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PRC President Mr Xi Jinping to visit Myanmar in near future

AT the invitation of U Win Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, His Excellency

Mr. Xi Jinping, President of the People's Republic of China will pay a State Visit to the Republic of the

Union of Myanmar in the near future.—MNA

State Counsellor joins 72nd Kachin State Day

CHAIRPERSON of the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, delivered a keynote address at the celebrations of 72nd Kachin State Day at the Manaw Ground of Myitkyina, Kachin State, yesterday.

She was accompanied by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Ye Aung, U Min Thu, Dr Aung Thu, U Ohn Win, U Thein Swe and Dr Myint Htwe, Kachin State Chief Minister Dr Khet Aung, the State Hluttaw Speaker, Chief Justice, Advocate-General and Auditor-General of the State, Deputy Ministers, state cabinet members, Chief of Myanmar Police Force Police Lt-Gen Aung Win Oo and other officials.

Ceremony commencement

Firstly, Dr Khet Aung read the President's Message of Greetings on the occasion of the 72nd Anniversary celebrations of Kachin State Day. This was followed by the keynote address of the State Counsellor. **(The State Counsellor's address is presented on Page 4 and 5).**

Next, Rev U Jone Khaung of Sitapu Baptist Church offered prayers for the nation, the citizens, the State Counsellor and officials, the 72nd Kachin State Day celebrations and Manaw Festival.

Next, the State Counsellor, Union Minister Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Chief Minister Dr Khet Aung, State Hluttaw Speaker U Tun Tin and Kachin Baptist

Convention General-Secretary Rev Hpaawyng Tu Mai cut ceremonial ribbons to inaugurate the Manaw Festival and 72nd Kachin State Day. The State Counsellor then participated in the Manaw dance with the Union Ministers, Chief Minister, officials, ethnic cultural troupes and local residents. She then met cordially with Manaw Traditional Group leaders, The Kachin National Association of Tradition and Culture (Myanmar) Chairman U Htone Phoo Dagon and members at the Manaw House.

The State Counsellor received a Kachin traditional gift and painting from the traditional culture association and its Chairman delivered an address.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivers the opening speech at the 72nd Kachin State Day celebrations in Myitkyina, Kachin State yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Children’s Literary Festival (Kyonpyaw) kicks off in Ayeyawady Region

THE Kyonpyaw edition of the Children’s Literary Festival was inaugurated by Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint and Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Hla Moe Aung at B.E.H.S. (1) Kyonpyaw yesterday morning.

This festival was organized between the regional cabinet, the Information and Public Relations Department, Basic Education Department and the township administration committee.

Firstly, the Union Minister, Chief Minister, officials and two outstanding students formally opened the festival and then took a documentary photo with all attendees. Students of B.E.H.S. (1) then sang the theme song of the Children’s Literary Festival in the school’s Aung San Hall.

Dr Pe Myint’s speech

Next, the Union Minister delivered a speech. He said the Children’s Literary Festivals were first started in the 2016-2017 financial year with the aim to promote a love of literature in children, developing teamwork skills while joyfully participating in the festival’s events, and

accumulate wisdom in order to become successful leaders of the nation in the future.

He said the festivals are organized by the Ministry of Information, Ministry of Education and the relevant state or regional government. So far, the festivals have been held in 9 areas of Nay Pyi Taw and the states and regions and in 43 times at the district level while enthusiasts grouped together to organize the festival 11 times, said the Union Minister.

He said they will continue organizing the festivals across the nation and because of the active participation of children from all townships of Ayeyawady Region in the similar festival held in Patheingyi last year, this type of implementation is currently being carried out in the 26 townships of the region by the regional government and is a cause for particular delight.

The Union Minister said he sees festivals are successful due to active cooperation from department officials, local elders and volunteers and is thankful to everyone responsible for organizing the festivals and making them a success in which children are happily par-



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint and Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Hla Moe Aung present shirts to students at the Children's Literary Festival in Kyonpyaw, Ayeyawady Region yesterday. **PHOTO: SOE MIN OO (IPRD)**

ticipating.

Regional Chief Minister’s speech

Next, Chief Minister U Hla Moe Aung delivered a speech. He said they organized the Children’s Literary Festival with the belief that it will bring numerous valuable benefits for children. He said his government

is expanding on the children literary festival process undertaken by the Information and Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Information.

He said this festival in Kyonpyaw Township is the 16th festival organized by the local government, with each having taken place in 16 out of 26 townships in the whole

of Ayeyawady Region. He said this festival paving the way for children to develop a fondness for literature and become valuable citizens in establishing the nation.

The Chief Minister highlighted the exhibition on the outstanding people of Ayeyawady for children to model after. He said being able to organize these festivals brightens the future of the nation and plants the seeds for positive opportunities.

Afterwards, students of B.E.H.S. (1) sang a song for unity, students of B.E.M.S. (Myoma) acted out a story, and students of B.E.H.S.(2) sang ‘Ma Ma Patheingyi’.

Following this, the Union Minister, Chief Minister and officials observed the outstanding people of Ayeyawady exhibit, children’s reading room, department exhibits, NGO exhibits, literature seminars, literature discussion, competitions, festivities, sports contests and book sale booths in the festival.

The Ayeyawady Region government first began organizing the Children’s Literary Festival on 1 November, 2019, and this edition in Kyonpyaw Township is the 16th festival thus far. There are plans to organize the festival in the remaining townships of the region.—Nay Win (IPRD)



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint, Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister U Hla Moe Aung and officials cut ribbon to open the Children's Literary Festival in Kyonpyaw, Ayeyawady Region yesterday. **PHOTO: SOE MIN OO (IPRD)**

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

State Counsellor joins 72nd Kachin State Day

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The State Counsellor then said she was honoured to be able to participate in the Kachin Manaw festival and hopes to join in on future events as well. She then wished the ethnic brothers and sisters living in Kachin State peace, prosperity and the opportunity to organize joyous celebrations every year.

Afterwards, the State Counsellor took a documentary photo with Union Ministers, Chief Minister, officials, the Chairman and members of The Kachin National Association of Tradition and Culture (Myanmar), cultural troupes, Hluttaw representatives, Manaw festival organizers and other officials.

The Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Peace Creation Group and Kachin Ethnic Entrepreneurs Association also sent messages of greetings for the occasion.

Visiting children in Shwe Sett Ward

From there, the State Counsellor visited the Highland Students Cultivation Home in Shwe Sett Ward, Myitkyina, and met with the students there. The home is accredited by the Department of Social Welfare.

The students first performed the songs 'Do Taing Pyi Atwet Thu Ye Kaung' and 'Nyein Chan Yay Ko Ti Saut So' and the deputy supervisor of the home, State Hluttaw representative Daw Khaw Mar Wu, gave a briefing about the home to the State Counsellor.

The State Counsellor then gave a short speech to the students. She said it was wonderful to be greeted with songs by chil-



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi poses for a commemorative photo with Hluttaw representatives, Kachin ethnic leaders and officials at the celebration of 72nd Kachin State Day at the Manaw Ground of Myitkyina, Kachin State, yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

dren when she came last time and every song has something to be valued. Every lyric has constructive meaning for the nation and believes that songs are not just for singing but also for elevating the spirit as well, she said.

She said she has been in contact with this home for some time since the initial contact through Daw Khin Kyi Foundation and it is important to continue cultivating the excellent physical and mental attributes of children.

She hoped for children to use their time wisely and called for systematic nurturing, adding that Daw Khin Kyi Foundation always supports full nutrition for the children. She said sufficient nutrition is essential for building resilience and it and mental and physical capabilities need to be fulfilled at an early age.

