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Announcement on distribution of healthcare items in canvassing for 2020 Multiparty Democracy General Election under containment measures against COVID-19

1. Hluttaw candidates for parliamentary elections need to follow the directives of National-Level Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19, the Ministry of Health and Sports, the containment measures againt COVID-19 and the Standard Operating Procedures—SOP— in their canvassing for votes during the election campaign period.
2. It is not required for them to declare the election expenses for facemasks, face shields, hand sanitizers and gloves distributed by the Hluttaw candidates or the election agents to the voters during the campaigns with the limited number of participants inside the buildings and in public areas.
3. Except distribution of such items in the above-mentioned campaigns, the Hluttaw candidates and the election agents must declare the actual expenses paid from the fund for distribution of these items in other ways of campaigns.

Hla Thein
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Myanmar repatriates nationals from abroad on relief flights

MYANMAR embassy in Singapore organized a relief flight in bringing the nationals back home.

The 17th special flight of Myanmar National Airlines landed at Yangon International Airport with 148 citizens who were stranded in Singapore due to suspension of international flights.

A relief flight of Myanmar Airways International arranged by the Myanmar embassy in the Manila brought back 10 citizens in the Philippines and other 22 Myanmar seamen landed in the Philippines after they worked on the MV Alonissos of the Sea Traders S.A shipping company in Greece. The flight arrive in Yangon in the afternoon.

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.

For the repatriation of Myanmar citizens who were stranded in foreign countries by relief flights and chartered flights in accordance with the instructions from National-Level Central Committee on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the Ministry of Foreign Affairs cooperated with the relevant ministries and Myanmar embassies from respective countries.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Myanmar citizens returning on relief flights pass through immigration at Yangon International Airport.
PHOTO : MNA

Advice to people in Yangon Region

1. About 6,000 people have been quarantined in Yangon. Within two days, quarantine spaces were arranged for 1,000 people who came back from Rakhine State. Now, the number of people who had contacts with COVID-19 patients has increased, so seven new quarantine centres have been established for 1,000 more people. The civil society organizations and volunteers are invited to help the persons at the quarantine centres.
2. People in Yangon need to send the persons who had contacts with confirmed cases in the contact tracing to the quarantine centres without making them worried.
3. People should adhere to the required rules and regulations in the quarantine centres. When sending food to people in quarantine centres, alcohol and cigarettes should not be included in the delivery.
4. People in Yangon have lots of difficulties, challenges and burdens. Therefore, they need to strictly follow the rules by staying at home in two to three weeks during this period. In going outside for necessary reasons, they must wear masks. As Yangon City has a large number of population, people are also advised to abide by the rules of Ministry of Health and Sports amidst the increasing number of confirmed cases.

Myanmar, ROK hold 1st Joint General (Trade) Working Committee Meeting

THE Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Korea (ROK) organized 1st Joint General (Trade) Working Group Committee Meeting online via Zoom yesterday.

U Min Min, Director-General of Trade Department of Myanmar's Ministry of Commerce, and Mr Chun Yoon-jong, Director-General of Trade and Economic Cooperation Bureau of ROK's Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE), co-chaired the meeting.

During the meeting, they said they would closely cooperate in establishing a common trade goal this year, and in promoting agricultural trade.

Myanmar representatives discussed assistances from ROK and ongoing cooperation in promoting bilateral trade and investments on producing value-added rubbers and foods and garment sector and, and ROK representatives replied that they would consider for providing assistance in future.

Representatives of Myanmar participate in 1st Joint General (Trade) Working Group Committee Meeting via videoconference from the Ministry of Commerce in Nay Pyi Taw on 11 September. **PHOTO : MNA**

They detailed about close cooperation on establishment of Myanmar-Korea Apparel Testing Research Institute (MKATRI) and successful implementation of Technology Advice and Solutions from Korea (TASK). ROK representatives affirmed providing assistance for development of rubber industry.

Director-General U Min Min highlighted MYANTRADE training and establishment of Korea Desk.

He also expressed thanks to ROK Government for providing assistance for strengthening the capacity of Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization (MYANTRADE) to promote bilateral trade between Myanmar and ROK and to send Myanmar products into international market. The meeting said the two nations would cooperate in launching Korea Desk which is a main road for bilateral economic cooperation to solve the economic difficulties of the two nations' businesses operating in both sides and to help the businesses smoothly get into market.

Orders issued by the Ministry of Commerce were distributed to foreign investors who will do businesses in Myanmar so that they can get trade opportunities.

Despite the first such meeting between the two countries, it is successful and beneficial for both nations discussing smoothly growing of bilateral trade and cooperation.

The meeting was attended by Director-General of Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization (MYANTRADE), Deputy Directors-General of Trade Department and Consumer Affairs Department, departmental officials concerned from Nay Pyi Taw and Yangon, representatives of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and Myanmar Garment Manufacturers Association (MGMA), and representatives of ROK's Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE).—MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Campaign speeches of Party for Democracy and Peace and Shan Nationalities Democratic Party featured on page 10,11

CAMPAIGN speeches of Party for Democracy and Peace and Shan Nationalities Democratic Party are featured on page 10 and 11 of this newspaper.—MNA

Elections are the foundation of democracy.

272 more new cases of COVID-19 reported on 11 September, total figure rises to 2,422

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rise to **2,422** after **272** new cases were reported on 11 September according to Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these **2,422** confirmed cases, **14** died, **625** have been discharged from hospitals and **186** were held under investigation.—MNA

Updated at 8 pm, 11 September 2020

Total Cases	2,422	New Cases	272
Total Death Tally	14	Discharged from Hospital	625

New Persons under Investigation from the past 24 hours to 12 noon of 11 September 2020

New PUIs	186

Ministry of Health and Sports

Advance voting process for local voters outside their constituencies in 2020 General Election

- Heads of trainings, schools, hospitals and jails are to contact the sub-election commissions to get documents of Form 15.
- They must return these documents to sub-commission of respective townships by 26 August 2020 after the documents are filled by the voters.
- Sub-election commission of respective townships must send ballot papers and envelopes for advance voting to the trainings, schools, hospitals and jails by 7 October 2020.
- Advance voting must be organized at trainings, schools, hospitals and jails on their appropriate day from 8 October 2020 to 21 October 2020.
- The envelopes containing ballot papers must be sent back to sub-election commission of respective townships by 4 pm on 8 November 2020.

Union Minister U Kyaw Tin participates in 1st Mekong-US Partnership Ministerial Meeting via Videoconferencing

U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation, participated in the 1st Mekong-US Partnership Ministerial Meeting held via Videoconferencing at 5:30 pm yesterday from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw.

The meeting was co-chaired by Mr Pham Binh Minh, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam and Mr Stephen Biegun, Deputy Secretary of State of the United States. The Foreign Ministers of the Mekong member countries; Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and ASEAN Secretary-General also participated in the meeting.

Union Minister U Kyaw Tin joins 1st Mekong-US Partnership Ministerial Meeting via videoconference from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw on 11 September 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

At the meeting, the Ministers welcomed the historic moment of 1st Ministerial Meeting of "Mekong-US Partnership" as the opening of a new chapter of cooperation among Mekong Countries and the United States. The meeting discussed on how the Mekong-US Partnership can contribute to the regional sustainable development and prosperity in the new global and regional context. Deputy Secretary of State pledged to contribute 153.6 million USD to the programmes and activities under the new partnership mechanism.

In the statement, Union Minister U Kyaw Tin shared the experiences of Myanmar's endeavours in the fight against COVID-19 by striking the balance between protection of public health and mitigating the socio-economic impacts on the people and by adopting the COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan (CERP). He also expressed his appreciation to the United States for providing 18.5 million USD assistance to Myanmar to combat the COVID-19 pandemic.

The Union Minister welcomed the "Mekong-US Partnership" as a demonstration of closer friendship and deepen collaboration between the Mekong Countries and the United States based on the principles of consensus, equality, transparency and complementarity for promoting peace, prosperity and sustainable development of the Mekong Region.

The Union Minister recommended the continuation of COMET (Connecting Mekong Through Education and Training) and Young Scientist Programme of the "Lower Mekong Initiative (LMI)" which delivered benefits and opportunities to the young generation of Mekong countries, and also suggested the expansion of cooperation area in vocational training under the new mechanism.

The Union Minister welcomed the United States' pledge of 54 million USD support to the Mekong countries to combat transnational crimes, and continuation of Disaster Relief Exercise and Engagement (DREE) of LMI in the new mechanism. He also thanked the United States and Japan for their joint efforts to contribute through "Japan-US-Mekong Power Partnership (JUMPP)" programme for energy security and to address the barriers of the regional energy integration of the Mekong region. He also expressed his appreciation to the US for the announcement to contribute 153.6 million USD to the programmes and activities under this partnership.

