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State Counsellor opens Education Development Implementation Conference 2020 in Nay Pyi Taw

THE Education Development Implementation Conference 2020 (Basic Education Sector) was held at Myanmar International Convention Centre -II (MICC-II) in Nay Pyi Taw at 10:00 am yesterday morning, and the State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended the ceremony and delivered the opening speech.

Present on the occasion were the Stockholm World Peace Award holder Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Sobhita and revered Sayadaws, the Union Ministers U Min Thu, Lt-Gen Yè Aung, U Soe Win, Dr Pe Myint, Dr Myo Thein Gyi, Dr Myint Htwe and Dr Win Myat Aye, the Chairman of the Nay Pyit Taw Council Dr Myo Aung, the Hluttaw Affairs Committee chairpersons, Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun, states/regions ministers, the National Education Policy Commission, the national Curriculum Committee, the National Education Standards and Quality Assurance Evaluation Committee, Chairman and officials of the Rectors Committee, Directors-General, Rectors, Deputy Directors General, states and region education officers, headmasters/mistresses of schools, paper presenters, representatives of development partner organizations, students associations, representatives of the private schools, and officials concerned, students and invited guests.

In her address to the Conference, the State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said: "A conference is an occasion in which solutions are sought for through the exchange of views, based on individual experiences, with reference to the individual knowledge and skills in respective disciplines. As regards top views, people's views differ because their specializations, and experiences differ, resulting in the different interpretations and opinions. Hence, we must accept the fundamental concept that every individual carries a different view or concept.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivers the opening speech at the Education Development Implementation Conference 2020 (Basic Education Sector) in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

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MP U Maung Maung Ohn. **PHOTO: MNA**

MP U Aye Naing. **PHOTO: MNA**

MP Dr Saw Naing. **PHOTO: MNA**

MP U Win Min. **PHOTO: MNA**

MP Major Zay Phyo. **PHOTO: MNA**

MP U Than Soe (a) Than Soe. **PHOTO: MNA**

MP U Maung Maung Oo. **PHOTO: MNA**

MP U Aye Bo. **PHOTO: MNA**

MP Daw Khin San Hlaing. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE second day meeting of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 15th regular session continued discussions yesterday about the Euro 50 million ODA loans from the Government of Poland and debated the first section of Joint Public Accounts Committee Report(16/2019).

The ODA loan is intended for implementing rubbish recycling project in Yangon municipal area, proposed by the Yangon Region Government.

MP U Maung Maung Ohn from Ayeyawady Region constituency 4 supported the loan plan, saying the project will use industrial biotechnology in recycling rubbish in the absence of oxygen, and it is appropriate for Myanmar.

MP U Aye Naing from Dagon Myothit (South) constituency called for urgent implementation of the project due to bad smells from rubbish piles and the risk of fire. He also suggested for buying garbage trucks for the city.

MP Dr Saw Naing from South Okkalapa constituency agreed the loan plan as the project is essential for Yangon city, and advised the update of three-year construction project should be reported annually to the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw.

The MPs who supported the loan plan were U Ye Myint from Yangon Region constituency 7, U Win Min from Hlainethaya constituency, U Than Soe (a) Than Soe (Eco) from Yangon Region constituency 4, U Maung Maung Oo from Insein constituency, U Aye Bo from Yangon Region constituency 11, U Kyaw Naing from Yangon Region constituency 12, U Myo Win from Mon State constituency 8, U Bo Gyi from Chauk constituency and Dr Win Myint from Bago Region constituency 11.

Joint Public Accounts Committee Report(16/2019)

The MPs also discussed the of Joint Public Accounts Committee Report(16/2019) on its findings for the period April-September 2018.

Pyithu Hluttaw's Tatmadaw Representative MP Major Zay Phyo discussed that the budgets should be drawn up in collaboration of the central organizations and the respective State/Region governments for effective and efficient use for required projects.

MP U Win Win suggested reducing 18 per cent interest rates of the Cooperative Department to the farmers although the department took US$400 million loan from the China Exim Bank at an interest rate of 4.5 per cent for rural development and poverty alleviation programmes.

He also discussed timely collection of taxes for state revenues.

MP Daw Khin San Hlaing from Pale constituency urged respective ministries and government agencies to overcome weaknesses in managing the budgets with responsibility and accountability.

The report was also discussed by the other 12 Hluttaw representatives.

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will hold its third day meeting of 15th regular session on 29 January.—Aung Ye Thwin and Aye Aye Thant

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Education Development Implementation Conference 2020 held in Nay Pyi Taw

THE Education Development Implementation Conference (Basic Education Sector) 2020 was held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre II (MICC-II) yesterday afternoon.

During the second session of conference, Union Minister for Education said the conference was aimed to find solutions in reforming basic education sector with short term and long term plans in accordance with the National Education Strategic Plan to be able to generate capable human resources for the country.

He also said the government is implementing the reform plans for development of the country's education in line with laws, rules, plans and strategies as it was in very weakened state for many years.

Director-General U Ko Lay Win from the Department of Basic Education explained the development in the Education Development Implementation Conference (Basic Education Sector) 2018 Report.

Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi addresses the second session of Education Development Implementation Conference 2020 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Then, senior officials from the department presented their reports on basic education sector.

The reports were then discussed by small groups, and discussions were recorded. The conference will continue on 29 January.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

To build a developed country, it depends on the knowledge and skills of the citizens, as well as on the development of the sector of education.

State Counsellor

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But today these different views will be pooled, discussions will be held over the drawbacks and challenges in the sector of education, and the reforms to be made, and the best solutions will be sought for in the sector of the education of our country.

As regards to the reforms, two conditions may be taken into consideration. First, reviews may be made on the conditions in the past. Secondly, the reforms are to be introduced for the betterment of the future. Obviously, whatever system you have, it isn't easy to launch the reforms. If reforms are on the way, those who are going to be involved in the process, and engaged in the tasks of the implementation must change their mind-set first. I have used the loan word "mind-set" because it's hard to find its Myanmar equivalent. Of course, I never encourage the habit of code switching, sandwiching the English expressions while talking in Myanmar. I'd like all of you involved in the sector of education to keep this in mind. If you're going to speak in Myanmar, I'd like you to use the Myanmar equivalents, if possible. If not possible, then use the loan words. You must be brave enough for this sort of change, and you must have tolerance to any outcomes, criticisms and challenges from this kind of change. Education teaches you in what areas to introduce the reforms and what not to do so.

In order to make reforms, we must be able exercise our wisdom and our rational thinking so that we can make the right decisions. Therefore, it is very important that our education system should be directed towards training the education and foresightedness of the young minds. Here, I'd like to draw your attention to the difference between education and foresightedness. As you all know, education can be learned while, from my point of view, foresightedness is the qualification that makes a base of education or learning and predict what issues could take place in the future and how to solve the issues.

According to the scholars, it is noted that education is the best thing to construct the world. To build a developed country, it depends on the knowledge and skills of the citizens, as well as on the development of the sector of education. Therefore, we must strongly build the system of quality education. For this purpose, we must review the present education system, teaching methods, educational management and administration and teachers' qualities.

To launch such reforms, it isn't easy for the government alone to perform the tasks successfully. I said, it isn't easy, but it is completely out of the question to do so. It is of great importance for the people, and those involved in the sector of education to cooperate and collaborate. Today, it is heartening to observe that the development partner organizations have been collaborating with the Ministry of Education, investing their efforts and services in the sector of education. For this, I'd like to express my heartfelt thanks to you. I hope you will keep on giving aid to us.

