NO STONE UNTURNED IN COMBATTING CHALLENGES AHEAD IN FIGHTING COVID-19

VP U Henry Van Thio inspects renovation of embankment and strand road in Amarapura

Vice President U Henry Van Thio, in his capacity as the Chairman of the National Disaster Management Committee, inspected the control of Ayeyawady River floodwaters caused by damages to the embankment near Shwe Gae wastewater treatment facility in Amarapura Township, Mandalay Region, yesterday.

The Vice President, Union Minister and Deputy Chairman of the management committee Lt-Gen Soe Htut and members of the committee Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung, Deputy Ministers U Hla Kyaw and Dr Kyaw Linn and officials heard reports on flood control measures and renovation of the Strand Road to allow the resumption of traffic.

Deputy Minister for Construction Dr Kyaw Linn also reported on temporary road embankment repair works by driving sheet piles to fill with big rocks and sandbags. He also reported about plans to build a new embankment after the rainy season. The Vice President gave comments and advice to ensure coordination.

The Ayeyawady floodwaters seeped in on 19 July and damaged the embankment near the Shwe Gae wastewater treatment facility and the Strand Road. It is reported that renovation works are being carried out immediately to allow the resumption of normal flow of traffic.

— MNA

(Translated by Ei Phyu Phyu Aung)

Updated at 8 pm, 21 July 2020

Total Cases 341

Recovery Update on 21 July 2020 after two consecutive tests

- Total Recovery 280
- New Recovery 2
- Discharged from Hospital 266
- New PUIs 20

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COVID-19 figure in Myanmar remains at 341 after no new case reported on 21 July

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THE Fourth-day meeting of the 17th regular session of the Second Amyotha Hluttaw was held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

MP Daw Htu May of Rakhine State constituency 11 raised a question on budget spending of the Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department for water management processes in order to provide enough clean water in the Rakhine State.

The Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu replied that the Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department of the Rakhine State spent K16.485 billion between the 2015-2016 fiscal year (FY) and 2019-2020 FY for construction of a total of 47 dams, and the Department of Rural Development spent K19.525 billion between the 2015-2016 fiscal year (FY) and 2019-2020 FY for 2,796 projects to provide adequate water supply to villages. So, the total spending by the two departments for water supply projects in the Rakhine State in that period was K36.01 billion.

The Union Minister added that the relevant municipalities and the Department of Rural Development are cooperating for sufficient supply of water in the Rakhine State. According to 2014 Myanmar Population and Housing Census, the percentage of households using improved drinking water sources stood at 37.3 per cent in the Rakhine State. But, according to the “Rainy Season Data” of the Myanmar Livestock Conditions Survey (MLCS-2017) jointly conducted by the Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry, about 45 per cent of the population in the Rakhine had access to improved water sources, said the Union Minister Dr Aung Thu.

The Union Minister continued to say that 2019 Interim Census has already been completed, so the updated data for accessing to improved water sources in the Rakhine State will be announced soon.

MP U Bwe Khane from Chin State constituency 3 raised a question on whether the budget will be got for constructing a new school building in the premises of the middle school in the Foneka village, Thantlang township, Chin State.

In response to his question, the Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi replied that the existing school building is enough for the current number of students, so there will be no budget allocation for constructing a new school building in the 2020-2021 FY. But the budget may be provided in the 2021-2022 FY, and it will depend on the number of students, said the Union Minister for Education.

The Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi replied that the new school buildings will be got for constructing a (130x30) feet two-storey building has been allocated for the 2020-2021 FY, but the proposal will be considered in next fiscal years in order to fulfill the needs.

MP U San Myint from Ayeyawady Region constituency 3 asked a question on whether there is a plan to build new school buildings to replace the dangerous old school buildings in the premises of the high school in Kone Pyin village, Yay Kyi township, Pathein district, Ayeyawady Region. The Union Minister for Education replied that the budget for constructing a (130x30) feet two-storey building has been allocated for the 2020-2021 FY.

Questions related to land issues were raised by MP U Hla Myint (a) U Hla Myint Than from Mon State constituency 11 and MP U Saw Than Hlut from Kayin State constituency 2.

Union Minister Dr Aung Thu replied to these questions.

The Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi replied that there is a plan to build new school buildings in the premises of the high schools of Lonenu village and Gnam village in Paletwa township, Chin State, in 2020-2021 FY. The Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi replied that the new school buildings will not be constructed in the 2020-2021 FY, but the proposal will be considered in next fiscal years in order to fulfill the needs.

The disbursement followed an Education Sector Relief Plan (CERP).

Then, Amyotha Hlutaw Speaker Mahn Win Khain Than announced Hlutaw’s agreement to accept the report of the Amyotha Hlutaw’s Agriculture, Livestock and Fishery Development Committee, after obtaining the decision of the Amyotha Hlutaw.

The 5th-day meeting of the 17th regular session of the Second Amyotha Hlutaw will be held on 23 July — Aung Ye Thwin (Translated by Maung Maung Sue)
Pyithu Hluttaw raises asterisked questions, turns down urgent motion at 4th-day meeting

THE Second Pyithu Hluttaw held the 4th-day meeting of 17th regular session yesterday, with answers of ministries to the asterisked questions, inviting list of MPs to discuss the two bills sent by the Amyotha Hluttaw and tabling an urgent motion.


MP U Sai Okkar from Lailkha constituency asked about identifications and correction on birth date of senior citizens are being abused victim girls by adopting accurate policies and directives of relevant ministries.

Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung replied that identifications and correction on birth date of senior citizens are being coordinated with the relevant departments and the ministry is also drafting a long-term financing strategy to fully cover the increase of aging population.

Moh Moh Lwin from Singaing constituency asked about fair education access for the sexually abused victim girls by adopting accurate policies and directives of relevant ministries.

The two questions were answered by Deputy Minister U Soe Aung. MPs for these children; MP Dr Kyi Moh Moh Lwin from Singaing constituency asked about fair education access for the sexually abused victim girls by adopting accurate policies and directives of relevant ministries.

Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Than Htut answered the question.

The Speaker invited the list of MPs who want to discuss the two bills sent by the Amyotha Hluttaw with recommendations.