The meeting adopted the "Joint Ministerial Statement of Mekong-US Partnership" and "Mekong-US Partnership Foundational Document".

The new Mekong-US Partnership is upgraded by building upon the 11-year experiences of Lower Mekong Initiative (LMI) with improvements in response to emerging needs and challenges of the Mekong Region. Under the new partnership mechanism, the future course of action will give priority on the areas of Economic Connectivity, Sustainable Water and Natural Resources Management, Environmental Conservation and Protection, Non-Traditional Security, and Human Resource Development.—MNA ■

Road Transport Administration Department suspends services

WITH permission from the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the Road Transport Administration Department will suspend services from all its offices in order to prevent and protect against the spread of COVID-19 starting from 14-9-2020 (Monday). Services will resume once the situation stabilizes and will be announced in advance. During the service suspension period, overdue fees of registered vehicles and extended vehicle and driving licences and other technical aspects will be reviewed and eased in line with existing laws and regulations in order to prevent unnecessary losses to the public.—*Road Transport Administration Department*

Advice to people in Nay Pyi Taw

1. People should not illegally come to Nay Pyi Taw. If a person comes back from other places to Nay Pyi Taw, he/she needs to inform and receive medical examination. The charge for COVID-19 tests has been considerably reduced.
2. It has been learnt that some people get out of the cars on the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway and some old roads, and then they entered into Nay Pyi Taw via motorcycle roads and inter-village roads. So, authorities are cooperating with the Myanmar Police Force to take strict measures to control these illegal entries.
3. The ward/village administrators have been instructed to report, manage and send individuals who entered or came back to the ward/village to the quarantine centres.
4. To make the flow of goods smooth, truck drivers will be given the slip at the entrance gate. From the entrance gate, the drivers must drive their trucks directly to the exit gate, where the slip must be returned. The truck drivers are not allowed to go to other places between the entrance gate and the exit gate.
5. Face mask rule has been imposed in Nay Pyi Taw townships and COVID-19 awareness has been raised via loudspeakers. A dusk-to-dawn curfew has been in force, and surprise checks have been carried out on restaurants.

17th National Tripartite Dialogue Forum held via videoconferencing

Union Minister U Thein Swe (L) participates in 17th National Tripartite Dialogue Forum (NTDF) via videoconference on 11 September 2020. **PHOTO : MNA**

THE Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, in collaboration with the International Labour Organization (ILO), organized the 17th National Tripartite Dialogue Forum (NTDF) through video conferencing which was taken part by the representatives of government, employers and employees yesterday afternoon.

Union Minister U Thein Swe and Deputy Minister U Myint Kyaing, ILO Liaison officer Mr Donglin Li and representatives from ILO Yangon office, representatives of employees and employers participated in the forum.

The forum aimed to work together to find ways to prevent the spread of COVID-19 disease in factories and to ensure the safety of workers.

The Union Minister said that although the discussions were focused on a labour-intensive region of Yangon, it would apply to factories, workplaces and industrial zones across the country and it would be implemented based on the findings of the discussion.

The Union Minister continued that 16th NTDF held on 23 June implemented the COVID-19 Economic Recovery Plan (CERP) to overcome the COVID-19 crisis and the tripartite representatives agreed to cooperate in the New Normal practice that would result from COVID-19.

The ministry is implementing the four pillars of social work for the resolution—to revive the economic and employment sector based on the international labour standards in regard with the ILO's COVID-19 crisis response, to provide support to the businesses and employments for their incomes and to protect workers in the workplace.

The Ministry of Health and Sports released a letter on 12 August to prohibit gathering of more than 30 people; the Yangon Region government, with the close supervision of its Ministry of Immigration and the Human Resources, led control measures of COVID-19 in collaboration with officials from General Administration Department, Factory and General Labour Laws Inspection Department and the Health Department as the spread of this disease occurred in Rakhine State in mid-August.

The Union Minster said that he met with the business people of garment sector at UMFCCI office on 29 August and discussed to cooperate in conducting the disease control measures as the infection rate is high again. He called on all to work together for the development of the garment industry while the government eased some restrictions to create better environment for domestic and foreign investors to make investment.

He also met the representatives of Trade Unions at Hlinethaya Industrial Zone on 30 August and said the Ministry makes concerted efforts for maintaining job opportunities at factories, industries, shops and other workplaces, occupational safety, development of workers' skills, pleasant workplaces and to improve the foreign investment and discussed to find solutions for the economic impacts of COVID-19 at the factories and industries and to follow the health guidelines of the Ministry of Health and Sports without fail.

The meeting also discussed the measures to be taken to reduce the risks to workers and employers due to the spread of COVID-19 in factories and industries, law amendment of labour affairs for future, labour rights and matters related to the employers including cooperation works with international organizations.

The ministry will keep monitoring on undergoing quarantine and medical treatment of employees and also study the orders of employers, investment and the future prospects regarding the changes in the neighbouring and the world countries.

It emphasizes to the attitudes and problems of employers and employees and urges them to work together to overcome this situation as quickly as possible with their self-discipline.

Then, ILO Liaison Officer Mr Donglin Li, the representatives of the employers and employees respectively delivered greeting speech and discussed COVID-19 control measures among the employees and future functions for employers, employees and the government.—MNA

(Translated by Ei Phyu Phyu Aung and Khine Thazin Han)

Central Body for Suppression of Trafficking in Persons

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Singing in the karaoke lounge would cause transmission

We have imposed strict restrictions for stay-at-home programmes in some townships of Yangon. I need to mention Thingangyun Township because there are many confirmed cases there. It was learnt that the virus spread among the visitors to KTV lounges. It has been concluded that public gatherings are one of the root causes of this. At the KTV lounge, the visitors will not stay 6-ft apart. Singing in the karaoke lounge would cause transmission of the virus more easily. The visitors used the microphones one after another. Infection occurred in this way.

(Excerpt from State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's Report to People regarding need for strict compliance with regulations, instructions, directives issued for containment of COVID-19, on 11 September 2020)

MoSWRR provides CERP cash assistance to PWDs, shelters in 9 regions/states

THE Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement held a virtual meeting to provide cash assistance to the persons with disability and the shelters in 9 regions/states yesterday morning.

Deputy Minister U Soe Aung made a discussion at the meeting.

Cash assistance is being given under the COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan to the PWDs, internally displaced persons, the elderly persons of the age between 80 and 85, the pregnant woman who are not included in the Maternal and Child Cash Transfer.

Under the CERP, a total of 1,809.870 million kyats for the 60,329 PWDs, and 270.840 million kyats for 228 shelters.

Each of senior citizens and pregnant woman outside the MCCT plan have received 30,000 kyat.

The Deputy Minister also said that the civil service personnel need to work in providing cash assistance as it is aimed to support financial flow of the country.

Ministers from the region/state governments, staff officers of region/state Social Welfare Department, members of PWD rights committee and responsible persons of the shelters.

The ministry has presented 17.505 million kyats to 21 shelters in Sagaing region and 17.250 million kyats to the 12 shelters in Taninthayi region on 10 September.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Deputy Minister U Soe Aung participates in the virtual meeting to provide cash assistance to the persons with disability and the shelters in 9 regions/states on 11 September 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

Workers load rails onto a freight train from a cargo vessel at the Sule Jetty in Yangon on 11 September 2020. **PHOTO: PWINT THITSAR**

Rails for Yangon-Mandalay track arrive in Myanmar

RAILS for upgrading Yangon-Mandalay railway track were unloaded at the Sule Jetty in Yangon yesterday morning.

The 2,995.270 tonnes of 82-ft long rails were imported by a cargo shipment from the Tokyu Construction of Japan.

The rails have been imported by the 7 cargo vessels up to now and the remaining rails will be carried by the two vessels.

The rails were conveyed to the Ywar Thar Gyi dry port before sending to Ottwin Township which is close to the road section of Nyaunglebin-Taungoo (CP-103).

Assistant Manager (Logistic) U Kyaw Kyaw Oo from Myanma Railways said, "The rails will be sent to Ottwin Township by six coaches of trains."

Upgrade of Yangon-Mandalay railway will need a large value of investment, and that it is being implemented in tow phases. The first phase covers 166 mile long from Yangon to Taungoo, and the second phase is 219.5 miles from Taungoo to Mandalay.—Pwint Thitsar

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Over 900 curfew breakers nabbed nationwide within week

Police check motorcycles in Mandalay in September after a curfew was imposed amid COVID-19. **PHOTO: MNA**

A total of 969 people -- 919 males and 50 females -- were charged under Penal Code Section 188 for violating curfew across the country during this week, according to Myanmar Police Force.

Police also arrested a total of 193 people from 11 KTV/Bars, 16 illegal massage parlors and 7 whorehouses in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area and in regions and states between 4 and 10 September for violating COVID-19 rules.