Now, by implementing the new education system of KG+12 in the sector of the Basic Education, we hope we will be able to equip our children with the 21st century skills as the good citizens of our country, and it is quite heartening. This reform of the new system will be completed by 2022-2023 academic year.

In the present, indicators and numerical are usually referred to as the yardsticks of the education system. But if you relay look at how a student has achieved, the recommended criteria should be how much a student can exercise his or her rational thinking, how he or she can get the issues solved through the exercise of his or her prudence. This type of assessment should be taken into consideration. It's been a long time ago that the scholars have drawn the conclusion that this type of assessment really shows the educational standard. However, later, we have discovered that even in the countries given credit for having the best education, their education system is not in line with the needs and demands of the period. That's why we need to make continuous reviews on the ongoing conditions.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi visits the exhibition at the Education Development Implementation Conference 2020 (Basic Education Sector) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Teachers are supposed to guide the students to learn not only the subject matters prescribed in the curriculum but also relate what they learn to what is there beyond the classroom. So teachers are required to train them about how to collect data, evaluate the data, find solutions and enter discussions, etc. So modern teaching methodology should be put into practice through Team Work, Group Work, Project Activities, Case Study Method, etc. The difference between the team work and the group work might be considered, too. From my point of view, team work is a group that is more definitely identified. You set up a team or a group and assign particular tasks to the members. On the other hand, a group work is a sort of operation in which all come together and work together. Here, there might be no specific tasks assigned. But you are there, working together. And project activities are the activities that involve the members to set out to a task or a mission. After a project, the members may break up. So it's just for only one mission.

And in the Case Study Method, you make a close study of a case, and exercise your rational thinking for how to make an approach towards a case and how to tackle with it. Therefore, it is important to accomplish the tasks at every stage.

In building the human resource development, we must consider what kind of human resource must be developed. In this kind of mission, teacher is everything. What kind of qualifications should a teacher possess? For this purpose, what measures should be taken? These are the questions to consider before we start the implementation.

A teacher should do wide reading so as to develop their students' ways of thinking. In fact, a teacher is a lifetime learner. Naturally, a teacher may engage himself or herself throughout his or her whole lifetime in learning and developing the academic quality, the pedagogy, English, and ICT Skills.

Teachers today should surf the websites and study the education systems of other countries and increase their knowledge so as to keep abreast with the times. For this purpose, the language skills will come into play. Therefore, I'd urge you all to keep on studying the international language or languages.

Today, the Ministry of Education is engaged in drawing "the Indicator Framework for continuous development of teachers' quality based on equality". It is hoped that teachers will have great opportunities for lifelong learning while their pedagogical qualities will be enhanced continuously.

Another point I'd like to go into details is equality. Equality is important for all human societies. So teachers, students, and all those involved in education services in the academic field must have access to equality while there must be equality for taking into consideration and fulfilling the needs and weaknesses of each individual.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi opens new 'model building' of primary school in Pyinmana

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi inaugurated a new 'model building' of Basic Education Primary School (Bawgawadi) of Pyinmana in Dekkhina District, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday morning.

Opening ceremony of the school building was also attended by Union Minister for the Office of Union Government U Min Thu, Union Minister for Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing, Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Dr Myo Aung, Deputy Minister U Maung Maung Win and Dr Kyaw Lin, Pyithu Hluttaw MP U Than Soe Aung, officials from the Ministry of Education, teachers, students and town elders.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Union Ministers U Min Thu, U Win Khaing and Dr Myo Thein Gyi, Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council Dr Myo Aung, Pyithu Hluttaw MP U Than Soe Aung and Headmistress Daw Tin Tin Mar cut the ceremonial ribbon to launch the new building of school.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and dignitaries cut ribbon to open the new 'model building' of Basic Education Primary School (Bawgawadi) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

After having a group photo taken, the State Counsellor received a commemorative gift presented by Officer of Nay Pyi Taw Education Department U Myo Win Aung, and Headmistress Daw Tin Tin Mar.

State Counsellor planted a Gangaw tree to mark the opening ceremony of new school building in front of it and posed for documentary photos with students and teachers.

She also looked around the classes where children were painting, reciting poems and reading books in the library of the school.

The new 'model building' is a two-storey reinforced cement concrete structure with three classrooms, built on 7.85 acres of land.

The government has constructed a total of 15 quality primary school buildings—14 in States/Regions and one in Nay Pyi Taw — across the country in 2018-2019 financial year. Each of these two-storey school buildings has an area of 168ftx184ft.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi plants a Gangaw tree at the opening ceremony of the new 'model building' of Basic Education Primary School (Bawgawadi) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi is welcomed by students at the opening ceremony of the new 'model building' of Basic Education Primary School (Bawgawadi) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Every child must have access to education: State Counsellor

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As long as there exist discriminations, there will always be issues, and as a result, there will be no room for peace. (You know, in your homes, your schools, your offices, your surroundings, in this world), you need to reduce the situations where discriminations occur. If you have no equality, there will occur the issue of "being neglected". So please note this: the factors for the outbreak of the conflicts include the factor of being neglected.

It is natural that all conflicts exist in the society. The ties of relations can also be more strongly established through negotiating and finding a solution to these conflicts, and as a result, better, and more peaceful conditions can be restored.

In learning and the learning process, all inclusiveness and equality are important factors. We should consider the fact that every child must have access to education, and that the factors of being neglected, gaps and inequalities must be taken into account. I am glad that the Ministry of Education is making every effort to successfully implement the goal of being all-inclusive, providing access to equality and quality education and the Sustainable Development Goal.

While we must build our state schools more and more strongly, we must not fail to give support to the development of the private schools. But I wish our parents may not adopt the attitude that only the private schools can provide the best education. Measures must be taken to narrow down the gap between the quality of the state schools and that of the private schools.

Because our government takes time and has to struggle for making progress, we have not as yet had a chance to spend the required educational budgets as much as it should be. But we are allotting the educational budgets as much as we can. You all know that the educational budgets have been on the increase from year to year. Yet there is still a need to spend the budget according to the regional and international indicators.

In the basic schools, stipends are offered to students while free education system is being implemented. So parents can reduce the expenses on the education of their children, thus enjoying the benefits of the free education system.

In developing the human resources, we need to train our students, our youths to be fit and strong so as to produce outstanding humans.

It is necessary to teach art and music and other aesthetic subjects so that love of peace will be inculcated in the mind of our students. Youths today are observed to be addicts to computer games or online games, which is no good for them. So teachers and parents should come together, discuss and give guidance.

We need to launch campaigns in universities and high schools, and hold educational talks on the prevention of narcotic drugs. The school libraries and the reading rooms should open the doors to our kids. There, we must provide books and literature that might be fit to their age level. Opportunities must be created for the students to participate themselves.

We need to teach our students how to protect themselves when a natural disaster breaks out. I've been informed that in order to enhance their morality, books under the Integrity Promotion Education Programme are now being distributed in basic education schools so that our students will be equipped with the ability of perceiving the Truth and dissolving the issues, and are expected to collaborate and participate in the Peace Education successfully.

Here, I would like to draw your attention to the issues. Of course, I always stress that an issue is not an issue. The issue is how to solve it right. If you do not apply the right way of solving a problem, we can't solve any problems effectively in the long run. As the education standard goes high, the country will be developed, as in the saying, "A lotus looks more graceful as the water level rises". So our personnel serving in the education sector must enjoy high standard.

