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# Tatmadaw has been steadfastly leading establishment and development tasks of the State, fulfilling the needs of the country: Senior General

A ceremony to unveil statues of seven commanders-in-chief and commanders-in-chief of defence services (retired) who served at the Myanma Tatmadaw in successive eras took place at the booth of the head of the Defence Services Museum in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon, attended by Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing.

Also present at the ceremony were Vice-Chairman of the Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army), Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Council member General Mya Tun Oo, Admiral Tin Aung San, General Maung Maung Kyaw and Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun, Council Secretary Lt-Gen Aung Lin Dwe and Joint Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Soe Htut and Lt-Gen Tun Tun Naung, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Maung Maung Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Moe Aung, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, retired senior military officers, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and officials.

In his address, the Senior General said perpetuation of a country's independence and sovereignty absolutely depends on its armed forces. Long term existence and strength of armed forces also rely on constant maintenance of the fine traditions of the Tatmadaw. In looking back more than 1,000 years old Myanmar history, whenever the Tatmadaw strengthened, the country was powerful. The histories distinctly mentioned that whenever the Tatmadaw was weak with disunity, the country was in disarray. For Myanmar, anyone cannot deny the fact that "only when the Tatmadaw strengthens will the nation be powerful". It is a reality. During the over 75 years period from the birth to date, the Tatmadaw was titled under various names as well as leaders, commanders and service members changed. Although they shouldered the duties in successive eras, the Tatmadaw's prestige has been glittering without fade-out thanks to its fine traditions under the leadership of the commanders-in-chief and commanders-in-chief of defence services.

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(Top) State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing makes the speech and (Down) military dignitaries are present at the unveiling ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw on 25 March 2021.

# In generating electricity, solar power projects are being implemented

AS all electricity generated is being consumed, it can be concluded that there are shortages of electricity. In generating electricity, solar power projects are being implemented. It is necessary to emphasize generating electricity from Paunglaung Hydropower Dam to establish smokeless industries in Nay Pyi Taw. It is required to invite local and foreign investment for garment factories and other factories and workshops that operate with electricity and manufacturing value-added products based on agriculture.

*(Excerpt from the speech to the 6/2021 meeting of the State Administration Council made by the Republic of the Union of Myanmar State Administration Council Chairman Senior General Min Aung Hlaing on 16 March 2021)*

## Republic of the Union of Myanmar
## Ministry of Electricity and Energy
## Public Notification

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1. The Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) deemed it necessary to continue implementing preventive measures to contain the spread of COVID-19 and made an announcement on 26 February 2021 that all directives, notifications, requests to the public, and orders issued by Union-level institutions and ministries regarding the prevention, control and treatment of COVID-19 until 28 February 2021 (excluding those that have been ordered to be eased) will be extended to 31 March 2021.
2. An announcement was made on 18 February 2021 for the exemption of 150 units from the electricity bills of consumption from 1 February 2021 to 28 February 2021 when COVID-19 preventive measures were increased.
3. As the date for COVID-19 control measures has been set until 28 February 2021, the exemption for 150 units of electricity will be extended from 1 March 2021 to 31 March 2021.
4. Thus, a total of 150 units from domestic consumption between 1 and 31 March 2021 for residential homes, religious buildings, and domestic humanitarian groups (excluding embassies, UN agencies and international organizations) will be deducted from the electricity bill in this period.
5. All relevant households that have consumed from 1 to 150 units of electricity will have their meter bill and service fees exempted (free of charge), while consumption of 151 units and above will have K11,550 for 150 units deducted from the total meter bill.
6. Domestic consumption of 151 units and above will have to make payments according to the different levels of consumption rate. Local civil society organizations in the NGO category are the only type of non-domestic consumers that will have the exemption applied to them. The other non-domestic types will have to continue payments at regular rates.

*Ministry of Electricity and Energy*

## Sarpay Beikman Literature Award and Pakokku Literary Award ceremonies to be held

THE 2019 Sarpay Beikman Literature Award and Pakokku Literary Award established by Pakokku U Ohn Pe have been announced in state-owned newspapers. The award ceremony will be held on 1 and 2 April.

The 2019 Sarpay Beikman Literature Award Ceremony will be held on April 1 (Thursday) at 10 am, and the Pakokku Literary Award Ceremony will be held on 2 April (Friday) at 10 am at the Department of Printing and Publishing at No. 228, Theinphyu Road, Yangon.

Award winners are invited to attend the ceremony. For more information, please contact the Literary Temple Administration Department at 01-381449.—MNA

# Myanma Railways runs down/up trains for Nay Pyi Taw-Mandalay section

MYANMA Railways operated a 2-carriage RBE train for the Nay Pyi Taw-Thazi-Mandalay route on 23 March.

The train arrived at Mandalay railway station at 2:25 pm that day, and it left on the morning of 24 March and arrived at Nay Pyi Taw at noon.

Myanma Railways conducts up and down RBE trains for the Nay Pyi Taw-Thazi-Mandalay railway section for the passengers daily. Those who want to take the trains can make inquiries at the railway stations.—MNA

A 2-carriage RBE train is seen running for the Nay Pyi Taw-Thazi-Mandalay route on 23 March 2021.

# Tatmadaw has been steadfastly leading establishment and development tasks of the State, fulfilling the needs of the country: Senior General

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing (R) presses the button to unveil the statues(L) of the seven successive Commanders-in-Chief of Defence Services yesterday.

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These fine traditions were sowed by General Aung San and Thirty Comrades, who established the Tatmadaw, and leaders and commanders who shouldered the duties continuously have been preserving the traditions. Hence, the Tatmadaw is standing tall as a national force till today.

Eight commanders-in-chief and commanders-in-chief of defence services discharged duty from the time when Myanmar regained its independence to date. They were Lt-Gen Smith Dun, General Ne Win, General San Yu, General Tin Oo, General Thura Kyaw Htin, Senior General Saw Maung, Senior General Than Shwe and himself, said the Senior General. With regard to brief profiles of duties discharged by predecessor commanders-in-chief and commanders-in-chief of defence services, Lt-Gen Smith Dun joined the Tatmadaw on 8 November 1924 and served in various capacities. He did the chief of staff (commander-in-chief) in 1945 and retired from the Tatmadaw on 31 January 1949.

After starting the Second World War, the Thirty Comrades was formed in connection with Japan to undergo military training rapidly. In so doing, Thakin Shu Maung (aka) General Ne Win was one of Thirty Comrades. The Burma Independence Army was formed in Bangkok of Thailand on 27 December 1941. Four columns marched into Myanmar, and Bo Ne Win led the inner rebellion column. During the resistance process, he served the various capacities and discharged duties of State Prime Minister in the time of the Caretaker Government from 1958 to 1960 and Chairman of the Revolutionary Council in 1962 and retired from the Tatmadaw on 20 April 1972. Then, he served as President of the State from 1974 to 1981 and Chairman of Myanmar Socialist Programme Party from 10 November 1981 to 23 July 1988 and then took retirement.

General San Yu joined the Burma Independence Army in 1942 and discharged various duties. He served as Deputy Chief of Staff (Army) in 1963 and Chief of Staff, Minister for Defence and Deputy Prime Minister with the rank of General from 20 April 1972 to 7 March 1974. He retired from the Tatmadaw on 7 March 1974 and served as Secretary of the State Council, Minister for Finance and Revenue, Minister for National Planning, General Secretary of Central Committee of Myanmar Socialist Programme Party, Chairman of Party Work Scrutiny Committee in 1981, Chairman of the State Council and President of the State in 1981 and retired from the duties on 25 July 1988.

General Tin Oo joined the Tatmadaw on 26 February 1946 and served different duties. He served as Commander-in-Chief with the rank of General on 8 March 1974 and retired from the Tatmadaw on 6 March 1976. General Thura Kyaw Htin joined the Burma Defence Army (BDA) as the rank of private in 1943 and served various duties. He discharged duties of the commander of Yangon Command and Deputy Chief of Staff (Army) in 1969 and Commander-in-Chief with the rank of General on 6 March 1976. He retired from the Tatmadaw on 4 November 1985.

Senior General Saw Maung joined the Tatmadaw on 23 December 1949 with serving various duties. He discharged responsibilities of the Commander-in-Chief with the rank of Lt-Gen starting from 4 November 1985. He was promoted to the position of General in 1986. He served as Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services as of 18 September 1988. He became Senior General in 1990 and retired from the Tatmadaw on 24 April 1992.