However, the motion received only 125 supporting votes, and failed to meet the required 150 vote mark to pass, while the Tatmadaw has offered to use its aircrafts to bring back Myanmar nationals stranded in Malaysia and Thailand.

The motion also mentioned that many Myanmar people are stranded in Thailand as there is no enough relief flights of MAI and MNA, while the Tatmadaw can use its aircrafts to bring back home before the elections.

However, the motion received only 125 supporting votes, and failed to meet the required number 144 to discuss it at the Hluttaw.

The 5th-day meeting of Pyithu Hluttaw will convene on 23 July.—Aye Aye Thant (MNA)
"People are the key"

Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye holds videoconference with COVID-19 volunteers

UNION MINISTER Dr Win Myat Aye, in his capacity as the Secretary of the National Volunteer Steering Unit, held a videoconference with volunteers and members of civil society organizations assisting in COVID-19 measures across the nation yesterday.

Participants from Chin State, Rakhine State, Mon State and Tanintharyi Region joined the meeting and discussed of areas of cooperation, challenges faced, and finding solutions to related issues.

During the meeting, the Union Minister said while COVID-19 is no longer spreading as noticeably as before domestically, people returning from abroad may be carrying the disease and thus putting them in quarantine is important. He thanked everyone assisting and urged volunteers to assist the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in social security, disaster prevention, response and rehabilitation processes. He said there would be different challenges and necessities between the states and regions and asked for participants to voice those differences.

The meeting then started with discussions on the language barrier preventing effective dissemination of COVID-19 information among various ethnic regions, the difficulty of transporting water, food, and lab samples of people in quarantine across Chin State due to inadequate infrastructure, the need for vehicle fuel, the need for cash assistance to purchase food for people in quarantine the longer COVID-19 stretches on, proper management of illegal routes of entry, especially routes by water, requesting supplies of face masks, hand sanitizers, gloves and PPE outfits when schools reopen, equipping schools with foot-operated waste bins, organizing additional courses for disaster management and volunteers, and support from the Union Government to the long-term assistance by volunteers and philanthropic organizations in COVID-19 measures.

The Union Minister responded by saying his ministry will swiftly address the issues that can be resolved immediately and coordinate with other relevant departments to address the other issues.

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New postage stamp honouring Myanmar blacksmith to be issued

THE Myanmar Post will issue a new postage stamp (200 kyats), featuring the Myanmar blacksmith work, on 24 July. The stamp can be bought at Yangon Post Office, Mandalay Post Office and the other post offices across the nation yesterday.

At the Photolitho Printing Press, the Deputy Minister discussed the Global New Light of Myanmar is the only English language newspaper that conveys the government policy to international readers, and that both the editorial team and the management with the management and the editorial team.

At the meeting, the Deputy Minister discussed that the Global New Light of Myanmar is the only English language newspaper that conveys the government policy to international readers, and that both the editorial team and the management need to promote quality of the newspaper which can attract more interest from foreign audience with the news of multi-party democracy elections.

He emphasized following foreign policies of the country in covering international news, while local and national news need to draw the interest of local readers in terms of quality and contents.

The stamp can be bought at Yangon Post Office, Mandalay Post Office and the other post offices in every state and region starting from 9:30 am on 24 July. As a special programme, the Nay Pyi Taw Central Post Office, Yangon Post Office and Mandalay Post Office will stamp the date on the stamps and the First Day Cover on 24 July—MNA

(Translated by Ei Phyu Phyu Aung)
This is the time we should be on our guard

In our country, we haven’t even reached three months from the time we started imposing health rules and regulations to protect ourselves from COVID. I can see some people who have lost their patience. In this type of situation, we should be scared because we need to be scared, this is the time we should be on our guard. In some countries where they have announced that they have overcome the COVID challenge, they are facing COVID cases again. This is really scary.

Let me remind you again. Researchers are of the opinion that the second COVID wave is more likely to be worse than the first wave. We did not overcome the first wave easily. We had to invest in financial resources, human resources, and spiritual energy and will power. All types of energy. We need to come up with spiritual energy and will power continuously so that the investments we have made so far couldn’t turn out to be for nothing.

(Excerpt from State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's Facebook post on 17 June 2020)

Yangon bus operator begins prepaid card service

THE Asia Starmar Transport Intelligent Co., Ltd. has launched the prepaid card service for its 597 buses in Yangon.

The company broadcasts live Yangon Payment Services (YPS) online from 9 to 9:20 am.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, his Minister for Electricity, Industry and Transport Daw Nilar Kyaw, CEO of Asia Starmar Transport Intelligent Co., Ltd. Ms Grace Li made remarks on the prepaid card service.

Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein said, “The Yangon Bus Service plays a crucial role in the bus transport network system for public. The prepaid card service could solve the problem in the changes of paper money in bus fares.”

The YPS cards are available at the 180 outlets of G&G convenience stores in Yangon, and the company is providing the customer service at the three centres in downtown Sule, Thamine and Tamway.

Moreover, the Yangon City Development Committee has opened sales and top-up counters for prepaid cards at the bus stops in front of city hall, Myanmar Plaza, 8 Mile and Parami Nyaungbin.

CEO Ms Grace Li remarked, “The launch of YPS card system is a new historic milestone and an onset of a long journey, helping the cashless ecosystem of the country. The company will also introduce other prepaid card services.”

The YPS cards can be used at the bus line numbers 43, 62, 72, 87, 88, 89, 96, 12, 14, 25, 30 and 38.

The price of each card is Ky2,000 and the available top-up amount is from Ky1,000 to Ky50,000.

During the promotion period from 16 July to 15 August, the card will be free of charge for the minimal top-up Ky5,000.

The user needs to touch the card with the bus validator at the front door of the bus, and it must be put on another validator near the exit door to deduct the fee when someone gets off the bus.

If the user failed to put the card on the exit validator, the fare will also be taken for the previous ride when the card is touched on the front validator. Only one passenger could use the card service each time.—Yamanya

(Myanmar brings back 109 citizens stranded abroad

THE relief flight of MAI (Myanmar Airways International) landed at Yangon International Airport at 8 pm on 21 July bringing a total of 109 Myanmar nationals back home via Incheon International Airport.