So to make a success in the education sector, the physical and mental needs and weaknesses of our teachers must be considered. In order to improve the quality education, reviews should be made on the task programmes for each individual student's access to the opportunity of learning, each individual teacher's qualifications, and then quality educational services must be provided. Moreover, we have the main objectives of basic education, which are (1) to produce good citizens (2) to promote the good habits of collaboration (3) to train our children to value the responsibility and accountability (4) to enable the children to exercise their innovative ideas, which are to produce the new generations for the future of our country. In launching and implementing the educational reforms, parents and students and teachers and all those involved in education should make concerted efforts. If we can construct the quality education system, not only we ourselves but also others need to be engaged in continuous learning for self-development. Indeed, education is a thing to pass from generation to generation. So what we have learned, what we have experienced, what we would like to suggest will be exchanged. I'd urge you all to make the best contributions to leave a milestone in the paradigm shift called the education reforms in the Basic Education Sector.

In conclusion, I would stress that you may not enter discussions with the attitude that you are always right. In the case of discussions and negotiations, you may be wrong and they may also be right. With this attitude, we can make advance. So in your discussions, please open your mind, listen to their views. If views differ, why? Which views could serve for the betterment of our country? When you think about the issues, please take into consideration, not for one or two or three years to come, but for the younger generations of our country. We all must strive for the building of the country's future.

Then followed the group photo session of the State Counsellor, the Union Ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman, authorities concerned, the National Education Policy Commission, the National Curriculum Committee, the National Education Standard and Quality Assurance Assessment Committee, the Chairman of the Rectors Committee and the authorities concerned, the Directors General, rectors, paper presenters, representatives of the development partner organizations. Then the State Counsellor, the Union Ministers, the Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman and the authorities concerned inspected the Chemistry Booth and the Home Economic Booth under Yangon Region Education Officer's Office, the ICT Booth and 360 ED for Education Booth under the Department of Basic Education and the New Curriculum Teaching Aid Booth under the Nay Pyi Taw Education Officer's Office, the Innovative Educational Research Booth presented by the Yangon Education under the Department of Higher Education, the Booth of the Myanmar Examination Board Department, the Booth for the Guidance for building a Safe, Happy Kids Model School, the Booth of the Seven Prioritized Task programmes and the Booth of the Dangers of Smoking and Tobacco under the Ministry of Health and Sports, the Booth of Science and Recycle Art under the Mandalay Region Education Officer's Office.—MNA

(Translated by Dr Zaw Tun)

Vice President U Henry Van Thio receives South Korean Ambassador

VICE President U Henry Van Thio received Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Sang-hwa at the diplomatic hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to promoting bilateral cooperation between Myanmar and South Korea, promotion of bilateral trade and investment, strengthening friendship between the peoples of the two nations, tourism sector development and cultural cooperation, and sending Myanmar delegation of high-ranking officials to the World Summit on Peace, Security and Human Development in South Korea.

Also present at the meeting were Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Soe Han and officials. —MNA ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Vice President U Henry Van Thio meets with Ambassador of the Republic of Korea Mr Lee Sang-hwa at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Vice President U Henry Van Thio attends '2020 Seed Fair'

Vice President U Henry Van Thio visits the '2020 Seed Fair' at the State Agricultural Institute in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

VICE PRESIDENT U Henry Van Thio, the head of the Leading Committee for the Protection of Farmers Rights and Promotion of Interest, delivered an opening remark on the '2020 Seed Fair' which was held at the State Agricultural Institute in Pyinmana Township of Nay Pyi Taw Council Area yesterday morning.

The event was also attended by Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu, chairpersons of Hluttaw Affairs Committee, Deputy Ministers, Hluttaw representatives, Members of Nay Pyi Taw Council, heads of departments, representatives of seed producing associations and companies, farmers from States and Regions, seed buyers and officials.

In his speech, the Vice President emphasized the importance of quality seeds suitable for respective areas in producing sufficient, nutritious and safe foods which can help promote incomes of farmers.

He added that the government is implementing development of living standards for the farmers who contribute 70 per cent of the country's population and enforcing the Law of Protection of the Farmer Rights and Enhancement of Their Benefits Amendment Law which was enacted in December 2018.

Myanmar also adopted the Rural Development Law on 27 December 2019 to promote the lives of rural people in a wide range of sectors.

The Vice President said that the term 'farmers' covers the persons in the livelihoods of agriculture and livestock, as well as those who are putting investments into these businesses or those who are managing these businesses. Farmers include in the categories of firms producing seeds and saplings of plant and animals.

"The government is overseeing quality and prices of saplings, seeds, animal breeds and fish species, fertilizers, pesticides, foods and medicines in accordance with the law and legal actions in the damages of agricultural produce and capital losses," he added.

The Vice President also explained production of seeds, storage and packings with modern equipment for foreign markets.

In addition to local firms, foreign companies have been allowed for 100 per cent investments with the approval of Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, in promoting seed sector.

Vice President U Henry Van Thio also advised relevant departments, experts and private sectors to cooperate in development of seed sector to meet the objectives for promoting benefits of farmers.

He continued saying that Myanmar has a favourable geographical situation to become a major seed producing country if the existing policies are adjusted with amendments, relaxation and supports.

The Vice President added that if Myanmar could produce more quality seeds for both domestic and foreign markets, instead of importing from other countries, the farmers and all stakeholders in seed producing process will obtain benefits.

He also highlighted that seed producing organizations and private firms need to follow the existing law and rules to sustain their business and production norms.

In conclusion, the Vice President called for organizing more seed fairs at the levels of States, Regions and districts to promote the interests of farmers.

Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu explained the objectives of 2020 Seed Fair, development of seed production sector and operating a sustainable seed production mechanism through strategic plans.

The Vice President and party looked around the displays of cultivation plots and the booths of seeds, fruits, agricultural machinery, mobile application for farmers, demonstration plots and lab for examining seeds.

The '2020 Seed Fair' displayed 49 booths for sees and the plots for 25 crops and 106 species.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Union Minister U Kyaw Tin receives United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Myanmar

UNION MINISTER for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin received United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Myanmar Ms. Christine Schraner Burgener at 1:00 pm, on 28 January 2020 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on measures taken by the government for repatriation of displaced person for implementation of the National Strategy on Resettlement of Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) and Closure of IDP Camps, recent developments in creating conducive environment for the returnees in cooperation with the United Nations and ASEAN, speeding up the citizenship application process, and recent visit of Myanmar officials to Cox's Bazar to meet with the displaced persons.

The Union Minister also informed her of his view on the recent decision by the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on 'provisional measures' in the case brought by The Gambia against Myanmar as well as steps taken by the government to address the accountability issue through domestic judicial system as recommended by the final report of the Independent Commission of Enquiry (ICOE).