Senior General Than Shwe attended the 9th intake of cadet courses in 1952 and served the various capacities. He was assigned commander of South-West Command in 1985 and promoted to the rank of Major-General in 1986 and Lt-Gen in 1987. He was appointed as Deputy Minister for Defence in 1988 and Vice-Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council on 18 September 1988. He was promoted to the rank of General in 1990 and assigned duties of Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army). He served as Chairman of the State Law and Order Restoration Council starting from 24 April 1992 in addition to Minister for Defence, Prime Minister of the State and Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. He was appointed as Senior General on 23 April 1993, and he took retirement from the Tatmadaw on 30 March 2011.

The tradition of the Tatmadaw leading the national cause was the noblest, which could not be compared with any organizations. The Tatmadaw has been steadfastly leading the establishment and development tasks of the State, fulfilling the needs of the country. So, it is a reliable one of the people. The great national tradition of the Tatmadaw was steered by commanders-in-chief and commanders-in-chief of defence services.

The Senior General expressed his anticipation that as a gesture of honouring those commanders-in-chief and commanders-in-chief of defence services, who led efforts for strengthening of the Tatmadaw, their statues were carved in their honour and displayed at the Defence Services Museum to foster the spirit of adoring the independence of Myanmar, ensure dynamism of patriotic spirit to modernize the country and continuously turn out human resources capable of building a peaceful, developed nation.

The Senior General unveiled statues of seven commanders-in-chief and commanders-in-chief of defence services while the Guard of Honour paid a tribute.

The Senior General and party viewed round the statues and preparations at the booth to mark the 76th Anniversary of Armed Forces Day at the Defence Services Museum.

The carving of these statues was based on computer designs by a 3D graphic using photos. Then, software was developed to carve the statues with the use of the CNC machine. Each sculpture is 12 inches long, 10.5 inches wide and 24 inches high. — MNA

## 25 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 25 March, total figure rises to 142,340

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **142,340 after 25 new cases** were reported on 25 March 2021 according to the Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these confirmed cases, **3,205 died**, **131,781** have been discharged from hospitals.—MNA

# Chairman of State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla offer day meals to religious title recipient Sayadaws for 2021

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla yesterday morning offered day meals to religious title recipient Sayadaws for 2021 at Sasana Maha Beikman in the precinct of Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw.

Sayadaws are seen giving sermons to the congregation yesterday.

The congregation, led by the Senior General and wife, took the Five Precepts from Bhamo Sayadaw yesterday.

Present at the ceremony were Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Nayaka of Bhamo Monastery in Mandalay Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa Bhamo Sayadaw, Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Nayaka of Thanlyin Minkyaung Pahtamapyan Monastery Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Dr Candima Bhivamsa and members of the Sangha, Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Vice-Chairman of the Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Council member General Mya Tun Oo and wife, Admiral Tin Aung San and wife, General Maung Maung Kyaw and wife, Lt-Gen Moe Myint Tun, Mahn Nyein Maung and wife, U Khin Maung Swe, Daw Aye Nu Sein, Jeng Phang Naw Taung, U Moung Har and wife, Dr Banyar Aung Moe and wife, Council Secretary Lt-Gen Aung Lin Dwe and wife, Council Joint Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo and wife, Chief Justice of the Union U Tun Tun Oo, Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Than Kyaw, Chairman of the Union Election Commission U Thein Soe and wife, Union ministers and their wives, the chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council, the Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) and wife, the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and wife, the commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and wife, and officials.

Before the ceremony, the Chairman of the State Administration Council and wife offered alms in the emerald alms-bowl, fruits, flowers, water and oil lights to the Buddha image in Sasana Maha Beikman.

The congregation, led by the Senior General and wife, took the Five Precepts from Bhamo Sayadaw. At the same time, members of the Sangha recited Metta Sutta.

The Senior General and wife donated alms to Bhamo Sayadaw, the Vice-Senior General to Thanlyin Minkyaung Sayadaw and Council members and those attendees to the Sangha members.

Thanlyin Minkyaung Sayadaw delivered a sermon, followed by the sharing of merits.

After the ceremony, the Senior General and wife, the Vice-Senior General, Council members and their wives, and attendees offered day meals to members of the Sangha. — MNA

# Notification of COVID Vaccination Fund Management Sub-Committee

FROM 19-3-2021 to 25-3-2021, local donors contributed 310.870 million Kyats to the COVID-19 Vaccination Fund Myanmar currency account OA 013733 opened at the Myanma Economic Bank (Nay Pyi Taw). The status of the fund account as of 25-3-2021 is as follows:

**COVID-19 Vaccination Fund OA-013733 List**

| | Kyat |
|---|---|
| Account opening balance on 19-3-2021 | 30,269,115,115.39 |
| Received amount of money from (19-3-2021 to 25-3-2021) | 310,870,000.00 |
| Closed balance on 25-3-2021 | 30,579,985,115.39 |

**COVID-19 Vaccination Fund EDC 600012 List**

| | USD |
|---|---|
| Account opening balance on 19-3-2021 | 178,140,149.53 |
| Received amount of money from (19-3-2021 to 25-3-2021) | - |
| Closed balance on 18-3-2021 | 178,140,149.53 |

# State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaws hear report about construction of world's biggest Bumi Phatha Mudra sitting marble Buddha Image, give advice

A ceremony to report the construction of Bumi Phatha Mudra sitting marble Buddha Image in Buddha Park in Dakhinathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw, Union Territory, to the Sayadaws of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and seek their advice took place at the designated venue in the park yesterday morning.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Nayaka of Bhamo Monastery in Mandalay Abhidaja Maha Ratha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddama Jotika Dr Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa Bhamo Sayadaw, Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Presiding Nayaka of Minkyaung Pahtamapyan Sarthintaik in Thanlyin Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddama Jotika Dr Bhaddanta Candima Bhivamsa, title-recipient Sayadaws, members of the Sangha, Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, Vice-Chairman of the Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, Union Minister for Religious Affairs U Ko Ko, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr Maung Maung Naing, senior military officers from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command and guests.

Bhamo Sayadaw is seen giving advice on sitting Buddha Image.

So far, there have been five times of conveyance to Nay Pyi Taw, and two more times are left.

The ceremony was opened with a three-time recitation of Namo Tassa. In reporting about the Buddha image construction, the Senior General said the construction of the marble Buddha Image with 81 feet in height in Nay Pyi Taw started with four objectives: showing the flourishing Theravada Buddhism in Myanmar to the world, ensuring national peace and stability, attracting local and foreign pilgrims to the Buddha Image thereby contributing to regional development and ensuring national development.

The marble boulder to be carved out of the Buddha Image was donated by U Aung Khaing Than and the family of Angelo Mining Company to the Shwe Foundation in 2013. At the request of the Shwe Foundation in late 2017, the disciples led by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing made preparations to carve the image out of the marble rock in line with modern techniques and the suggestions from the Sitagu Sayadaw, the Shwe Thuwin Sayadaw and the Rector Sayadaw. A feasibility study was started in 2018. An X-Ray was conducted on the marble rock to know the amount of curving, volume and any defect. After a rough design had been created, it was calculated that a piece with 65 feet in height could be produced. Then, plans had to be made for the throne of the image. The Sitagu Sayadaw was invited in July 2020 for his guidelines and suggestions. Moreover, advice was sought from the Shwe Thuwin Sayadaw, the Rector Sayadaw and the Pali University Sayadaw.

The Buddha Image will be curved in appropriate Bumi Phatha Mudra style with the 32 major characteristics and the 80 minor characteristics of Lord Buddha. The throne will be 18 feet high, and the image 63 feet high with a total height of 81 feet. According to estimations, the image weighs 1,720 tonnes, the throne 3,060 tons totalling 4,780 tonnes.

The Kyauktawgyi pagodas across Myanmar are Maha Lawka Tharaphu Kyauktawgyi Pagoda (27.5 feet high) built by King Taninganway in Inwa in 1092 ME, Taungmingyi Kyauktawgyi Pagoda (13 feet 9 inches high) by King Taungmingyi in Amarapura in 1148 ME, Maha Thakya Marazein Kyauktawgyi Pagoda (26 feet 3 inches in height) by King Mindon in Mandalay in 1227 ME, Lawka Chantha Abaya Laba Muni Kyauktawgyi Pagoda (37 feet 7 inches in height) under the State Peace and Development Council in Yangon in 1363 ME (2001 AD), and Maha Thakya Ranthi Kyauktawgyi Pagoda (32 feet) under President U Thein Sein in Nay Pyi Taw in 1377 ME (2015 AD).

Studying the sitting Buddha images across the world, there is the Great Buddha Image made of sandstone and granite (64 feet high) built in India in 1989, the Kamakura Daibutsu Buddha Image (43 feet 8 inches) made of bronze foils in Japan in 1252 AD and Phuket Big Buddha made of RC concrete studded with marble titles (148 feet) in Phuket of Thailand in 2014. Therefore, the current Buddha Image under construction will be the biggest and highest, not only in Myanmar but also in the world.