Due to the suspension of international commercial flights during the COVID-19 pandemic, Myanmar has been repatriating its citizens stranded in foreign countries.

Among these returnees, 43 persons are from Republic of Korea while 66 are from Egypt, Greece, Canada, Belgium, Norway, Japan, France, Denmark, Switzerland, Germany and US.

As they arrived in Yangon, officials from the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, the Ministry of Health and Sports, and the Yangon Region government helped for their 21-day quarantine period in line with the regulations of immigration and medical checks.

To bring back the Myanmar citizens who are stranded in foreign countries in relief flights and charter flights in accordance with the instructions from National-Level Central Committee for Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs cooperated with the relevant ministries and Myanmar embassies from respective countries and brought back a total of 1,873 citizens via Incheon International Airport of Republic of Korea to date.— MNA

(Myanmar citizens who came back from Thailand queuing for immigration service at Yangon International Airport on 21 July. PHOTO: MNA)
The Foreign Correspondents’ Club of Myanmar (FCCM) selected new executive committee members for 2020 during its urgent meeting through videoconferencing on 20 July. The Chairman of FCCM, executive members and members of FCCM joined the online meeting.

Firstly, FCCM Chairman U Min Zaw delivered the opening speech and the former executive committee members announced their resignation. Afterwards, they discussed the selection of new members from a list of nominees. U Han Htwe Aung (TV Asia) was selected as Chairman of the Executive Committee for FCCM 2020-2021, U Myat Thiru (Kyodo News) as Vice-Chairperson-1, Daw Hla Hla Htay (AFP) as Vice-Chairperson 2, U Thida Thwet as secretary, U Nayin Chan Naing (EPA) as joint-secretary, Daw Yudana Tun (Kyodo News) as treasurer, and Daw Su Myat Mon (Xinhua) as auditor while Daw Khin Moh Moh Myint (NHK), U Sithu Naing (VOA), Daw Myo Myo Myat Tun (The Wall Street Journal) and U Thein Zaw (AP) were selected as FCCM members.

THE local farmers and businessmen are needed to coordinate to control the market so that they can prevent sugarcane growing from declining, according to the Agriculture Department in Aunglan township.

The sugarcane cultivation has decreased to about 1,000 acres of land this year in Aunglan township compared to that of last year. The sugarcane is grown mainly in Taungdwingyi, Aunglan and Kamma townships. Last year, the Aunglan township grew about 10,000 acres of sugarcane. But, this year, the local farmers from Aunglan can grow only 9,000 acres of sugarcane.

“As there is a decline in the sugarcane cultivation, the local farmers have reduced the current acreage of sugarcane plants because sugar mills are only willing to buy the sugarcane plants at a much lower price. If the sugarcane production continues to decline, the sugar mills will not get the raw materials. The local growers don’t want to sell their sugar if the millers do not want to offer the right price. The growers are selling their products to places where they get a higher price. It is interrelated and so, both the local growers and the businessmen should control the market to make it stable,” said U Tun Hla Aung, the head of Agriculture Department in Aunglan Township.

Magway Region targeted to grow 15,000 acres of sugarcane plants in 2019-2020 fiscal year. However, the Magway region grew a total of 16,389 acres of plants which is an increase over the target, said Director U Lin Myat of Agriculture Department in Magway Region.

The local farmers grow the sugarcane plants from November to January. The duration of the sugarcane growing is one year. The inputs of the sugarcane cost around K 400,000-K 500,000. Each acre of sugarcane can yield around 30-40 tonnes. Each tonne of sugarcane plants can make a profit of around K 1,000,000 -K 1,2 million, according to the sugarcane growers. -Zayyata (Magway)

(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)
FDI inflows into Myanmar up by $900 ml

By Nyein Nyein

MYANMAR has attracted more than US$4.4 billion in foreign direct investments within the past ten months of the current fiscal year, an increase of over $900 million compared with the corresponding period of the previous FY, as per data of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

According to the DICA statistics, 208 foreign enterprises have obtained permits from the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) and endorsements from regional and state Investment Committees between 1 October and 10 July in the current fiscal year 2019–2020, bringing in the capital of $4.49 billion, including the expansion of capitals by the existing enterprises.

In the year ago period, FDI of just $3.526 billion had poured in from 224 enterprises.

The number of permitted or endorsed enterprises this year was 16 less than last year. However, the surge in investment in the current fiscal was attributed to the projects with large investments, the MIC stated.

Both the foreign and domestic investment sectors are not affected by the coronavirus negative impacts, said DICA Director-General U Thant Sin Lwin.

Amid the coronavirus concerns, foreign direct investments flow into many types of businesses including the garment enterprises. The foreign investors are not bothered by the disputes between employers and employees and the closure of some CMP businesses during the meantime.

Of the investment proposals, the manufacturing and labour-intensive businesses are prioritized by the commission.

Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) is planning to accept investment projects in manufacturing masks, pharmaceuticals and others which can contribute to the fight against the pandemic infection in the country at the soonest.

In the current financial year, the MIC has set an FDI target of $5.8 billion. The Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations has been inviting responsible businesses to benefit the country.

“The Myanmar Investment Promotion Plan (MIPP) has been drawn up with the assistance of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), and it is now under implementation. As per the MIPP, Myanmar aims to reach an FDI target of $200 billion in forthcoming 30 years,” said Union Minister U Thaung Tun of the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Govt to shift integrated poultry, fish farming to GAqP

THE government is phasing in a ban on integrated poultry and fish farming to undergo Good Aquaculture Practices (GAqP) system, according to the Yangon Region Fisheries Department.

“We have to ensure food safety from farm to table and comply with GAqP system. The system has to cover from farming to processing factories. The training courses related to Good Manufacturing Practices (GMP) and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) have been conducted at ISO laboratories and factories.

We trace the quality of water and wastewater management system in fish farming lakes and production chain of feedstuff. The integrated poultry and fish farming have been gradually banned since last year. Some fish and poultry enterprises employing in non-compliance with GAqP standard, said Director Dr Yin Yin Moo of Yangon Region Fisheries Department.

There are over 405,000 acres of integrated fish farms across the country, while 9,735 acres are located in Yangon Region.