Among them, 3 are female sex workers from a whorehouse in Nay Pyi Taw Council Area; 6 are owners, managers, staff and massage parlour girls of a KTV and a massage parlour in Kachin State; 7 are owners, managers, staff and massage parlour girls of a KTV and an illegal massage parlour in Kayin State.

Twenty-three are owners, managers, staff and sex workers of 2 KTV/Bars and 2 whorehouses in Sagaing Region; 7 are female sex workers from a whorehouse in Taninthayi Region; and 17 are owners, managers, staff and massage parlour girls of a KTV and 2 illegal massage parlours in Bago Region. Twenty-six are owners, managers, staff and massage parlour girls of a KTV and 2 illegal massage parlours in Magway Region; 7 are owners, massage parlour girls and sex workers of an illegal massage parlour and a whorehouse in Mandalay Region; and 12 are owners, managers, staff and massage parlour girls of 2 KTV/Bars and 2 illegal massage parlours in Mon State.

Fifteen are owners, managers, staff and massage parlour girls of 2 KTV/Bars and 6 illegal massage parlours in Yangon Region; 58 are owners, managers, staff, massage parlour girls and sex workers of a KTV, an illegal massage parlor and 2 whorehouses in Shan State; and 12 are owner, manager and staff of a KTV in Ayeyawady Region.

Police has been conducting law enforcement activities to take actions against illegal opening of KTV lounges, bars and illegal massage parlours without abiding by COVID-19 rules and to catch curfew breakers. Therefore, they urged the public to cooperate with them in the law enforcement process.—MNA *(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)*

224 Myanmar nationals come back home via Myawady border bridge on 11 Sept

A total of 224 Myanmar nationals returned home from Thailand through No.2 border bridge in Myawady Town, Kayin State, on 11 September.

Kayin State Hluttaw MP U Thant Zin Aung, Myawady District Administrative Officer U Tay Zar Aung, his deputy officer U Aung Nyein Chan, Police Lieutenant Colonel Pyae Sone and local officials helped the returnees with medical tests and other supplies.

The number of migrant workers who returned home from abroad through this border has been 76,425 until now.

The latest group of returnees included 138 males and 86 females from different regions and states.—Htein Lin Aung (IPRD)

(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)

A Myanmar national returned from Thailand (L) has temperature chekced at Myawady border on 11 September 2020. **PHOTO: HTEIN LIN AUNG (IPRD)**

30 Myanmar nationals enter Chinshwehaw border town in returning home

An official (R) checks the body temperature of retunees at Chinshwehaw border checkpoint in Shan State on 10 September 2020. **PHOTO: ZIN ZIN (IPRD) CHINSHWEHAW**

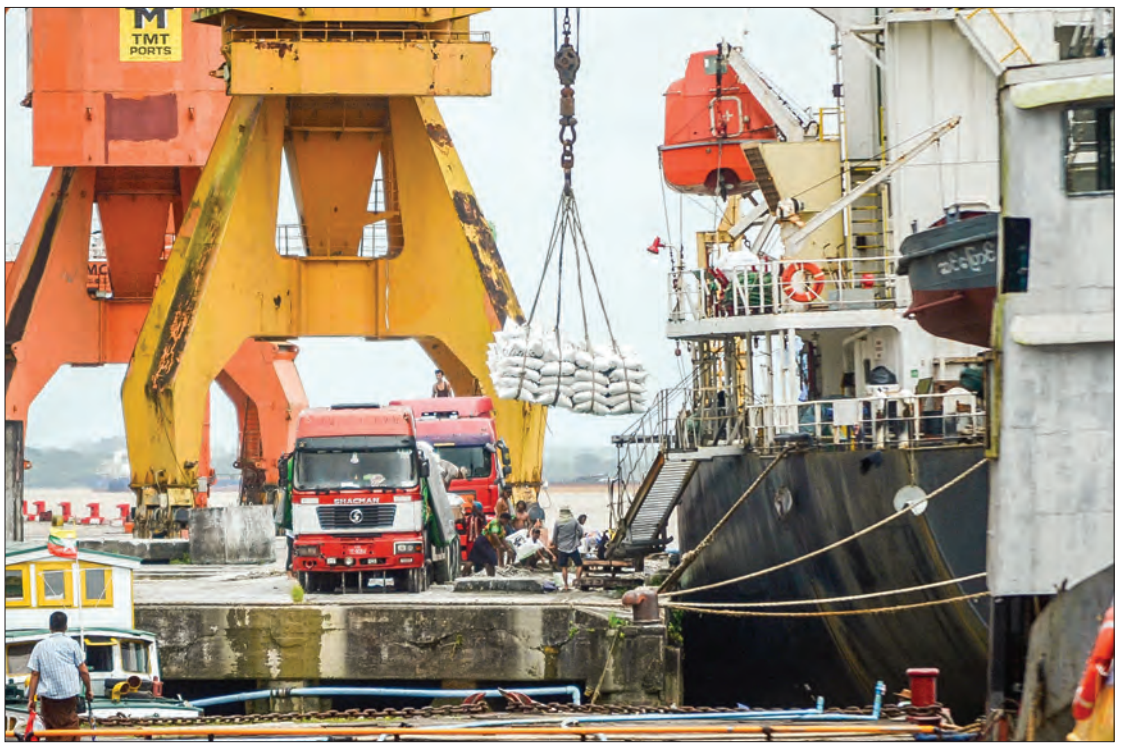
Local authorities in Chinshwehaw border town of northern Shan State received 30 Myanmar returnees from China on 10 September.

Among 16 males and 14 females, 1 person was from Yangon Region, 1 from southern Shan State and 28 from northern Shan State.

They will go back to respective areas through Lashio with the arrangement from Chinshwehaw COVID-19 committee. A total of 15,072 persons have returned Myanmar from China through Chinshwehaw border crossing from 30 April to date.—Zin Zin (IPRD) Chinshwehaw

(Translated by Ei Phyu Phyu Aung)

Myanmar earns $751 mln from 2.46 tonnes of rice export in 11 months



Rice bags are loaded onto lorries at a port in Yangon in 2017. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

MYANMAR has exported over 2.46 tonnes of rice and broken rice from 1 October to 28 August in the financial year 2019-2020, earning over US$ 751 million, according to the figures released by the Myanmar Rice Federation.

The country exported over 1.55 million tonnes of rice and 915,309 tonnes of broken rice, earning over $ 751 million in toto, this FY.

Myanmar exports the rice and broken rice via sea route and border trade routes. During the period, it sent 389,354 tonnes of rice and broken rice via border trade routes, generating an income of $113 million while Myanmar shipped 2.07 million tonnes of rice and broken rice this FY, earning $ 751 million.

MRF expected to ship 2.4 million tonnes of rice and broken rice in the current FY, and the country meets the export target by the end of this financial year.

The country has shipped rice to 66 foreign markets and broken rice to 60 countries' needs. China is the primary buyer of Myanmar rice, followed by Malaysia and Madagascar. Myanmar has also exported broken rice mostly to Belgium, followed by China and Senegal.

From October of 2019 to 28 August of 2020, China consumes 29 per cent of total export, followed by Africa market with 28 per cent, European Union market with 20 per cent, Asian countries with 19 per cent, and other countries with 4 per cent consumption of total export.

This financial year's rice and broken rice export surpassed the last FY's figures by 301,996 tonnes when Myanmar exported 2.16 million tonnes of rice and broken rice in the corresponding period of last fiscal year.
— Zin Yaw Aye ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Transport, communications sector tops FDI line-up in incumbent government period

UNDER the Myanmar Investment Law, transport and communications sector tops the foreign investment line-up during four years of incumbent government period, bringing in the capital of US$6.135 billion, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

The quantum of investment in transport and communications sector is higher than in any other sectors, attracting 29 enterprises. Between 2016-2017 Financial Year and 2019-2020FY (as of July), the manufacturing sector has absorbed FDI of $5.87 million from 687 projects in the current FY. Real estate sector has attracted $3.39 billion from 27 projects. The power sector has drawn 19 foreign investment projects worth $3.17 billion. Twenty-four projects worth $715.7 million has been approved in the hotel and tourism sector, while investments of $363 million have flowed into the oil and gas sector from the existing enterprises. The livestock and fisheries sector has pulled in the investment of $452.68 million from 36 foreign enterprises.

The agricultural sector has also raked in $181.98 million from 18 foreign projects, while industrial estate sector received $390.459 million from five enterprises. The mining sector has received over $11 million from existing enterprises. Over $2.569 billion in FDI has been pumped into the other services sector from 101 businesses.

The Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) and the respective investment committees granted permits and endorsements to 1004 foreign enterprises as of July-end in the 2019-2020FY, with estimated capitals of US$24.6 billion.

Of them, Special Economic Zones raked in investments worth $1.348 billion from 58 enterprises under the Special Economic Zone Law in the past four years, while FDI of $23.26 billion flowed into the country under the Myanmar Investment Law, the DICA's data showed.