The State Counsellor said while the children here arrived

due to flood-related disasters they are now free from it but the home is still operational as it offers educational and social support to them, and she is happy it does.

She told the children she wants them to become good friends with each other as the friends you make today will become valuable and reliable comrades later in life. She thanked everyone currently helping, especially for kids to be able to participate in building their own future.

She told the children to remember their nation is a republic made up of different ethnic groups and called for teachers to properly explain the meaning of a 'Union' to the children. She said kids need to be taught honesty and teachers need to be clear and honest on what they can or cannot answer when children raise questions.

She said she wanted chil-

dren to read more and cultivate that habit from an early age as it allows them to understand the union spirit and see the individual value of each ethnic race. She said they will continue supporting the home and urged the children to try their best in their studies.

The State Counsellor then handed over new banknotes with images of Bogyoke Aung San, hats and toys for the home and Union Minister U Thein Swe and Deputy Minister U Soe Aung handed over donation money for purchasing computers and financial assistance and food respectively.

The State Counsellor, Union Ministers, Chief Minister and officials then took a documentary photo with the executive committee and students of the home and the State Counsellor took an individual photo with the students as well.

Meeting with State cabinet

Next, the State Counsellor held a meeting with the Kachin State government at Myitkyina Palm Spring Resort. She spoke of the local government's responsibility to prevent hindrances to peace in Kachin State, the importance of peace during normal development processes, giving careful consideration to the public requests from the other day, attending the public meetings with hope and valuing the people's voice while implementing them with deep regard, swiftly finishing those that can be done immediately, finding a solution to terminological disputes concerning Kachin State Day with the local cabinet assuming full responsibility including promoting unity among the different ethnic groups residing together, and their duty to support coexistence among the ethnic races while the Union government is conducting meetings. Next, the Chief Minister and state ministers explained the Kachin State Day ceremony matters, closing IDP camps and people returning home of their own volition, and matters requiring coordination from the Union government. The State Counsellor gave comments and advice to ensure coordination based on discussions by the Union Ministers, gave policy guidance and pointed out matters to be handled with utmost care and attention by the state cabinet. Afterwards, the State Counsellor and entourage departed by special flight from Myitkyina and landed in Nay Pyi Taw in the evening. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with Kachin State Chief Minister and State Ministers at the Palm Spring Hotel in Myitkyina, Kachin State yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Speech delivered by State Counsellor at 72nd anniversary of Kachin State Day in Myitkyina

10th January, 2020

I AM delighted to be present at the celebrations of the 72nd anniversary of Kachin State Day. Being here with the union brethren here today shows how much we respect our nation, how much we wish for it to develop and become stable, we are able to show that and for that I am very grateful. As it is also in the beginning of the New Year I wish to extend New Year wishes to the Kachin brethren. May everyone possess good health and peace of mind.

The reason I want to attend Kachin State Day is because a lot different ethnic races live in Kachin State. This state encompasses different ethnic races, faiths and languages so it is a perfect model of what our Union should be.

Just as it was outlined in the President's message earlier, our Kachin State Day was the first when we weren't very far from independence. You can even say it was born at the same time as our independence. That is why this Kachin State Day that was designated a week after attaining independence, we need to reevaluate the meaning of independence.

When our fathers of indepenence worked hard for freedom there was something they said over and over again. A nation that wanted to create its own destiny must have the opportunity to create its own destiny. We need to have the courage and duty to create our destiny and the skills to do so.

When we think about why we want to create our destinies it's because we want emotional security. We cannot have emotional security if our lives are like water in someone else's hands. That is why our independence fathers wanted to create their destinies, their nation's security and emotional security of the citizens and they wanted to take responsibility for that as well.

We need physical security to achieve emotional security too. That is why internal peace is important to finalize our independence. The aim of our independence is to write our own destinies and have emotional security for all citizens. Peace is an indispensable part of it all.

That is why the responsibility to achieve peace is on us after we have achieved independence.

Our forefathers fulfilled their duties during their generation and we need to evaluate if we have done the same in our generation. To be accountable for this we need to achieve peace.

Kachin State is interlinked with Panglong based on Panglong Union. Some people even say Panglong starts from Kachin. We achieved agreements on this land and signed the Panglong Treaty later.

Before he went to Panglong, I think



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivers the opening address at the 72nd Kachin State Day celebrations in Myitkyina, Kachin State yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

we can say my father had the happiest photos in Kachin State. You cannot find him smiling this happily in any other photos. It is because he was thinking that we would be able to establish our republic, a free republic or union and that hope was sparkling in him.

So, our hopes for a brighter future started from here. It is important that we implement that in our own generation. Now we are implementing the freedom that our forefathers achieved in the 20th Century and we need to end it in the 21st century. It means implementing genuine long lasting peace.

For our objectives to be realized we need to build understanding among ourselves. So is building trust. We must also believe we need peace and that it can be achieved. We must accept it is our responsibility to do so.

We must finish what our ancestors began in our generation and not continue it into the next generation. There are different types of duties. We need to maintain the good inheritance left by our ancestors. We are also responsible to the next generation. We must leave behind valuable inheritances to the next generation.

Therefore, it is crucial that we implement the duties of the past and future in the present. We need to be involved in the peace process so that we can leave behind valuable legacies for our next generation.

For any nation to succeed we need the participation of all citizens. For a republic like ours we need the participation of all ethnic races. We need to be united with union spirit. We are first and foremost citizens of this republic and

after that we can think about our own ethnic race.

With our left and right hands which are diverse, we can hold things firmly. If both hands are on the same side, we cannot hold things firmly. So, we need to use the diversity in the right way. Diversity is

conflicts in our country. Only when we cease the internal armed conflicts, can our country achieve progress and can our people enjoy development.

I understand that SutManaw is related with making friendships. How about celebrating the SutManaw for making friends and welcoming our ethnic brethren on which we viewed as enemies in the past? This attitude is more important than just making friendships. Not as new friends. It is important for us to make efforts for reaching a situation of reunification with our brethren as friends though we considered each other as enemies in the past.

I understand that JuManaw is celebrated when elders are suffering illness or passes away. What I understand is that this Manaw is aimed at relieving the elders mentally when they suffer ill health or entering a heaven after they pass away. How about relieving our leaders by bringing peace to our country, helping them to enter to a next life after they pass away, after they have witnessed our Union with development. This is the best gift we can give to them. This is my view. Therefore, I want to see a kind of Manaw informing the elders that we can guarantee security and safety to our next generations.

Next one is KunyanManaw. I under-

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not a problem. Using the diversity not in the right way is the problem. Therefore, we don't need to be afraid of diversity. There are no reasons which can make our problems bigger with the use of diversity. I would like to urge all the people to turn diversity into the strength of the country.

What I understand is that there are five major Manaw festivals. Please forgive me if I pronounce them wrongly. PadanManaw, SutManaw, JuManaw, KwanyanManaw and ShaditphawManaw. I understand that the first PadanManaw represents the victory in the war. So, I want you to view these traditional five Manaw festivals in accordance with the needs of the current era. How great is a kind of festival today to celebrate over ending the internal conflicts rather than victory in the war. I want all of the people to make efforts for holding that kind of festival to celebrate ceasing internal

stand that this Manaw celebrates establishing a new territory. So, let's build a new Union. How about building a peaceful and developed Union? If we all work hard together, we can build it. By doing so, we can celebrate our victory.

I understand that the last one ShaditphawManaw is celebrated to drive the dangers out of the new territory. This is very easy. If we start our work as from now, we can achieve it and I am confident that we can celebrate these traditional Manaw festivals in accordance with the needs of the current era and of the next generations.

In the history of our country, human beings, the past, the present and the future are related. We should not be trapped within ourselves in the past. We should preserve good deeds we did in the past and should break away from the bad deeds. The present is in our hands.