According to the Myanmar Livestock Federation (MLF), at present, there are 1.33 million broilers being raised for meat, about 1,465 million semi-broilers, and more than 2.9 million layers for an egg at integrated poultry and fish farms. “The industry has been producing meat and eggs at a reasonable price to fulfill the needs of the consumers. It also helps support the country’s meat sector,” it stated.

Currently, there are 211 live-stock farmers employing 6,330 labourers in the integrated farming industry. It is estimated that about 37,980 people are relying on this industry, according to the MLF.

“If the government bans integrated poultry and fish farming with immediate effect, it could hurt the livelihood of more than 37,980 people depending on this industry and investors. Moreover, it can pose land problems for poultry farming and reduce the number of poultry raised,” said Dr Kyaw Htin, Vice President of the Myanmar Livestock Federation.

“Having said that, the federation has requested the government to conduct a systematic analysis of integrated poultry and fish farming,” he said.

As a result of this, the government is slowly moving to the GAqP system, with a gradual ban on integrated farming system.

According to the Myanmar Fisheries Federation, about 80 per cent of such mixed farming is being conducted with the help of foreigners. This kind of integrated poultry and fish farming is not in line with Good Aquaculture Practices, Good Manufacturing Practices, and Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP), and it can harm the export of farm-raised fish, MFF’s officials said.

“Moreover, fish bred on integrated farms pose food safety risks and are not suitable for consumption. Furthermore, such practices can harm the country’s National Aquaculture Development Plan to build a sustainable aquaculture sector in Myanmar,” they added. — Thant Zin Win/ Ko Khant

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Investors eying industrial estate development sector

The construction of those projects started this year.


(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

PHOTO-SUPPLIED

During last fiscal, there was Korea-Myanmar Industrial Complex project implemented by KMIC Development Co., Ltd on 558 acres of land in Hlegu Township, Yangon; and Development and Operation Project of Smart and Eco City and Related Businesses by Thailand-based Amata Group on 2,000 acres of land near Dagon Myothit (East) and (South) townships.

UAB bank again wins Myanmar's Best Bank Award from Euromoney in 2020

UAB bank was recognized again as Myanmar’s Best Bank at the prestigious Euromoney Awards for Excellence 2020. The award in 2020 is the second year in a row for UAB bank, who was also crowned as Myanmar’s Best Bank in 2019 by Euromoney.

The Euromoney Awards for Excellence is an annual event which selects the best ranking banks in the region. All the awards were based on a central theme – they recognise institutions and individuals that demonstrate leadership, innovation, and momentum in the markets in which they excel.

UAB bank’s profit doubled in 2019 year on year to 13.6 billion (approx US$10 million), together with total income up by 35%, deposits up by 10.8% and the bank’s loan book growing by 12.8%, UAB bank’s returns on equity and assets swelled to 18.3% and 1.2% respectively for the period ending 30th September 2019. Meanwhile, the bank’s capital adequacy ratio continued to be one of the highest in the industry, rising to 9%, from 7.9% a year earlier.

Commenting on the award, Christopher Loh, MD & CEO of UAB bank said, “It is such an honour to be recognized as Myanmar’s Best Bank again by Euromoney in 2020. Despite the challenges and the competition, we continued to build on the solid foundation that has transformed the way we run our bank and business.

In addition to sustaining a strong balance sheet and financials which are the key factors for this award, we have invested significantly in fintech and launched the iconic first celebrity app – SaiSai Pay and UABPay + which forms the building blocks of our digital ecosystem.

We are very proud to win this Myanmar’s Best Bank award for 2 consecutive years and will continue to take UAB bank further with greater innovation, transparency and by leading change and humanising banking here in Myanmar.”

GNLM
The Mission of the NCP for Marine Pollution Analysis and Stockpile Contingency Planning

By Captain Aung Zaw (HSST Consultant For Maritime Safety, Security and Environmental Protection Division Department of Marine Administration)

Introduction to NCP in Marine Pollution

The Department of Marine Administration (DMA) has finalised a National Contingency Plan for Marine Pollution (NCP) at the end of 2016. The NCP has been translated from English to Myanmar successfully and submitted to the Ministry of Transport and Communications for approval from the Union Government in the first quarter of 2017.

Background

In recent years there has been a super tanker terminal, Kyaukphyu deep-sea port, constructed in the Rakhine region on the west coast of Myanmar. The received oil has been transported through a pipeline to Chindwin, which is a major island port on which Myanmar become as an oil consumer country in the millions of tonnes per annum, so the risk of oil pollution is likely to be significant. On the other hand, several oil terminals and general cargo wharves are situated along the Yangon River though there are no persistent oil spills, other than bunker fuels, imported so far, shipping traffic is more congested and the two risk of an oil spill is relatively more frequent. Besides, oil spills for exploration and production have been extended to deep sea water in the EIEZ and as far as to present a daily high risk of marine pollution owing to oil spills, crude oil, liquefied, liquefied, and other marine accidents. Such risk of pollution threat coastal habitats, amenity beaches, the tourist industry, sea, marine life and mangrove, coastal fisheries and fishing industry.

National Task Force (NTF) Meetings

Myanmar has signed the International Convention on Oil Pollution Preparedness, Response, and Cooperation (ICOPCO, 1999) on 23 December 2016. Therefore, the government needs to establish oil pollution national stakeholders, including oil and gas industries, to prepare their respective oil spill response plans and pre-position to respond, as oil pollution national authorities needs to respond to all type of oil spills incidents. There were also local and international collaborations are experts from the Norwegian Coastal Administration (NCA), and IMO-IPIECA-GISEA Project Coordinator. The mission of the group was to prepare a document that would be the first step to the NCP. The National Task Force was formed by consisting of (22) members from national authorities and concerned departments nominated by several ministries, including DMA, NCA, and other national and offshore industries.

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The government is obligated to fulfill the needs of over 50,000 line volunteers who are staying within quarantine centres and have helped the government in preparing quarantine centres at risk of coronavirus infection. Life in a quarantine centre is tough. The volunteers require help for their safety and effective work.