In the conveyance of the Buddha Image to Nay Pyi Taw, due to its gigantic volume, arrangements were made to carry the image in four separate parts and the throne in five separate parts after being cut into pieces without harming the originals. From the marble mountain in Madaya Township to Myaung River, the marble rock was conveyed after digging a canal with a volume of 92,507 pits and uploaded to a barge. In the first stage, it was carried from there to Hsimeegon Port in Myingyan Township along the Ayeyawady River. After the reduction in weight at the port, it was conveyed to Nay Pyi Taw by a modular trailer along Mandalay-Yangon Expressway.

So far, there have been five times of conveyance to Nay Pyi Taw, and two more times are left. A total of 7,632 tonnes have to be carried. When all the parts arrive in Nay Pyi Taw, they will be combined together with high technology. Carving work will be carried out with the use of CNC machines. For the convenience of pilgrims from near and far, Ganthakuti Taik, Dhamayon halls, archives, Thudama rest houses, Botalok Lake and water fountains will be built in the Yadanabon era's style in the park. Inside the Ganthakuti Taik will be marble works of Buddhist culture and Buddhawin. An estimated cost is K35,378.6 million (about US$9.74 million). Donations have yet to be sought, and they will be accepted only after suggestions from the Sayadaws. The explanations were made with PowerPoint presentations and video clips.

The Bhamo Sayadaw called for ensuring the Buddha image is firm and revered as it will become the biggest. The Thanlyin Minkyaung Sayadaw said it was a perfect and detailed explanation and stressed the need for the face of the image to be revered so that pilgrims can pay homage to it respectfully. He said this was pointed out because it is a more meritorious deed to see the revered face though paying homage is directed towards the attributes of Lord Buddha.

On behalf of the title-recipient Sayadaws, Bago Myoma Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Gandama said the arrangements are perfect but it is necessary to make the image firmest and most durable. He then gave advice on efforts for the propagation of charity and the Sasana.

The Senior General made his discussion and then the ceremony concluded in accord with the religious tradition. Later, the Sayadaw viewed the scale models of the Buddha image, the park, the location of marble rock pieces and construction work in the park. They were conducted a round there by the Senior General and officials. —MNA

# Announcement of Union Election Commission
## 24 March 2021

1. Regarding the Multiparty General Election held on 8 November 2020, the Union Election Commission has inspected the voter lists and on the ground withdrawal/receipt/use/remaining of ballot papers of Myitkyina Township in Kachin State.
2. Findings in the inspection were as follows:

**Findings on voter lists of Myitkyina Township**

| Sr | Township and numbers of polling stations | Township sub-commission | List from Immigration department | Those involved in voting list without citizenship scrutiny cards | Those involved in voter list more than three times holding one CSC | Those involved in voter list more than two times holding one CSC |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 140 polling stations in Myitkyina Township of Kachin State | 238,576 | 146,805 | 23,674 | 2,433 | 25,634 |

3. The Union Election Commission has inspected the withdrawal/receipt/use/remaining of ballot papers used for Pyithu Hluttaw Election of Myitkyina township in Kachin State, together with the respective township election sub-commission, head of police force, Immigration and Population and administrator according to the Hluttaw Election Law Section 53.
4. According to the inspection, 140 polling stations of Myitkyina Township took out 272,309 ballots and used 138,266 ballots while there were 134,043 ballots in exact remaining and 132,080 ballots remaining on the ground. There are differences -2,395 missing and 432 extra ballots. It was found that there were polling station-wise missing and illegal extra ballots. There were only 29,500 remaining ballots instead of exact remaining 29,598 at the township sub-commission and so it found 98 ballots missing. Findings were as follows:

**On the ground inspection on ballot papers in Myitkyina Township**

| Sr | Subject | Withdrawal | Used | Exact remaining | Remaining on the ground | Difference | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | Missing | Extra |
| 1 | Ward/village-tract ballots | 239,750 | 135,362 | 104,388 | 102,523 | 2,297 | 432 |
| 2 | Township advance ballots | 2,961 | 2,904 | 57 | 57 | | |
| 3 | Township remaining ballots | 29,598 | | 29,598 | 29,500 | 98 | |
| Total | | 272,309 | 138,266 | 134,043 | 132,080 | 2,395 | 432 |

5. Regarding the extra ballots found at No (85) polling station in Rampu Ward of Myitkyina Township, the secretary of ward sub-commission U Han Zin Oo said as follows:
(a) When the lists were collected for those living more than 90 days, about 1,100 people made registrations. But the township sub-commission accepted only 781 people and rejected 319 undocumented people. U Maung Maung, an administrator of Rampu Ward ordered to arrange for them and so they added these 319 people-269 people with computer registration and 50 with handwriting registration.
(b) Although ward/village-tract election sub-commission chairman and 18 members must be formed with respectful town elders, ward administrator U Maung Maung, an NLD supporter formed it with other NLD supporters.
(c) On 2 November 2020, he took a total of 75 ballot books (3,750 papers) from township sub-commission while there was no official according to the instruction of the NLD party member. Then, 69 books were used in advance ballot systems and the extra 6 ballot books (300-paper) were burnt on 18 November night.
(d) Although there were only 1,000 eligible voters -- the elderly persons over 60, patients and those serving duties for advance votes, about 1,300 people cast advance votes and so it found about 300 people illegally cast advance votes.
(e) On election day, the ballot books were wrongly issued at No (81) and (86) polling stations and the ballots from poll boxes were counted as valid votes instead of invalid votes, similarly, the invalid votes were counted as valid votes at No (88) polling station.
(f) They also failed to register Form (13) of advance voters and did not return the advance ballot box together with Form (13)

6. Findings on ward/village-tract-wise ballot papers were as follows:

| Sr | Ward/Village-tract | Total polling station | Withdrawal | Use | Exact remaining | Remaining on the ground | Difference | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | Missing | Extra |
| 1 | Shan Su South Ward | 1 | 1,000 | 756 | 244 | 244 | | |
| 2 | Shan Su North Ward | 1 | 1,000 | 713 | 287 | 287 | | |
| 3 | Min Yat Ward | 1 | 700 | 362 | 338 | 338 | | |
| 4 | Myoma Ward | 1 | 1,100 | 838 | 262 | 261 | 1 | |
| 5 | Myo Thit Ward | 1 | 1,500 | 989 | 511 | 511 | | |
| 6 | Yuzana Ward | 2 | 4,200 | 2,427 | 1,773 | 1,773 | | |
| 7 | Myay Myint Ward | 1 | 3,450 | 2,122 | 1,328 | 1,328 | | |
| 8 | Yan Gyi Aung Ward | 2 | 4,150 | 2,957 | 1,193 | 1,191 | 2 | |
| 9 | Ayeyar Ward | 1 | 2,550 | 1,579 | 971 | 971 | | |
| 10 | Du Ka Htaung Ward | 3 | 7,400 | 4,027 | 3,373 | 3,373 | | |
| 11 | Thida Ward | 1 | 3,100 | 2,084 | 1,016 | 1,016 | | |
| 12 | Si Tar Pu Ward | 5 | 13,750 | 6,829 | 6,921 | 6,517 | 404 | |
| 13 | Tat Kone Ward | 10 | 20,550 | 11,267 | 9,283 | 9,258 | 34 | 9 |
| 14 | Man Khein Ward | 3 | 8,300 | 4,646 | 3,654 | 3,642 | 62 | 50 |
| 15 | Shwe Sett Ward | 3 | 7,050 | 3,707 | 3,343 | 3,294 | 50 | 1 |
| 16 | Kachin Su Ward | 1 | 1,650 | 936 | 714 | 714 | | |
| 17 | Khay Mar Thiri Ward | 2 | 5,600 | 3,105 | 2,495 | 2,241 | 254 | |
| 18 | Nan Kway Village-Tract | 5 | 6,600 | 4,104 | 2,496 | 2,492 | 4 | |
| 19 | Nan Kyin Village-Tract | 1 | 1,200 | 656 | 544 | 544 | | |
| 20 | Pa La Na Village-Tract | 7 | 8,100 | 3,571 | 4,529 | 4,429 | 150 | 50 |
| 21 | Naung Nann Village-Tract | 5 | 7,600 | 4,028 | 3,572 | 3,572 | | |
| 22 | Ar Lan Village-Tract | 6 | 3,450 | 1,574 | 1,876 | 1,741 | 165 | 30 |
| 23 | Aung Myay Tha Village-Tract | 1 | 1600 | 734 | 866 | 866 | | |
| 24 | In Gyit Yan Village-Tract | 1 | 200 | 142 | 58 | 58 | | |
| 25 | T Yan Zut Village-Tract | 1 | 550 | 424 | 126 | 126 | | |
| 26 | Kyun Pin Tha Ward | 2 | 4,600 | 2,292 | 2,308 | 2,308 | | |
| 27 | Lal Kone Ward | 7 | 18,000 | 9,791 | 8,209 | 8,195 | 66 | 52 |
| 28 | Aye Zeti Ward | 2 | 3,650 | 2,355 | 1,295 | 1,295 | | |
| 29 | Shwe Nyaung Pin Ward | 2 | 5,950 | 2,474 | 3,476 | 2,975 | 501 | |
| 30 | Rampu Ward | 9 | 23,050 | 12,669 | 10,381 | 10,484 | 54 | 157 |
| 31 | Aung Nan Ward | 2 | 4,550 | 3,159 | 1,391 | 1,369 | 22 | |
| 32 | Kyat Paung Chan Ward | 2 | 3,750 | 2,285 | 1,465 | 1,464 | 1 | |
| 33 | Myo Thit Gyi Ward | 5 | 14,300 | 8,739 | 5,561 | 5,582 | | 21 |
| 34 | Shwe Aike Ward | 1 | 1,350 | 657 | 693 | 643 | 50 | |
| 35 | Shwepyitha Ward | 1 | 1,050 | 713 | 337 | 337 | | |
| 36 | Pammati Ward | 5 | 13,150 | 7,781 | 5,369 | 5,371 | 12 | 14 |
| 37 | Maw Phaung Village-tract | 3 | 7,550 | 4,791 | 2,759 | 2,709 | 50 | |
| 38 | Sha Daung Village-tract | 1 | 1,750 | 970 | 780 | 779 | 1 | |
| 39 | A Kywal Village-tract | 5 | 1,850 | 1,046 | 804 | 802 | 50 | 48 |
| 40 | Lwal Khaw Village-tract | 2 | 2,650 | 1,255 | 1,395 | 1,387 | 8 | |
| 41 | Khaung Phu Ywar Thit Village-tract | 2 | 1,150 | 780 | 370 | 366 | 4 | |
| 42 | Khaung Phu Ywar Haung Village-tract | 1 | 450 | 349 | 101 | 101 | | |
| 43 | Tar Law Gyi Village-tract | 3 | 5,400 | 2,591 | 2,809 | 2,759 | 50 | |
| 44 | San Kin Village-tract | 1 | 500 | 365 | 135 | 135 | | |
| 45 | Ho Ket Village-tract | 1 | 1,050 | 407 | 643 | 493 | 150 | |
| 46 | Wine Lone Village-tract | 1 | 100 | 81 | 19 | 17 | 2 | |
| 47 | Tar Hoe Nar Village-tract | 1 | 200 | 127 | 73 | 73 | | |

