremony of Youth All-Round Development Festival (Magway).

Also present at the ceremony were Union Ministers, the Chief Minister of Magway Region, the speaker of Region Hluttaw, the chief justice of Region High Court, the deputy minister for Information, the deputy speaker of Region Hluttaw, the chief justice of Region High Court, the deputy minister for Information, the deputy speaker of Region Hluttaw, honoured guests, rectors, pro-rectors, professors, faculty members, students and representatives of civil society organizations, NGOs, ethnic cultural associations and youth organizations.

President U Win Myint, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Dr Pe Myint, Dr Myo Thein Gyi, Dr Myint Htwe, Dr Win Myat Aye and Naing Thet Lwin, Chief Minister of Magway Region Dr Aung Moe Nyo and four youth representatives formally opened the festival.

Afterwards, the President posed for documentary photos together with Union Ministers, the Chief Minister of Magway Region, the speaker of Region Hluttaw, the chief justice of Region High Court, the deputy minister for Information, the deputy speaker of Region Hluttaw, honoured guests, rectors, pro-rectors, professors, faculty members, students and youth organizations.

The second part of the opening ceremony was held at the Convocation Hall of Magway University, and youth who had completed the courses at the National University of Arts and Culture and high-school level schools of fine arts sang the theme song of the festival.

Then, President U Win Myint delivered the speech and it is covered on Page-3.

Chairman of the Steering Committee for Organizing Youth All-Round Development Festival Union Minister Dr Pe Myint and Vice Chairman Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi extended greetings and Vice Chairman Chief Minister Dr Aung Moe Nyo spoke words of thanks.

Then awards were presented to outstanding students of universities and colleges. Union Minister Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe presented awards to Maung Thiha Aung, Maung Myo Ko Oo and Maung Kyaw Zin Phyo of Mandalay University who stood eighth in team-wise rank and won the Third Best Award in 5th South and Southeast Asia College Student Culture and Sports Week – Kunming (Yunan) football match, Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi to Maung Win Naing Kyaw of Yangon University of Technology, who won the First Prize in Judges Award at the Ocean Opportunities, First Global Competition (Dubai), Ma Aye Nanda Tun of University of Technology (Nadanabon Cyber City) who won Award of Excellent at Optimized, Optical System Design of a Single – Led Backlight, 2019 GKS for ASEAN Countries Science and Engineering Students Program (Korea), and Ma Zin Nwe Htet of Information Technology University who won the Third Place at the 33rd China Adolescents Science and Technology Innovation Contest (China), and Chief Minister Dr Aung Moe Nyo to Maung Win Tun of Yangon University of Computer Science who won the Best Prototype Award at ASEAN Makerthon 2019 (Malaysia).

Then students of Magway University sang the songs — the true ethnic and beautiful upcountry — in honour of the festival.

After the opening ceremony, the President together with officials viewed the booths of the festival and the display of books published in 2018.


The festival, which is open to all, involves English proficiency contests, impromptu talks and poems, reading contests, youth talks, recreational sports competitions, sports demonstrations, knowledge-sharing programs, the stage show of popular vocalists singing songs to the accompaniment of Myanmar Radio Modern Music Troupe, performances of the vocalists of Peace Music Festival, art activities, employment opportunities and science and technology booths, youth health awareness booths, question and answer sessions for youths, talks on reproductive health, talks birth spacing, roundtable talks on gender-based violence, souvenir shops, ethnic cultural dance shows and book festival. The festival held on grand-scale is crowded with visitors.

The theme of the festival is “A Festival for Well-Rounded Development of Youths” and its goals are the promotion of physical, mental, moral, social and professional abilities of youth and the building of the country’s future human society with their visions.

Afterwards, the President and entourage visited the People’s Hospital in Magway, where they heard a report on construction of a new five-storey ward, which is a part of the project to upgrade the hospital into a 500-bed facility presented by Medical Superintendent Dr Myat Soe.

They then looked around the new ward and visited the patients of the hospital.

In the afternoon the President and entourage left Magway by the special Tatmadaw aircraft and arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw.

— MNA

(Translated by TMT)
Myanmar society is today being established based upon the basic human values of peace, freedom and development, with the nation's youth playing a major role: President U Win Myint

Following is the full text of the speech of President U Win Myint delivered at the Youths All-Round Development Festival (Magway)

UNION Ministers, Magway Region Chief Minister and ministers, Magway Region Hluttaw Speaker and Hluttaw representatives, experts and learned person from various sectors, teachers and students. May you all be well both spiritually and physically. It is a pleasure to see such a huge number of youngsters in Magway University compound. Ministry of Information, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health and Sports and Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in coordination with Yangon Region government and Mandalay Region government successfully held Youths All-Round Development Festival (Yangon) and Youths All-Round Development Festival (Mandalay) in 2017 and 2018 respectively. Similarly, arrangements were made to hold a Youths All-Round Development Festival in Magway from 14 to 16 December 2019.

Literary, arts, sports and innovative activities, talks, exhibitions, book sales and displays will be included and attended by youths, students, parents, teachers, literary enthusiasts, artists and IT experts making it a day when a beautiful image of Magway University is created.

The Youths All-Round Development Festival is held today with the aims of sharing skills, knowledge, facts and ethics to youths and youngsters and to establish a future society of Myanmar with the good thoughts and morals of youths. Myanmar society is today being established based upon the basic human values of peace, freedom and development, with the nation's youth playing a major role. In any country, youths were its most valuable forces. It is known to all that 33.8 percent of the population of Myanmar were youths between the ages of 15 to 35. These youths were invaluable human resources for Myanmar’s development and will be taking over the country’s leadership role in the future. The country's future is in the hand of the youths. Youths’ endeavours, views, knowledge, excellence, frankness, unselﬁshness and enthusiasm are essential for the country’s development.

The State was of the view that for the development of our future the capability of youths needs to be raised. It was for this that events such as Youths All-Round Development Festival were being held. Efforts were made to draw up youth affairs policies according to the changing time and era. Youth themselves had participated in drawing up and approving the youth affairs policy. Youths were also found to be participating enthusiastically in every sector toward the country’s development. As youths were able to participate and draw up such youth affairs policy, they were also trusted to cooperate and play a role in the establishment of democracy federal union. This was a good effort and could be considered as a proud expectation for the development of future youth.

Countries of the world can be seen as striving in full might toward supporting and uplifting new generation of youths for their future society. In other words, they have full trust and depend on the power of the youth as the main driving force for future society. Youths are naturally courageous, enthusiastic, curious, daring and play a main role in the changes to the country.