To ensure the safety and effective work of the volunteers, it is expected that the volunteers who are quarantined are the first to fight to stop the spread of COVID-19 effective, enforcement should be tightened among those who return illegally to the homeland through waterways, even as the authorities are focusing on those who return officially through border gates.

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As a result, activists said, news content about the pandemic is more congested and the two risk of an oil spill is relatively more frequent. However, oil spills for exploration and production have been extended to deep sea water in the EIEZ and as far as to present a daily high risk of marine pollution owing to oil spills, crude oil, liquefied, liquefied, and other marine accidents. Such risk of pollution threat coastal habitats, amenity beaches, the tourist industry, sea, marine life and mangrove, coastal fisheries and fishing industry.

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Brazil set to test Chinese coronavirus vaccine

BRASILIA — Brazil will begin advanced clinical testing of a Chinese-made vaccine against the new coronavirus Tuesday, issuing the first doses to around 900 volunteers, officials said.

The coronavirus vaccine, developed by private Chinese pharmaceutical firm Sinovac, is the third in the world to enter Phase 3 trials, or large-scale testing on humans — the last step before regulatory approval.

It will be administered to doctors and other health workers who volunteer for the program across six states in Brazil, one of the countries hit hardest by the pandemic. “Trials of CoronaVac, one of the vaccines that has advanced furthest in testing in the world, will begin at the Clinical Hospital of Sao Paulo,” the state’s governor, Joao Doria, told a news conference. He said initial results were expected within 90 days. Sinovac is partnering with a Brazilian public health research center, the Butantan Institute, on the trials. If the vaccine proves safe and effective, the institute will have the right to produce 120 million doses under the deal, according to officials. “In Brazil, we could have the first vaccine to be put to widespread use, which is very, very promising,” said the head of the Butantan Institute, Dimas Covas. Brazil is the second-hardest-hit country in the coronavirus pandemic, after the United States. Its death toll surpassed 80,000 on Monday, and it has registered 2.1 million infections. Those grim figures make it an ideal testing ground for potential vaccines, since the virus is still spreading quickly.

Brazil is also helping carry Phase 3 testing of another experimental vaccine, developed by Oxford University in Britain and pharmaceutical firm AstraZeneca. —AFP

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Risk Identification

Increase Traffic

The number of vessels calling at Port of Yangon gradually increased during the last decade that 2018 figure reached 140% of the number in the last ten years. Cargo handling at Yangon Port is also an outstanding surge from 2008 to 2018. As the number of ships increasing in traffic, no doubt the risk of maritime accidents is likely to encounter much more frequently. The increase in shipping traffic is the main cause of spill risks.

Industrial Zone

As booming economic and industrial zones to require the capacity expansion of ports, deep-port, tanks, pipelines, particularly in Thilawa industrial zones and Yangon city, the increase of fuel consumption, Yangon city, the increase of fuel consumption, in Thilawa industrial zones and port, tanks, pipelines, particularly in the Yangon River.

Natural Disaster

Natural Disaster or severe weather conditions could increase the risk of spill in the operation of the Oil and Gas industrial and maritime transportation. Recalling the worst catastrophe happened in Myanmar deltaic region, during 2008 Cyclone Nargis hit the Deltaic region of Myanmar on 02 May 2008, crossing the south of the country over two days, and left devastating consequences.

Other causes

Not only a natural disaster but human-made disasters are also manifested to fire and explosion that may be caused by the terrorist attack, sabotage or by any perpetrators who have been

China requires negative COVID-19 tests for inbound air passengers

BELING — Passengers on flights to China are required to provide negative nucleic acid test results before boarding, the country’s civil aviation regulator said Tuesday. Chinese and foreign passengers taking flights to China must complete the tests within five days before embarking, the Civil Aviation Administration of China said in a joint statement issued with the General Administration of Customs and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The tests should be conducted in institutions designated or approved by Chinese embassies, the statement added. —Xinhua

References:
Florida teachers sue to stop school openings as virus rages

TALLAHASSEE — Florida’s main teachers union on Monday sued Governor Ron DeSantis and other authorities to stop schools from reopening in August, as the state has become a US epicentre of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Florida Education Association, which represents 140,000 teachers, says the state constitution asserts that schools must provide a “safe and secure” environment, but that the COVID-19 resurgence “is remarkable and out of control.” Florida reported 10,347 new COVID-19 cases and 90 deaths on Monday, bringing the total death toll to 5,072. More than 9,500 novel coronavirus patients have been hospitalized and just 18 per cent of intensive care beds are available, officials say. De-Santis “needs a reality check,” said FEA President Fedrick Ingram.

“I want schools to reopen, but we don’t want to begin in-person teaching, face an explosion of cases and sickness, then be forced to return to distance learning,” he said. The lawsuit calls on DeSantis, state education commissioner Richard Corcoran and the mayor of Miami county to desist “from unnecessarily and unconstitutionally forcing millions of public-school students and employees to report to unsafe brick and mortar schools.”

EU agrees huge virus aid plan

BRUSSELS — European leaders on Tuesday agreed on a massive aid package for their pandemic-ruined economies, as President Donald Trump changed his tune in favour of face masks as a tool against the coronavirus in the United States. The virus has infected more than 14.6 million people and killed over 600,000 of them since it first emerged in China, with fresh alarm being sounded over its accelerating spread in Africa. The pandemic has devastated the global economy, and after a fractious summit, European leaders agreed on a rescue package of 730 billion euros ($858 billion) to try and pull their bloc out of a deep recession.

The package will send tens of billions of euros to countries hit hardest by the virus, most notably heavily indebted Spain and Italy that had lobbied hard for a major gesture from their EU partners. The talks saw strong resistance from some members against sending money to nations they consider too lax with public spending. With even richer nations struggling, experts have warned that the impact would be harshest in poorer regions of the world like Africa. There are fresh concerns about the continent, particularly South Africa, where the death toll crossed 5,000 over the weekend.