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# MoTC Union Minister discusses to resume entire train services

THE Ministry of Transport and Communications organized a meeting with Myanma Railways' departmental officials yesterday following the COVID-19 health rules.

During the meeting, Union Minister Admiral Tin Aung San briefed State of Emergency's declaration due to the election frauds under the 2008 Constitution to lead towards a genuine, disciplined democratic nation and release of five future work plans by forming State Administration Council.

He then discussed the vital role of the railway sector out of four transport services for logistics sectors and five transport objectives.

He also said only when the road and transport services are safe will the people be able to enjoy their daily routine peacefully. Therefore, the transport department, civil engineering department, mechanical and electrical engineering department, commercial and communication departments need to cooperate in train services.

The Union Minister also said Myanma Railways served some operations between September 2020 and 3 February 2021 as per the directives of the Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19.

During this government term, MR resumed the operations up to 243 trains starting 4 February. Meanwhile, some of the unscrupulous persons threatened the Control Tower of Yangon Railway Station staff on the morning of 8 February to join CDM and protest. Then, the communication lost as the staff failed to serve their duties and the trains also stopped running starting that day.

He then highlighted the train operations on 13, 16 and 17 February despite the disturbance of rioters, protestors, CDM staff and other groups.

He also stressed the Myanmar Police Force and Railway Police's efforts for RBE trains starting 18 February.

He then stressed the need to follow civil service personnel's six objectives and plans to resume the operations as usual.

Afterwards, the region heads, general managers of Upper Myanmar and Lower Myanmar respectively briefed their work plans, CDM participants, non-CDM participants and the needs to resume the operations.

Union Minister Admiral Tin Aung San chairs the MoTC meeting on the reopening of full train services, yesterday.

The Union Minister also added the need to serve duties, take action against the unscrupulous persons who commit incitements by force by reporting to the respective region authorities, and ask for help from regional security forces to remove MR squatters' areas, railway section, factories and housing.

The Union Minister then discussed the action to be taken against those who fail to serve duties under civil service personnel rules. Inspections on those who place obstacles on railway tracks and cooperation work between relevant departments to resume the entire operations. —MNA

# Deputy Minister U Maung Maung Win joins ASEAN+3 Deputy Finance Ministers and Deputy Central Bank Governors Meeting

The MoPFI deputy minister takes part in the online ASEAN+3 Deputy Finance Ministers Meeting yesterday.

DEPUTY Minister for Planning, Finance and Industry U Maung Maung Win joined the virtual meeting of ASEAN+3 Deputy Finance Ministers and Deputy Central Bank Governors Meeting yesterday.

The meeting discussed progress in Chiang Mai Initiative Multilateralization (CMIM) programmes, revision of CMIM Agreement, 2022 budget status and recruitment of ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO), reviews on work plans of AMRO, ASEAN+3 Regional Economic Outlook 2021 of AMRO regarding with economic relief plans in the post COVID-19 period and policies of ASEAN+3 member countries.

During the meeting, the Deputy Minister highlighted the participation of officials from Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam in regional macro-economic research of AMRO, capacity building of Myanmar's financial resilience against climate and natural disasters team, response to COVID-19 impacts and economic objectives.

The ASEAN+3 Deputy Finance Ministers and Deputy Central Bank Governors Meeting is alternatively held in ASEAN countries and China, Japan and ROK. The meeting is hosted by Brunei Darussalam this year while ROK serves as co-chair.

The outcomes of today's meeting will be submitted to the AFCDM+3 meeting to be held on 30 March. — MNA

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 48 | Nyaung Pin Tha Village-tract | 3 | 1,050 | 768 | 282 | 232 | 50 | |
| 49 | Man Phwar Village-tract | 1 | 500 | 376 | 124 | 124 | | |
| 50 | Nal Char Village-tract | 1 | 400 | 300 | 100 | 100 | | |
| 51 | Naung Pwe Village-tract | 1 | 200 | 89 | 111 | 61 | 50 | |
| 52 | Ayeyar Oo Village-tract | 1 | 850 | 596 | 254 | 254 | | |
| 53 | Aung Chan Tha Village-tract | 1 | 850 | 512 | 338 | 338 | | |
| 54 | Aung Mingala Village-tract | 1 | 1,000 | 625 | 375 | 375 | | |
| 55 | Wal Gyi Village-tract | 1 | 200 | 154 | 46 | 46 | | |
| 56 | Myin Tha Village-tract | 1 | 450 | 298 | 152 | 152 | | |
| 57 | Yay Nar Pin Lone Village-tract | 1 | 300 | 219 | 81 | 81 | | |
| 58 | Taw Pin Lone Village-tract | 1 | 600 | 457 | 143 | 143 | | |
| 59 | Pin Taw Village-tract | 1 | 350 | 281 | 69 | 69 | | |
| 60 | Man Kin Village-tract | 1 | 600 | 433 | 167 | 117 | 50 | |
| Ward/Village-tract total | | 140 | 239,750 | 135,362 | 104,388 | 102,523 | 2,297 | 432 |
| Township advance ballots | | | 2,961 | 2,904 | 57 | 57 | | |
| Township remaining ballots | | | 29,598 | | 29,598 | 29,500 | 98 | |
| Township total | | | 272,309 | 138,266 | 134,043 | 132,080 | 2,395 | 432 |

7. These are the inspections on the voting lists, withdrawal/receipt/use/remaining of ballot papers of Myitkyina Township and findings on voting frauds at 9 polling stations in Rampu Ward.

*Union Election Commission*

# Practitioners' responsibility and public health services

HEALTH facilities, especially hospitals, are facing substantial workforce shortages.

Even if we consider only the current circumstances, we must not forget about the people on the people who are relying on the people's hospitals for their healthcare.

Our health professionals and workers have made heroic efforts during the pandemic and have worked for the containment, treatment and prevention of the COVID-19 virus. Thanks to their efforts, our country overcame the first and second wave of the pandemic. Moreover, they have undertaken this work at risk of their lives. Their profile in the public's mind has increased significantly.