Also present at the meeting were U Kyaw Thu Nyein, Deputy Director-General of the International Organizations and Economic Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA

Union Minister U Kyaw Tin meets with United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Myanmar Ms Christine Schraner Burgener in Nay Pyi Taw on 28 January 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

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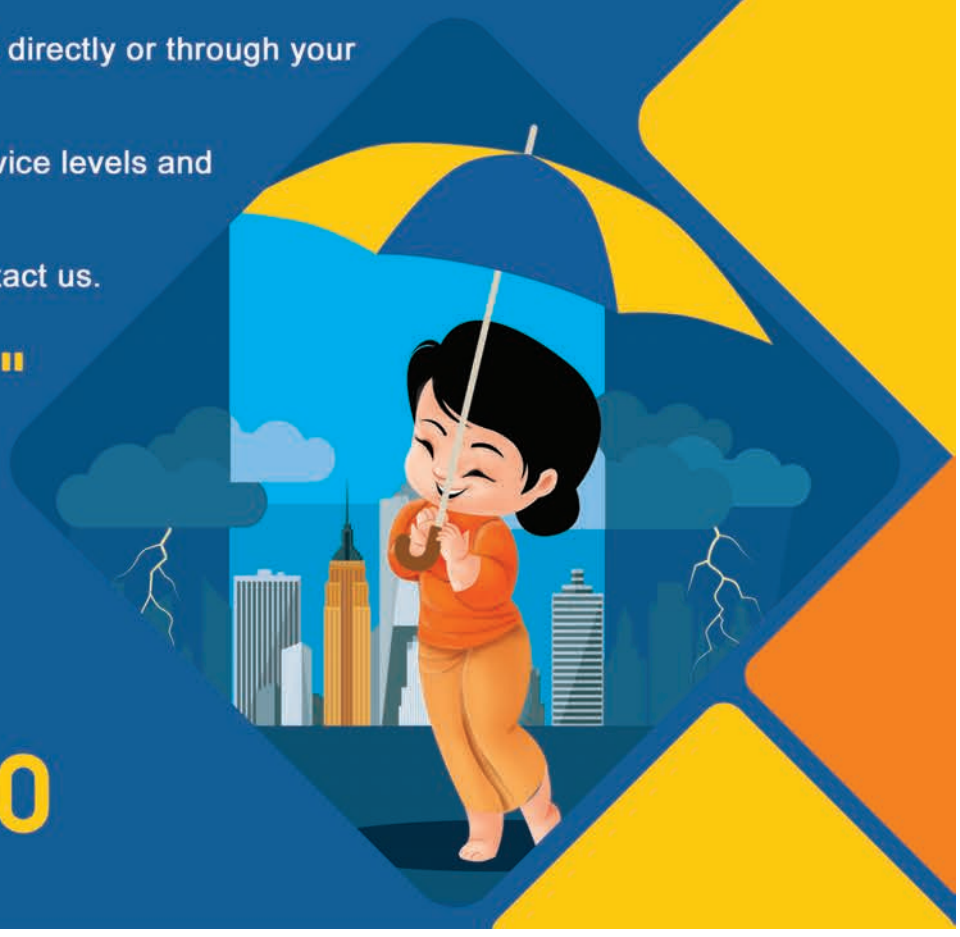

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Coronavirus - Be alert, not afraid

WITH the death toll in the coronavirus outbreak crossing 100, health authorities in Myanmar have beefed up surveillance at international airports and border checkpoints, especially those along the border with China.

At present, more than 4,500 cases have been reported from the mainland, where there has been an outbreak of respiratory illness caused by a new coronavirus, which can spread from person to person.

As the pneumonia-causing virus has triggered a health scare in China, it would be sensible to be concerned. But, we must take care not to overreact to the developing situation.

With Myanmar on high alert and surveillance mode, people seem to be reaching a point where public indifference has tipped into worry, and even, fear.

> While we should remain on the alert for coronavirus, there is no reason to be afraid. Each suspected case is not testing positive for the virus.

Sales of face masks have soared, with shortage reported from some border towns.

While we should remain on the alert for coronavirus, there is no reason to be afraid. Each suspected case is not testing positive for the virus.

On 26 January, a Chinese traveler was quarantined at the Nyaungshwe Hospital and treated for diarrhea and fever. Her condition improved the next day. She showed no signs of pneumonia. But, as she was visiting from China and hospitalized during the surveillance period for coronavirus, she was quarantined.

In this scenario, we must rely on information provided on official websites and organizations. Information from social media needs to be considered in light of data provided on official websites, such as those of international health organizations and health organizations from China.

Though the World Health Organization (WHO) has not yet declared the Novel Coronavirus-2019 a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC), it has declared it to be 'high' risk.

The World Health Organization is recommending some basic measures to limit the spread of the coronavirus. (The last two are specifically focused on people in and around Ground Zero for the virus - Wuhan, China.)

People must:

Frequently wash their hands with an alcohol-based hand rub, or warm water and soap.

Cover their mouth and nose with a flexed elbow or tissue when sneezing or coughing.

Avoid close contact with anyone who has a fever or cough.

Seek early medical help if they have a fever, cough, and difficulty breathing, and share their travel history with healthcare providers.

Avoid direct, unprotected contact with live animals and surfaces in contact with animals when visiting live markets in affected areas.

Avoid eating raw or undercooked animal products and exercise care when handling raw meat, milk, or animal organs to avoid cross-contamination with uncooked foods.

As the virus' footprint spreads, advisories on limiting travel will likely be issued. As anyone who flies regularly knows, airplanes are a hotbed of germs.

But, for now, we just need to keep the basics in mind.

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INTERVIEW

Access to finance remains the largest challenge in the sector. Without this, it is difficult to improve irrigation facilities, quality and yields, and storage capabilities.

U Ye Min Aung,
Secretary-General, Myanmar Rice Federation

Oxford Business Group

In what ways can Myanmar diversify production?

U YE MIN AUNG: Diversification is great in theory, but it is difficult to achieve. It requires state support and economic strength. If we examine regional trends, it took Thailand and Vietnam decades of commercial rice farming to gather the financing and technical ability to diversify at scale. On top of that, our market has unique issues to overcome. Before diversification can truly take place, we need to study our ecology to enable us to use it effectively. Following Cyclone Nargis in 2008 we have seen an increase in pests and disease. Additionally, Myanmar's farmland consists mostly of paddy fields, which are not immediately suitable for vegetable cultivation without treatment.

In agriculture supply-side policies tend to fail, so if we insist on diversification before we are able to bring it to scale we will not succeed. Diversification within a commodity chain is what we can consider. With rice, for instance, we do not currently manufacture rice oil, biscuits, cosmetics or noodles. Globally, rice consumption has slowed but the market for rice-based products, such as glucose, is growing. Meanwhile, the country consumes 80% of the rice it produces, meaning that diversification for the sake of exports alone is not necessary, although these exports do help ensure sectoral price stability and absorb market shocks. The number of countries Myanmar exports to has grown considerably in recent years, almost tripling from 20 countries in 2012 to nearly 60 by 2019. There has also been significant improvements in the quality of production, with certification having played a role in this. We have international laboratories and inspection companies coming to Myanmar to verify our output, and this is raising standards right across the supply chain.

> Improvements are slowly taking place, but the sector needs investment as it is undercapitalised and lacking expertise.

How would you assess the technology and storage facilities in the sector's supply chain?

YE MIN AUNG: Adequate storage facilities are vital for Myanmar. Without effective drying equipment the effects of climate change are acutely felt, with crops being ruined. Improvements are slowly taking place, but the sector needs investment as it is undercapitalised and lacking expertise. On the farming side, moves towards more effective and sustainable practices are under way but they are only in the early stages. For instance, drip irrigation is starting to be implemented and can greatly increase efficiency, improve soil quality and reduce methane emissions by removing the need to flood rice paddies. Rice cultivation needs to be intensified in Myanmar, though not at the expense of the environment. The System of Rice Intensification developed by Cornell University provides a great method for maintaining this balance, with an emphasis on controlling inputs and plant management, and it has already seen success in Myanmar. Naturally, pesticides are still necessary in the sector, but there needs to be more education concerning their application, and businesses have a responsibility to support this. It is in the public interest to ensure that safety regulations are in place and illicit trade is kept to a minimum. In addition, farmers must follow health and safety procedures.