Saud.—ANI

Iraqi PM arrives in Tehran to meet with Iranian officials

BAGHDAD — Iraqi Prime Minister Mustafa Al-Kadhimi arrived in Tehran on Tuesday for his first foreign visit in the new capacity to hold talks with Iranian officials, Iraq’s Press TV broadcaster reported. Al-Kadhimi’s visit is taking place at the invitation of Iranian President Hassan Rouhani. Prior to this, Al-Kadhimi met with Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif in Baghdad. The top Iraqi official was expected to travel first to Saudi Arabia, Tehran’s major regional rival, but the visit was eventually postponed due to the hospitalisation of Saudi King Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.—ANI

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

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Phone No: 2301191/2301178

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S CEA PROJECT LOGISTICS (MALAYSIA)

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V ISEACO FORTUNE VOY. NO. (028W)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V ISEACO FORTUNE VOY. NO. (028W) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21-7-2020 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MIP/MITT 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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Phone No: 2301185

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

M.V NORDMAAS VOY. NO. (028S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V NORDMAAS VOY. NO. (028S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22-7-2020 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MTT/TMT where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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Phone No: 2301185

Shipping Agency Department
Myanma Port Authority

Agent For:
M/S SEALAND MAERSK ASIA PTE LTD
Nepal to resume international, domestic flights in August

KATHMANDU—Nepal will resume operation of commercial international and domestic flights from Aug. 17, the government said Tuesday.

A Cabinet meeting late Monday instructed aviation authorities to prepare a safety protocol to be followed for the operation of flights, Tourism Minister Yogesh Bhattarai told reporters. “Airlines will have to strictly abide by the safety regulations,” Bhattarai said, without elaborating.

Nepal suspended all flights on March 22 before going under a complete lockdown on March 24. Ever since, only chartered and repatriation flights have operated. The lockdown has since been eased partially and the government has allowed private vehicles to operate on an odd-even basis and public transport to operate at a third of their capacity.

Travel from one district to another is, however, difficult because of the need to produce a variety of documents. Schools remain closed.

Markets have been allowed to open, but consumer appetite to purchase anything other than essentials remains tepid. As of Tuesday afternoon, Nepal has confirmed 17,844 coronavirus infections, with 40 fatalities.

The health ministry’s daily virus briefings show declining infection numbers and an increasing number of cured patients being discharged on a consistent basis over the past several days, decreasing pressure on the nation’s quarantine facilities.—Kyodo

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Reg. No. 4I5083/2020 (29.5.2020)

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“Photocopying machines; digital copiers; electrostatic copying machines; copiers; facsimile machines; telecommunication machines and apparatus; laser printers; ink jet printers; dye-sublimation printers; scanners; multifunctional devices which incorporate printer, copier and facsimile functions; multifunctional devices which incorporate copier, facsimile, scanner and printer functions; plotters; printers and their parts and fittings; scanners and their parts and fittings; facsimiles and their parts and fittings; multifunctional devices which incorporate copier, facsimile and scanner functions and their parts and fittings; photosensitive drum for copiers; photosensitive drum for computer printers; photosensitive drum for facsimiles; photosensitive drum for multifunctional devices which incorporate printer, facsimile, copier and scanner functions, thermal print head, ink jet head, LED print head; print head; light-emitting diodes [LED]; laser diodes; lasers, not for medical purposes; organic light-emitting diodes [OLED]; semi-conductor elements; computer software for document management, for document creation, for document and image processing; computer software for scanning images and documents; computer software for document production and document workflow management; computer software for data processing; computer program and software for image processing; computer software for print server of computer; computer software for diagnostics and troubleshooting; software for developing digital printing applications; application software; computer programs; electronic machines, apparatus and their parts; toner cartridges, unfilled; toner cartridges, unfilled for printers and copies; ink cartridges, unfilled; personal digital assistants, electronic publications” included in International Class 09;

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Bauer shuts eight magazines in Australia due to virus downturn

The economic crisis sparked by the coronavirus has devastated news media around the world. PHOTO AFP

HAMBURG—Bauer Media is closing eight of Australia’s best-known magazines due to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, the publisher announced Tuesday, a month after it was bought by a private equity firm.

The axed titles include the Australian editions of Harper’s Bazaar, Elle, In-Style, Men’s Health and Women’s Health.

The German media conglomerate paused publication of many of its Australian and New Zealand magazines in May due to a drastic fall in advertising revenue caused by business closures and travel restrictions imposed to curb the spread of COVID-19. Bauer then sold its domestic and international operations in July to Sydney-based private equity firm Mercury Capital.

Bauer’s CEO Brendan Hill, who stayed on after the sale, said that earlier hopes that all of the company’s 43 magazine brands could resume publication later this year had been dashed by the depth of the economic downturn.

“No one could have anticipated the swift, wide-spread and ongoing impact of the pandemic on our business and industry,” Hill said in a statement.

“The reinstatement of these titles and teams was always dependent on the advertising market bouncing back and the return of domestic and international travel.

“Despite promising signs from advertisers in recent weeks, this has not outweighed the medium-term outlook for these titles.”

The economic crisis has devastated news media around the world, with dozens of Australian newsrooms closed and hundreds of journalists losing their jobs in recent months.

While Australia had curbed the virus and began easing restrictions in June, a serious outbreak in Melbourne in recent weeks has cast a pall over its recovery.

Bauer cited data from Nielsen AdQuest showing the COVID-19 lockdowns caused a nearly 40-per cent drop in media advertising expenditure in Australia from March to April, while it was down 22 per cent in June compared to a year earlier.—AFP

Notice for Change of Distributor

Notice is hereby given that the official distributor of the following pesticides manufactured by Saigon Plant Protection Joint Stock Company, will be changed to Golden Rocket Co., Ltd.