Our government hold onto the principle of raising the working capability, physical and mental development of youth who are the main artery of the country's future. That was why efforts were made toward creating learning opportunity, acquiring health knowledge, reducing the problem of drug, raising knowledge and innovativeness for youth. At the moment, youth affairs policies based on youths’ views, voices and thoughts were drawn up and relevant ministerial departments, state and region governments cooperating and implementing it together in a balanced way.

Youths All-Round Development Festival is held with the aim of developing the five strengths of youth. In striving for the country’s development it needs to be noted that not only physical development, but mental development and higher level of knowledge were very important.

Youths that came into being with their unique capabilities were to be taught and trained with skills and knowledge to face and overcome challenges of the future and to flow along with the changing time and era. At the same time, all are urged to develop the youths’ reverence and love to the country and its people, cooperative and participative spirit for the development of the country.

There are three points that the State would like to remark with great emphasis.

Firstly, there were many things in the 21st century that affects and influences youth. The world was not standing still and was changing and developing as time goes by. Our youths need to be ready and prepared to use the opportunities that arise from the challenges.

Secondly, within the modernity and developments, it is very important for youths to maintain and strengthen their honesty, straightforwardness, valuing and cherishing of truth and their moral ity. Avoid with extreme care the danger and peril of the drug menace that was always lurking nearby. Take care and look after one another.

Thirdly, breed within self since young the union spirit, democracy federal citizen spirit that was in accordance with a democracy political system and federal system. Recognize the diversities within the union born ethnic nationals. Our youths are urged to display mutual respect, sympathy and provide assistance to establish the nation’s unity of strength.

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Message of Greetings sent by President U Win Myint on the occasion of the 45th Anniversary of Rakhine State Day
(15 December 2019)

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Our Union Government has been working strenuously for the accomplishment of the following three goals:
- Rule of law and the uplifting of the people’s socio-economic life;
- National reconciliation and internal peace;
- And amendment of the Constitution which is the foundation stone for the establishment of a Democratic Federal Union.

In this endeavour, we have been putting in tremendous efforts for greater effectiveness by aligning the MSDP – Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan 2018 – 2020 with the global SDG’s – Sustainable Development Goals by adopting goals, strategies and programmes.

Rakhine State which is located between the Bay of Bengal and the Rakhine Yoma mountain range is blessed with beaches like the Ngapali beach; furthermore it has fertile lands and is rich with minerals. It also has ancient cultural heritage sites which are priceless. The Rakhine State which is so peaceful and beautiful has lagged behind in development like other states/regions due to successive periods of wrong policies and wrong management.

For this reason our Union Government established the Central Committee for the Development of Rakhine State together with work committees for the short term and long term development of the state giving special priority as soon as we assumed office. In addition, we established the UEHRD – Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development for the development of Rakhine State. Strenuous work has been going on continuously with determination in this regard.

Just as we are working for the stability and peace of Rakhine State, we have been working on the Kyaukphyu Special Economic Zone and the Deep Seaport project, Kanyin Chaung Economic Zone project, and the Kaladan multi-modal Development project. Furthermore, we organized the Rakhine State Investment Fair in Thandwe township on Ngapali beach to promote investment opportunities in Rakhine State and to link local entrepreneurs with promising local and foreign investors. As a result 30 Memoranda of Intent to the value of approximately USD 5.249 billion have been signed.

To improve the transport infrastructure in Rakhine State which has plenty of lakes and streams, the 960 feet reinforced concrete Daletechaung bridge on the Yangon-Sittway road and the 1920 feet steel frame Kyatsin bridge on the Myebon – Minbya road were opened in 2019. In addition, the 1300 feet Ramong rope bridge is being upgraded into a reinforced concrete bridge; also the 1320 feet reinforced concrete Gwa Chaung bridge which will connect the Ayeyawaddy Region and Rakhine State is under construction.

In December 2018, we were able to supply electricity to Maungdaw township from the national grid. Thus out of 17 townships in Rakhine State, the people in 16 townships are now using electricity. For Maungaung township which is an island, we have been working to provide 24 hours electricity supply through a combination of solar, diesel and a hybrid electric power storage electric power generation plant. Thus as an initial phase work has been completed to produce 0.5 megawatts, and we will be able to provide 24 hours electricity supply to 15 wards and 3 villages in December 2019 using solar energy. Work is also continuing to provide 2.5 megawatts from this plant.

To register Mrauk U township in Rakhine State which is the resting place of many sacred Buddha relics on the World Heritage Sites list, we have collaborated with UNESCO to make a submission on 30 September 2019; we are currently working to send the complete submission file on 31 January 2020.

Just as it is important to conserve the heritage of Rakhine State where Buddhism has flourished, we need to regain the peace and tranquility of Rakhine State which has lasted for many years. For this state to become peaceful, beautiful and developed in the future, let us work together with the collective strength of everyone living in this state on this auspicious Rakhine State Day. With these sentiments I send my friendly and solemn Message of Greetings.

Sd/-
President
(Official Translation)

13th Int’l Friendship Medical Mission 2019 opens in Nay Pyi Taw

THE 13th International Friendship Medical Mission, a programme for providing free surgical service to children with cleft lips and palate, was opened at the 1,000-bed hospital in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Under the programme jointly conducted by Smile Asia Medical Team and the Kanbawza Bank, specialists from the Nay Pyi Taw 1,000-bed hospital and from Smile Asia will carry out free surgery for over 100 children with cleft lip and palate from 15 to 18 December at the hospital.

At the ceremony, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Dr Myo Aung delivered opening address and Director-General of the Ministry of Health and Sports Dr Thar Tun Kyaw, Chief Executive Officer of the Kanbawza Bank Mr Mike DeNoma and General Council Member of the Smile Asia Mr Michael Wu delivered remarks.

At the ceremony, Dr Daw Pa Pa of the Nay Pyi Taw 1,000-bed hospital presented a certificate of honour to Mr Mike DeNoma and Prof. Dr U Win Tun to Mr Michael Wu.

Following the ceremony, the attendees observed the preparation for providing surgery to children with cleft lips and palate at the hospital. — MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)
State Counsellor arrives back in Nay Pyi Taw after defending lawsuit at The Hague in the Netherlands

Afterwards, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and delegation left Bangkok by a special flight and arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw in the afternoon.

The State Counsellor and delegation were welcomed back at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Union Minister U Min Thu and wife, Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Dr. Myo Aung and wife, Ambassador of the Netherlands to Myanmar Mr. Wouter Jurgen and officials.

All along the way from the airport to Thabyegon Roundabout, MPs, employees, the general public, teachers and students chanting slogans and holding placards, saying, “Mother Suu, we wish health and every success!” and “We stand together with State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi” were welcoming the State Counsellor in support of her service in the interest of the State.