U Ye Min Aung

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Access to finance remains the largest challenge in the sector. Without this, it is difficult to improve irrigation facilities, quality and yields, and storage capabilities. Our neighbours developed their agricultural sectors with the help of consistent, innovative and well-capitalised financial solutions. The Myanmar Agriculture Development Bank has a huge role to play in the sector, and we encourage the government to prioritise its expansion. The bank already has over 220 branches nationwide, but it must focus on diversifying its product portfolio and increasing its outreach programmes. There is also a role for microfinance institutions to play, but there is not yet at a sufficient capacity level to generate real change. Though we are latecomers to mechanised agriculture, we can now use this technology to accelerate our growth trajectory. Our next step as a nation should be to prioritise expanding banking facilities for farmers.

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Readiness is the key to detect, combat spread of the new coronavirus

World Health Organization

THE World Health Organization South-East Asia has urged countries in the Region to remain vigilant and strengthen readiness to rapidly detect any case of importation of the new coronavirus and prevent its spread.

"It is time to focus all efforts on readiness guided by whatever is known about the new coronavirus," said Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia Region.

As in the case of any new virus, much remains to be understood, the Regional Director said, adding that globally WHO has prepared interim guidance on case detection, testing, clinical management of cases, infection prevention and control during health care, home care for people suspected to have the virus, and guidance on reducing transmission.

WHO is working with countries in the Region to roll out these guidelines, prioritizing reviewing and building capacities for laboratory diagnostic, including referral of specimens and diagnosis; trainings in case management, specimen collection and transportation, and infection prevention and control; logistics support and communicating risks and promoting desired behavior in the community.

The Regional Director has been in contact with the Ministers of Health since the onset of the outbreak. Last week Dr Khetrapal Singh also took stock of the preparedness and support being extended by WHO to countries.

Two countries in the WHO South-East Asia Region – Thailand and Nepal - have reported confirmed cases of the new coronavirus.

Globally, WHO continues to work with networks of researchers and other experts to coordinate global work on surveillance, epidemiology, modelling, diagnostics, clinical care and treatment, and other ways to identify, manage the disease and limit onward transmission.

Though the new coronavirus being called novel coronavirus-2019 was not declared a public health emergency of international concern (PHEIC) by the Emergency Committee of the International Health Regulation which met last week, its risk was assessed to be 'high'.

WHO is keeping a close watch on the evolving situation and remains committed to work with member countries to scale up readiness and implement IHR core capacities to respond to any importation, Dr Khetrapal Singh said, emphasizing that "We should continue to be vigilant and ready to contain and prevent any further spread."

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2020, 73rd Anniversary Union Day National Objectives

1. All ethnic nationals to preserve and protect for non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of National Unity and Perpetuation of Sovereignty.
2. To work on the peace process till success is achieved based on Union spirit.
3. To strive with the collective strength of all ethnic nationals for rule of law, a fair justice system and the security and safety of all citizens.
4. To prevent/protect all people from the danger of narcotic drugs as a national duty and thereby uplift their standard of living.
5. Emergence of a Constitution which will be in alignment with a genuine Democratic Federal Union.

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 28th January, 2020)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 29th January, 2020: Light rain are likely to be isolated in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State. Degree of certainty is (60%). Weather will be partly cloudy in Taninthayi Region, Northern Shan, Chin 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 (4-6) feet in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in Sagaing Region, Kachin and Chin States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 29th January, 2020: Fair weather.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 29th January, 2020: Generally fair weather.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 29th January, 2020: Fair weather.

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YCDC distributes second round of land compensation to farmers

THE Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) on 27 January distributed the second round of land compensation, amounting to K15,381.22 million, to local farmers whose lands have been confiscated by the government.

The compensation was disbursed during a ceremony at the YCDC meeting hall.

At the ceremony, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein said that land compensation will be disbursed in totality in 2020. "Farm lands and other lands, which have been confiscated, will be scrutinized before the compensation is awarded. Land Committees at different levels are following the procedures set by the central committee for processing compensations so that people cooperate with the committee by presenting correct information about farmland," he said.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein presents compensation to farmers in Yangon on 27 January. **PHOTO: HSAN KYAW OO (IPRD)**

The committee would be able to provide compensation only if it gets correct information, he added.

"Moreover, we want to make it clear that the authorities are giving land compensation and that the land will become the government's again. If people continue to live there as squatters, we will take legal action according to existing laws," he added.

Then, the Chief Minister, Regional Hluttaw chairman U Tin Maung Tun, Agriculture, Livestock, Forest and Energy Minister U Han Tun, Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe, and officials of the Regional Committee for Scrutinizing of Confiscated Farmlands and other lands committee distributed compensation to farmers. Afterwards, a local farmer gave words of thanks on behalf of all farmers.

On the same day, the YCDC on Monday gave K15,381.22 million in compensation to 139 local farmers for 1545.322 acres of land in Dagon Myothit Seikkan, Dagon Myothit (South, North, and East), Hlinethaya, Shwepyithar, Minglardone, Dala, Kyimyindaing, and Taikkyi townships. On 28 September, 2019, the YCDC gave K7 billion in compensation to 50 local farmers for 696.31 acres of farmland. —Hsan Kyaw Oo (IPRD)

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Trade body advises farmers to delay watermelon harvest

THE Sagaing Region Watermelon and Muskmelon Exporters and Producers Association has issued an announcement to local farmers asking them to wait for developments on the China coronavirus outbreak before picking watermelons and muskmelons, said U Soe Lwin, chairman of the Sagaing Region WMEPA.

On account of the coronavirus outbreak, residents of Wuhan City, China are being prevented from travelling around the country and this could affect the fruit market in the border area, he said.

"Although fruit can be exported in this situation, it may prove difficult because China has imposed restrictions on travelling in the country. We are monitoring the situation. If China manages to control the virus and traders are allowed to travel around the country freely, we will let local farmers know so they can start work as soon as possible. In this situation, we do not want local farmers to pick fruits because they may suffer from disease and the farmers may lose profits," he added.

Muskmelon farm in ChaungU. **PHOTO: WIN OO (ZAYYARTINE)**

"With travelling in China becoming inconvenient, watermelons and muskmelons may rot. So, local farmers should pick them only after receiving correct information through brokers or Chinese authorities, who are closely monitoring the current situation," he added. —Win Oo (Zayyartine)

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Wild elephant found dead in Ngwesaung Township

A WILD elephant was found dead on 27 January in a forest located 3 miles from the northern part of Shaukpin Village in Thazin village-tract of Ngwesaung Township, Ayeyawady Region.

After the elephant death was reported by local residents, a combined team comprising officials from the Pathein Forest Department, police, administrative team, and the local veterinary doctor rushed to the scene and inspected the carcass.

The dead male elephant was 33 years old and measured 7 feet in height. Last month, the elephant had been struck by an arrow. Officials believe the elephant died of its injuries.

The combined team has launched a search for those responsible for killing the elephant and is inspecting the routes around the village.

The Forest Department is also conducting an educational campaign for local residents on wildlife conservation. —Maung Maung Myint (IPRD)

(Translated by Hay Mar)

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Domestic investments touch K 748 bln in current fiscal

BETWEEN 1 October and 24 January in the 2019-2020 financial year, domestic investments made by Myanmar citizens reached K748 billion including US$134.46 million, including expansion of capital by existing enterprises, according to a press released issued by the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC).

The commission endorsed 39 local enterprises, with estimated capital of over K647.68 billion including $113.5 million, in the past four months. Those enterprises will invest in various sectors.