Sr. No. | Trade Name | Active Ingredient | Registration Type | Registration No.
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1. | Sec Saigon 50 EC | Cypermethrin 50% w/w | Full | F2017-878
2. | Venus 300 EC | Pyraclostroil 300g/l | Full | F2017-1246
3. | Butoxim 10 GR | Butachlor 10% w/w | Provisional | P2018-4328
4. | Alpine 80 WG | Fosetyl Aluminium 80% w/w | Provisional | P2018-4320
5. | Sagoza 5 EC | Quizalofop-P – Ethyl 50g/l | Full | F2017-1247
6. | Venus 300 EC | Pretilachlor 300g/l | Full | F2017-1246
7. | Butachlor 10% w/w | Provisional | P2018-4360

Golden Rocket Co., Ltd invites objections to Co-secretary, Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogne, Insein Township, Yangon from all parties within a period of fourteen (14) days from the publication of this notice. If no objects are received, party mentioned above shall proceed with the completion of formalities.
Invitation for Bids
The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
National Electrification Project
Credit No 5727-MM
Date: 22nd July 2020
Contract Title: Installation of Distribution Lines and Transformers for Shan (South), Shan (North), Shan (East) & Naypyitaw - Mandalay
Reference No: MOEE-NEP-P2/C1-W3A/2020 and MOEE-NEP-P2/C1-W10/2020 for Shan (South), Shan (North), Shan (East) & Naypyitaw and MOEE-NEP-P2/C1-W10/2020 for Mandalay
1. The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the National Electrification Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Installation of Distribution Lines and Transformers MOEE-NEP-P2/C1-W3A/2020 for Shan (South), Shan (North), Shan (East) & Naypyitaw and MOEE-NEP-P2/C1-W10/2020 for Mandalay
2. The Ministry of Electricity and Energy now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for Installation of Distribution Lines and Transformers MOEE-NEP-P2/C1-W3A/2020 for Shan (South), Shan (North), Shan (East) & Naypyitaw and MOEE-NEP-P2/C1-W10/2020 for Mandalay
The number and identification of lots comprising this installation bidding MOEE-NEP-P2/C1-W3A/2020 process for Shan (East), Shan (South), Shan (North) & Naypyitaw is:
Lot 1: Shan (South) & Naypyitaw – 46 Villages
Lot 2: Shan (South & Shan (East) – 51 Villages
Lot 3: Shan (North) – 52 Villages
Lot 4: Shan (North) – 44 Villages
Lot 5: Shan (North) – 60 Villages
Lot 6: Shan (North) – 48 Villages
The number and identification of lots comprising this installation bidding MOEE-NEP-P2/C1-W10/2020 process for Mandalay is:
Lot 1: Mandalay – 21 Villages
Lot 2: Mandalay – 33 Villages
3. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank’s Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers (“Procurement Guidelines”), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6.1 and 1.6.2, which set forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.
4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Project Management Office (National Electrification Project), Project Manager and mob.pmo@gmail.com and inspect the bidding documents during office hours [09:30 to 16:00 hours] at the address given below:
Attention: Project Manager
Project Management Office (National Electrification Project) Office Building No.27, Ministry of Electricity and Energy
City: Nay Pyi Taw
Country: the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Zip Code: 15011
Phone: +95 67 3431175
Facsimile: +95 673431176
Electronic mail address: nep.pnomsee@gmail.com
5. Bidders will be required to submit with their bids a “Bid Security” in support of their bids in the amount of 1% of the estimated cost of the lot(s) to which the bid relates. The bid security should be in the form of a Bank Draft/ Banker’s Cheque/Money Order payable to the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, Myanma Port Authority.
6. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before 10:00 a.m., 21st August 2020. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders’ designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below:
Attention: Project Manager
Meeting Room No.2, Ground Floor, Office Building No.27, Ministry of Electricity and Energy
City: Nay Pyi Taw
Country: the Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Zip Code: 15011
Phone: +95 67 3431175
Facsimile: +95 673431176
Electronic mail address: nep.pnomsee@gmail.com
7. All bids must be accompanied by “Bid-Security”

Australia extends stimulus spending as ‘COVID recession’ looms
CANCERRA — Australia will extend record stimulus spending into next year; the government announced Tuesday, outlining multi-billion-dollar measures to shield the labour market from the ravages of the rolling coronavirus crisis.
Prime Minister Scott Morrison said that supplements to the unemployed and businesses struggling to retain staff would continue until at least the end of the year, and likely beyond.
With Australia poised to fall into its first recession in almost 30 years and

Pedestrians don masks as they walk the usually quiet streets of central Melbourne.

Photo: AFP

Telefon number:

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V IAL 001 VOY. NO. (073N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V IAL 001 VOY. NO. (073N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22-7-2020 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of HPT 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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Phone No: 2301185
Shipping Agency Department
Myanmar Port Authority
Agent For:
M/S INTER ASIA LINES

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V SINAR BALI VOY. NO. (163N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V SINAR BALI VOY. NO. (163N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22-7-2020 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.
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Shipping Agency Department
Myanmar Port Authority
Agent For:
M/S SAMUDERA SHIPPING LINE

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
M.V MATHU BHUM VOY. NO. (262W)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V MATHU BHUM VOY. NO. (262W) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 22-7-2020 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.
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Shipping Agency Department
Myanmar Port Authority
Agent For:
M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE
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M/S SEALAND MAERSK ASIA PTE LTD

Australia extends stimulus spending as ‘COVID recession’ looms
Korea-Myanmar Industrial Complex to be established in Hlegu Township

THE Korea-Myanmar Industrial Complex is set to be established on 556 acres of land in Nyaung Hna Bin Village, Hlegu Township in Yangon Region and construction of the project is expected to begin in October this year. Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun held a video conferencing with Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr Lee Sang-hwa on June 10 to discuss matters relating to the project.

The project will be developed in two phases, and the first phase will be built on 314.89 acres of land while the second phase is scheduled to be set up on 241.12 acres of land. It will be the first South Korea-funded industrial complex in Myanmar which will be built under the agreement between the two countries. The Urban and Housing Development Department (UHDD) under the Ministry of Construction of Myanmar and the Korea Land and Housing Corporation from the Republic of Korea signed the agreement to jointly establish an industrial complex in Hlegu Township, Yangon Region on 16 June 2017 in Jeju Island in South Korea. Under the agreement, an industrial zone will be implemented in Yangon Region at an estimated cost of about US$ 110 million.

The Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) approved the project on 27 February 2019 as a 60/40 partnership between Myanmar and South Korea and the industrial park will be built in two phases with the first starting from 2019 to 2021 and the second phase from 2022 to 2024. Seoul-based Kyongdong Engineering Co., Ltd was awarded the contract to draw up the project design. The industrial park will be made up of three scale (large, medium and small) industrial plots where factories and warehouses for garment products, food manufacturing, jewellery processing, vehicle spare parts factory, and electronic parts will be constructed. Besides, it will include residential, commercial, vocational training school, main roads, intersection roads, drainage system, power stations, plantation of green spaces, and wastewater treatment plants.