Members of the delegation Union Ministers U Kyaw Tint Swe and U Kyaw Tin, departmental officials and legal advisors also arrived back in Nay Pyi Taw on the same flight.

— MNA

(Translated by TMT)

Inter-village road opened in Pa-O Self-Administered Zone

A four-mile-long concrete inter-village road was opened in Pinlaung Township, Pa-O Self-Administrated Zone in Shan State (South) on 13 December.

Speaking at the inauguration ceremony, Union Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Ye Aung said his ministry spent Ks 136 million in building the four-mile inter-village road in Nongpi village-tract, and added that the concrete road will benefit over 3000 residents of ten villages in the area.

Chief Minister of Shan State Dr Lin Htut extended greetings and Chairman of the Leading Body of the zone U Khun San Lwin and a local representative spoke words of thanks.

Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Lin Aung, cabinet members of Shan State government, senior military officers, MPs, departmental personnel and natives also attended the ceremony.

The Union Minister and party also looked into the requirements of the completed and ongoing rural development projects the ministry is implementing with its budget in southern Shan State.

At the youth development school for ethnic races of border areas in Hsihseng Township, the Union Minister fulfilled the needs after hearing the report presented by the principal. He then looked around the classrooms, hostels, mess hall, and libraries in the school compound.

— MNA

(Translated by TMT)
Japanese Princess visits famous pagodas, National Museum in Yangon

A delegation led by Japanese Princess Yoko Mikasa yesterday visited Shwedagon Pagoda, and offered flowers, water and lights.

At the pagoda, the Japanese Princess presented a painting of the pagoda and the books about the history of the pagoda, donated cash and received the certificate of honour in return by the Members of Board of Trustees of the pagoda. She also signed the guest book of the pagoda.

Member of Board of Trustees of the pagoda U Than Zaw detailed about the diamond bud, umbrella crown and vane of the pagoda with photographs to the Princess. Afterwards, the princess walked around the Shwedagon Pagoda clock-wise.

The Princess and entourage also visited the Chauk Htak Gyi Pagoda, signed the guest book of the pagoda and paid homage to the Buddha.

In the afternoon, the Princess and entourage visited the National Museum (Yangon) on Pyay Road where they were explained the national museum by Director of Archaeological Research and National Museum Department Nang Lao Ngin and officials.

The Princess and party also visited Kyaik-de-att Botataung Pagoda housing the Buddha’s hair-relic of the Buddha.—MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Union Minister Dr Pe Myint shares literary knowledge at Youth All-Round Development Festival

YOUTH All-Round Development Festival (Magway) organized a literature roundtable talks with youth at the Convocation Hall at 2 pm yesterday, and Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint took part in it.

Writers, book lovers and students in Magway Region also took part in the talks.

At the talks, the Union Minister and the participants focused on promoting the reading habit of youth and development of Myanmar literature. Afterwards, the Union Minister cordially conversed with writers and literature lovers of Magway Region.—Wai Lyan

(Translated by TMT)

67 per cent of nation’s electric power distributed to people in Mandalay Region

About 67 per cent of the nation’s electric power is used by the people in Mandalay Region, according to the Mandalay Region Electricity Supply Corporation (MESC).

“Mandalay Region could use 67 per cent of the nation’s electricity. Now, all the towns in Mandalay Regions can access electricity. Only a few villages do not have electricity. There are a total of 6799 villages in Mandalay Region. Of these, 3144 villages have access to electric power under the government programme, while 624 villages are receiving electric power under the private programme. The remaining 1020 villages still need to access electric power to reduce power losses, ensure safety and supply sustainable qualities of electricity,” he added. This year, the Mandalay regional government allocated over K 30 billion from the Union government budget, and over K 9 billion from the regional government budget, in order to distribute electricity. In the coming 2021-2022 fiscal year, the regional government targeted to supply 100 per cent of electrification in Mandalay Region, he added.

In 2019 December, Myanmar has already completed 50 per cent of the country’s total electricity consumption. Mandalay Region is responsible for 67 per cent of the country’s electricity consumption.—Than Zaw Min (IPRD)

(Translated by Hay Mar)
Myanmar and Thailand border trade reaches nearly $623 mln

The value of border trade between Myanmar and Thailand has reached nearly US$623.84 million, with the Hteekhee border trade gate accounting for the largest volume of trade, according to the weekly statistical report of the Ministry of Commerce.

Myanmar-Thailand border trade totalled $623.8 million between 1 October 2019 and 6 December 2019, which included $414 million in exports and $209.8 million in imports.

These figures declined by $27.52 million, compared to the same period last year.

Myanmar mainly conducts border trade with neighboring Thailand through seven border checkpoints - Tachileik, Myawady, Kawthoung, Myeik, Hteekhee, Mawtaung and Maese gates.

From 1 October to 6 December this year, Hteekhee border gate saw the largest border trade value of $291.7 million, followed by Myawady with $202.5 million and Kawthoung with $69.3 million.

Myanmar primarily exports fishery products, such as crab, fish and shrimp, as well as onions, sesame, dry tea leaves, coconut and turmeric, while consumer goods, cosmetic machinery, food products, agricultural equipment and track cars are imported into the country from Thailand.

The country is also trading with neighbouring China, India and Bangladesh. Sino-Myanmar border trade is conducted through Muse, Lweje, Kanpiketee, Chinshwehaw and Kengtung gates, while Myanmar is carrying out border trade with India via Tamu and Reed.

(Translated by Hay Mar)
Leaving no stone unturned to promote Myanmar's traditional medicine

T HE breeding rate of the mosquito is tremen-
dously great in the world. We humans should think of the situation as flippantly as these dreadful flying insects are the deadliest ones and the diseases related to mosquito bite kill two million hu-
mans every year. In other words, if we get rid of the mosquitoes, the flying insects can be called man-eaters. Globally and locally, we need to eradicate the mosquito breeding or brev-
ing medicaments in the traditional medicine science which is practiced by Myanmar traditional medicine practitioners, has expanded more than ever.

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Telematics devices installed on YBS buses found damaged: YRTA

By Nyein Nyein

TELEMATICS devices installed on YBS buses to monitor their speed and compliance with rules have been found damaged in several instances, said U Aung Nyi Nyi Maw, Managing Director of the Yangon Region Transport Authority (YRTA).

The machines were installed on YBS buses to ensure they follow traffic rules and regulations, and they are found to have been damaged intentionally and by accident, he added.

“The machines have been damaged because they help us see whenever the buses drive at a high speed or stop at bus stations, so they must not halt for a long time. When bus drivers float routes, we let them train or take action against them. So, they are damaging the machines as they don’t want us to see how they are breaking rules. They are also worried that we will fine them. They don’t want to follow rules and regulations,” said U Aung Nyi Nyi Maw.