Of 36 foreign countries investing in Myanmar in the past four years, Singapore put the most massive investments under Myanmar Investment Law, followed by China and Hong Kong (SAR). MIC is prioritizing the labour-intensive businesses. In the incumbent government period, domestic and foreign projects employ over 500,000 residents, according to the DICA.

Those enterprises have created over 19,000 jobs in the 2016-2017FY, 110,000 jobs in the 2017-2018FY, over 53,000 jobs in the 2018 mini-budget period, over 180,000 jobs in the 2018-2019FY and over 182,000 (Oct-July) in the 2019-2020FY respectively.
— Ko Htet ■

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Domestic gold price unlikely to fall below K1.3 mln

By Nyein Nyein

WITH the gold price in the domestic market having hit above K1.3 million, the gold price will not drop below K1.3 million, said Chairman U Myo Myint of Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association.

"The price of domestic gold won't drop. Last year, our gold price was stable at K1.2 million the whole year. The domestic gold price of K1.3 million will be the floor price this year," he said.

On 11 September, the global gold market saw the gold being sold for US$1,939 per ounce and the price of pure gold crossed K1,314,000 per tical (0.578 ounces, or 0.016 kilograms) in the domestic market.

The proper reason why the domestic gold price will not drop below K1.3 million is that there is illegal buying from foreign countries because there is a gap of K150,000 per tical between the global gold price and that of the domestic gold, he added.

"The gap between the global gold price and Yangon gold price is K150,000 per tical. That's why the people from India came to buy Myanmar gold from us previously. Now, Myanmar gold is demanded from Thailand as well. The price of domestic gold won't be under K1.3 million. Although Myanmar citizens will not buy the gold, the domestic gold is still having demand from the neighbouring countries illegally because the price is lower than the global gold price," stated MGEA Chair.

With the rising of the global gold price this year, the domestic gold price also hit the new record at K1,332,500 per tical on 7 August, according to the domestic gold market.

A salewoman waits for customers at a gold shop in Yangon in 2017. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

Although the domestic gold price is above K1.3 million, the Dollar versus Kyat exchange rate is below K1400 per dollar. On 11 August, the exchange rate stood at K1343 per dollar.

With slightly rising of the domestic gold price together with the global gold price starting from 2019, the local gold price reached K1,000,000 per tical between 17 January and 21 February, K1,100,000 between 22 June and 5 August, K1,200,000 between 7 August and 4 September. Finally, it reached an all-time high of K1,300,000 on 5 September.

In April, the coronavirus risks caused the shutdown of the gold market, and the market reopened on 18 May with a minimum rate of K1,214,100 (27 May) and a maximum rate of K1,236,000 (18 May).

The price was moving in the range of K1,209,600 on 6 June and K1,219,500 on 1 June. The local gold price reached the lowest rate of K1,216,500 (1 July) and the highest level of K1,296,500 (27 July) and the lowest level of K1,286,500 (13 August) and the maximum price of K1,332,500 (7 August) according to the gold traders. ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

COVID-19 violations are not to be tolerated

THE authorities continue to crack down on high-infection-risk businesses such as KTVs, bars and nightclubs which violate the orders to close amidst the COVID-19 pandemic due to a significant rise in coronavirus cases since mid-August after a surge of locally-transmitted infections, which struck Rakhine State in mid-August.

The authorities have banned high-infection-risk businesses categories, including nightclubs and karaoke bars and restaurants to slow the spread of the coronavirus which reached over 2,400 cases yesterday. We understand that the closure has caused financial difficulty for businesses and those relying on them. But, these measures are necessary to save lives.

The strict measures have been put in place to slow the spread of the coronavirus which reached over 2,400 yesterday. Unfortunately, some open the high-risk businesses defying the law. The cases show a significantly upward trend, rising from around two digits in mid-August to over 200 a day now.

> Lives are at stake. Action will be taken without hesitation under the Natural Disaster Management Law against those who are blatantly placing the lives of others at risk.

A cluster of over 70 cases linked with Thingangyun Township's music zone in September is a wake-up call for all of us to strictly abide by the rules and guidelines.

The authorities are still trying to trace some of the people who visited the entertainment zone.

Those violating COVID-19 rules and restrictions amidst the COVID-19 crisis are not to be tolerated.

These orders and measures are in effect to help slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community. We understand that this is a difficult time for everyone including businesses in our community; however these orders cannot be taken lightly. High-risk businesses and people are urged to abide by rules and COVID-19 rules.

Residents are urged to report violators to authorities. This means we are saving our people.

We need everyone to be doing everything they can to stop this virus from spreading.

Now, the government is mobilizing teams of law-enforcement and health officials to ensure that high-risk businesses follow the social distancing rules and COVID-19 guidelines. Violators would face action under the Natural Disaster Management Law.

Lives are at stake. Action will be taken without hesitation under the Natural Disaster Management Law against those who are blatantly placing the lives of others at risk.

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Hailing the World First Aid Day in 2020 and brilliant activities of Myanmar Red Cross Society

By:Tommy Pauk

Sai Aung Hlaing Myint, the Brigade member of Myanmar Red Cross Society, won the Henry Dunant Medal in 1977.

Daw Khin Ohn Mya, a member of Myanmar Red Cross Society(Matron; Senior Nursing Officer).

Daw Ahnm Yaw Nam (Higher Grade Nurse)

Daw Thein Yee (midwife)

U Sa Naing Naing Htun (Higher Grade Male Nurse)

ONCE we hear "World First Aid Day", we realize that this day is marked for honouring Red Cross Societies and their humanitarian services around the world. The phrase "First Aid" represents the basic medical treatment given to the injured persons by the Red Cross volunteers indeed.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) introduced World First Aid Day in 2000.Every year, World First Aid day is celebrated with events and ceremonies on the second Saturday of September around the world in order to raise awareness of how First Aid can save lives in everyday and in crisis situations. World First Aid day enlightens and reminds the global people for cultivating humanitarian spirit to help those who are in calamity.

Furthermore, we all need to cooperate with the members of Red Cross society in eliminating human sufferings or in saving lives whenever the crisis or catastrophe occurs around us. The Red Cross members are normally trained -volunteers who contribute the humanitarian activities to the victims of disasters or help in saving human lives with first aid treatment and basic medical attention. They conduct their rescue operations on voluntary basis. The first aid course is given to the persons who wish to join the national Red Cross societies. The Red Cross societies are the ones which carry out emergency response to the horrendous natural disasters, collaborating with other rescue forces or rescue teams whenever the disasters occur.

The History of Myanmar Red Cross Society(formerly known as Burma Red Cross Society)

As the leading and oldest humanitarian organization in Myanmar, the Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) is committed to improving the health and well-being of vulnerable people. It began its operations in 1920 as a branch of the Indian Red Cross Society. After Burma formally separated from Indian in 1937, the Society obtained official, national status in 1939and was admitted to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies in 1946.

Following this, Burma Red Cross Act was enacted in 1959 (additional amendments in 1964, 1971, and 1988), which conferred responsibility to the National Society in implementing humanitarian activities and alleviating human suffering.

Additionally, under this Act, the St. John Ambulance Brigade Overseas was taken over by the Society as the Burma Ambulance Brigade. Then this Brigade became as an only organization under the Burma Red Cross. In 1989, the Burma Red Cross Society was renamed Myanmar Red Cross Society in accordance with legislative change of the name from Burma to Myanmar

The MRCS new Law was enacted in August 2015 and it has been introduced to Red Cross Red Crescent Movement partners, UN organizations, and INGOs, LNGOs, CBOs and media groups in October.

Henry Dunant Medal (The highest medal award of Red Cross movement)

Sai Aung Hlaing Myint is the only one in Myanmar who won the Henry Dunant Medal (The highest medal award of Red Cross Movement) awarded byICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross). He had worked for Myitkyina RedCross Society in Kachin State, Myanmar.

The Henry Dunant Medal is the highest award of the Red Cross Movement. It is named after Henry Dunant, the founder of the Red Cross Movement. The medal is presented every two years by the Standing Commission of the Red Cross and Red Crescent. This body represents the International Committee of the Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies and the various National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies.

In Myanmar, four people have been awarded Florence Nightingale medals so far.

1. Daw Khin Ohn Mya (Matron; Senior Nursing Officer) in 1963
2. Daw Ahnm Yaw Nam (Higher Grade Nurse) in 1993
3. Daw Thein Yee (Midwife) in 2001
4. U Sa Naing Naing Tun in 2010

The Florence Nightingale medal

Daw Khin Ohn Myawon the Florence Nightingale medal awarded by ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross) in 1963. She had served for Military hospitals in Myanmar.

Daw Ahnm Yaw Nam won the Florence Nightingale medal awarded by ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross) in 1993. She had served for People's hospitals in Shan state, Myanmar.