> public health practitioners are urged to practise medicine without considering political affiliation to lengthen lives, improve the quality of lives, and ensure that no one is left behind.

Now, there are substantial health challenges due to the CDM movement in which many health professionals are taking part. As the people's hospital is not a financial burden for them in compared with the cost at the private hospitals, the people put their healthcare in the hands of the public health practitioners, and the practitioners have to ensure their well-being by identifying, preventing, treating, and, ultimately, eradicating diseases.

We believe that public health practitioners have the potential to meet these challenges.

The coronavirus pandemic is far from over. Like other countries, our country is reeling from the effects of the pandemic response as well as trying to recover from the economic crisis caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Primary care is the cornerstone of the health service. Hence, since 8 February, the Ministry of Health and Sports has urged the public health practitioners to return to their mother units in consideration of the healthcare challenges being faced by the people.

Medical professionals have to take the Hippocratic oath and use it as ethnics as well.

With the oath-taking, they have to declare their commitment to assume the responsibilities and obligations of the medical profession and have to promise that they will, to the best of their ability, serve humanity—caring for the sick, promoting good health, and alleviating pain and suffering.

Hence, public health practitioners are urged to practise medicine without considering political affiliation to lengthen lives, improve the quality of lives, and ensure that no one is left behind.



# Seven ways the IRC is fighting COVID-19, one year on

ONE year into the pandemic, COVID-19 has taken the lives of nearly 3 million people and continues to jeopardize the health and wellbeing of millions more. People uprooted by conflict and crisis are among those most at risk.

Nearly 90% of the world's refugees live in lower-income nations that find it challenging to provide basic services, let alone stanch the spread of a highly contagious virus. That's why the International Rescue Committee (IRC) and our partners have been helping to protect families and communities from the most devastating impacts of COVID-19 in more than 40 countries.

With support from our donors, IRC staff on the frontlines have adapted our health services for social distancing, expanded access to clean water, provided remote education to children, and offered cash relief and job opportunities to help families meet basic needs.

In the coming months, we will play a vital role in training and supporting local health workers to help ensure equitable access to COVID-19 vaccines. No one is safe until everyone around the world is protected.

**Innovating all the way**

Here are seven examples of how, through their ingenuity and dedication, IRC teams are helping to ensure the people we serve can survive the global pandemic and rebuild their lives.

### Colombia

**Delivering telemedicine**

Some 1.3 million Venezuelans affected by economic crisis have sought safety in Colombia, with more than 35,000 reaching official crossing points every day to seek work, buy food, and receive medical assistance.

The IRC moved our health services, including COVID-19 testing, closer to the border, and ramped up telemedicine to provide vital primary and reproductive care during the country's pandemic lockdown.

### Iraq, Jordan, Lebanon and Syria

**Strengthening families**

Our partnership with Sesame Workshop, Ahlan Simsim, piloted WhatsApp and other digital tools to provide young children uprooted by the war in Syria with the support they need to learn at home, manage stress, and protect themselves from COVID-19.

Using multimedia content in local languages and dialects, families have been able to teach their children the alphabet, talk about emotions, and pass on the skills they need to heal and thrive.

### Yemen

**Delivering cash relief**

The coronavirus pandemic arrived in Yemen after more than five years of conflict that has displaced over 3.6 million people and placed the country on the brink of famine.

The IRC provided support to Thabit Hassan Qaied, 35, and his family as COVID-19 spread through Yemen. "Most of my time at home is taking care of all the precautions like handwashing with soap in the right way," he says. **PHOTO: ANAS MOHAMMED/IRC**

The IRC stepped up our emergency cash support as disruptions related to the pandemic sent the cost of food and other essentials skyrocketing. While wearing personal protective equipment (PPE) to safely deliver cash relief, IRC staff also educated people about COVID-19 prevention.

### Democratic Republic of Congo

**Fighting a double epidemic**

In April 2020–one month after the outbreak of COVID-19 was deemed a global threat—a second outbreak of the deadly Ebola virus was declared in Congo. The country has spent decades in the grip of violent conflict, and 15.7 million people require urgent humanitarian aid.

IRC teams were able to draw on the expertise, resources and local networks they had developed while combatting Ebola to fight misinformation about COVID-19, build trust, and protect communities at risk.

### Cameroon

**Finding creative solutions**

Half of people the IRC surveyed in northern Cameroon—a country where violence has left approximately 6.2 million in need of aid—lack access to soap and clean water during the coronavirus pandemic.

Among other creative solutions, we designed and built, using local materials, 50 public hand-washing stations that can be operated by a foot pedal. People can now sanitize their hands without physically touching a water tap or soap dispensers.

### Pakistan

**Teaching children to read remotely**

School closures meant to slow the spread of COVID-19 have had a dire impact on education in a country already finding it challenging to keep children in classrooms. Some 79% of children in Pakistan will not learn to read by age 10.

The IRC trained teachers through webinars and devised ways to ensure thousands of children could build their reading skills (in any of seven languages) at home, even without a computer or smartphone.

### Uganda

**Supporting survivors of violence**

Every year, more than 1 million women experience violence in Uganda. A nationwide coronavirus lockdown has left survivors confined at home with their abusers, often unable to seek help.

The IRC has adapted our programs to deliver psychological, medical and legal support to survivors remotely. We've also bolstered community-based services and coached social workers to provide code words women can use to indicate it's not safe for them to talk on the phone.

*SOURCE: IRC*

# Forests, soil may not keep pace with CO2 emissions, experts warn

THE world is counting too heavily on soil and plants to soak up planet-ravaging carbon pollution, researchers cautioned Wednesday.

Climate projections mistakenly assume that land and what grows on it are able to absorb the CO2 humanity loads into the atmosphere, they reported in the journal Nature.

**In reality, there's a trade off.**

"Either soil or plants, but not both, will absorb more CO2 as carbon levels rise," lead author Cesar Terrer, a researcher at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California, told AFP.

The study found ecosystems that store the most CO2, like tropical forests, could lose nearly half their capacity as carbon sponges by mid-century. **PHOTO: AFP**

It is tempting, he said, to hang hopes on supercharged plant growth and massive tree-planting campaigns to reduce CO2 produced by burning fossil fuels, agriculture and destroying forests.

But researchers said that when elevated carbon dioxide levels boost forest and grassland growth, the accumulation of CO2 in soil slows down.

"Soils store more carbon worldwide than is contained in all plant biomass," said senior author Rob Jackson, a professor at Stanford's School of Earth, Energy and Environmental Sciences.

So far, Earth's terrestrial ecosystems have kept pace with rapidly increasing CO2 emissions, consistently absorbing some 30 per cent even as those emissions have more than doubled over the last 50 years.

Oceans have also syphoned off a steady 20-odd percent of CO2 pollution during the same period.

Without these natural sponges, the amount of CO2 in the atmosphere today might be double preindustrial levels, enough to heat up the planet's surface by four to six degrees Celsius, according to a new generation of climate models.

With only 1.1C of warming so far, the planet has seen a crescendo of deadly heatwaves, flooding and other extreme weather.

The new study adds to growing evidence that the terrestrial carbon sink is weaker than once thought.

Terrer and colleagues analysed data from more than 100 published experiments on soil carbon levels, plant growth and CO2 concentrations, which have risen by half since pre-industrial times.

**Put the bar higher**

They were surprised by the results.

"It proved much harder than expected to increase both plant growth and carbon soil," said Jackson.

Researchers found that soils only accumulated more carbon in experiments where plant growth remained fairly steady, despite high levels of CO2 in the air.

The findings highlight a key difference between two types of ecosystem, and suggest that grasslands may turn out to be more important than long assumed when it comes to stocking away carbon.

"In forests, additional CO2 mainly increases above-ground carbon storage," Terrer explained.

"But the acquisition of additional nutrients needed to fuel plant growth increases soil carbon losses," cancelling out the benefit.