Photo shows an aerial view of downtown Yangon. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

Domestic investments flowed into real estate, manufacturing, hotels and tourism, construction, industrial estate, energy, mining, livestock and fisheries, agriculture, and other services sectors, according to figures provided by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

At a recent meeting of the MIC, eight domestic enterprises, with estimated capitals of K31.45 billion including $6.06 million, were endorsed including permitted by the MIC and the investment committees of Yangon, Mandalay, and Taninthayi regions. They will be executing projects in the manufacturing, hotels and tourism, real estate development, and other services sectors, creating over 950 jobs.

To simplify the verification process of investment projects, the Myanmar Investment Law allows region and state Investment Committees to grant permissions to local and foreign proposals, where the initial investment does not exceed K6 billion, or $5 million.

While, some projects no longer need MIC approval, businesses that are strategic to the government require a permit from the commission. In addition, businesses that have large capital investments, exceeding $5 million, and that may have an impact on the environment and the local community need to be approved by the DICA proposal assessment team.

With the introduction of a fast-track way to set up business in Myanmar, investors can apply to the MIC or state and regional investment committees for getting investment proposals endorsed, depending on the business type. — GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

MIC okays power projects of two Hong Kong firms in Yangon, Magway

By Nyein Nyein

TWO enterprises from Hong Kong have been permitted to execute electricity generation, supply, and sale projects in Yangon and Magway regions, said U Thant Sin Lwin, Director-General of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

Hong Kong-listed VPower KC1 and CNTIC Vpower YG2 companies will be engaged in the generation of electricity, supply, and sale. VPower KC1 will invest US$18.155 million to generate 20.54 MW of electricity from LNG. The company will supply power and sell it on an IPP (BOO) basis at the Kyunchaung power plant in Magway Region.

Meanwhile, CNTIC VPower YG2 will build a 350-MW LNG power plant on No. 14 plot at Thilawa Port in Thanlyin Township, Yangon Region. It will invest $297.39 million in power generation, supply, and sale.

At present, Hong Kong has made large investments in electricity generation, real estate development, and manufacturing sectors.

In the first four months of the current fiscal, investments of more than $1 billion flowed into the country from Hong Kong, boosting it to the top of the foreign investment line-up, according to data provided by the DICA.

Between 1 October and 24 January in the current fiscal, 100 businesses were permitted and endorsed by the Myanmar Investment Commission, and foreign direct investments exceeded $2 billion, including expansion of capital by existing enterprises.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Yangon Region Investment Forum 2020 to be held in Feb

By Nyein Nyein

THE Yangon Region Investment Forum 2020 will take place in February, said U Thant Sin Lwin, Director-General of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

In a bid to promote domestic and foreign investments in the region, the Yangon Region Investment Forum 2020 is being jointly organized by the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC), Yangon Region Investment Committee (YRIC), and Yangon Region government.

"This will be the third edition of the forum, and it will focus on the manufacturing sector," said U Thant Sin Lwin.

The objectives behind investment forums are to show potential investment opportunities, promote foreign investments, and build connections between local and international counterparts, said officials.

Similar forums and investment fairs will be held in Sagaing and Bago regions later this year. The Sagaing Region Investment Forum 2020 will be inaugurated in March in Monywa, Sagaing Region. It will be organized by the MIC and Sagaing Region government.

The Bago Region government, MIC, and Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) will also organize the Bago Region Investment Fair 2020 in May.

As per data from the DICA, 100 foreign enterprises brought in investments of more than $2 billion into the country between 1 October and 24 January in the 2019-2020 financial year, including expansion of capital by existing enterprises.

(Translated by EMM)

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Yojin Cement Donates nunnery Building in Kyauktan

Yojin Myanmar Cement donated a nunnery building constructed at the cost of K 130 million in the Zabu Oskshaung Nunnery in Kyauktan on 25 January, 2020, keeping its promise made the Slag Cement Technical Seminar last year by its chairman.

The Building was opened with an attendance by Deputy Minister of Construction U Kyaw Lin. At the ceremony, Chairman of Yojin Group promise to continue to support the teaching area in Myanmar believing that profits from a business must also benefit the human society.

On the same day, Yojin Myanmar Cement held a ceremony to excellence Award its prize awarded by the Government of the Republic of Korea at its plant in Thilawa Special Economic Zone in Thanlyin .

Yojin archived the excellence prize awarded by Yojin Construction & Engineering oversea Civil Facilities of Korea at the "15th Korea Civil Engineering and Architecture Technology Exhibition" in the Republic of Korea last year.

Yojin Cement Plant is the first building by Yojin Construction & Engineering Oversea of Korea.

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Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
2. With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offenses up to 25 January 2020 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

Sr	Nature of report	Details on seizure and legal action taken
1	Information received of Kyaw San Lin who lives in Pyinbin Village, Kyunhla Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 22 January 2020, police searched the house of Kyaw San Lin (a) Kyaw San Kway, 44, son of U Ba Thwin, who lives in Pyinbin Village, Kyunhla Township, and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets and heroin. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Kyunhla)MaYa(pa)1/2020 under Section 19(a) and 20(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2	Information received of Chit Ko who lives in Kyeesu Ward, Dawbon Township, Yangon Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 21 January 2020, police searched the house of Chit Ko (a) Chit Myo Ko, 35, son of U Mya Thaung, who lives in Kyeesu Ward, Dawbon Township, and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Dawbon)MaYa(pa)6/2020 under Section 19 (a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3	Information received of Daw Khin Lay Myint who lives in Ywama Anauk Ward, Insein Township, Yangon Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 23 January 2020, police searched the house of Daw Khin Lay Myint (a) Pwa Gyi, 48, daughter of U Thein Naing, who lives in Ywama Anauk Ward, Insein Township, and arrested her and Zaw Oo, 34, son of U Thein Zaw, who lives in Pauktaw Ward, Insein Township, together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa (Insein)MaYa(pa)12/2020 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4	Information received of Kyaw Hlaing and Aye Lwin who live in Taung Ward, Hopon Township, Shan State (south), distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 19 January 2020, police searched a shop house of Kyaw Hlaing, 52, son of U Hla Hsaung, who lives in Taung Ward, Hopon Township and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Hopon)MaYa(pa)7/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Similarly, police searched the house of Aye Lwin, 41, son of U Hla Maung, who lives in the same ward, and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Hopon)MaYa(pa)8/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5	Information received of some people distributing and selling illegal drugs in wards of Taunggyi Township, Shan State,	Police have opened 19 cases and arrested 26 men and three women together with heroin, stimulant tablets and opium block in the previous weeks. Acting on a tip-off, police searched the house of Myint Hlaing (a) Ah Thae Lay, 36, son of U Maw Tan, who lives in Shwetaung Ward, Taunggyi Township, on 21 January and found him and other nine people — his brothers Than Naing, (a) Ahpulay, 41, and Min Min Tun (a) Tin Shein, 30; Tun Thar (a) Kyan Kyaung, 20, son of U Maung Kyaw, and his brother Thant Zin Phyo (a) Ahngelay, 19; Yan Aung Naing (a) Yan Naing, 31, son of U Aung Myint, who lives in the same ward; Pyae Phyo Kyaw (a) Poe La Pyae, 25, son of U Kyaw Htay, who lives in Sein Pan Ward; Zaw Lin Aung, 29, son of U Toe Maung, who lives in Sein Pan Ward, Wei Lwin Phoe (a) Ko Tu, 29, son of U Min Lwin, who lives in Kanthar Ward and Sai Thein Han, 31, son of U Sai Tun Myint, who lives in Kanouk Ward. Police seized 'WY' stimulant tablets from them. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa (Taunggyi)MaYa(pa)5/2020 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

3. Out of the information sent to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department, so far a total of 957 cases have been opened files as of 25 January 2020. A total of 1,480 people, including 1,236 men and 244 women had been arrested with 7494.9814g of heroin, 1,347.42 g of ICE, 40,339.02166 g of opium, 661.27 g of low-quality opium, 53230.76 g of speciosa powder, 12097.32 g of speciosa, 2.5 liters of liquid speciosa, 462,707 stimulant tablets, 10310.42 g of marijuana, 0.1 liters of opium tincture, 520.28 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 55.45 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 0.001 g of crushed ecstasy powder, 19 firearms, different kinds of 257 cartridges and one grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the department will report on further exposed cases.