The industrial complex will support the development of industrial, export and human resource sectors in Myanmar. Many South Korean companies are expected to make investments in the industrial complex which will create 50,000 to 100,000 job opportunities for local people and generate US$ 10 million in taxes annually. In addition, it will uplift the socio-economic conditions of local people in the region. Once the project is completed, it will boost mutually beneficial Myanmar-Korea trade. It also has the huge potential of attracting investors at home and abroad by establishing an investor-friendly environment. Myanmar has also taken some significant steps to give a boost to economic ties and tourism from South Korea, by offering visa waiver for South Korean tourists.

Over 200 South Korean companies including multinational conglomerate Lotte Group are currently operating in Myanmar and many Korean manufacturing companies are now interested to make inroads into Myanmar. South Korea is a crucial investment and trading partner for Myanmar and is the sixth largest foreign investor in Eco Green City Project.
the Southeast Asian country with most investment from the East Asian country flowed to oil and gas, infrastructure, retail, and real estate sectors. South Korea has so far injected nearly US$ 4 billion worth of investments into 177 projects in the real estate, agriculture, manufacturing, infrastructure, logistics, and construction sectors in Myanmar, accounting for 4.86 per cent of total foreign direct investments in the Southeast Asian country. Bilateral trade between Myanmar and South Korea was almost US$ 660 million in the financial year 2015-2016, soared to US$ 866 million in the fiscal year 2016-17, saw US$ 790 million in 2017-2018FY, and reached nearly US$ 800 million in 2018-2019FY, according to the statistics from the Ministry of Commerce.

PropertyGuru Myanmar Property Awards virtual roundtable navigates the real estate industry amid global pandemic

PROPERTYGURU, Asia’s leading property technology company, in partnership with ShweProperty, the leading property website and number one online real estate group in Myanmar, hosted a virtual roundtable 14 July 2020 at 3:00 pm - 4:30 pm (Myanmar time). The Zoom session was made accessible to local media, property professionals, and the general public where experts from PropertyGuru Myanmar Property Awards gave insights around the prospect of navigating the Myanmar real estate industry amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

Speakers touched upon various topics including the current sentiment from overseas real estate investors for Myanmar real estate and an outlook for the property market in light of the global pandemic, as well as beneficial digital tools that developers can use to mitigate the crisis.

Following a brief introduction of the sixth edition of the prestigious awards programme in Myanmar by Jules Kay, managing director of PropertyGuru Asia Property Awards and Events, the session featured various insights to help the market’s revitalization.

"Bright spots, underserved segments, untapped potential”
The second chairperson of the PropertyGuru Myanmar Property Awards programme, Richard Emerson, managing director of Emerson Real Estate, provided an outlook for the market and talked about rekindling interest and demand from overseas real estate investors for Myanmar property during the Covid-19 outbreak. “We explore the bright spots, underserved segments, and untapped potential of an emerging property market that has fascinated enterprising investors worldwide over the last decade,” Emerson said.

Justin Sway, CEO of ShweProperty, presented helpful digital tools for developers amid the crisis. He said: “ShweProperty, with our partner PropertyGuru, will leverage the strengths of our combined online platforms to support the Myanmar real estate industry and help developers to navigate these times of uncertainty. As your most knowledgeable local expert, we will help you to have access to the most advanced digital tools on the market that will prepare your business for resilience and scale during the new normal, now and in the future.”

Expanded regional reach
MP Presented by Hitachi Elevators and Escalators, this year’s 6th Annual PropertyGuru Myanmar Property Awards will be held in partnership with ShweProperty, marking the strongest edition yet for the prestigious regional awards programme and expanding the visibility of nominated developers to a larger regional audience.

Headquartered in Singapore, PropertyGuru Group has access to more than 15 markets across Asia Pacific for its awards business, as well as 23 million property seekers across the region, providing the necessary resources to elevate recipients of the Myanmar Property Awards to the regional stage. Meanwhile, one of Myanmar’s most recognizable brands, ShweProperty has more than 250,000 properties listed on its platform.

“The 2020 edition of the PropertyGuru Myanmar Property Awards creates a single benchmark of excellence for the real estate industry in the country as it combines ShweProperty’s expertise within the domestic real estate landscape and PropertyGuru’s incomparable access to international markets across Asia-Pacific. This synergy between the leading real estate awards programme in the region and a respected property portal in Myanmar is exactly the kind of support developers need to amplify their brand during these exceptional times,” said Kay.

Strict, ethical, unbiased criteria
This year’s Awards will continue to follow the strict, ethical and unbiased criteria of the PropertyGuru Asia Property Awards. To ensure fairness and transparency, the entire judging process will be supervised by BDO, led by Joe Yew Chi; Jee; Nang Hnin Thet Htwe, executive; and Hong Shi Ying, senior manager.

The 2020 edition of the PropertyGuru Myanmar Property Awards will introduce new categories to its roster of Development accolades — Best Luxury Condo Development, Best Affordable Condo Development and Best Affordable Housing Development. New design categories in contention include Best Heritage Renovated Property and Best Commercial Architectural Design and Best Commercial Interior Design. In celebration of Myanmar’s rich legacy of colonial architecture, the 2020 edition will open categories for Best Heritage Renovated Property and Best Heritage Renovated Property Design. The general public are still encouraged to submit their nominations online via asiapropertyawards.com/nominations. Shortlisted developers and projects will be named Winners or Highly Commended at the black-tie gala dinner and presentation ceremony, scheduled on Friday, 23 October 2020, at the Sule Shangri-La Yangon hotel ballroom.

The 6th PropertyGuru Myanmar Property Awards, presented in partnership with ShweProperty, is supported by platinum sponsor Hitachi Elevators and Escalators; official supervisor BDO; official magazine PropertyGuru Property Report; official charity partner Right to Play; official PR partner Klareco Communications; and official portal partner ShweProperty.com.
Guardiola takes swipe at Arsenal over ‘respect’

LONDON — Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola took a swipe at Arsenal on Monday (Jul 20) by admitting he does not respect them off the pitch.

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