The authorities have given warning and are taking action against drivers for damaging telematics machines installed on board buses, according to the YRTA. The damaged machines are being fixed and installed at the Shin Sawpu ground when they check the machine along with the disciplinary team and the YBS buses in-charges.

“We have given them a warning to fix the machines. They have a fine for that, according to the transport authority. Whenever telematics machines on board YBS buses are taken out or damaged, the control centre receives an alert. The team of engineers records how the machines got damaged on the Shin Sawpu ground when they check the machine along with the disciplinary team and the YBS buses in-charge. While checking YBS buses where the machines have been installed, we find around 10 to 20 buses with damaged machines every day,” said U Aung Nyi Nyi Maw.

We are planning to submit a proposal to the Yangon Region government to get guidelines on preventing damage to machines, according to the YRTA.

“As 28 November, a mini-bus from YBS 15 bus line was providing passenger services till 9:12 am. Then, the telematics system machine installed on board the bus was destroyed. We lost connection with the mini-bus at 9:56 pm. Before the connection was lost, the mini-bus was on route to North Okkalapa from Dagon University. We also found that the mini-bus drove to Nyaungdon-Pathein road through Kayaybin junction, according to the control centre’s records.

According to another record, on 29 November, a mini-bus from YBS 15 bus line, was found, with the bus line number covered with a sticker, waiting alongside a Hiace car and a city taxi pro-box van near U-Tob bridge, Chaungthaya Town. As the combined team watched them, a motor vessel approaches from U-Tob creeks and docked near Chaungtha beach. Then, illegal migrants—32 males and 64 females—got onto the cars and they were arrested by the combined team.

“The information regarding the YBS 15 bus was received from the control center. In order to take action, we have already submitted a report to the Yangon Region government,” said U Hla Aung, Joint Secretary of the YRTA.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Myanmar Post releases about 2 mln jay bird stamps

THE Myanmar Post (MP) under the Ministry of Transport and Communications released about 2 million new jay bird stamps valued at K100 at 9:30 am on 12 December at the Nay Pyi Taw Central Post Office, Yangon post office, Mandalay post office, and other state and regional post offices. A total of 3,400 first-day covers were re-leased, according to the Yangon post office.

“The jay bird stamps which were released today were also issued in 1964 and 1968 for 5 pyas, 10 pyas, and 15 pyas coins. This is the third time the stamps have been issued and they are valued at K100. Special stamps are issued mostly on Myanmar’s special days. This year, the stamps have been issued to mark the 12-month festivals and flowers beginning from Pyatho. The jay bird stamp was issued for constant use,” said Dow Si Si Han, Assistant General Manager of the Yangon post office.

As a special offer for the first-day issue of the new stamps, the Yangon post office said it would stamp the postmark and date on the new jay bird postage stamps and first day covers. The Nay Pyi Taw Central Post Office and the Mandalay post office also made similar special offers. The jay bird postage stamps are bought by not only local philatelists, but also foreign philatelists.

“Yangmar stamps are being issued for use as money equivalents to pay postage and registration fees. Stamp collectors usually come and buy the new stamps on the first day of distribution,” said the Assistant General Manager of the Yangon post office—Myint Maung Soe (Translated by Hay Mar)
STUDENTS of universities and colleges and youth members of districts, towns and villages in Magway Region took part in the first day of Youth All-Round Development Festival (Magway) that was opened at Magway University at 9 am yesterday.

The festival opened booths of universities, colleges, basic education schools and ministries, narcotic drugs awareness booths, anti-child abandonment booths and booths on natural disaster and organized knowledge sharing programs including knowledge for youth, question and answer sessions, quiz program, talks on reproductive health, birth spacing and gender-based violence and anti-child sexual abuse programs.

Moreover, it also held youth talks under the topics “Innovative Youth” and Digital Literacy” and movie stars, Aung Ye Chan, Kyaw Htet Zaw and Wint Yamon Naing, joined in the discussions under the topic – Youth and Arts.

As regards the literature movements, the festival held literature roundtable talks, impromptu talks, English proficiency contest, poem reciting contest, book shows. It also displayed Myanmar traditional musical instruments, seasonal paintings, marionettes, painting and sculpturing demonstrations, ethnic costumes, and free-style dance and demonstration of traditional dances of ethnic races in front of Convocation Hall.

IT activities at the festival included cybersecurity awareness and IT quiz, and recreational sports events were men and women’s tug-of-war, Htok-hseehtoe, sepak takraw, goal shooting, pillow fight and volleyball matches and wushu and Myanmar martial arts demonstrations were also held.

Popular vocalists gave performances to the accompaniment of Myanmar Radio modern music troupe and vocalists of the Peace Music Festival entertained the visitors with songs. The Convocation Hall was crowded with the audience enjoying the performances of the students of Magway Region. —Lin Han Zay (Translated by TMT)

A motorcyclist was killed, and his wife and son were injured, following a head-on collision with a car near Natala junction, Salingyi town, Yinnanbin district, Sagaing region at 11 am on Friday.

According to witnesses, a car owned by the Sarnarseik social welfare association and driven by Ko Min Lwin, collided with a motorcycle travelling in the opposite direction.

The motorcycle was driven by Ko Bo Thaung from Botesu village, Salingyi township, along with his wife Ma Win Kywe and son Ye Min Maung on board. The motorcyclist was pronounced dead at the scene, and the wife and son were transported to Salingyi’s general hospital where they were undergoing medical treatment.

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(Translated by Hay Mar)
UN climate talks unraveling, face failure

MADRID (Spain)—A UN climate summit in Madrid was facing failure Saturday after all-night negotiations between countries left them more divided than ever over how to fight global warming and pay for its ravages.

Delegates from rich nations, emerging giants and the world’s poorest countries all objected to a draft final text unveiled by host Chile in a botched attempt to find common ground. Following a year of climate-related catastrophes including deadly storms, flooding and wildfires, as well as weekly strikes by millions of young people, negotiations in Madrid were meant to send out a clear signal of governments’ willingness to tackle the crisis.

The COP 25 summit also aimed to finalise the rulebook of the landmark 2015 Paris accord, which goes into effect next year.

Instead, delegates on Saturday were exasperated at what they called backwords steps on the key political issue — how far each nation is willing to go to help stave off climate catastrophe.

“All the references to science have gotten weaker, all references to enhancing the ambition have gone, it seems we prefer to look backward rather than looking forward,” Carlos Fuller, head of the Association of Small Island States negotiating bloc, said in plenary of the draft COP 25 final text. Even after marathon talks between ministers, observers and delegates told AFP there were still significant splits on a number of issues. Old divisions between rich polluters and developing nations re-emerged in Madrid over who should slash greenhouse gas emissions by how much, and how to pay the trillions needed for humanity to adapt to a climate-addled world.