Daw Thein Yee won the Florence Nightingale medal awarded by ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross) in 2001. She had served for District Hospitals in Sagaing Region, Myanmar.

U Sa Naing Naing Htun won the Florence Nightingale medal awarded by ICRC (International Committee of the Red Cross) in 2010.

U Sa Naing Naing Htun had been assigned as male nurse to work for District Hospitals of Ayeyarwaddy Region in Myanmar.

We, Myanmar are proud of one Henry Dunant medal winner and four winners of Nightingale Medal. The international communities lauded them for their boldness, heroic deeds, kindness and selflessness in saving the lives of the victims encountered the catastrophe. The fame and glory of these persons have brightened our country's image and we take pride in their heroic deeds for saving human lives.

The Nightingale Medal is awarded to those distinguished in the nursing field for their and bold, sacrificing tasks in saving victims' lives during disastrous situations. At the Eighth International Conference of Red Cross Societies in London in 1907, the assembled delegates decided to create a commemorative International Nightingale Medal to be awarded to those distinguished in the nursing field.

Subsequently, the Florence Nightingale Medal was instituted in 1912 by the International Committee of the Red Cross.

It is the highest international distinction a nurse can achieve and is awarded to nurses or nursing aides for "exceptional courage and devotion to the wounded, sick or disabled or to civilian victims of a conflict or disaster" or "exemplary services or a creative and pioneering spirit in the areas of public health or nursing education".

The Participation of Myanmar Youths in Red Cross Movement as brigade members

We, in Myanmar value the philanthropic service and activities of MRCS which contributes to the public. Most of the young people from all walks of life join the MRCS, contributing their voluntary service to the victims encountered multiple disasters. The youths who are willing to serve as volunteers for MRCS activities have to take the First Aid course training so that they will be able to treat the victims well. They also have to be fit both, physically and mentally.

The Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) is committed to improving the health and well-being of vulnerable people. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

The youth members belong to MRCS not only participate in saving victims or medevac, but in the public sanitation activities, mass rally of ceremonies, religious ceremonies and traditional festivals. They serve as the auxiliary force to help the public in holding such occasions and social welfare in our country.

In case of emergency, MRCS youth volunteers known as brigade members always carry out the rescue operations to save lives of the victims of natural disasters, cooperating with Myanmar Fire Brigade and Army soldiers. Besides, when the country faces pandemic-outbreak and famine, the brigade members work together with medical workers and other relief teams or NGOs for saving the victims of pandemic and famine.

Myanmr Red Cross Society Brigade operating with energetic Youths

In conclusion, the World first Aid day (on the second Saturday of September each year) should be regarded as honoring of all those involved in Red Cross Movement worldwide. On the other hand, Myanmar has long beentaken part in Red Cross Movement actively and enthusiastically. The motto of MRCS says: "Red Cross Society must be accessible to all villages and towns nationwide". ("မြို့ရွာအရောက် ကြက်ခြေနီခရီးပေါက်ရမည်")

We are obliged to honour all National Red Cross Societies, the International Committee of The Red Cross, the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)and various Red Crescent Societies for theirconcerted efforts to help and save human lives from the multiple crises on earth.

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MRCS (Myanmar Red Cross Society)

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 4:00 pm Friday 11th September, 2020)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is weak to moderate over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weak elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF THE 12th September, 2020: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin and Northern Shan States, fairly widespread in Bago and Ayeyarwady Regions, Shan (South and East), Chin, Rakhine, Kayah and Kayin States and scattered in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin State. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4-8) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Weak Monsoon.

FORECAST FOR NAYPYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12th September, 2020: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12th September, 2020: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12th September, 2020: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Naypyitaw and Mandalay Region and widespread in Yangon Region.

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Party for Democracy and Peace presents its policy, stance and work programmes

Party for Democracy and Peace Chairman U Myo Nyunt presented party's policy, stance and work programmes through radio and TV on 11 September.

Greetings to all respected citizens of Myanmar

I am U Myo Nyunt, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Party for Democracy and Peace. I pray for the wellbeing and safety of all eligible voters and citizens of the republic.

I will divide my speech into five parts to fill in the time I have been given to talk to you. I will talk about how the Party for Democracy and Peace was created, our party's outlook and work programmes, our policy going into the elections, the right for voters to make their own choice, and our request to all voters.

I will first explain the history of our party. We were initially formed as the League for Democracy and Peace by U Nu, the first Prime Minister of the independent Myanmar, in August 1988. Still, we changed our name to fit the changing political situation in the country and reformed in 2010.

Our party's party is based on the beliefs and outlook paved by U Nu on the four cardinal virtues. We firmly believe in revitalizing democracy in Myanmar through those beliefs, and we developed this party with a firm grasp on the four virtues.

I would like to expand upon our history a bit more. The League for Democracy and Peace was abolished with 90 other political parties in 1990. We were able to reform into the Party for Democracy and Peace as the political situation changed in 2010. In the 30 years from the League for Democracy and Peace to the Party for Democracy and Peace, the path we took was not scattered with flowers but was a hard, jagged road surrounded by thorns and thickets that shaped us for the better. We are implementing a historical mission to spread the democratism and democratic system based on the four cardinal virtues across Myanmar and the rest of the world.

I would like to expound on our democratism based on the four cardinal virtues -- benevolence, sympathy, altruistic joy and equanimity. Only a society that understands, accepts and practises these four vir-tues can possess democratism, democratic system, institutions, organizations, and practice sustainably.

Some people believe these virtues are only relevant for Buddhists, but that is not true. It is a humanistic concept that can be practised by any person from any background, race or faith.

If we analyze Myanmar society, we will see that community has lived under a centralized administra-tion of politics and economy for half a century from 1962 to 2010. It is not surprising that such a society had shattered basic morals. Democratism and democratic system cannot survive in such a society. That is why we cannot rebuild democratism and democratic system in Myanmar with just democracy alone. We need all citizens of Myanmar to work hand in hand through the four virtues regardless of ethnicity or social background. That is why our party firmly grasps democratism based on the four virtues. Our party's policy is 'not to seek vengeance but to wipe the slate clean', in other words 'not to revenge but to forgive'. On this policy-based we will proceed our democracy and peace rehabilitation process.

Esteemed voters

Allow me to go into detail on our policy. It is simply about the Defence Services and all political entities, including those who are armed and unarmed, within and outside legal boundaries, who are all directly or indirectly involved in the armed conflicts across the nation caused by the use of violence to resolve political issues in our county to firmly decide to wipe the slate clean of all past things done by one to the other and vowing to not seek vengeance.

All stakeholders need to truly and honestly believe in this to instil peace across the nation. This is the only kind of peace that can be everlasting and far-reaching. Only a society with that peace, or in other words that possesses the four virtues, can have democratism and democratic system. That is why our party is pursuing this policy not to seek vengeance and to wipe the slate clean.

Our work programmes based on this policy are as follows:

1. In the 2010 pre-election period, our party campaigned for a democratic federal union, and we campaigned for the next government administration to continue the Union Peace Conference started by the government headed by President U Thein Sein back in 2015. We are now actively working for the next government administration to take office after 2020 to harmoniously cooperate with the Defence Services in unity for Myanmar's peace process.

2. We wish to change the current situation where the peace process is in uneven progress, democracy is not yet mature, and federalism is somewhat out of reach to a stable, peaceful and developed society.

3. We wish to transform the antiquated land-based economy and pull the nation out of poverty to mod-ern land and agro-based economy without 'ground rent' and a developed industrial union.

4. We aim to elevate administration, judicial, democratic education, healthcare, and social affairs at a balanced rate simultaneously with our work in national and union economy.

5. We aim to alleviate the Defence Services of their political responsibilities, which they have been per-forming together with their national defence duties for various reasons for decades, and ease their bur-den at a gradual pace. In this regard, taking into account of both the background history of Myanmar and geopolitically balancing of powers between superpowers, we are going together to some extent of time for steady handover of their responsibilities.

6. We take it as our national duty to stand with the citizens of the nation and oppose the dangers of religious and ethnic extremists that resort to violence to take over our lands and the foreign powers that support them.

I would now like to detail our party's operation in the November 2020 elections based on the outlook, and work programmes explained earlier.

Esteemed people

We simply view the 2008 Constitution as something that came into existence as a historical necessity during a certain point in our history and not as something that is democratic and comprehensive. We view the elections held in 2010 and 2015 that were based on this Constitution simply as milestones on our road to democracy and federalism and the upcoming November 2020 elections as another milestone on that difficult road as well. And the government that will form after that will simply be one to lead reforms of transitional period.

Because of the political and security issues occurring across the nation, and our party's financial and campaigning resources for implementing the 'historical mission', we will only be contesting for three seats in Yangon Region, and they are 2 Pyithu Hluttaw constituencies for Tamway Township and Ma-yangon Township and regional constituency 1 for Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township.