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Speech delivered by State Counsellor at 72nd anniversary of Kachin State Day in Myitkyina

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The past is not in our hands and so is the future. I would like urge all of you to work and make efforts together for building a good future by using the opportunities in our hands in the present.

On this auspicious day Kachin State, I think about the past events. I want all of you to think about some things such as : how did the Kachin State emerge? How does today's Kachin State reflect? How can we make efforts based on the Kachin State Day for establishing a Union which can bring rays of hopes for our future. I would like to request all of you to do your best right now.

If we can do it, not just Kachin State Day, every day would be our victory day.

Victory does not mean a celebration. We can enjoy our victory day every day when we do what we should every day in the right way. A day with our every step for doing good deeds is our victory day. Valuing our country starts with each and every citizen of our country and all are requested to work hard for celebrating the victory of our union.

Our government is working hard to carry out our responsibilities dutifully at most. Still, we are not satisfied with our efforts. We will never be satisfied with our efforts. Much remains to be done for our country. Even if we are satisfied with our contribution for today, we need to work hard again for the next day.

In fact, our peace process should be inclusiveness. To build our peace, it

is very important for all stakeholders to move forward while joining our hands.

Joining hands with each other means making promise with each other. Once we join hands, we promise ourselves that we go forward, face challenges together and share good results and bad results. It is very easy to say "joining hands". But, we need to make efforts with commitment to keep our promise given to each other.

Over 72 years ago, our ethnic brethren made a promise with each other to go forward while joining our hands. That is our independence. We gained our independence based on that promise. And we built a sovereign state of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. Today, we all need to think about that the Union we built is an authentic Union.

So, on this Kachin State Day, I would like to request all of you to think about our own expectations, hopes and deeds with the spirit of "Panglong starts from Kachin" and Kachin State which was born together with our Independence,

I would like to request each of you to make a commitment to do what you can after reviewing your deeds. Please remember what we promise each other in gestures and manners that we will move forward through thick and thin and please go ahead while keeping our promise.

In conclusion, I wish all our ethnic brethren here and in the world peace of mind and happiness not only for 2020 but also in the coming years. Thank you.

(Unofficial Translation)

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Stakes driven for Japan-Myanmar Aung San Vocational Training Institute

THE opening and stake-driving ceremony of the Japan-Myanmar Aung San Vocational Training Institute (JMASVTI) was held at the institute's construction area in Singu Ward, Insein Township, Yangon Region, at 9:30 am yesterday.

Present at the ceremony were Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung, Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Regional Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun and Deputy Speaker U Lin Naing Myint, Deputy Minister U Win Maw Tun, regional cabinet members, Pyithu and Amyotha Hluttaw representatives, regional Hluttaw representatives, Japanese members of parliament Mr Kozo Yamamoto and Mr Satoshi Fujimaru, Japanese Ambassador Mr Ichiro Maruyama, JICA Chief Representative Mr Masayuki Karasawa, Myanmar-Japan Parliamentary Friendliness Association Chairman U Kyaw Htwe, directors-general, rectors and officials

from the Ministry of Education, representatives from UMFCCI, Myanmar Engineers Council, and public companies related to developing Myanmar motor-vehicles, and principals, teachers and students from various vocational training institutions.

Firstly, Dr Myo Thein Gyi delivered a speech where he said the JMASVTI project is funded by the Japanese government and will be built on the grounds of the former technical high school (Aung San) and equipped with necessary apparatuses. He said the institute will primarily focus on teaching automotive technology maintenance and electromechanical engineering.

The Union Minister said the AGTI Diploma-level three-year course on the two subjects had actually began to be taught on 2 December, 2019. He said the Ministry of Education is implementing the National Education Strategic Plan (2016-2021) and places great emphasis on technical and vocational sector. He said JMASVTI is a most valuable



Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi addresses the opening and stake-driving ceremony of the Japan-Myanmar Aung San Vocational Training Institute (JMASVTI) in Insein Township, Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

project for fulfilling labour market demands.

Next, Mr Kozo Yamamoto delivered a speech and Mr Karasawa Masayuki explained the establishment of JMASVTI. This was followed by U Aye Tha Aung, Dr Myo Thein Gyi, U Phyo

Min Thein, U Tin Maung Tun, Mr Kozo Yamamoto, Mr Fujimaru Satoshi, and Mr Ichiro Maruyama taking their respective positions and driving their ceremonial stakes into the ground.

Afterwards, U Win Maw Tun, U Kyaw Htwe, U Maung Maung

Oo, Mr Kozo Yamamoto, Mr Satoshi Fujimaru, Mr Ichiro Maruyama, Mr Masayuki Karasawa cut ceremonial ribbons to inaugurate the JMASVTI opening and state driving ceremony.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Sagaing Region launches Int'l Trade Fair 2020

THE Sagaing International Trade Fair 2020 was formally opened in Sagaing Region yesterday.

Firstly, Sagaing Region Chief Minister Dr Myint Naing, Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo, Consulate General of India Mr Nandan Singh Bhaisora, Regional Hluttaw Speaker U Than, Minister for

Security and Border Affairs Col Than Tun Aung, Minister for Planning and Finance U Soe Oo, UMFCCI Vice President U Thein Han and other officials cut ceremonial ribbons and inaugurated the trade fair.

Next, the Chief Minister delivered a speech where he said Sagaing Region is the biggest region and trade plays a

central role. Thus, organizing trade fairs like this will allow businesses to link with each other, increase trade perspectives and knowledge, increase high-quality product production to penetrate external markets through regional trade, and increase friendly relations and cooperation in the future.

Next, Deputy Minister U

Aung Htoo said the nation is endeavoring to promote trade, investment and travel sectors and cooperation in commerce. He said his ministry did policy amendments and lessening restrictions related to increasing national trade volume and annual trade volumes are now noticeably rising as a result.

The Chief Minister, Deputy

Minister and officials then observed the booths at the trade fair. From there, the Deputy Minister visited Saunder's Weaving Institute in Amarpura Township, Mandalay Region, and observed the textiles, paraphernalia and clothing on display while giving encouragement. —MNA

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Assistance provided in over 300 legal cases in 2019, post city taxi registrations: YRTA

By Nyein Nyein

ON account of the systematic registration of city taxis, the Yangon Region Transport Authority provided assistance in more than 300 cases involving accidents, robbery, items reported missing from vehicles, and other criminal cases in 2019, said U Hla Aung, Joint Secretary of the YRTA.

“There have been many cases such as drivers fleeing sites of vehicle mishaps and other suspected crimes. We have assisted in all of these cases. We have been able to assist the authorities because of the systematic registration of city taxis,” said U Hla Aung.

“According to official statistics provided by the YRTA, we have provided assistance in 622 cases in 2017, 436 cases in 2018, and 308 cases in 2019 due to the registration of city taxis,” he added.

City taxi registrations



Taxis run in downtown Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

began in 2002 to bring transport services on par with Yangon’s image as a commercial hub and for regulating taxi services. Earlier, the registration of city taxis was handled

by the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC). The YRTA was formed during the incumbent government’s term to improve transport facilities in Yangon for the convenience

of the public.
There were 65,615 registered city taxis as of 31 December, 2019, according to the data from the YRTA.
(Translated by Hay Mar)

Over 2,000 drivers attend YBS special driver’s training course

By Nyein Nyein

MORE THAN 2,000 drivers took the Yangon Bus Service (YBS) special driver’s training courses, said U Hla Aung, Joint Secretary of the Yangon Region Transport Authority (YRTA).

“The YBS special driver’s training course was first opened in July, 2017. As of now, a total of 2,088 drivers have undergone training. Most of them are currently employed with YBS bus lines,” he added.