“Newer fissures, meanwhile, between poor, climate-vulnerable nations and emerging giants such as China and India — the world’s No.1 and No.4 emitters — also blocked progress. In Saturday morning’s public discussions, additional discord surfaced on how nations should refer to a string of scientific assessments of the state of the planet.

But the bottom-line ask for climate-vulnerable nations remains some signal that all countries are willing to improve on emissions reduction commitments that would see the world career toward runaway global warming.—AFP

France braces for holiday misery as pension strike persists

Blanquer meeting teachers’ representatives on Friday to try to stave off another day of class shutdowns.

“It was an intense and frank meeting... but we still need details, and maintain our call to strike on Tuesday,” Stephane Crochet of the SE-Unsa teachers’ union said.

Unions are hoping for a repeat of 1995, when they forced a rightwing government to back down on pension reforms after three weeks of metro and rail strikes just before Christmas. The prospect of a protracted standoff has businesses fearing big losses during the crucial year-end festivities, and travelers worried that their holiday plans are compromised.

“Right now it’s a catastrophe here, but we’re hoping there will be a solution before Christmas,” Frederic Masse, a foie gras producer at the sprawling Rungis wholesale food market south of Paris, told AFP on Friday. The capital city was again choked by huge traffic jams as most metro lines remained shut, only a handful of buses and trams were running, and three in four TGV trains were cancelled.

Officials warned Friday of similar disruptions through the weekend, with train operator SNCF saying that on Tuesday it will start warning ticket holders of their chances of travel during the Christmas break that begins next Saturday.

“I’m sick of this, and I won’t be able to keep working if it goes on,” Zigo Makango, a 57-year-old security agent, told AFP onboard a bus in the Bobigny suburb northeast of Paris. To get home at night Makango said he has to use taxis, but “my boss doesn’t reimburse me for that”—AFP

Victorious Johnson urges Britain to move past Brexit divide

LONDON (United Kingdom)—Prime Minister Boris Johnson called on Britons to put years of bitter divisions over the country’s EU membership behind them as he vowed to use his resounding election victory to finally deliver Brexit next month. Johnson’s ruling Conservatives won their best result for three decades on Thursday night after promising to get Britain out of the European Union on January 31, a new deadline set by Brussels. The snap general election turned into a re-run of the original 2016 EU membership referendum, whose outcome paralysed Britain’s leaders and created divisions across society. But in a victory speech in Downing Street on Friday, the former London mayor struck a magnanimous tone, vowing to listen to those who opposed Brexit and lead an inclusive government.

“I urge everyone to find closure and to let the healing begin,” he said hours after visiting Queen Elizabeth II to be reappointed prime minister.

Johnson staked his political career on the election, which created the possibility of the pro-EU opposition coming to power and calling a new Brexit referendum that could undo the results of the first.

The gambit paid off spectacularly, with his Tories securing 365 seats in the 650-seat House of Commons—their biggest majority since the 1980s heyday of Margaret Thatcher. It also devastated the main opposition Labour party, which suffered its worst result since 1935.—AFP

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Ayeyawady Region sees rapid infrastructure development

By Kyaw Htike Soe

A NEW embankment was built in Zalun Township, Ayeyawady Region in order to prevent flooding from the river water. The embankment is 7,500 ft in length and was built by three tender winning companies with K990.868 million of the allotted funds in the fiscal year 2018-2019. The project has been 100 per cent finished and maintenance work is being undertaken by staff from the Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation. The project enables over 1.25 million people to protect more than 300,000 acres of farmland in Zalun, Kyonpyaw, Yekyi, Danabyu, Kyaunggon, and Ngathainggyoung Townships from flooding.

A rural bridge measuring 45 ft in length and 12 ft in width was constructed in Ngathainggyoung Township, Ayeyawady Region. Construction of the bridge over the Kyein Creek started in April this year and has been opened to public recently. The structure connecting some villages from three village-tracts is an important link to access to the Pathein-Monywa Road and nearby villages can now use the new bridge in all seasons with greater ease, thereby of farmland and will include around 50 textile and garment factories, construction mat-
Flydubai launches daily direct flights between Dubai and Yangon; Includes Southeast Asia in its Routes Network

YANGON Aerodrome Company Limited ("YACL"), operator of Yangon International Airport ("YIA"), today welcomes the first inaugural flight of flydubai, a government-owned budget airline, direct from Dubai, United Arab Emirates. This marks flydubai’s first scheduled daily flight in Southeast Asia.

Flydubai will take over the Dubai-Yangon direct flights from Emirates and will increase its flight frequency to daily from four flights per week between the two cities. The two airlines will now codeshare the Dubai-Yangon-Dubai route from today.

The budget airline will utilise next-generation Boeing 737-800 aircraft for the flights, which can carry up to 174 passengers. The flights will take approximately 5 hours and 35 minutes. Yangon International Airport "YIA" received 4,665 passengers from Middle East Nationality and the arrival grew by 8% compared to the same January – October period last year according to the source from Ministry of Hotels & Tourism.

"Inauguration Ceremony"

A senior delegation led by Mr. Sudhir Sreedharan, flydubai’s Senior Vice President, Commercial Operations (UAE, GCC, Subcontinent and Africa) was onboard the inaugural flight. His Excellency U Phyo Min Thein, Chief Minister of Yangon Region, His Excellency Daw Nilar Kyaw, Minister of Electricity, Industry, Roads and Transport, U Htun Myint Naing, Chairman of Asia World Group of Companies, Mr. Jose Angeja, Chief Operating Officer of YACL and officials from Department of Civil Aviation greeted and welcomed the delegation upon their arrival at YIA.

An event to celebrate the occasion of flydubai’s inaugural flight was held at YIA’s Terminal 1. The opening address was officiated by His Excellency U Phyo Min Thein, Chief Minister of Yangon Region.

Following the opening address, Mr. Sudhir Sreedharan, CCO of flydubai and Mr. Jose Angeja, COO of YACL delivered the welcoming remarks. Officials from flydubai and YACL, media friends and honorable guests were also present.

His Excellency U Phyo Min Thein said “Yangon International Airport plays an essential role in the tourism development of Myanmar. The airport is a gateway to international travel. We want to extend a warm welcome to flydubai’s inaugural flight today and give thanks to developing our tourism sector; and secondly, recognizing Dubai as an international transit hub.”