*SOURCE: AFP*

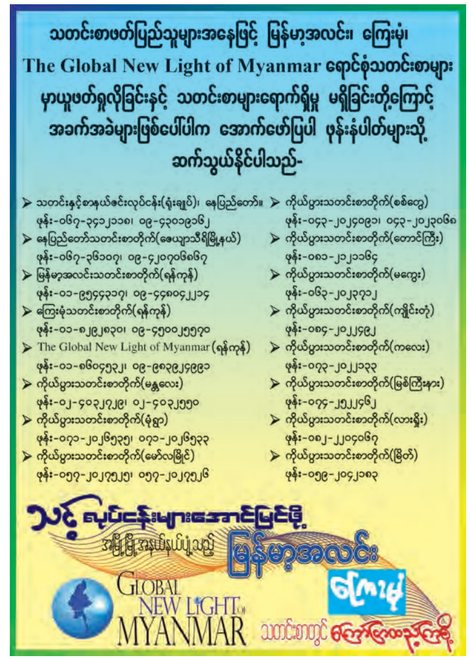
## Objectives of 76th Anniversary Armed Forces Day

FOR the Tatmadaw to join hands with the entire nation to safeguard democracy, which is the aspiration of all the nationalities of the country, from deviating from its path, in accord with the basic principles of the Constitution, while observing Our Three Main National Causes, which is the national policy;

To protect the people from all dangers including natural disasters at any time and in any situation and to provide all-round assistance for ensuring social security of the people;

To restore eternal peace based on NCA, without deviating from Our Three Main National Causes, as the cessation of armed conflicts is the principal requirement in realizing democracy;

To build a strong and compact Standard Army, which has the combat prowess and combat power, to effectively safeguard the State peace and stability and sovereignty.



# MoC holds central committee meeting on copyright

Union Minister Dr Pwint San chairs the MoC central committee meeting on copyright yesterday.

THE Ministry of Commerce held the meeting to discuss matters to be taken by the Central Committee on Copyright under the Copy Law of the Department of Copyright, completion status, and matters to be continued yesterday morning in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting, Union Minister Dr Pwint San said the Department of Copyright was formed in December 2020. Work is underway to implement the four copyright laws, adding the need to coordinate as necessary between departments. The needed measures will be taken to enforce copyright laws and trademark registrations, as well as human resources, office building and budget will be provided.

The meeting also discussed implementing the four copyright laws, drafting rules, forms for trademark registration, fees and legal enforcement, and the Union Minister coordinated the meeting as necessary.

The meeting was also attended by the Deputy Minister, the Permanent Secretary, the Deputy Permanent Secretary, Directors-General and officials. — MNA

# MoSWRR discusses reorganization of national committee on the rights of persons with disabilities

Union Minister Dr Thet Thet Khine holds talks to reorganize the national committee on the rights of persons with disabilities yesterday.

THE Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement held the coordination meeting on the reorganization of the National Committee for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, the working committee and the fund management body yesterday morning in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting, Union Minister Dr Thet Thet Khine said coordination is being carried out to continue the original duties and responsibilities of the Department of Rehabilitation.

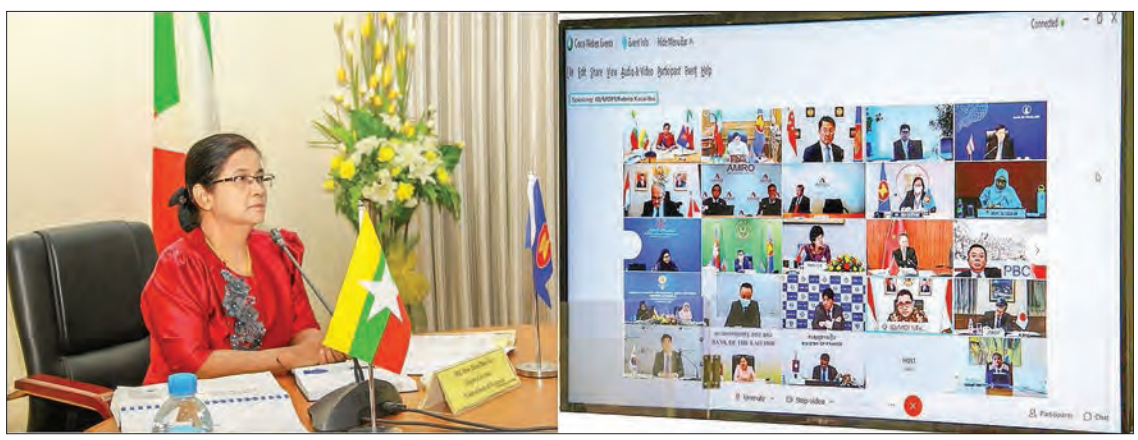
Previous disability classification and registration activities were temporarily suspended due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

She said work to ratify the Five-Year Strategic Plan for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities would continue and the need to re-evaluate what activities face challenges and identify ways to address them by the departments.

Deputy Minister U Aung Tun Khaing said his ministry could not stop the work since it constantly provides public services. If there are any suspended works for various reason, the ways will be identified to continue them. He added the continued coordination with relevant ministries, non-governmental organizations, civil society organizations, charities, and long-term projects to coordinate with law and regulations with all organizations.

Afterwards, Deputy Director from the Vulnerable Groups Division of the Department of Rehabilitation U Ye Myo Win presented the previously-formed committee's organization for the rights of persons with disabilities, duties and responsibilities of the active participating ministry, persons and bodies. The status of the organizations and the structure and obligations of the organizations reorganized, and the Union Minister and the Deputy Minister coordinated as necessary. — MNA

# Central Bank deputy governor joins AFCDM+3 virtual meeting



Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar Daw Than Than Swe joins the AFCDM+3 meeting online on 25 March 2021.

ASEAN+3 Finance Ministers' and Central Bank Governors' Meeting (AFCDM+3) was held via videoconferencing yesterday.

Deputy Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar Daw Than Than Swe joined the meeting along with other Finance Ministers and Deputy Heads of CBM.

During the meeting, she discussed the use of the US Treasury Bill rate (UST) as a substitute for the CMIM reference rate. However, LIBOR Rate was extended to 2023, practical and straightforward moves for access to information, the use of Bilateral Local Currency Swap instead of Local Currency of member countries for CMIM and Settlement Currency with non ASEAN+3 members.

The meeting also focused on the reference exchange rate, interest rate, terms and conditions for loans, and local currency flow regarding Chaing-Mai Initiative Multilateralization (CMIM).

The attendees to the meeting then discussed the 2022 budget status and employment sectors of ASEAN+3 Macroeconomic Research Office (AMRO) and programmes for CMIM, including short-to-long term programmes. — MNA

# MoEA, MoE discuss appointment of ethnic language teachers with more salary

The Ministry of Ethnic Affairs held the coordination meeting on the appointment of ethnic language teachers and the increase of teachers' salaries yesterday morning in Nay Pyi Taw following the COVID-19 prevention health directives.

Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs U Saw Tun Aung Myint, Deputy Minister for Education U Zaw Win, Deputy Minister for Ethnic Affairs U Zaw Aye Maung, the Permanent Secretary, Directors-General, Deputy Directors-General and officials attended the meeting.

The coordination meeting between the MoEA and MoE in progress.

At the meeting, the Union Minister said Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing instructed to provide more appropriate support to the teachers, including teachers teaching ethnic literature, and to improve the quality of teachers in ethnic areas for higher education.

The second meeting of the Ethnic Affairs and Public Management and Services Committee held at the Ministry of Defence decided to provide more salary to the language teacher and teaching assistance as the teachers in the basic education schools because ethnic nationalities have become weaker in their respective language skills.

The Ministry of Ethnic Affairs scrutinizes the full-time teaching teachers and ethnic language teachers' applications to assist in teaching not only ethnic languages but also school subjects for ethnic nationalities, and the Ministry of Education appoints them. The qualified teachers are also being appointed as permanent staff. A total of 5,161 teachers (4,783 teaching assistants and 378 language teachers in the 2017-2018 academic year and a total of 7,110 teachers (6,935 teaching assistants and 175 language teachers) were appointed. The Union Minister said teaching assistants are paid 4,800 kyats per day while the ethnic language teachers received only 30,000 kyats, adding that ethnic nationalities are becoming less proficient in their ethnic languages due to the lack of people to teach.

He called on the Ministry of Education officials to seriously consider the recruitment of more ethnic language teaching assistant/language teachers and increase salaries and allowances to ensure the preservation of ethnic languages and literature.

The Deputy Minister for Education said his ministry is ready for cooperation for ethnic language teaching, adding that more funds will be asked to increase the salaries of ethnic language teachers. The meeting attendees participated in the discussion to appoint language teachers and provide more pay. The Union Minister coordinated the meeting.—MNA

# Upgrading of Uru bridge to RC one 20% completed

UPGRADING of Uru cable-stayed bridge to reinforced concrete one was completed 20 per cent in Homalin township, Sagaing region, said U Aung Thiha, director (Civil) of construction team-2, the Bridge Department under the Ministry of Construction.

"The Uru bridge's upgrading project is completed 20 per cent as of today and is scheduled to be finished in the next financial year," he added.

The Uru creek crossing bridge links Naung Po Aung Sanpya village to Tha Phan Gone village.

The estimated cost of the whole project is K5 billion. The project was started on 22 January with K2 billion funded by the Union financial budget of the 2021-2022FY.