The YBS special driver’s training course was jointly opened by the YRTA and the

Road Transport Administration Department (RTAD) to reduce road accidents and ensure the observance of traffic rules and regulations. Those who hold a three-year driving license can also apply for the driver’s training courses.

“This is one of the special projects supervised by the Union Government in Yangon Region. According to the Vehicle Law, the drivers must have (E) (Nga) license to drive heavy vehicles. Those who want to apply for an (E) (Nga) license must have a five-year driving license. The YBS special driver’s training courses are be-

ing conducted with the aim to produce qualified drivers for the YBS system. YBS driver’s training courses are private training courses, opened with the permission of the Union government,” said U Hla Aung.
Drivers who wish to attend YBS driver’s training courses must undergo a psychological evaluation as well as vision and hearing tests. The YBS special driver’s training courses involve not only driving lessons and practice sessions, but also lessons on engineering, medical first aid, and fire safety, he added.

Meanwhile, more than

8,000 smart cards have been issued to YBS drivers employed with YBS bus lines so passengers have the personal information of every single driver.
The YBS was launched on 16 January, 2017 during the incumbent government’s term to improve transport facilities in Yangon. At present, more than 100 bus lines are operating 4,600 buses on about 135 routes, along with the Airport Shuttle and city transit. The number of daily commuters has been estimated at 1.8 million.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

420 killed, 2,991 others injured in road accidents in Ayeyawady last year

A total of 420 persons were killed and 2,991 others were injured in 1,629 road accidents in the Ayeyawady Region in 2019, according to figures obtained from the regional Traffic Police.

“In 2018, a total of 2,333 road accidents in Ayeyawady Region had left 419 persons dead and 3,428 others injured. The number of injured persons declined in 2019. But, there was

one more death reported in 2019. The drivers were found to not have obeyed traffic rules and regulations. So, road mishaps continued to occur,” said an officer with the Ayeyawady Region Traffic Police. Compared to 2018, the number of road accidents declined by 704 in 2019.

Reckless driving, over-speeding, defective vehi-

cles, and inclement weather were identified as the main causes of accidents on the country’s roads and expressways.
“Educational campaigns have been carried out throughout the Ayeyawady Region. However, it is still important to remind people who drive vehicles to be careful. Accidents will decline only if people abide by traffic rules,” said a regional

traffic police officer on duty.
To reduce the incidence of road accidents, the traffic police are conducting regular awareness talks and distributing pamphlets. The traffic police have been filing charges against suspected reckless drivers under Sections 279, 337, 338, and 304 (A) of Penal Code.—Aye Maung
(Translated by Hay Mar)

Myanmar Investment Commission approves investment proposals including supply and sales of electricity in Rakhine State which will create over 1,300 job opportunities

The meeting approved six projects in the power sector, other sector, manufacturing sector and hotel sector including gen-

By the end of November



Union Ministers U Thaung Tun and Dr Than Myint attend the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) meeting (1 / 2020) in Yangon on 10 January, 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

2019, the countries with the largest investment in Myanmar were Singapore, People's Republic of China and Thailand.

The top sector is Oil & Gas sector, accounted for 27.04%, followed by the Power sector, accounted for 26.15% and man-

ufacturing sector, accounted for 14.01% of the total permitted amount of foreign investment.
—MNA

Resources abundant, but Myanmar yet to build a large-scale gems market: U Phyo Min Thein

“International gems traders recognize Myanmar as rich in natural resources. Although our country has abundant gemstone

“We are supporting annual gems and jewellery expos to build the Yangon market. We are supporting the expos because

However, while gems and jewellery expos are being launched, many challenges are being faced, he added. In order to overcome these challenges, the Yangon Region government will negotiate with the related Union Ministries to make the expos in Yangon a success.

(Translated by Hay Mar)



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein looks around the display area at the third Yangon International Gems and Jewellery Fair 2020 in Yangon. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

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Sustainable ways of doing business key for protecting environment

SOIL, air, and water pollution are hitting countries across the world hard. A study by the US National Institute of Health cautions that oil spills may pose health risks for clean-up personnel as well as those living along the coast affected by the spill. Oil spillage is a major cause of river water pollution in Myanmar. Oil spills can pollute streams and rivers and have a devastating effect on the environment as the oil spreads over the surface in a thin layer that stops oxygen from reaching plants and animals that live in the water.

They harm insects and animals such as periwinkles, crabs, and crayfish; prevent photosynthesis in plants; disrupt the food chain; and, take a long time to recover from or remediate. Animals as such are particularly vulnerable. Besides, fishing which is a traditional occupation and source of income can be affected by oil spills. Many affected residents, especially in the worst-affected areas, have not recovered from the loss of livelihood on account of crude oil spills. To prevent the possible disasters caused by water pollution, the Ministry of Transport and Communications has drafted a project plan for responding to water pollution. The project plan would be submitted to the National Disaster Management Committee for approval. According to the project plan, oil spill is the main cause of water pollution. Loading and unloading of oil along rivers and accidents in rivers mainly result in water pollution. Water pollution affects birds and marine creatures, infrastructure, and mangrove forests in coastal areas. It also threatens water transportation and the fishery sector. Hence, a project plan for water pollution is sine qua non. According to the ministry, the project plan has been jointly drafted by a National Task Force comprising local and foreign experts. The project plan has two parts: strategy project and response project. The ministry has sought suggestions from the NDMC's rescue work committee and the transportation and communications work committee for tackling water pollution. The suggestions from the two committees would be incorporated into the draft of the project plan before it is submitted to the NDMC. With the project plan, we hope that public policies which will protect water resources, and which especially focus on pollution from industrial and oil spills, will curb river water pollution effectively.

With the project plan, we hope that public policies which will protect water resources, and which especially focus on pollution from industrial and oil spills, will curb river water pollution effectively. All stakeholders in the industries are urged to innovate and create sustainable ways of doing business that do not negatively impact the environment.



Elevate food production and food safety standards

By Maung Lu Aye

FOOD is a more basic need of man than shelter and clothing. It provides adequate nutrients for the body's growth, maintenance, repair and reproduction. Myanmar is an agriculture-based country that relied on the agriculture sector and the majority of the country's population were peasants and farmers. The Government was establishing a long term agriculture production system that supported the socio-economic development of rural people and the country's economic development through increased production of agriculture products that could compete internationally.

Food safety is the first World Health Organization said the number of chemicals applied to vegetable crops has increased by up to 17 fold in 40 years, data shows, as the organic food industry and scientists have warned that consumers are exposed to a "toxic cocktail" of pesticides. Myanmar depends on its agricultural sector and is critically important to learn how to use pesticides systematically. Climate



A worker watering chilli plantation Padigon Township in Pyay District. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

Food safety starts with farmers and continues through the value chain of food manufacturing and services, via packing houses, value-added operations, and points of sale, before reaching the consumer.

change is causing a reduction in crop production with the rain acting out of pattern. All of us indiscriminately cut down our forests and use excessive insecticides and pesticides in our agriculture, and the farming sector is now facing the consequences of it. More agricultural loans are required so that high interest loans from other sources need not be depended on. The excessive use of chemicals can be attributed to inadequate infrastructure in the agricultural sector, weak fiscal policies, market deficiencies, lack of widespread usage of modern agricultural systems and an efficient working environment, and absence of coordination among cultivators. There are laws and bylaws

necessary for the development of Myanmar's agricultural sector that have yet to be drafted. Educational programs in ethnic languages would also be beneficial. **Role of trust and reliability in business sector** The agriculture sector is one of the most important sectors for Myanmar's economy, contributing 30 per cent to Myanmar's GDP and 25 per cent of the country's exports. Our country is based on agriculture and our agriculture products had good names. As lifestyles develop and change people are demanding safe food. Our farmers and peasants are to use pesticides and chemical only when it is absolutely necessary. Excessive use of chemicals

will have bad consequences on our agriculture products both in local and international markets. Trust and reliability are important in business. Once trust is lost, it would be hard to restore it. Our farmers and peasants must be responsible producers for our consumers. We are competing in the global market. We must be up to the standard set by the world. Developed countries are careful about their health. They take great care towards ensuring the safety of the food they consume. If our agriculture products were not up to the standard set by the world, it'll be difficult for us to enter the world market. We need to think long term and don't look at short term gains. Using excessive pesticides will kill pest quickly but the outcome is getting less price for the product. Sometimes, it might become unsaleable. So look long term and put in effort towards producing world standard food. Our agriculture sector is competing with the world. We must always look at the situation of other countries. In an age when we are competing with the world, we must put in our effort and develop.