Mr. Jose Angeja, Chief Operating Officer of Yangon Aerodrome Company Limited; Operator of Yangon International Airport said: “We are delighted to receive a new international airline, which will not only maintain a direct flight to Middle East - Dubai, as the main feeder of the European and American markets to Yangon, but also for adding a new route to Krabi (Thailand), increasing YIA’s connections portfolio, which will definitely increase the number of passengers and visitors to Myanmar, as well as promote tourism in this particular case, amongst the three regions.”

Myanmar is becoming a popular tourist destination, due to its pristine and untouched beaches, natural topography, deep culture and astounding Buddhist temples and monasteries.” He added.—GNLM

Asleep in Jesus
Rev. Dr. Waldo Thein
(Age. 82 years)

Rev. Dr. Waldo Thein, Pastor of Thamaing Karen Baptist Church, President of the Kayin Baptist Home Mission Churches Association, Father of Dr. Saw Marlido Thein and Naw Tammy, Saya Saw Cheido Thein and Naw Nilar Win, Tharamu Neilla Thein and Saw Hsar Lwe Htoo, grandfather of Naw Cheni Thein, Naw Marty Thein, Saw Taldo Thein, Saw Nieldo Thein, Saw Neil Orion Htoo and Naw Jane Carina Htoo, was called to His Heavenly Home on the 13th of December 2019, at 00:15 am. Funeral Service will be held at 9:00 am, on the 17th December 2019, at the Thamaing Karen Baptist Church. Entombment will be held at the Cemetery of the Kayin Baptist Home Mission Churches Associates, Htain Bin.
Myanmar included among top 10 Asian teams in FIFA Women's Ranking

The Myanmar women's national football team is currently among the top ten Asian teams, with a 44th world ranking, according to the FIFA announcement released on 13 December.

Myanmar has taken 45th position in the world ranking in November, and now has increased one ranking to 44th, with 1527 total points. Also, two ASEAN football teams, Vietnam and Thailand, are included in the top ten list.

Team Vietnam is currently in sixth place among the best Asian teams, with a 32nd world ranking and 1660 total points, while Team Thailand is following Vietnam in seventh place, collecting 1620 total points and 38th in world ranking.

Australia remained the best team in Asia, with a 7th world ranking, while Japan is the second best Asian team, with a world ranking of 10.

North Korea's team is the third best among Asian teams, with an 11th world ranking, and China's team is the fourth best in Asia, ranking 15th in the world.

Meanwhile, South Korea is in sixth place, ranked 20th in the world, and Chinese Taipei is in eighth place in Asia, ranked 40th in the world.

The women's football teams of North Korea, South Korea, Vietnam, Australia, Thailand and Chinese Taipei will compete in the Women's Olympic Football Tournament Final Round Qualifiers in February 2020.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

VUC team still leads Myanmar Futsal League with no losses

The Victoria University College (VUC) FC is still leading the Myanmar Futsal League 2019-2020, following the team's win over AMM Brothers FC by a score of 14-0 at National Indoor Stadium II in Yangon yesterday.

The win ensures the team remains atop the Myanmar Futsal League standing table with 18 points and no losses.

Also, the defending champion Myanmar Imperial University (MIC) team and GV futsal teams follow the VUC team with the same points, but with goal differences, as both MIC and the same points, but with goal differences.

A player from VUC (white) vie for the ball with AMM Brothers FC (red) during yesterday's Week-6 match of Myanmar Futsal League. PHOTO:MFF FUTSAL

Another match saw Winner Lover 7-2. Yesterday's matches were the conclusion of Week-6 of the futsal league. The Week-7 matches will start on 18 December at National Indoor Stadium II in Yangon.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Klopp happy to win ugly as Salah punishes wasteful Watford

LIVERPOOL (United Kingdom) — Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp hailed his side's resilience to keep winning during a draining December schedule as Mohamed Salah's double beat bottom-of-the-table Watford 2-0 at Anfield to open up an 11-point lead at the top of the Premier League.

The Hornets remain six points adrift of safety, but will wonder how they headed home empty handed after enjoying the vast majority of the chances against the European champions.

Salah produced the two moments of real quality from Klopp's men by finishing off a rapid counter-attack from a Watford corner to open the scoring before flinging home a second a minute from time.

"It's true, it was not the prettiest game, but I am more than happy with that," said Klopp. "At this stage you have to show resilience and I believe we did that today." Liverpool are now seven games into a run of 15 matches in 50 days across five competitions and the strain on Klopp's squad was obvious in a jaded display.—AFP

Defense star Thein Than Win joins Yangon United

FORMER Yadanarbon FC defender Thein Than Win has signed a one-year contract with Yangon United, according to the football club.

"It is an amazing offer from Yangon United and I will try my best to fit into the team.

With my participation, I want to raise the team ranking higher in the Myanmar National League," said Thein Than Win.

"Trust me Yangon United fans that I will do my best and I can't wait to show my skill on the pitch," he added.

Thein Than Win began Dream Futsal team in 2011, while GV futsal team won 12-1 over AMM Brothers FC by a score of 14-0 at National Indoor Stadium II in Yangon yesterday. —Lynn Thit (Tgi)

His first international debut was in 2009 with the Myanmar National U-19 Team.

Thein Than Win represented the Myanmar National U-23 team in the 2013 SEA Games, which was held in Nay Pyi Taw Myanmar.

In 2013, he was sidelined after suffering an injury. But he returned in 2016 for the National Team.

Also, he moved to Yadanarbon in 2016. And then in 2019 he transferred to the Division 1 club of Thailand Ratchaburi Mitr Phol FC for the first round.

Thein Than Win is currently playing as the reliable defender for the Myanmar National Team.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)
Ko Zaw is absent from school today. He is a student of Grade 6. He was caught cold yesterday afternoon while he was coming back from school under the heavy rain. His umbrella is good and new but it cannot protect him very well from such heavy rain of lower Myanmar. He was soaked with water for about half an hour because he had to come back home on foot. Now, he has got a little fever lying in bed. His mother, Daw Khin Kyaut, is busy to send him to the clinic.

After being taken necessary treatment from the clinic, they come back home. Daw Khin Kyaut feeds her son some soup and gives the first batch of medicine he has to take. Then, Ko Zaw falls asleep for a while. At about noon, he wakes up from the bed. He sees Daw Khin Kyaut is sitting on the bedside. He starts talking to his mother abruptly.

"Mom, our class teacher told us about a strange thing yesterday before school was over. It was about ‘Life’. She said all of us had a life each. Some lives are easy but some hard. She sometimes tells us some things which are not much associated with our lessons. While sleeping for a while, I dreamt of her lecture which was told just before the school was over. I understood some words she told but I did not most of the words. Please, explain to me about life as far as you realize."

"Son, you are still young but you turn to the age to what you are told. Let me measure your temperature and then I’ll tell you what you want to understand."