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

Contacts:
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Email Address — antinarcotics@presidentoffice.gov.mm

Deputy Information Minister receives officials from BBC Media Action

DEPUTY MINISTER for Information U Aung Hla Tun received the officials from BBC Media Action at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed the works of BBC Media Action and cooperative matters.—MNA
(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun meets with BBC Media Action delegation at the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister for Transport and Communications receives US Ambassador

UNION Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung received US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Scot Marciel at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters related to infrastructure development of Myanmar port industry and assisting in the works of railway transport sector, technical exchange about the policies and making laws relating to cyber security, and bilateral cooperation. — MNA ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung meets with US Ambassador Mr Scot Marciel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Australian National Day celebrated in Nay Pyi Taw

A reception to mark the National Day of Australia was held at the M Gallery Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

First, the reception was opened by playing the national anthems of Myanmar and Australia.

At the event, Australian Ambassador Ms Andrea Faulkner and Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi extended greetings, followed by a commemorative group photo session involving the Union Minister and wife, and the Australian Ambassador and attendees.

Afterwards, the Union Minister and wife, and the Australian Ambassador and attendees together enjoyed the dinner reception to mark the Australian National Day.

Also present at the event were Union Ministers U Thaung Tun, U Kyaw Tin, U Win Khaing, U Thein Swe, U Han Zaw and Dr Win Myat Aye and their wives, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Maung Maung Aye, members of Union Election Commission U Myint Naing and U Myint Aung, Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Maw, Deputy Ministers U Tin Myint and U Aung Hla Tun, senior Tatmadaw officers, Permanent Secretaries, Directors-General, diplomats, invited guests and officials. — MNA ■ *(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)*

Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi and wife, and Australian Ambassador Ms Andrea Faulkner pose for a group photo together with, attendees at the dinner reception to mark the Australian National Day in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Consignees of cargo carried on M.V JIA FENG VOY. NO. (01) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 29-1-2020 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MITT-4 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
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AGENT FOR: M/S GLOBAL MARS SHIPPING
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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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The Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) meeting (2 / 2020) was convened at the meeting room of the MIC on 24th January, 2020 in Yangon. U Thaung Tun, Chairman of the MIC and (7) members attended the meeting. **PHOTO:DICA**

Foreign investors pour nearly US$ 2 billion into Myanmar in current FY

By Kyaw Htike Soe

FOREIGN direct investment inflows into Myanmar amounted to nearly US$ 2 billion during the first four months of this fiscal year, an increase of more than US$ 200 million when compared to the same period last year, said U Thant Sin Lwin, Director-General of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) under the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations.

The Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) scrutinized and approved 85 local and foreign investment projects worth over US$ 1,940 million during the period from 1 October 2019 to 24 January this year, according to the figures released by the DICA. The MIC also gave the green light to Myanmar citizen-invested projects valued at more than K731,672 million and US$ 128.4 million in the same period, creating up to 1,587 job opportunities for Myanmar citizens. "The foreign investment projects approved by the MIC from 1 October 2019 to 16 January this year under the Special Economic Zone Law saw over US$ 1,940 million, he said. The sharp increase of foreign direct investment into Myanmar attributes to the government's steps to ease regulations in bid to attract more foreign investment into the Southeast Asian country, the director-general added.

The MIC permitted 86 foreign investment projects valued at more than US$ 1245 million during the same period in the fiscal year 2018-2019."Company registration system in Myanmar has improved as compared to previously introduced scheme. This is the reason why enormous foreign investment has been flowedinto Myanmar," he

U Thaung Tun, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and Chairman of the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) received Mrs Kay Kuok Oon Kwong, Chairman from Shangri-La Yangon Limited on 29th November, 2019 in Yangon and cordially discussed the matters relating to the investment. **PHOTO: DICA**

U Thant Zin Lwin, Director General of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration received Mr Ketut Kusuma, Senior Financial Sector Specialist of International Finance Corporation and his team on 23rd January, 2020 in Yangon. During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters relating to future cooperation. **PHOTO: DICA**

explained. Asked if he thought the approved foreign investment projects would benefit Myanmar, he said all MIC permitted projects would contribute to economic development of the country and help the government create many job prospects for Myanmar citizens. Hong Kong pumped around US$ 825 million into Myanmar in the past three months of this financial year, calling the Southeast Asian country a key growth market.

Hong Kong topped the list of foreign investors in Myanmar during the period from October last to early January this year, and was followed by Singapore which poured US$ 167 million into four projects in the country. Between 1988 and 2019, 215 firms from Hong Kong injected more than US$ 9 billion into Myanmar, according to the figures from the DICA. The majority of the foreign investment from Singapore, China, Thailand, Hong Kong, and United Kingdom came to manufacturing, communications, transport, tourism, agriculture, electricity generation, real estate and industrial sectors.The Southeast Asian country aims to attract US$ 5.8 billion of FDI in the current financial year.

Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun said that FDI inflows into Myanmar are expected to increase considerably in the current fiscal year once proposals for offshore oil exploration and mineral extraction are scrutinized and approved by the MIC. He continued that the government has taken a number of significant measures to ensure that it will be much easier for foreign investors to do business in Myanmar. Myanmar aimed to attract US$ 221 billion of FDI within 20 years from 2016-2017 FY to 2035-2036 FY under the short-term, mid-term and long-term Myanmar Investment Promotion Plan (MIPP). Projected to attract a total of over US$ 38 billion over the next 12 years, the MIPP is a symbol of the government's commitment to an open, fair and clear investment policy.

In addition Myanmar is expected to become a middle-income country by 2036. The government believes that the foreign direct investment is a key drive for lifting people out of poverty and economic growth of the country. The government is also committed to encouraging FDI inflows into the country that can contribute to the creation of job opportunities for Myanmar people, help their income increase and uplift their socioeconomic status. The MIC has been trying utmost to create an investor-friendly environment and already making investment policies more efficient and effective for foreign investors. Meanwhile, the DICA has been cooperating with NGOs, INGOs, and foreign agencies so as to lure foreign direct investments into the country by organizing seminars, investment and business forums.

Around 1,800 foreign enterprises from 50 countries around the world were permitted to invest in 12 sectors.Myanmar received US$ 9.4 billion of foreign direct investment in 2015-2016 FY, US$ 6.6 billion of FDI in 2016-2017, US$ 6.11 billion of FDI in 2017-2018 FY, US$ 4.5 billion in 2018-2019, and is estimated to attract US$ 5.8 billion in the current fiscal year. The largest sector of foreign direct investmentcame to oil and gas sector, accounting for 27 per cent of the total FDI, followed by the electricity generation sector with 26.15 per cent and the manufacturing sector with 14.07 per cent.