World organizations had predicted our country to have the fastest development rate. Even though this is an encouragement, it must be noted that we need to do it. We could not relax because we were predicted to have the fastest development rate. Our farmers, the banks and the business persons are obliged to work hand in hand to develop the agriculture sector. **Elevate food production and food safety standards** Food safety starts with farmers and continues through the value chain of food manufacturing and services, via packing houses, value-added operations, and points of sale, before reaching the consumer. In recent years, the government has raised awareness among farmers growing vegetables and fruits to adopt the GAP system, so as to ensure that food produced is of a certified level of quality and safety. We can help our farmers to unlock the potential of the local agriculture and livestock and fisheries sector and foster export opportunities by providing training likes GAP and organic cultivation

to them to produce the food meet international standards. By providing trainings around food safety, crop production handling and good agricultural practices, we are allowing food producers to meet international standards. For ensuring food safety, the GAP guidelines can help the farmers to implement systems and procedures at their farm to ensure that they mitigate the risk of contamination from the process of growing and harvesting, to storage and transportation. Meanwhile, the government is obliged to find more local and foreign markets for food produced with GAP guidelines so that farmers can sell their goods at profitable prices with confidence.

Reports in September last year said that the price of sesame cultivated under Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) fetched a good price on account of strong demand from Japan and China, allowing growers to earn a healthy profit. According to traders, regular sesame seeds are priced at K260,000 per bag, while sesame produced under GAP is fetching K272,000 per bag at present. It was found that to meet GAP standards, the Agriculture Department has joined hands with Japanese agriculturists for survey and research. Awareness-raising campaigns have also helped reap fruitful results. Black sesame seeds from Myanmar are also exported to South Korea and Japan. Meanwhile, China purchases various coloured sesame seeds from the country. For the GAP system to be successful, there must be proper adherence to the administration, from the most basic aspect of choosing proper farmland to storing crops, as well as documenting all steps of the process for reviewing and training purposes. This would ensure that agricultural products are safe for consumers and trading. He suggested establishing stores that sell GAP agricultural produce in every city and providing GAP training at agricultural education centres. Meanwhile, to ensure safe crops at every market in the country, the staff of the agricultural department would need additional training to carry out the GAP regulations on a nationwide scale. It is important for farmers to accept and use the GAP system as they thought best. To provide every department with proper equipment and to ensure that farmers practice the GAP system, we need an investment from local and foreign agro sector.



Myanmar Gazette

Heads of service organizations confirmed and appointed

1. The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of Dr Moe Swe, Director-General, Department of Traditional Medicine under the Ministry of Health and Sports on the expiry of one-year probationary period.
2. The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Htay Aung, General Manager, Inland Water Transport under the Ministry of Transport and Communications as Managing Director of the same office on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

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Myanmar Daily Weather Report
(Issued at 7:00 pm Friday 10th January, 2020)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 11th January, 2020: Light rain will be isolated in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in Taninthayi Region, Northern Shan, Chin, Rakhine and Mon States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (5-7) feet in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coast and about (3-5) feet in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthyai Coasts.

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

FORECAST FOR NAYPYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11th January, 2020: Fair weather.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11th January, 2020: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11th January, 2020: Fair weather.

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND: Weather will be generally fair in Naypyitaw, Yangon and Mandalay Regions.

MRCS President receives Swedish Red Cross President

THE President of the Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS), Dr Maung Maung Myint received President of the Swedish Red Cross Society, Ms Margareta Wahlstrom at the branch office of the MRCS in Yangon yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed plans to collaborate in philanthropic activities of Myanmar Red Cross Society. —Hein Min Soe

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



Myanmar Red Cross Society President Dr Maung Maung Myint meets with President of the Swedish Red Cross Society, Ms Margareta Wahlstrom, in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Children’s Literary Festival organized in Taungup, Rakhine State

THE Children’s Literary Festival was organized by Information and Public Relations Department, Basic Education Department and Township Management Committee with the leadership of Rakhine State government at the Taungup Degree College in Taungup, Rakhine State yesterday.

The opening ceremony of the festival was attended by Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun, Rakhine State Minister for Municipal Affairs U Win Myint, State Social Affairs Minister Dr Chan Thar, Pyithu Hluttaw Representative Daw Ni Ni May Myint, Principal of Taungup Degree College Dr Than Htut Lwin and town elder U Kyauk Taung to cut the ceremonial ribbon and they took the documentary photo with students.

The second session of the ceremony was started with the singing theme song sung by students from No1 Basic Education High School.

At the ceremony, Chief Minister U Nyi Pu gave an opening speech. In his speech, he hoped the festival will nurture foundness for literature among children. Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun also delivered the remark.

Towns elder U Kyauk Taung expressed appreciation for the festival and the students from Taungup Degree College entertained Rakhine traditional dance.

After the ceremony, Chief Minister, Deputy Minister and party visited the boots and book stalls. They encouraged and presented gifts to the students taking part in competitions.—

Thant Zin (District IPRD)
(Translated by TTN)



Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun, and officials pose for a group photo at the opening ceremony of Children Literary Festival in Taungup, Rakhine State. PHOTO: DISTRICT IPRD



Japanese Ambassador Mr. Maruyama Ichiro delivers the speech at the Japanese Film Festival in Yangon. PHOTO: HAN LIN AUNG (FDC)

Japanese Film Festival returns to Yangon

THE Japanese Film Festival, jointly organized by the Japanese Embassy and Japan Foundation, returns to Yangon’s Nay Pyi Taw cinema for 2019-2020 starting from yesterday to 19 January.

Japanese Ambassador Mr Maruyama Ichiro, his embassy officials and Film Promotion Division Director U Thein Naing attended the inauguration of the film festival at the cinema at 6 pm yesterday where they watched the Japanese film ‘Masquerade Hotel’.

During the opening ceremony, the Japanese Ambassador said this film festival extends the friendly relations between Myanmar and Japan, promotes familiarity with Japanese people through their films, and increases awareness of Japan’s culture. He hoped the Myanmar audience would enjoy the films.

The Japanese Film Festival will be held from 10 to 19 January at Nay Pyi Taw cinema, on 11 and 12 January at JCGV cinema in Junction City, and on 18 and 19 January in Mingalar (Tamway) cinema, all showing ten Japanese films.

The film festival was also held at the capital city’s Aung Thapyay cinema from 20 to 21 December last year and will be held from 31 January to 2 February of this year in Mandalay’s Win Light cinema as well.

— Han Lin Aung (FDC)
(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Indonesia, Japan agree to boost cooperation in South China Sea

JAKARTA — Japan and Indonesia agreed Friday to strengthen cooperation in further developing a newly built fisheries facility on the southern edge of the South China Sea and in providing technical support to the Indonesian coast guard.