Daw Khin Kyaut looks at the clinical thermometer. The temperature indicates the mark of 100 F.

"Son, your temperature drops a little. Are you easier and more convenient than the state of this morning before going to the clinic?"

"Yeah, Mom, I feel rather better. Let me listen to what you promise."

"First and foremost, Dear, you have to recognize that there are three things everyone is doing all the time. They are deeds, words and thoughts. Deeds mean Käya-kamma that is bodily action; words mean Vaci-kamma that is verbal action and thoughts mean Mano-Kamma that is mental action. These mentioned actions one did will never disappear easily. The results of the actions will affect the doers of them. Do you understand? If you do not understand now, you will surely become understood when you get mature. You asked me about the meaning of life which your teacher had explained at school the other day but life can be defined in several various ways. What you have to assume is that life the reflection of one’s actions."

By Ms. Moon
Final year Honours
(English) Dagon University
137. Apparitions are deceptive. 
A friend of the devil is, of course, his enemy. 
138. Man is a measure of everything. 
You know you are, if you think of nothing else. 
139. When wine goes in, strange things come out. 
You may be right, but many are wrong. 
140. Love sought is good. 
Love unsought is better. 
141. I know there is more love in your "no" than in many a woman's "yes"). 
A woman's "no" is getting it. 
142. One flower makes no garland. 
It takes more than one man to make a war. 
143. When you are an arin, hold you still; when you are a hammer, strike your fill. 
In the right way. 
144. It is sometimes the man who opens the door who is the last to enter the room. 
When the door is open, the devil gets in. 
145. Even the devil can cite scriptures. 
Do wrong and cite scriptures. 
146. The world is ruled not by reason but by passion. 
The man with the right is no better than the man with the right way. 
147. Never promise more than you can perform. 
Who craves more that is poor. 
148. A man who desires to get married should know either everything or nothing. 
Who desires to get married should know either everything or nothing. 
149. Life is half spent before we know what it is. 
The very next day after. 
150. He was like a cock that thought the sun had risen to hear him crow. 
You may be right, but many are wrong. 
151. A man is as old as he feels. 
A woman is as old as she looks. 
152. Grumbling is the death of love. 
But will not come to me that way; 
153. Life is not like it is in books. 
With laughter. 
154. Oil is wealth and power. It can mean peace or war. 
The shortest in December. 
155. He that is not handsome at 20, nor strong at 30, nor rich at 40, nor wise at 50 will never be handsome, strong, rich or wise. 
A true friend is one who walks in when others walk out. 
156. Drink! For once dead, you never shall return. 
They did not come to me that way; 
157. Climb high 
Climb far. 
Your goal the sky, 
Your aim the star. 
158. Win without boasting. 
Lose without excuse. 
159. Patience is the best remedy for every trouble. 
Unlike the sun of which the world is the stage. 
160. A doctor must have the heart of a lion and the hands of a lady. 
A doctor must have the heart of a lion and the hands of a lady. 
161. It is not the man who has too little but the man who craves more that is poor. 
A doctor must have the heart of a lion and the hands of a lady. 
162. A wise old owl sat on an oak. The more he saw, the less he spoke. The less he spoke, the more he heard. 
Why aren't we like that wise old bird? 
163. Give a little love to a child and you get a great deal back. 
Who craves more that is poor. 
164. While we stop to think, we often miss the opportunity. 
You may be right, but many are wrong. 
165. A man does not plant a tree for himself; he plants it for posterity. 
A doctor must have the heart of a lion and the hands of a lady. 
166. One drink of wine, and you act like a monkey; two drinks, and you strut like a peacock; three drinks, and you roar like a lion and four drinks, you behave like a pig. 
A doctor must have the heart of a lion and the hands of a lady. 
167. The anger of lovers renews the strength of love. 
A doctor must have the heart of a lion and the hands of a lady. 
168. Do not turn back when you are just at the goal. 
A doctor must have the heart of a lion and the hands of a lady. 
169. In this world there are only two tragedies. One is not getting what one wants and the other is getting it.
I don’t see the artist and his art separate from each other. No matter how excellent his art is, I can’t entirely accept him as an artist if he has got an inferior, cunning and selfish attitude. I happen to loathe his art as well as himself.”

“I am the one who I see the artist and his art separate, I don’t agree with you. No matter how disordered his individual life is, his art should be admired and valued.”

Those above words were the arguments of the two young artists who had already been my ex-pupils. They visited me and they made a chat at my house while I was busy with my old computer. I was somewhat interested in their conversation and strained my ears towards them mending my unopen PC. They continued...

“...All people from the world wish for the moon whether it shines or not. An artist is an ordinary human being among all other human beings. If he’s wrong with cash, woman, social activity or moral dignity, it’s just his fault and he’s responsible for them. So, he’ll be blamed and taken action. It’s not acceptable, due to his deeds, words, and thoughts, the nation gets ruined and losses of lives occurs a lot. Hitler is a good example. He was a demon but his paintings were to be regarded as the artifacts.}

“In history, just being wrong in the political opinion and behaviors made many people’s lives and properties lose more than those of the art. I believe many lives are existing due to the art. Due to the kings of dictatorship, Nazism which made the world to be ruled by only one nationality and Communism which made the world to be ruled by only one party, countless of human lives were lost and sacrificed in the world. Therefore, the faults that were committed by the artists cannot be compared with the above such phenomena.”

“In the history of Myanmar literature, look back on the lives of Nat Shin Naung, the king of Taunggu, and Sale U Pone Nya. The process of their lives was just one sector but the art and literature created by them was the other one. Those two sectors were quite different because their literature was a precious inheritance that every Myanmar should value.”

“There have been many artists in the world to be noted as examples. Arthur Rimbaud, the French poet, worked as a trader of slaves at his time. Knut Hamsun who was a Noble Prize winner (1920) and Norwegian poet was a supporter of Nazism. Although his opinion and behavior were not accepted by many people, his poems and artifacts could not be denied. I don’t mean that only the artist who has got good moral conduct must be accepted. There were many masterpieces and classical artifacts but we could not even know the name of the creators. Therefore we could not contemplate their moral conduct. However, evaluation of a kind of artifacts is just associated with those things not the personal essence of the creators.”

“I’d like to simile the life of an artist who can create excellent work of art with the moon. All the people of the world want, love and admire the moon. They wish for the moon whether it shines or not. They say ‘Three-day moon as an eyebrow’, ‘My full-moon’, ‘My love will bloom only when the moonlight sprays on it’ etc. These are the real emotion of the people from the earth who stay away from the moon with a distance of about 240,000 miles. In fact, this emotion leads to the pleasure, happiness, and peace of man. When one asks whether the emotion is Right or Wrong, there is an only answer ‘Right’.”