The Uru cable-stayed bridge was constructed over ten years ago, and it can handle only 13 tonnes of vehicles. Trucks cannot pass over the bridge. The trucks are crossing on board the Z-craft, which delays the truck flow. That is the reason why the Uru cable-stayed bridge is being upgraded into a reinforced concrete one.

"This Uru reinforced concrete bridge is 1,090 feet long and 26 feet wide. This year will see 1.8 diameter reinforced concrete pipes erected. We have already bought the steel frames to be used in the installation of the bridge," said U Aung Thiha.

The old cable-stayed bridge will be replaced with the new reinforced concrete one. The bridge wil l contain 135 feet plate girder four rooms, 55 feet RC girder ten rooms, 40 feet of water clearance height and 3 feet on each sidewalk. Also, the Chindwin (Htamanthi) bridge is being constructed in Homalin township.

Upon completion of the bridge project, the trucks will be able to travel to upper regions, Naga self-administered zone and Tamu township, conveniently resulting in a better trade. — Lulay/GNLM

# 1,600 gallons of drinking water donated for villages

A charity organization led by U Win Min Tun from Myingaba village in Nyaung-U Township donated 1,600 gallons of drinking water to Ywar Thit Taung village residents in Nyaung-U Township, Mandalay region on 23 March.

The water was donated in order to prevent a shortage of drinking water in summer. More than 800 people are living in 165 houses in Ywar Thit Taung village in Nyaung-U Township.

The local villagers are using the water from the well. But they need to wait for two days to use the water because the water contains lime. So, they are facing a lack of drinking water in summer. But they have access to sufficient water supply in monsoon, said a local villager from Ywar Thit Taung village.

The organization donated 1,600 gallons of water on 23 March 2021 to those villages to ensure the sufficiency of the drinking water in summer.

People who are in need of drinking water can request aid from U Win Min Tun from Myingaba village calling his number -09420380770. Besides, people can also call the above-mentioned number to donate drinking water to those villages. —Ye Win Naing (NyaungU)/GNLM

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# India-Myanmar border trade up by $69.67 mln as of 12 March

THE value of border trade between India and Myanmar jumped to US$140.226 million between 1 October and 12 March period of the current financial year amid the closure of border posts by India. The figures reflected an increase of $69.67 million as against a year-ago period.

India closed the border gates in Mizoram and Manipur in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. The traders suffered the negative impact of the outbreak.

The cross-border trade between Myanmar and India has stopped, and the border posts' reopening has been put off for now.

Myanmar conducts border trade with neighbouring India through Tamu, Reed, and Htantalan border posts.

Between 1 October and 12 March in the current fiscal year, trade values were registered at over $28.9 million at Tamu and $111.25 million at Reed. There was no trade recorded at the Htantalan post.

Myanmar exports mung beans, pigeon peas, green grams, areca nuts, ginger, saffron, turmeric, bay leaves, fishery products, fruits, and vegetables to India. At the same time, it imports pharmaceuticals, oil cakes, electronic appliances, motorbikes, steel and other construction machines and building materials from the neighbouring country. — MM/GNLM

# Imports down by $2.32 bln as of 12 March, MoC reports

THE value of Myanmar's imports between 1 October and 12 March in the current financial year 2020-2021 stood at US$7.14 billion, a sharp drop of $2.32 billion from $9.47 billion registered in the year-ago period, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce.

The value of imports in the consumer, capital, intermediate goods, and CMP businesses groups dropped in the current FY.

Over the past five and half month of the current FY, capital goods, such as auto parts, vehicles, machines, steel, and aeroplane parts, were brought into the country.

Their import value was estimated at $2.59 billion. The figure was over $1 million lower compared to the same period in the previous FY.

Meanwhile, Myanmar imported consumer products worth $1.45 billion, including pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and palm oil.

The imports of consumer products showed a slight decrease of $147.59 million compared with the same period in the previous FY.

Intermediate goods make up the second-largest share of Myanmar's imports, with petroleum products and plastic raw materials being the main import items. This year, imports of raw materials plunged to $2.307 billion from $3.24 billion registered during the year-ago period.

During the same period, raw materials worth $788.6 million were also imported for the Cut-Make-Pack (CMP) garment sector, showing a decrease of $224 million compared with the last budget year.

At present, the CMP garment sector, which contributes to 30 per cent of Myanmar's export sector, is struggling because of the cancellation of order from the European countries and suspension of the trade by western nations during the COVID-19 pandemic. Therefore, import values of raw materials by CMP businesses have been dropping.

The top 10 import countries to Myanmar are China, Singapore, Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Viet Nam, Japan, the Republic of Korea and the US, as per data of the Ministry of Commerce. — GNLM

# Eugenia sells well after reopening of pagodas

THE Eugenia growers are happy with their eugenia selling well after reopening the famous pagodas in the Kyaukse township, Mandalay region, said Ma Thida Aye Eugenia seller in Maha Shwe Thein Taung pagoda in Thin Taung Gyi village.

The pagodas across the country were closed to curb the spread of COVID-19 during the pandemic period. The famous pagodas in the regions will be reopened, but the visitors need to follow the COVID-19 protocols as guided by the pagoda board of trustees.

Eugenia is one of the essential flowers for pilgrims because it is a symbol of success for them. That is the reason why the eugenia growers are earning daily income growing eugenia. I have raised around 200 eugenia trees near Maha Shwe Thein Taung Pagoda, said Ma Thida Aye.

The eugenia plants can get good sunlight and will be having beautiful branching by growing 10 feet apart in between themselves. Growing eugenia is not like that of other fruit plants. It requires fewer labour and input costs.

Therefore, the eugenia plants should be cultivated because they can earn the growers daily income. — Kyaukse (IPRD)/GNLM

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# MoC extends temporary licence exemption period for exports, imports until 7 May

THE Trade Department of the Ministry of Commerce notified the traders of an extension for a temporary licence exemption period up to 7 May 2021, covering 62 HS lines for imports and 37 lines for exports.

The Trade Department with the Ministry of Commerce earlier notified on 3 March that exporters and importers do not require to seek licences for 37 HS code lines for exports and 72 lines for imports between 8 March and 9 April 2021 to facilitate the trade. According to the notification released by the Ministry of Commerce online, the department extended the temporary licence exemption period until 7 May for all those code lines again, excluding 10 HS code lines for imports of sliced meat and fish (salmon and tuna).

The department waives licence fees on the goods imported for the country's development and the positive contributions to the health sector.

Export items with licence exemption include onion, garlic, rice, broken rice, raw sugar, refined sugar, natural rubber and cotton. The exemption covers the following import goods -- flour, soybean seed, palm oil, food commodity, cement, gasoline, diesel, pharmaceuticals, fertilizer and lubricant.

Additionally, the Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry has been exempting tax barriers for the businesses affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. The exemption period for withholding tax on exports will be extended up to 30 April 2021, according to its notification dated 19 March.

The MoPFI earlier granted relief on a two-per-cent withholding tax on exports between 1 April 2020 and 31 March 2021. At present, the pandemic's negative impacts are exacerbating, and so, the withholding tax will be extended until 30 April 2021.

At present, international trade transactions cannot be done during the meantime amid the closure of private banks.

However, tax cut and licence exemption will not tackle the trade slowdown amid the current political changes, an exporter shared his opinion.

Regardless of maritime trade disruption, border trade with China and Thailand remained strong. Withholding tax exemption will help smooth border trade businesses, a trader from Muse said. — HH/GNLM

# Japan's Murata to begin road traffic data service in Indonesia

JAPANESE electronic parts maker Murata Manufacturing Co. will start providing traffic data in Indonesia next month under a partnership deal with a local partner to address chronic traffic jams and promote outdoor advertisements.

Murata said Wednesday it will deploy its light detection and ranging technology-based traffic counting system to monitor traffic volume through devices installed over roadways in Jakarta, Surabaya, Bandung, Bali Island and other locations in Indonesia.

The Kyoto-based firm said the system consists of electronic measuring devices and sensors in signs and on footbridges across roads and is capable of distinguishing different types of vehicle.

Murata will offer the traffic data service under a licencing contract with local information technology firm PT. —Kyodo New ■

This photo shows a sensor unit for a device made by Murata Manufacturing Co. and installed in Jakarta to measure traffic data. **PHOTO : KYODO**

# Tencent boss vows 'compliance' with China regulators

Tencent's business empire includes the popular social media platform WeChat and the WeChat Pay mobile payments app. **PHOTO: AFP**

TENCENT'S billionaire founder Pony Ma — China's second richest man — has met anti-monopoly regulators and agreed his firm will be "as compliant as possible", after rival tech giant Alibaba was battered by legal woes.