Esteemed voters

Now, I would like to talk about the rights of all voters. Our party believes in the following morally po-litical truths:

1. Nothing can be accomplished without the people.

2. Nothing can be accomplished without elections.

3. The people must be allowed to vote their representative through credible elections.

4. If they are refused this right, then the people will make their own choice.

Allowing the people to vote for their representatives in the coming elections will only conform with the truths. Each and every voter has the opportunity to create their own destiny but if they are unable to fully utilize that right in the elections either through coercion, intimidation or other undemocratic means will destroy the rights they had. I would like to request the Union Election Commission, the political parties, big and small, the candidates, their supporters, authoritative bodies and observers all work together to uphold the democratic values in order to achieve the goal.

In conclusion, I wish to implore the public to cast their votes for our Party for Democracy and Peace whose democratism and democratic system based on the four cardinal virtues will be the most suitable path for Myanmar to reforming its democracy and establishing federalism. Our party representatives who will be implementing this are each filled with political experience, loyalty to the democratic cause, have made personal sacrifices, and are equipped with the best skills and education. I make this request on behalf of the Party for Democracy and Peace in all earnestly.

I also urge you to cast your votes for the representatives of our kindred political parties, who are of true democratic blood coursing through their veins, and are working just as hard as our political party to es-tablish a federal union based on democracy, peace, national economic development, unity and solidarity from all across the country.

Thank you very much.

Shan Nationalities Democratic Party presents its policy, stance and work programmes

Shan Nationalities Democratic Party Chairman Sai Boe Aung presented party's policy, stance and work programmes through radio and TV on 11 September.

Mai Soong Kha, Mingalaba.

I am greeting to all the Union national people for the auspiciousness. I am Sai Boe Aung, General Secretary of Shan Nationalities Democratic Party.

Esteemed national people

I will present the belief, stance and the primary objectives for the 2020 General Election.

Our party firmly believe that:

"A strong Republic of Federal Union endowed with unity and peace will emerge if we could only build a democratic state endowed with free from oppression between one another, friendly relations among national races, equal rights for basic social status, justice, freedom and genuine democratic country.

Therefore, the first policy and objective of our party for the 2020 General Election are 'to establish a genuinely democratic state through the peacemaking process.

Esteemed national people

If we review the lack of peace in our country since the country has regained its independence in 1948, we have found that diverse political views, especially the ethnic minorities have felt they have no equal rights in politics and they are treated with discrimination; armed conflicts have led to instability in the country. Therefore, internal peacemaking processes are the main driving force for the stability of the country. And that, peace is reciprocally related to the establishment of a democratic federal Union desired by the national people.

Our Shan Nationalities Democratic Party will not focus on confrontation and opposition in line with the party policy. Instead, peacemaking efforts will be carried out through political dialogue. The party has emphasized the establishment of a genuine Federal Union with equal sharing of power between the Union-level and region/state levels, natural resources and revenues.

Regarding the peacemaking process, the party will actively take part in NCA, political dialogue to make agreements in peace conferences.

Under the Paragraph (a) in Chapter 1 of NCA, our party will keep on actively taking part in building the Union based on federal system and democracy being fully endowed with guarantees expected by the national people.

Esteemed national people

The second objective of the party for the election is to form a state government represented by the local ethnic people because they could know the requirements of their state and how to manage for the development of the country. Only local ethnic people have management and administrative powers, and they could work for the development of the country.

Esteemed national people

The figure of the International Monetary Fund for Southeast Asia in October 2019 has shown that the per capita income of our citizen was just US$124.4 or K1,740,000 (K4,800 per day). If the individual income could not cover the fundamental needs, the stability of the country would be damaged, and its economic development will also decline.

Therefore, the economic objectives of the Shan Nationalities Democratic Party include the economic development of the country by promoting income of individuals.

Esteemed national people

Power-sharing at the state level is vital for the successful establishment of the Federal Union, while local ethnic people play a crucial role in the local administrative sector. The existing Constitution has stipulated that only the members of civil service organizations of a relevant ministry have authority to manage the local administrative sector. Although local people are grouped as town elders and township/district supporting committee, they are not allowed for making decisions and implementations. As a result, the performance of development programmes fails to meet the needs of local people. Therefore, the party has aimed to allow for the participation of local people in administration and management sector.

Esteemed national people

Education is crucial for the development of an area or the whole country. Education reform is needed in every state in developing an applied knowledge and modern and advanced education system. As our country has not grown in the economic sector, it is required to promote an applied education which can help socioeconomic development.

In the 5th paragraph of education policy for the Shan Nationalities Democratic Party, it has mentioned 'establishment of international standard education that can guarantee the future'. Therefore, the party has an objective to adopt an education system that can support socio-economic development.

Esteemed national people

The 2020 General Election is a door to pass through in establishing a federal democratic state. People need to vote for suitable persons who can work for the development of the country to be able to reach the destination. It is required to elect appropriate representatives who have a firm belief, objectives and future programmes. It is advised to the people to put the stamp right in the boxes beside the preferred candidates.

Esteemed national people

In my conclusion, I would like to urge all the people who are living on the same land and drinking water from the same source, voting for development of the country as decent citizens in return of its gratitude.

The Shan Nationalities Democratic Party has a firm determination for the positive change in moving forward with the solemn vow.

Thank you.

Campaign speeches of United Democratic Party-UDP, Wontharnu Democratic Party and National Political Alliance Party-NPA to be broadcast on 12 Sept, published on 13 Sept

Campaign speeches of United Democratic Party-UDP, Wontharnu Democratic Party and National Political Alliance Party-NPA for 2020 General Election will be broadcast on MRTV, Hluttaw Channel, Myanma Radio and MRTV Facebook page at 7 pm on 12 September, and will be published in the state-owned newspapers—the Myanma Alinn, the Mirror and the Global New Light of Myanmar—on 13 September.—MNA

Section 58 (d) in Hluttaw Election Law

IN accordance with section 58 (d) of the Hluttaw Election Law, no one is allowed to give speeches at meetings, instigation, writing, distribution of using posters or attempting by other means to disturb the voting or election. Anyone who is found guilty of or abet this act shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or with fine not exceeding K100,000 (one hundred thousand Kyats), or with both.

UK denies burning Brexit bridges in EU talks

LONDON — Britain's government on Friday vowed to press on with troubled EU talks, despite rejecting an ultimatum to withdraw Brexit legislation that has sparked a rebellion from outraged Conservatives in its own ranks.

Prime Minister Boris Johnson trumpeted a win by announcing a free-trade agreement with Japan -- its first such pact since Brexit took effect in January.

But the far greater prize of an FTA with the European Union remains elusive.

Britain and the EU both committed to meet again in Brussels, even after this week's trade talks were clouded by fury over London's pledge to wilfully break its divorce treaty with new domestic legislation.

"It is clear that anyone has to stick to what he already agreed to. Treaties have to be obeyed," German Finance Minister Olaf Scholz told reporters in Berlin.

The EU, warning that the contentious UK bill has "seriously damaged trust" between the two sides, said it would take Britain to court unless the legislation is withdrawn by the end of September.

How to regulate trade between British Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland has been a sticking point throughout Brexit talks. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

The bill would give British ministers unilateral powers to regulate trade among England, Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland, once the force of EU law expires after a post-Brexit transition period at the end of this year.

But under its Brexit treaty, Britain is meant to liaise with Brussels on arrangements for Northern Ireland, which will have the UK's only land border with the EU, and where 30 years of bloodshed ended with a historic peace deal in 1998.—AFP ■

Death toll rises to 11 in Colombia rioting over police killing

"Murderers, enemies of the people" reads the sign placed at a police station following deadly protests in Bogota. **PHOTO: AFP**

BOGOTA — At least 11 people were killed and hundreds wounded after rioting broke out in the Colombian capital Bogota during protests over the death of a man repeatedly tasered by police, authorities said.

Demonstrators first took to the streets of the Colombian capital on Wednesday and again Thursday after video emerged of attorney Javier Ordonez pleading with uniformed officers, who shocked him with the weapon at least five times as he lay on the ground.

"We are facing a massive act of violence," Defence Minister Carlos Holmes Trujillo said after several police stations were attacked and destroyed.

The minister said he would bolster law enforcement in the capital city of more than seven million by sending in hundreds of soldiers and military police officers.

Violent protests also spread to the cities of Medellin and Cali.

Bogota mayor Claudia Lopez said seven people had died in rioting in the capital, "the majority of them young people" who were shot.—AFP ■

Firefighters put out Beirut blaze but anger smoulders

BEIRUT — Lebanese firefighters on Friday put out a blaze at Beirut port that brought back the trauma of last month's deadly dockside explosion and destroyed badly needed food aid.