“However, if we go to the moon to take shelter in its bosom, the emotion mentioned above will entirely disappear one by one. It is not possible for a human to live on the moon due to its adverse conditions such as no oxygen, no water, no weather, extreme temperatures, etc. The emotions such as pleasure, happiness, and peace which are felt from the earth by man will surely disappear.”

“In fact, the emotion felt from the earth is right and so is the real situation of the moon. Therefore, making the example to some artists and their artifacts with the moon will be the most compatible.”

“One of my ex-pupils made his friend a very long explanation in order to understand his opinion. The other shook his head saying, ‘As for me, if I happen to hate one, I hate not only him but also his artifact, his family, his dwelling, the road he lives on...’”

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Marching to victory together with Naga people at Naga New Year Festival

By Chan Tha (Meiktila)

Ah-Hay”, “Ah-Hay”, “Ah-Hay!”—the introduction of a Naga ethnic song from a group of Naga men woke me up while I was resisting the morning’s severe cold winter in the hilly region of Naga, as I stayed under my blanket.

Naga men and women were busy in the early morning in January last year, celebrating their new year festival. It was the first time I visited the Naga New Year Festival in Leshi in Sagaing Region.

I quickly washed my face, finished my breakfast, took my camera and walked over to the area where they celebrate the major day of the festival. Naga men wore traditional ethnic hand-woven dresses, along with typical ceremonial ornaments, including beads of claws of bear as a strap, ivory armlets, necklaces made of tiger teeth, straps made of shells, leather shield, traditional spears and knives.

I found that they were preparing to erect a ceremonial pole. Though this was my first visit, I realized that they would dance in groups to start the festival. Representatives from different ethnic tribes arrived in town before the ceremony to celebrate the festival.

I had the chance to talk to a man waiting to participate in a performance. He said he was from a Makuri Naga tribe.

“To arrive here, we spent five nights in the mountains,” said the man. They trekked continually up and down hills.

The annual festival is held alternately in Leshi, Lahe and Nanpyin.

The 2020 festival will be held in Lahe on 15 January.

The festival has attracted local and foreign travellers, as well as photographers, allowing them to experience the traditions and customs of the Naga ethnic people.

The special meal for the visitors is Gayal meat and traditional liquor made of rice.

For Naga, they can receive meat and liquor for free when they visit other villages, after they loudly call “Ah-Hay” “Ah-Hay” “Ah-Hay” three times.

“How about one or two times?” I asked him. He replied, “No food, no liquor.”

He also explained the meaning of Ah-Hay, which is “Let’s march to victory.”

Let’s meet in Lahe in January to hear “Ah-Hay” “Ah-Hay” “Ah-Hay”.

(Translated by Nat Ye Hla)
The importance of having kind and loving relationships with people around us

A relationship is composed of many things: friendship, intellectual compatibility and love. Love is the glue that keeps the relationship strong and solid. A relationship without love cannot continue to exist. Thus, we should build relationships with people around us with love. There are different kinds of relationships that we can build with the people around us. They are a family relationship, a business relationship, a doctor-patient relationship, a parent-child relationship, a teacher-student relationship, etc. So, it is important to have kind and loving relationships with people around us at all levels of society so that we can build a peaceful society.

As human beings, we need to have kindness and love. If we do not have those qualities in our heart, we will not be much different from animals. Animals do not have those qualities. When a dog sees another dog, the first one shows its teeth, not kindness. When a cat meets another cat, the former tries to give the latter a scratch, not love. When people meet each other, they give a smile or exchange hellos. When there are four sublime states of mind namely metta or love, compassion or kindness, sympathetic joy and equanimity among human beings, the world is a very peaceful and pleasant place to live in. Having kind and loving relationships with others is a sign of these four sublime states of mind. Although there may be different relationships between different groups of people such as parents and children, teachers and pupils, employers and employees, the basic need is the same: kind and loving relationship.

Having kind and loving relationships with people around us is very important to us in order to set up a caring and humane society. In fact, we should start a loving relationship among the family members to enjoy a happy family by helping one another. Next, we should set up a loving relationship with our neighbours. We must be kind, friendly and helpful to our neighbours to build a close rapport with them. If we have a loving relationship with our neighbours, we can live peacefully in our surroundings. Then, we should create a working relationship with our colleagues with love. This means we should have a loving relationship that is appropriate for people working together. If we have a loving relationship among our colleagues, we can start our daily work actively and end it happily. As we are able to build a happy atmosphere in our business, we can carry on a profitable business. Not only that, we should build loving relationships between teachers and students to enjoy good education, doctors and patients to enjoy good health, employers and employees to run a good business, the government and the people to build a peaceful, pleasant and prosperous nation.

In conclusion, kind and loving relationship is very important everywhere in the world. It is the key to success. It is the door of a happy world. It is a magic wand. It is an invisible string that binds human beings to be able to live happily in society. If we have loving relationships with people around us at every level of society, we can enjoy a happy family, a peaceful environment, a profitable business, good education, good health and a developed nation. Of course, it goes without saying that having kind and loving relationships with people around us play an important part in our daily lives to build a civilized society.
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Daw Khin Kyat paused for a while after her long explanation about life.

Ko Zaw was silent often blinking his eyes. The mother knows that her son does not seem to understand her words. She thinks deeply about how to explain to gain his attention. “Dear, you seem you do not understand it very well. If so, I am going to tell you a story that highlights life that you really want to know. Listen to me carefully…”

Once upon a time, a man and his son were going through the forest hills. Suddenly the boy fell down on the trail and screamed with pain, “Ahh!” Surprisingly, he heard the same voice from the mountain, ‘Ahh!’ Curiously, the boy shouted, “Who is this?” But the voice replied the same, “Who is this?” He got angry, and shouted again, “You are stupid!” And again the voice replied the same, “You are stupid!”

Annoyed by this, the boy asked his father, “Father, What is going on? Who is this?” The Father replied, “Son, Pay attention”. The father shouted, “You are very nice”. And the voice responded the same, “You are very nice!” The father again shouted, “Thank you”. And the voice again responded the same, “Thank you!” The son was very surprised but he still could not understand what was happening.

The father explained, “Son, people call it resonance, but this is the truth of life. Life is a reflection of your actions. What you will give to others, you will receive the same in return.”

After telling the story, Daw Khin Kyat seems rather tired looking through the window and makes a deep breath. Then she looks at her son and says, “Son, what we give to others, life gives us the same in return. Every life is not an accident or a coincidence, but it is the shadow of their actions.”

“Praise thanks, Mom, I understand it very well,” replied Ko Zaw.

INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SCHEDULE