The foreign ministers of the two countries reached the agreement in Jakarta amid heightened tension between Indonesia and China after Chinese vessels entered an Indonesian-claimed exclusive economic zone north of the Natuna Islands, a remote archipelago more than 1,000 kilometers north of the capital, Jakarta.

“We agreed to strengthen economic cooperation, particularly investment in the outermost Indonesian islands, including Natuna,” Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi told a press conference after meeting with her Japanese counterpart Toshimitsu Motegi.

The fisheries facility in the Natuna Islands, called the Natuna Integrated Marine and Fisheries Center, was launched late last year, and according to Retno, Indonesia and Japan agreed to strengthen cooperation in the second phase of its development, which begins next month.

—Kyodo News ■

Iraq asks US for team to prepare troop pullout

BAGHDAD — Iraq’s caretaker premier Adel Abdel Mahdi has asked the United States to send a delegation to Baghdad to begin preparing for a troop pullout, his office said on Friday.

In a phone call late Thursday with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo, Abdel Mahdi “requested that delegates be sent to Iraq to set the mechanisms to implement parliament’s decision for the secure withdrawal of (foreign) forces from Iraq.”

Some 5,200 US soldiers are stationed at bases across Iraq to support local troops preventing a resurgence of the Islamic State group.

They make up the bulk of a broader US-led coalition, invited by the Iraqi government in 2014 to help combat the jihadists.

Their deployment was based on an executive-to-executive agreement never ratified by Iraq’s parliament.



The United States has some 5,200 troops stationed at bases across Iraq, like this one visited by President Donald Trump and First Lady Melania in December 2018. **PHOTO: AFP**

But on Sunday, Iraq’s parliament voted in favour of rescinding that invitation and ousting all foreign troops.

The following day, US commanders sent a letter to their counterparts in Baghdad saying they were preparing for “move-

ment out of Iraq.”

The letter said the coalition would “be repositioning forces over the course of the coming

days and weeks to prepare for onward movement”.

The Pentagon said the letter was a draft sent by mistake but Abdel Mahdi disputed that account, saying his office had received signed and translated copies.

He has demanded clarification from Washington of its intentions, while the US-led coalition said Thursday that it too was seeking clarity on the legal ramifications of parliament’s vote.

Many Iraqi lawmakers had been infuriated by a US drone strike on Baghdad a week ago that killed Iranian Major General Qasem Soleimani and top Iraqi commander Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis, among others.

Days later, Iran fired a volley of missiles at Iraqi bases used by US and other coalition troops, causing damage but no casualties, according to officials.

—AFP ■

Iran denies missile downed Ukrainian plane

TEHRAN — Iran’s civil aviation chief denied Friday that a missile downed a Ukrainian airliner which crashed killing all 176 on board, dismissing claims of a catastrophic mistake by Tehran’s air defences.

The declaration came as Tehran faced mounting international pressure to allow a “credible” investigation into the crash, which Britain and Canada suggested was caused by an accidental missile strike.

“One thing is for certain, this airplane was not hit by a mis-

sile,” Iran’s civil aviation chief Ali Abedzadeh said.

The Boeing 737 crashed on Wednesday shortly after Tehran launched missiles at US forces in Iraq in response to the killing of a top Iranian general in a US drone strike in Baghdad.

It is Iran’s worst civil aviation disaster since 1988 when the US military said it shot down an Iran Air plane over the Gulf by mistake, killing all 290 people on board.

The majority of the passengers on Ukraine International

Airlines Flight PS752 were dual national Iranian-Canadians but they also included Ukrainians, Afghans, Britons and Swedes.

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau said Thursday that multiple intelligence sources indicated that an Iranian surface-to-air missile downed the plane after it took off from Tehran.

“We know this may have been unintentional. Canadians have questions, and they deserve answers,” Trudeau told reporters.

But Abedzadeh rejected the allegation, saying that “any remarks made before the data is extracted (from the plane’s black box flight recorders) ... is not an expert opinion.”

Trudeau’s comments came as video footage emerged that appeared to show the moment the airliner was hit.

The footage, which The New York Times said it had verified, shows a fast-moving object rising at an angle into the sky before a bright flash is seen, which dims and then continues moving forward. Several seconds later an explosion is heard.—AFP ■



Mourners in Toronto console each other during a vigil for the victims of Ukrainian Airlines flight 752 which went down in Iran, killing everybody aboard. **PHOTO: AFP**

Ice build-up may have caused Kazakh air crash

NUR-SULTAN — A build-up of ice may have caused a passenger plane crash in Kazakhstan last month in which 12 people died but dozens survived, a state commission said on Friday.

The plane, operated by budget carrier Bek Air, was torn apart and its nose crushed on impact with a two-storey building minutes after taking off from Almaty on 27 December.

Deputy Prime Minister Roman Sklyar said the plane’s wings had not been de-iced, causing a build-up that the commission had identified as the most likely cause of the crash.

“Work on treating this aircraft with anti-icing fluid was carried out only partly,” said Sklyar, who is in charge of the state commission.

“The aircraft commander decided to treat only the stabiliser with anti-icing fluid — the wings of the aircraft were not processed.”

Sklyar also read out excerpts of the pilot’s dialogue with his co-pilot that indicated a disagreement between the pair prior to the crash. The plane was carrying almost 100 passengers when it crashed into the building but most survived without being seriously hurt. Twenty-one people were still being treated for their injuries on Friday. Viktor Sorochenko, head of the Moscow-based Interstate Aviation Committee and another member of the commission, noted that ice build-up had been found as the cause of a crash involving another Fokker-100 in France in 2007.—AFP ■



The plane crashed minutes after take off on 27 December. **PHOTO: AFP**



According to Son, the scale of the investment has not been decided yet, but it will be separate from SoftBank's earlier pledge to invest \$2 billion in Indonesia over five years. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

Japan's SoftBank to invest in Indonesia's new capital

JAKARTA — Japan's SoftBank Group Corp. plans to invest in the development of the new Indonesian capital on Borneo Island, the tech giant's founder and Chief Executive Officer Masayoshi Son said Friday.

Son revealed the plan after meeting Indonesian President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo and the president's close aide, Coordinating Minister for Maritime Affairs Luhut Pandjaitan in Jakarta.

According to Son, the scale of the investment has not been decided yet, but it will be separate from SoftBank's earlier pledge to invest \$2 billion in Indonesia over five years.

"We are discussing potentials. We didn't discuss any specific number yet, but a new smart city, newest technology, a clean city and a lot of AI. That's what I'm interested in supporting," he told reporters.

Jokowi announced the

plan to relocate the country's capital from Jakarta to Borneo in August last year, with five years being touted as a timeframe for the move.

The new capital will be located between the East Kalimantan provincial capital of Samarinda and Balikpapan, its largest city, located some 90 kilometers to the south. Both are situated near the east coast of the world's third-largest island.— Kyodo News ■

Zuckerberg takes long view on new year's resolutions



Facebook's Mark Zuckerberg has previously pledged to learn a language and eat only meat from animals he killed himself. PHOTO: AFP

LOS ANGELES — Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg has ditched his annual new year's resolutions for a long-term list of goals and predictions that he posted on the social network, including a virtual reality boom and an emphasis on community.

In previous years the entrepreneur has pledged to learn a language, eat only meat from animals

he killed himself, and visit every US state — which sparked speculation he was kick-starting a run for president.

"This decade I'm going to take a longer term focus. Rather than year-to-year challenges, I've tried to think about what I hope the world and my life will look in 2030 so I can make sure I'm focusing on those things," Zuckerberg wrote

on Facebook.

"We'll have the technology to feel truly present with another person no matter where they are, and scientific research will have helped cure and prevent diseases to extend our average life expectancy by another 2.5 years."