Fire crews used cranes to hose down the last smouldering embers of the fire that swept through already damaged warehouses on Thursday, AFP correspondents reported.

But popular anger at the authorities' failure to provide public safety, even in the heart of the capital, was rekindled by the new blaze.

The fire broke out on Thursday afternoon as workers were carrying out repair work on some of the warehouses still standing after last month's explosion.

Sparks from a power saw being used in the repairs were the likely cause of the blaze, according to the government's preliminary findings.

The International Committee of the Red Cross said one of the warehouses contained precious food aid for tens of thousands of needy families in Lebanon and in neighbouring Syria.

It said it had been working on moving the supplies out of the damaged warehouse ever since the August 4 blast but the operation had still been ongoing when the fire hit.

"Due to the rubble present and the danger involved, it is not possible to confirm the level of loss incurred at this time," an ICRC statement said.

"The explosion and the fire will no doubt have an impact on the ICRC's humanitarian aid whether in Lebanon or Syria."

On Friday, earthmovers were again at work clearing rubble from the port through which the vast majority of Lebanon's food and other imports used to pass.

"The fire is very weak. There's just one area we're still dealing with. It's nothing," said George Abou Moussa, operations director of Lebanon's civil defence agency.—AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Jordan says massive explosion rocks army base in Zarqa

AMMAN – A massive explosion rocked a military base in Zarqa Governorate when mortar bombs blew up in a facility affiliated to the army, said Jordanian official.

Preliminary investigations show that the explosion occurred due to a short circuit in the facility where the bombs were stored, said Amjad Adaileh, Jordan's Minister of State for Media Affairs.

The minister said that the facility is located in an unpopulated area and there has been no immediate reports of injuries so far.–Xinhua

Turkey launches series of operations against 130 suspects over failed coup

ISTANBUL – Turkish authorities on Friday launched a series of operations across the country to detain at least 130 suspects over their alleged links to a network believed to be behind a coup attempt in 2016.

Following the orders of the Chief Public Prosecutor's Offices in Istanbul, Ankara, Balikesir, and Konya, police launched simultaneous operations in 45 provinces, the Hurriyet daily said.

The suspects, including military personnel, lawyers, and police officers, allegedly contacted the network headed by the U.S.-based Turkish cleric Fethullah Gulen via various means, according to Hurriyet.

Since the beginning of August, Turkish prosecutors had ordered the detention of at least 373 suspects, including soldiers on active duty.

The Turkish government blames Gulen and his network for masterminding the coup bid in July 2016, in which 250 people were killed, and has been pushing for his extradition.–Xinhua ■

Big in Japan: UK announces first major post-Brexit trade deal

LONDON — Britain on Friday announced its first major post-Brexit trade agreement -- a deal with Japan -- as its negotiations with the European Union become increasingly fractious.

The Department for International Trade said the accord, which largely replicates the current EU-Japan deal, will be worth £15.2 billion ($19.5 billion, 16.5 billion euros).

The UK-Japan Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement was agreed in principle by International Trade Secretary Liz Truss and Japan Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi during a video call on Friday.

Bilateral trade is currently conducted under the EU-Japan deal that came into effect last year, but that agreement will no longer apply to Britain from December 31.

Britain left the EU in January, nearly four years after a seismic referendum that saw voters opt to end close to five decades of European integration.

A standstill transition period is in place until the end of the year while London and Brussels try to thrash out the terms of their new relationship from January 1 next year.

But the wrangling has become increasingly bitter, and on Thursday the EU threatened legal action after the UK vowed to implement a new law that would break its binding divorce treaty.

UK government ministers trumpeted the new bilateral agreement with Japan as a clear sign to Brexit opponents that agreements can be struck elsewhere. Prime Minister Boris Johnson said on Twitter that the deal showed "we have taken back control of our trade policy & will continue to thrive as a trading nation outside the EU."—AFP ■

The UK-Japan trade deal is worth an estimated £15.2 billion. **PHOTO: 10 DOWNING STREET/AFP/FILE**

Economic Watch: Foreign firms expand footprints in China amid swift recovery, further opening up

BEIJING — While global investments succumbed to the COVID-19 pandemic's economic fallout, international companies are upping their ante in China due to the country's head start in business recovery and unwavering commitment to opening up.

Foreign direct investment into the Chinese mainland, in actual use, stood at 535.65 billion yuan (about 78.4 billion U.S. dollars) during the first seven months of this year, up 0.5 per cent year on year, reversing the decline reported in the first half of the year, official data showed.

A bevy of leading global firms like lift equipment manufacturer JLG, Uniqlo and Nestle have announced or made new investments in China this year. Nestlés Research & Development Center (R&D) in Beijing. **PHOTO: NESTLÉ/XINHUA**

A bevy of leading global firms like lift equipment manufacturer JLG, Uniqlo and Nestle have announced or made new investments in China this year, while many others reported robust earnings in the country compared with other regions. "We have confidence in the Chinese market," said Jack Liu, general manager of Goodrich Aerostructures Service (China) Co., Ltd. "Given China's swift economic rebound, the aerospace maintenance industry chain will quickly be rolling again.

"The airplane maintenance services provider based in north China's Tianjin Municipality, a subsidiary of the North Carolina-headquartered aerospace products supplier Collins Aerospace, has seen sales revenue jump 17 per cent in the first half of this year, while its workforce grew by 11 per cent.

"We were able to tide over the COVID-19 crisis and attain revenue growth because we resumed our operations fast, despite the huge blow to the aerospace maintenance sector in the Asia-Pacific region and the rest of the world," said Liu. The company fully restored business activities in early March. —Xinhua ■

Japan, Singapore to resume short-term business travel from Sept. 18

TOKYO — Japan will resume short-term business travel with Singapore from Sept. 18, marking the first time that Tokyo has decided to allow the entry of businesspeople without requiring a 14-day self-isolation period amid the coronavirus pandemic, Foreign Minister Toshimitsu Motegi said Friday.

"It will be an important step forward as Japan gradually resumes international travel," Motegi said at a press conference. "There have been great business needs for travel between Japan and Singapore, such as in areas of finance and logistics."

The business exchanges will be allowed under conditions such as pre-departure and post-arrival coronavirus testing, presentation of an itinerary of their stay, limitation of their travel to between where they are staying and the workplace and not using public transportation, the Japanese Foreign Ministry said. The resumption was announced in a joint statement by Motegi and his Singaporean counterpart Vivian Balakrishnan, in which they said it will help "restore connectivity and support economic recovery" for the two countries.— Kyodo ■

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More than 100 years old ancient building of colonial era with European architectural works attractive to travellers in Mandalay

AN ancient building of more than 100 years old was used as Shwe Mann Aung Si daily house in Mandalay to be able to raise downhearted dwellers for loss of lives and property in the Second World War. Nowadays, the Department of Archaeology and National Museum opens its Mandalay branch at such building constructed with European architectural works in colonial era as part of preservation.

The ancient building took a position on a rectangular shape land plot of 1.8653 acres with 292 feet in length from the east to the west and 240 feet in width from the south to the north on No 735 plot at the corner of 28th street and 70th street in Patkonwunkyin Ward of Chanayethazan Township in Mandalay.

According to the historical records, the government bought the land plot at a cost of K3,700 from a Jewish before the Second World War. But, the records on builder of the office, date of construction and costs were lost in the Second World War.

In the time of Archaeological Superintendent U Lu Pe Win, the stone inscription office was moved to such building from the site in Datan Ward. According to some senior citizens, such move was carried out in about 1945.

The building was a two-storey brick-nogging structure in European architectural works. Construction of the building was not purposed for the public residence but for diplomatic office or hospital or officer rest house in colonial era.

Pieces of timber used in the building were large and strong. The structure was installed many windows for having proper ventilation and lighting. Each room was formed with doors in a systematic style.

The whole building was constructed of 88 posts with 11 doors and 20 windows on the ground floor and 11 doors and 17 windows on the first floor. The ground floor was formed with eight rooms and the first floor, six rooms, totalling 14. In addition, the building was rounded with a 36 feet long corridor and two 10 feet long corridors.

Pipes and plastic cover lines were not used for wiring system of electrification like that of current era but these wires were installed on the wooden walls. Septic tanks were seen at the site, about 50 feet west of the building to prevent emission of bad smell to the building.

Roofs of the building were made of wooden works similar to brick tiles. The thick walls could resist the high temperature of dry area as well as impacts of strong winds.

In fact, the building was constructed in around 1900

AD. So, it was assumed that about 120 years old building might be residence of the well-off person or diplomat because the building area was larger than ordinary public residence. Moreover, it was significant that the building was constructed in the centre of the land plot.

At present, pieces of timber from the ancient building were lack of endurance for climatic conditions. Some parts of posts and floors were decayed. As such, the Mandalay branch of the Department of Archaeology and National Museum uses the ground floor of the building while maintaining the structure and reparing the damaged parts in respective financial years.