Dr Marlar Myo Nyunt, Deputy Director General of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration received the representatives led by Mr Xu, Weiliang, Director of Best Garment (Myanmar) Co, Ltd on 16th January, 2020 in Yangon. During the meeting, they discussed matters relating to investment. **PHOTO: DICA**

U Thurein Nyein, the president of MMRA explains about holding the Retail Summit & Expo 2020. **PHOTO: YE HTUT TIN (NLM)**

Myanmar's first Retail Summit & Expo 2020 to be held in Yangon on 7 & 8 February

MYANMAR'S first Retail Summit and Expo 2020 together with a conference titled "Unleashing the Retail Potential" organized by Myanmar Retailers Association (MMRA) will be held at Fortune Plaza in Yangon on 7 and 8 February 2020. A pre-Press Conference about this two-day event was held at Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) on 21 January 2020.

"For the benefit of retailers in the Retail Industry, their suppliers and partners, a conference titled 'Unleashing the Retail Potential' will be included. Retail experts, successful players in the retail industry, leaders of foreign retail businesses will discuss in the conference allowing all to learn their different views and concepts. This event was also held as a preparation to host an International Retail Expo in Myanmar" said MMRA Chairman U ThureinNyein.

Only about 10 per cent of Myanmar retailers had transited to modern retail businesses while 90 per cent remains as traditional retailers. The aim of the retail summit and expo was for successful retailers to pass on information that small retailers ought to know as well as changes required and advancement in technologies in order to create a better retailing environment in Myanmar. Ten foreign experts including top management from world famous 7 Eleven convenience store, Thailand's famous shopping malls Paragon and Emporium, Indonesia's Matahari Department Store, Philippine's Wilcon Home Depot, ten locals such as Daw Win Win Tint of Citymart Holding and economic advisor Dr Aung Tun Thet will be holding talks. It is a conference for those who were in or planning to enter the retail sector as well as for interested person in the economy said the MMRA general secretary Daw Tin Su Hlaing.

Entrance fee for the conference on the days when it is held will be 50,000 Kyats while conference early bird fee of 30,000 Kyats will be available up to 3 February at Information Counters at Citymart Supermarkets and Ocean Super Centers all over the country.

In the public portion of the Expo where entrance is free for the public, 150 booths opened by renown suppliers to retailers will be exhibiting and selling at bargain prices consumer, beverages, toys, fashion, household, beauty, IT, medical and healthcare products.

"Retail Summit & Expo 2020 will be an event where retailers could promote their businesses at a single place. Booths at the event will also display the products which could support the retail business. Therefore, the Expo will surely benefit both retailers and suppliers, said U Naing Lin, the vice president of MMRA."

— Ye Htut Tin (NLM)

Daw Tin Suu Hlaing, the general secretary of MMRA, talking to the medias at the press interview. **PHOTO: YE HTUT TIN (NLM)**

Myanmar ties Thailand 1-1 at second match of Int'l Women's friendly

IN preparations for the 2020 AFC Women's Olympics Qualifiers, the Myanmar national women's team played a draw against the Thailand women's team during an International Women's Friendly match at Mandalar Thiri Stadium in Mandalay yesterday.

That is their second friendly match and ended with a score of 1-1. The goal for Myanmar was scored by Nu Nu at 17th minute, while the goal for Thailand was scored by Saowalak at 52nd minute.

Captain Khin Malar Tun was substituted with Thin Thin Yu at the last minutes of first half after she got an injury.

In their first friendly match on 25 January, Myanmar was defeated by Thailand 1-2.

The Myanmar women's team returns to Yangon from Mandalay in the morning of 29 January and will leave Yangon for South Korea at night.

In South Korea, Myanmar will play against South Korea on 3 February and take on Viet Nam on 6 February at the Jeju World Cup Stadium in Seogwipo.

Myanmar has been placed in Group A together with South Korea and Viet Nam in the qualifiers for the 2020 AFC Women's Olympics, while Group B includes Thailand, host Australia, China and Taiwan.

The winners and first runners-up from the two groups will advance to the play-offs, which have been scheduled for 6 March (first leg) and 11 March (second leg). The two play-off round winners will qualify for the 2020 Summer Olympics. — Kyaw Khin

Players of Myanmar and Thailand vie for the ball at the Mandalar Thiri Stadium in Mandalay yesterday. **PHOTO: MFF**

Fixtures released for Week-2 of MPT Myanmar National League II 2020

THE fixture for the second round of the Week-2 of MPT Myanmar National League II 2020 was released yesterday, according to the league's Facebook.

There are four matches in the week which is scheduled to be held on 29 and 30 January. On 29 January, Mawrawadi will compete against Kachin United at the Padonmar Stadium, while Yaw Myay play against Chinland FC at the Salin Stadium.

On 30 January, Junior Lions will take on University FC at the Padonmar Stadium, and Myawady FC will compete against Silver Stars at the Salin Stadium. All the matches will be played at 3:30pm of the scheduled dates.—Kyaw Khin

AFC Cup 2020: Yangon United to play against Indera SC today

The pre-match press conference ahead of the match between Yangon United FC and Brunei football club Indera SC is in progress at the hall of the the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MFF**

YANGON United will take on Brunei football club Indera SC in second leg of qualifying play-off of AFC Cup 2020 at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon today (29 January), according to a pre-match press conference ahead of the match yesterday at the hall of the Stadium.

In their first leg, Yangon United beat Indera SC6-1 in Brunei on 22 January. The second leg match between the two teams will be broadcast live on My Sports Facebook Page.

Ameer Lani, head coach of Indera SC,that the match on 22 January was the first ever match for the club in AFC Cup, and they learnt a lot from the match. Most of the club's players are youths and the team is aimed to be a better team in the future. "We were prepared our best for the match against Yangon United tomorrow," he added. U Tin Maung Tun, head coach of Yangon United, it can't say that the match against Indera SC will surely win as everything can happen in football and we must respect the other team. "There will be a slight change of players for tomorrow's match as we have played several match in this week," he added. —Kyaw Khin

German FA chief sets semi-final target for Euro 2020

BERLIN (Germany)—The president of the German FA has ramped up the pressure on coach Joachim Loew by saying he expects the national team to reach at least the semi-finals of Euro 2020.

"We must, and 'Jogi' (Loew) won't like hearing this, reach the semi-finals. Perhaps even the final," Fritz Keller, president of the German Football Association (DFB) said Tuesday.Keller was speaking in Leipzig at celebrations to mark the 120th anniversary of the founding of the DFB.This summer's European Championship, which runs from June 12 to July 12, is a big test for Loew after Germany's failure at the 2018 World Cup.

The 2014 world champions crashed out in the group stage in Russia, marking the first time since Loew took charge in 2006 that Germany failed to reach the knockout stages of a major tournament.Germany face holders Portugal, world champions France and a play-off winner in their three Euro 2020 group matches on home soil at Munich's Allianz Arena.Loew, who turns 60 on Monday, signed a lucrative contract extension until the 2022 World Cup ahead of the finals in Russia and knows his new-look team must deliver at the Euros.He has repeatedly attempted to lower expectations in football-mad Germany by insisting the national team, currently 15th in the FIFA world rankings, is not among the favourites to win Euro 2020."The opponents in the group stages are a big deal, but what I have seen in the last few (Germany) games gives me hope," said Keller, whose predecessor Reinhard Grindel gave Loew the 2018 contract extension.—AFP ■

Joachim Loew (C) has been put under pressure to reach the semi-finals at Euro 2020. **PHOTO: AFP**