While the internet has empowered billions by allowing people to connect whenever and wherever they want, he wrote, the next social platform will be about "private interactions and helping us build the smaller communities we all need in our lives."

Facebook has fallen foul of legislation restricting the use of personal data in several countries. In July, US regulators imposed a record \$5 billion fine on the company for not protecting the personal data of its users. — AFP ■

Too hot: Backlash over Canada coffee chain offer to Harry, Meghan

MONTREAL — A Canadian coffee chain that offered disenchanted British royals Prince Harry and his wife Meghan free coffee for life if they move to Canada has faced an online backlash.

The response came after Tim Hortons — synonymous with coffee in Canada — posted a tongue-in-cheek tweet on Wednesday saying: "No pressure, Meghan and Harry, but if you do choose to move to Canada, free coffee for life. Think about it."



Tim Hortons is synonymous with coffee in Canada. PHOTO: AFP

The offer proved hard to swallow for Canadians upset by the chain's labor relations practises. Canadian media reported that a branch of Tim Hortons

in Winnipeg locked out unionized workers who were asking for a pay rise.

In a shock announcement on Wednesday Harry and Meghan said they will step back as senior members of the royal family and spend more time in North

America, where Meghan lived for several years while filming the television series "Suits."

One Twitter user observed that the royals "can afford to buy the company. Your employees can't afford the rent."— AFP ■

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‘Damning’ Boeing documents show employees mocked US regulators

NEW YORK — Boeing’s 737 MAX plane is “designed by clowns who in turn are supervised by monkeys”, a company employee wrote in one of a trove of newly published internal messages.

The communications were released on Thursday by Boeing, whose 737 MAX plane was involved in two crashes that killed a total of 346 people in late 2018 and early 2019.

They include employees mocking US aviation authorities and bragging that they could get the plane certified with minimal training for pilots.

The documents could further worsen Boeing’s relations with regulators as it works to secure approval to allow the grounded jetliner to resume flights.

“I still haven’t been forgiven by God for the



Newly released Boeing documents show messages between employees mocking US aviation regulators. PHOTO: AFP

covering up I did last year,” one employee wrote in a message from 2018 in reference to dealing with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA).

“I know but this is what these regulators get when they try and get in the way. They impede progress,” another wrote in August 2015.

“This airplane is designed by clowns, who in turn are supervised by

monkeys,” said another employee in 2017, apparently in reference to the FAA. “Would you put your family on a MAX simulator trained aircraft? I wouldn’t,” a Boeing employee wrote to a colleague in another exchange.

“No,” the colleague answered.

Boeing said in a statement: “Some of these communications relate to the development and qualifica-

tion of Boeing’s MAX simulators in 2017 and 2018.”

The messages were sent to congressional investigators in the interest of transparency, it added.

The mocking tone of the messages is yet another embarrassment for Boeing amid the 737 MAX crisis and worsens its already rocky relations with the FAA. The plane has been grounded worldwide since 13 March.

“These newly released emails are incredibly damning,” said Peter DeFazio, the chairman of the House Transportation Committee, which is investigating the plane.

“They paint a deeply disturbing picture of the lengths Boeing was apparently willing to go to in order to evade scrutiny from regulators, flight crews and the flying public.”— AFP ■

Foreign tourists hit record high in 2019, but see limited growth

TOKYO —The number of foreign visitors to Japan reached a record high of 31.88 million in 2019, but the growth was limited by a sharp fall in tourists from South Korea amid deteriorating bilateral ties, the tourism minister said Friday.

The figure marked an all-time high for the sev-

enth consecutive year but the margin of growth stood at 2.2 per cent, remaining in single digits for the second straight year, according to Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism Minister Kazuyoshi Akaba.

The outcome clouded the outlook for the government to achieve its goal of attracting 40 million in 2020.

While overall visitors are expected to increase in 2020 due to the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games this summer, some previous host cities have seen a decline in tourists as they tried to avoid large crowds and sharp hikes in accommodation fees. With the number of flights connecting Japan and South

Korea already cut on reduced demand amid the strained ties, major travel agency JTB Corp. has estimated the number of overseas travelers in 2020 will only reach 34.3 million. The government is scheduled to release a regional breakdown and other details of the tourism data on 17 January.—Kyodo News



Embassy of India, Yangon Tender Notice for Ship Chandler (supply of fuel / provision etc)

Sealed quotations are invited for supply of fuel/provision (ship chandler) for visiting Indian Navy ships to Yangon. For details please visit Embassy’s website <https://embassyofindiayangon.gov.in/> -> Tender -> Tender (Embassy’s). The last date is 31st January 2020.

Notice for Changing of Tender Closing Date for Medical Equipment

Ministry of Health and Sports, Department of Medical Services has already invited open tender for Medical Equipment of New Yangon Specialist Hospital in (2019-2020) Budget year.

Now the tender closing date is changed to (6-2-2020) 12:00 noon instead of (8-1-2020) 12:00 noon. Tender documents are available during office hours at the Procurement and Supply Division, Department of Medical Services, Office No (4), Ministry of Health and Sports.

For detail information please contact the Phone No. 067-3411510, 067-3411634, Procurement and Supply Division Office, Department of Medical Services, Ministry of Health and Sports, Myanmar.

Procurement and Supply Division
Department of Medical Services
Ministry of Health and Sports, Myanmar

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV PAGONA

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PAGONA VOY. NO. (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10-1-2020 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of TMIT-2 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 RK SHIPPING & TRADING
PTE LTD

Phone No: 2301928

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV MCC MERGUI VOY.NO. (001W)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MCC MERGUI VOY.NO. (001W) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11-1-2020 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MITT/TMT 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 MCC TRANSPORT (S’PORE)
PTE LTD

Phone No: 2301185

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV PACITA VOY.NO. (059 N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PACITA VOY. NO. (059 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11-1-2020 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of AWPT 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 NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

Phone No: 2301185

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV FILOTIMO VOY.NO. (952S)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV FILOTIMO VOY.NO. (952S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11-1-2020 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MITT/MIP 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.

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Yangon City Hall, built in 1927 and the headquarter of AYA Bank (former Rowe & Co building, built in 1911), and Immanuel Baptist Church, built in 1885. **PHOTO: YE HTUT TIN (NLM)**

YHT plays leading role in protecting rich heritage of historic buildings in Yangon

By Swe Oo Wai

YANGON always boasts an exceptionally rich heritage of historic buildings, also having a variety of architectural features and an impressive urban view throughout a long history. Apart from cultural and historical heritages, it also has a wealth of architectural artifacts before and during colonial times. Every effort is being made to preserve urban heritage very harmoniously.

Priceless heritages

With the aim of creating Yangon to be a green and pleasant city to live in, Yangon Region Government is carrying out heritage preservation and urban development work. Yangon Heritage Trust plays a crucial role in its bid to preserve priceless ancient heritages in Yangon.

There was an old city area in Yangon where ancient buildings have existed from more than one century ago. Now we are to preserve them, said Yangon Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein.

The original name of Yan-

gon was first Okkalapa, then Dagon and next Dagon Kyay. In May 1755, U Aung Zeya (a) King Alaungphaya named Yangon as a gesture of end of fighting. Yangon founding has turned more than 260 years. Yangon has rich heritage of historic buildings. Such rich heritages and historic buildings are needed not to become extinct as urban construction industry has enormously increased year on year.

“When the urban areas see developments, we must remember to preserve rich heritages of historic buildings. If not so, they will in danger of extinct. Worries about the extinction of historic buildings and heritages push our chairman U Thant Myint Oo to found Yangon Heritage Trust in cooperation with those having same attitude,” said Daw Moe Moe Lwin, a responsible person of the YHT.