People will have chance to observe significant constructional works and beautifying architectural styles of the ancient building with the purpose of ensuring resilience of climatic conditions. During the visits, travellers would have thoughts how the senior citizens of Mandalay resided there.

(Translated by Than Tun Aung)

A visit to U Min Thoneze (thirty caves pagoda) and Tilawkaguru cave

By Thayat Tan Soe Shwe, Psychology

Interior of U Min Thonze Cave Temple.

WITH extraordinary pagodas on each of the over 37 mountain tops, Sagaing Mountain is famous as an interesting mountain. Among those pagodas, U Min Thonze pagoda (thrity caves pagoda) located at the peak of locally called Mount Saramati and Tilawkaguru cave will make you fully enjoy Sagaing.

The pilgrims come to Sagaing start their tour from Mount Nga Phar to Soon Oo Pon Nya Shin Pagoda, from Mount Saramati to U Min Thonze Pagoda, Shin Phyu Shin Hla Pagoda and Hmyaw Taw Zaw Pagoda, Baung Taw Kya Pagoda, Nhat Myat Nar Pagoda and surrounding pagodas continuously. U Min Thonze Pagoda is called because of its 30 entrance gates with the 45 beautiful Buddha images inside .

The flagpoles are decorated on each façade of the cave. Entrance height is 6 ft 7 inches and width is 2ft 5 inches. 10 Manuthiha statues and 7 small stupas were built on the southern facades of the cave extraordinarily. The Pagoda festival is held annually on the full moon day of Wagaung month. Most people visit U Min Thonze Pagoda right after Soon Oo Pon Nya Shin Pagoda. On the way to the pagoda, souvenirs and Sagaing memorial artworks can be bought. U Min Thoneze Pagoda is the right place to watch the beauty of Sagaing city and the city's pagodas from afar.

Composers even refer to Sagaing city and Sagaing Mountain as a beautiful painting painted by angels by bridge bother and river sister. It is called Sagaing because the Ayeyawaddy river which flows from north to south starts and bends to flow from east to west from Sagaing.

The history of Sagaing begins from 677 AD when Athin Khayar Saw Ywun built Atu La Wati city. It was written in the records of literary scholars that the city was built with nine places simultaneously which were Golden Palace, Golden City, East Gate, West Gate, South Gate and North Gate, Hla See Kone Pagoda, Thaw Ta Pan Nat Shrine and nine Chaungs (places of religious retreat) from nine mountains.

Tilawkaguru cave.

The 700 years old Sagaing is honoured as a prominent place where religion flourishes. Among the pagodas in Sagaing, Tilawkaguru Cave which has mural paintings is very interesting.

Tilawkaguru Cave is located behind the southern guest pavilion (Tazaung) of Pon Nya Shin Pagoda at Sagaing Mountain. The Cave is famous for its interesting mural paintings. Experts say that it is similar with Kyauk Gu U Min in Bagan. The outside of the cave was made of brick and the inside of the cave was carved out of stone.

Tilawkaguru Cave is a two-layer cave with a staircase leading up to it. It is over 300 years old with mural paintings which depict the life stories of Buddha.

During the stay in Sagaing, one should visit U Min Thoneze Pagoda and Tilawkaguru Cave to enjoy the beauty of Sagaing.

(Translated by Ei Phyu Phyu Aung)

The corridor outside the U Min Thonze Cave Temple, Sagaing Hill, Myanmar.

Shan United's Satt Phyo Wai (Red) vies for the ball with Magway's Zaw Lwin Oo (Yellow) during their MNL Week-15 match played at Padonmar Stadium in Yangon on 11 September 2020. **PHOTO: MNL**

Shan United delivers shocking win over Magway FC

DEFENDING champions Shan United secured a big 5-2 win over Magwe FC thanks to Zin Min Tun's hat-trick during their Myanmar National League Week-15 match played at Padonmar Stadium in Yangon on 11 September 2020.

Hat-trick maker Zin Min Tun showed his best talent throughout the match while David Htan and Keith assisted the team and scored each goal for Shan's victory.

Under the guidance of head coach U Aung Naing, defending champion used its best players including Captain Djawa Djedje Maximin, keeper Myo Min Latt, Zin Min Tun, Zwe Thet Paing, Set Pyo Wai and Yakubu Abubakar.

In the meantime, head coach U Aung Zaw Myo's Magway FC used all the local players including Captain Naing Naing Kyaw, keeper Soe Arkar, Win Moe Kyaw, Wai Phyo and Kyaw Thet Oo.

Magway FC spent their maximum energy from the start, but Shan United relied on their strategic play to reach their opponents.

Zin Min Tun scored Shan United's first goal even at 11 minutes. Next to the goal was his another goal and it was a second goal for Shan United at 15 minute mark.

Ater 2-0, Magway FC made their action play to follow Shan United's goals by opening their winger positions and forward. Though, the first half was ended with two goals led by defending champions.

Second half initiated with a third goal for Shan United scored by hat-trick maker Zaw Min Tun at 46-minute mark. Magway FC got a consolation goal at 51 minutes, and the goal was scored by Magway star player Naing Naing Kyaw.

With a stable play, Shan United did not stop their tempo and scored their fourth goal at 58 minutes. Again, Shan United's foreign player Keith scored the team's fourth goal at 83 minutes.

A minute later, Magwe got another consolation goal scored by Pyay Moe at 84-minutes mark, and the result saw 5-3 win for Shan at the final whistle.

—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Marcelo Bielsa in spotlight as Leeds return to Premier League

After 16 years in exile, Leeds United are counting down the hours until their return to Premier League action, with their enigmatic manager Marcelo Bielsa guaranteed to steal the limelight. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

LONDON — After 16 years in exile, Leeds United are counting down the hours until their return to Premier League action, with their enigmatic manager Marcelo Bielsa guaranteed to steal the limelight.

Leeds face a baptism of fire when they visit Premier League champions Liverpool on Saturday (Sept 12) for their first top-flight match since 2004.

But the prospect of pitting his wits against Reds boss Jurgen Klopp is unlikely to fluster Bielsa, who has cult hero status at Elland Road after masterminding Leeds' return to the Premier League in his second season in charge. The 65-year-old Argentine, nicknamed 'El Loco' for his madcap antics, has awoken the sleeping giants with a unique style of management that defies convention.

Ignoring the perks of his lucrative profession, Bielsa lives in a small flat above a sweet shop, holds his staff meetings in a coffee shop and is often seen in his local supermarket.

Bielsa, who sits on an upturned bucket while watching matches, announced his arrival at Leeds' training ground by ordering his squad to pick up their litter. He once told them to deliberately concede a goal after they scored when an Aston Villa player was injured, and became embroiled in an infamous spying scandal after dispatching an assistant to secretly watch Derby training.—AFP ■

Asian body advised to cancel AFC Cup

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KUALA LUMPUR — Asia's football body has received a recommendation to cancel this year's AFC Cup over the coronavirus pandemic, an official told AFP.

The region's second-tier club competition has been frozen since March, and is due to resume next month in four host countries. However, three of the nine groups remain without a home.

Lebanon's Hachem Haidar, a member of the Asian Football Confederation's executive committee, said the advice to cancel was to be presented later yesterday.

"There is a recommendation of cancellation proposed by the competitions committee, and it will be presented to us during the exco (executive committee) meeting via video link," Haidar said.

More details on the AFC Champions League, the continent's showpiece competition, are expected to be announced after yesterday's meeting.

The Champions League has also been suspended since March and no host country has been announced for two of its eight groups.

The pandemic continues to spread worldwide and several countries in Asia are battling serious outbreaks. However, AFC general secretary Windsor John said last week that he expected the Champions League to be completed this year. "We remain committed and confident of completing the competition within the 2020 calendar year," said John. — AFP ■

Tennis: 'Positive' Osaka beats Brady to reach US Open final

NEW YORK — Fourth seed Naomi Osaka defeated 28th seed Jennifer Brady in a high quality three-setter to reach the US Open final on Thursday (Sep 10), crediting her run to a carefree attitude post-coronavirus lockdown.

The Japanese 2018 US Open champion overcame the 25-year-old American 7-6 (7/1), 3-6, 6-3 in 2 hours and 8 minutes under the roof of Arthur Ashe Stadium.

Osaka, 22, will play either Serena Williams or Victoria Azarenka in Saturday's final.

"I just felt like I was sticking it out, it felt like we were trading serves," Osaka said of the semi-final tussle.

"I think I tried to adjust a little bit on her serve in the third set so maybe that helped," she added. Brady, 25, had not dropped a set during her run to her first Grand Slam semi-final.

And the world number 41 went toe-to-toe with Osaka until the first set tie-break.

The players traded six held service games each before Osaka the world number nine took control of the tie-break.—AFP ■