No adverse effect on urban construction industry

Yangon has a total of 189 historic buildings. Initial measures are being taken to preserve historic buildings. The preservation work of historic buildings can't have an adverse effect on urban construction industry. The area of historic buildings accounts for about 10 per cent of Yangon.

“In the past, failure to repair

and renovate historic buildings in Yangon for years has caused them in a state of ruin. Now one historic building after another becomes the ones without harming original architectural styles and they have returned to their former glory. Urban heritages don't belong to us and they are for the people. Preservation is a top priority and it is also the development. We have to think what we have and what opportu-



The photo shows Myanmar National Airlines installed with Blue Plaque (formerly known as Bombay Burma Timber Company). **PHOTO: SAN YU (DANA AUNG)**





The photo shows Myanmar Agricultural Development Bank installed with Blue Plaque (formerly known as Grindlays Bank). **PHOTO: YE HTUT TIN(NLM)**

nities we have. We make a decision to do it only after thinking too much. If it is impossible at last, it may be replaced. We would like to have developments based on current situations,” said Daw Moe Moe Lwin.

Installation of commemorative Blue Plaques at historic buildings

The people are showing more interest in Yangon’s rich heritages of historic buildings now than the past. Businesspersons are changing their focus on running businesses at these historic structures. Yangon Heritage Trust (YHT) is in the process of installing commemorative blue plaques at the historic sites in partnership with Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) for ensuring that people of all ages will have access to Yangon rich heritages and backgrounds.

The first-ever Blue Plaque was fixed at Yangon City Hall. One Blue Plaque after another is moving to other historic structures in Yangon. If a Blue Plaque is fixed at a historic building, it can’t be abolished or reconstructed without apparent reasons. The public have access to the historic structures with Blue Plaques. People of different ages can make a study of Yangon’s rich history and heritages through the introduction of commemorative Blue Plaques.

“I joined the Walking Program of the YHT as I wanted to be well aware of urban heritages. I came to know about the structures existed in the colonial time and their different change processes,” said Ma Thazin Nyein, who is a part of Walking Group Program.

The YHT is preserving rich heritage of historic buildings in Yangon by



Myanma Economic Bank Branch- 3 (formerly the Bank of Bengal building, built in 1914.) **PHOTO: YE HTUT TIN (NLM)**



One of the colonial era buildings in Yangon. **PHOTO: YE HTUT TIN(NLM)**

ways of compiling a record, installing Blue Plaques, launching Walking Group programs, and educating the people.

The YHT’s Walking Group programs attracted a large number of Yangonites especially young people.

Cooperation in heritage preservation

“The heritage of historic buildings plays an important role in a modern developed city. We have to explain this point to the people. We hope that the people will come to know much about the preserva-

tion of rich heritage of historic buildings and they will join hands in the heritage preservation activities,” said Ko Thurein Soe, an official of the YHT.

The YHT is wisely preserving rich heritage of historic buildings in Yangon without having an effect on original architectural features. To be able to be appropriate to the current age, advices and helps are being offered. The YHT is providing the employees with a short training that includes technical support in a bid to preserve heritages.

“There are a host of historic buildings dating

back colonial time around Strand Road. It is a rare heritage concentrated place in Southeast Asia and can be sighted only in Yangon,” said Daw Su Su Tin, a Yangon resident.

The 31st Blue Plaque was installed at Rosewood Yangon Hotel on Bank Street in Kyauktada Township, Yangon Region on 4 August in 2019. It is described as a building of ancient urban heritage. The people should place emphasis on measures to preserve ancient heritages.

The records of the YHT indicated that different religious structures



The photo shows Supreme Court installed with Blue Plaque in Kyauktada Township, Yangon (former High court building, built in 1911.) **PHOTO: YE HTUT TIN(NLM)**

existing in downtown Yangon are much better than in New York in the United States of America and London in England. There are about 200 historic buildings in Yangon and Yangon is the city with the most historic buildings in Southeast Asia. Magnificent image

of historic buildings will brighten up the history value of Yangon while preserving priceless heritages. The people should join hands in the preservation of historic heritages with a sense of duty.

Translated by Htut Htut (Twantay)

Shan United lands a win in MNL opening match

SHAN United F.C., the defending champions of the Myanmar National League, secured a narrow 1-0 win yesterday against the Institute of Sports and Physical Education (ISPE) team at the Mandalar Thiri Stadium in Mandalay.

The lone and winning goal for Shan United was scored by Keith in the second half.

The ISPE team relied on defense, and that made it difficult for Shan United attackers to make a clear pass in the defense field of the ISPE F.C.

Though the ISPE team is a newcomer in the Myanmar National League, the team did their best for a scoreless draw in the first half.

At the 62-minute mark, Shan

United got a chance for landing a goal and the opportunity was used well by expatriate player Keith.

After the goal, Shan United tried to up the score but the team could not convert scoring opportunities with ISPE putting up a massive fight.

The match was a good one with no more goals. At the final whistle, Shan United was leading by one goal and secured a win, collecting three points.

Shan United will next play against Hantharwady United at their home stadium on 18 January and ISPE will play an away match against Ayeyawady United on 19 January.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)



Shan United's Nanda Kyaw (red) makes a strong kick during the match against ISPE F.C. yesterday at the Mandalar Thiri Stadium in Mandalay. **PHOTO: MNL**

Week-12 of Myanmar Futsal League to begin today

WEEK-12 of the Myanmar Futsal League will begin today at the National Indoor Stadium II in Yangon with a line-up of several interesting matches.

Dream Team Futsal Club will play against AMM Brothers Futsal Club at 8:30 am, On Doctor Futsal Club will play against Let Wel Thone Nara Futsal Club at 10:00 am, Winner Futsal Club will take on Myanmar Imperial

University (MIU) Futsal Club at 11:30 am, the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) U-19 Team will meet with GV Futsal Club at 1:00 pm, Futsal Chit Thu Futsal Club will take on Victoria University College (VUC) Futsal Club at 2:30 pm, and Do Do Ko Ko Futsal Club will take on Myoma JY Futsal Club at 4:00 pm.

All the teams took a break after Week-11 of the futsal league last month, and the

Futsal League will resume from today with the Week-12 matches. Currently, the VUC FC. is leading the table with the same points but goal differences with the second placed MIU FC.

MIU FC's Renato Gomes Miranda is currently the top-most scorer in the league with 31 goals, while De Carvaiho Junior from VUC FC is second with 16 goals under his belt.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)



Striker Sunday Mathew (R) accepts his contract upon joining Rakhine United. **PHOTO: RUFC**

Striker Sunday Mathew rejoins Rakhine United

NIGERIAN striker Sunday Mathew has been signed by Rakhine United for one season of the Myanmar National League, according to a statement issued by the team.

The Nigerian striker formerly played for Rakhine United in 2017 and 2018, when he gave some of his best performances, giving Rakhine United's fans much to cheer about.

Speaking about rejoining the team, Sunday said that he was encouraged by the support of the fans, who are rooting for a win.

He said that now that he is back with Rakhine United, he

will give his best to the team.

Team Vice Chairman U Tin Htoo Aung said he was happy about Sunday's arrival to the team.

"I am pleased we could offer him a place on the team. We are expecting much from him, and he was one of the apples of fans' eyes. We will try to please our fans with good results in the upcoming Myanmar National League matches," he added.

Rakhine United is currently seeking one more expatriate player for the team, according to the statement released by the football club.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)



An MFF U-19 futsal player (violet) vies for the ball with a Myoma JY futsal team player (green) during the Week-11 match of the Myanmar Futsal League. **PHOTO: MFF FUTSAL**