Tencent, which owns the super-app WeChat and a lucrative gaming empire, is the latest tech conglomerate to fall into the crosshairs of China's regulators.

They have launched a blitz on apparent anti-competitive practices, threatening to slice up supersized firms whose reach now stretches into the daily finances of the public.

Tencent's Ma, also known as Ma Huateng, said he would "actively cooperate with regulatory authorities and be as compliant as possible" during a news briefing late Wednesday on Tencent's annual results, reported Chinese financial outlet Yicai.

Martin Lau, Tencent's president and executive director, also said they had met the government several times to discuss anti-monopoly efforts and hoped to create a "healthy environment" to foster innovation. —AFP ■

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"Coffee, tea, cocoa and artificial coffee; iced coffee; coffee-based beverages; beverages made of coffee; coffee beverages with milk; cold brew coffee; and bottled cold brew coffee; tea-based beverages; chocolate; sugar, honey, treacle;" (International Class 30) and

"Non-alcoholic beverages; non-alcoholic beverages flavored with coffee; non-alcoholic, organic beverages containing fruit juices; fruit beverages and fruit juices;" (International Class 32)

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"Coffee, tea, cocoa and artificial coffee; chocolate; ice creams; ice cream substitute; sorbets and other edible ices; sugar, honey, treacle;" (International Class 30) and

"Energy drinks; non-alcoholic honey-based beverages; sports drinks; sports drinks, namely, performance drinks and recovery drinks;" (International Class 32)

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# MUGLER

**Reg. No. 4/2804/2016 (17 March 2016)**

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# BMG and KKR team up to purchase music rights

GERMAN music management group BGM announced a partnership with US investment company KKR Wednesday in a move to acquire streaming rights -- a new potentially lucrative frontier for investors.

The agreement does not mean the creation of a new joint company nor the acquisitions of any stakes, the two entities said in a statement.

BMG Rights Management was created in 2008 to allow Bertelsmann, its German parent company, to invest in new music rights after the 2007 sale of BMG Music Publishing and its enormous catalog to Universal.

The group already controls the rights of the works of several leading artists, including David Bowie, Bruno Mars, Lenny Kravitz and Kylie Minogue. —AFP ■

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# AHA

(Reg: No. IV/498/2021) (3rd February 2021)

Use in respect of :- "Fruit flavored drinks; fruit flavored carbonated drinks; fruit-flavored beverages; non-alcoholic beverages containing fruit juices; non-alcoholic beverages flavored with tea; non-alcoholic beverages flavored with coffee; non-alcoholic sparkling fruit juice beverages; non-alcoholic water-based beverages; aerated water; bottled drinking water; bottled water; carbonated waters; distilled drinking water; drinking water; drinking water with vitamins; flavored bottled water; flavored waters; non-alcoholic beverages, namely, carbonated beverages; non-alcoholic water-based beverages; sparkling water; non-alcoholic water beverages enhanced with vitamins, minerals, and nutrients; flavored enhanced water;" (International Class 32)

# AYATAKA

(Reg: No. IV/499/2021) (3rd February 2021)

Use in respect of :- Tea and tea-based beverages; flavored tea; iced tea; beverages made of tea; ready to drink tea; ready to drink flavored tea; frozen tea beverages; frozen tea-based beverages; tea bags; instant tea; concentrates or syrups used in the preparation of tea based beverages; hot chocolate and hot chocolate-based beverages; frozen hot chocolate; cocoa; prepared cocoa and cocoa-based beverages;" (International Class 30) and

"Non-alcoholic beverages flavored with tea; non-alcoholic water-based beverages; aerated water; bottled drinking water; bottled water; carbonated waters; distilled drinking water; drinking water; drinking water with vitamins; flavored bottled water; flavored waters; non-alcoholic beverages, namely, carbonated beverages; non-alcoholic water-based beverages; non-alcoholic water beverages enhanced with vitamins, minerals, and nutrients; flavored enhanced water;" (International Class 32)

# AUTHENTIC TEA HOUSE

(Reg: No. IV/500/2021) (3rd February 2021)

Use in respect of :- "Tea and tea-based beverages; flavored tea; iced tea; beverages made of tea; ready to drink tea; ready to drink flavored tea; frozen tea beverages; frozen tea-based beverages; tea bags; instant tea; concentrates or syrups used in the preparation of tea based beverages; hot chocolate and hot chocolate-based beverages; frozen hot chocolate; cocoa; prepared cocoa and cocoa-based beverages;" (International Class 30) and

"Fruit flavored drinks; fruit flavored carbonated drinks; fruit-flavored beverages; non-alcoholic beverages containing fruit juices; non-alcoholic beverages flavored with tea; non-alcoholic beverages flavored with coffee; non-alcoholic sparkling fruit juice beverages; non-alcoholic water-based beverages; aerated water; bottled drinking water; bottled water; carbonated waters; distilled drinking water; drinking water; drinking water with vitamins; flavored bottled water; flavored waters; non-alcoholic beverages, namely, carbonated beverages; non-alcoholic water-based beverages; sparkling water; non-alcoholic water beverages enhanced with vitamins, minerals, and nutrients; flavored enhanced water;" (International Class 32)

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"Coffee and coffee-based beverages; flavored coffee; coffee beans; ground coffee beans; prepared coffee; beverages made of coffee; ready to drink coffee; ready to drink flavored coffee; frozen coffee beverages; frozen coffee-based beverages; tea and tea-based beverages; flavored tea; iced tea; beverages made of tea; ready to drink tea; ready to drink flavored tea; frozen tea beverages; frozen tea-based beverages; tea bags; instant tea; concentrates or syrups used in the preparation of tea based beverages; hot chocolate and hot chocolate-based beverages; frozen hot chocolate; cocoa; prepared cocoa and cocoa-based beverages;" (International Class 30) and

"Non-carbonated, non-alcoholic frozen flavored beverages; frozen carbonated beverages; semi-frozen carbonated beverages; smoothies; non-alcoholic beverages flavored with coffee; non-alcoholic beverages flavored with tea; concentrates and syrups used in the preparation of frozen carbonated and non-carbonated non-alcoholic flavored beverages;" (International Class 32)

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(Reg: No. IV/502/2021) (3rd February 2021)

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# HI-C

(Reg: No. IV/503/2021) (3rd February 2021)

Use in respect of :- "Coffee, tea, cocoa and artificial coffee; rice, pasta and noodles; tapioca and sago; flour and preparations made from cereals; bread, pastries and confectionery; candy; frozen confections; frozen fruit juice bars; chocolate; ice cream, sorbets and other edible ices; sugar, honey, treacle; yeast, baking-powder;" (International Class 30) and

"Powders for making soft drinks; Powders used in the preparation of fruit-based beverages; fruit beverages and fruit juices; drink mixes in the nature of powders, concentrates, and syrups used in the preparation of soft drinks; non-alcoholic punch;" (International Class 32)

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(Reg: No. IV/504/2021) (3rd February 2021)

Use in respect of :- "Beer, flavored non-alcoholic beverages, namely, flavored carbonated soft drinks; and concentrates, namely, syrups and powders used in the preparation of soft drinks; carbonated mineral water; mineral water; fruit beverages and fruit juices;" (International Class 32) and

"Alcoholic beverages, except beers; alcoholic preparations for making beverages; hard seltzer;" (International Class 33)

# KINLEY

(Reg: No. IV/505/2021) (3rd February 2021)

Use in respect of :- "Non-alcoholic beverages, namely, water-based beverages; mineral and aerated water; bottled drinking water; bottled water; carbonated waters; distilled drinking water; drinking water; drinking water with vitamins; flavored bottled water; flavored waters; soft drinks; syrups and other non-alcoholic preparations for making beverages;" (International Class 32)

# LEMON-DO

(Reg: No. IV/506/2021) (3rd February 2021)

Use in respect of :- "Alcoholic beverages, except beers; alcoholic preparations for making beverages; sour containing lemon juice; lemon-flavored sour; Japanese Shochu-based beverages [Chuhai] containing lemon juice; Japanese Shochu-based beverages [Chuhai] flavored with lemon;" (International Class 33)

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The AFC Futsal Asian Cup is everyone's dream of the futsal teams in Asia. **PHOTO: AFC**

# AFC Futsal Asian Cup winners to qualify for World Cup

THE top three winners of the AFC Futsal Asian Cup will qualify for FIFA Beach Soccer World Cup Russia 2021, which is scheduled to be held in August, according to the statement with the AFC.

Japan and Iran teams are the most successful teams in the tourney, being the only two nations to have won the tournament.

The AFC Futsal Asian Cup was held on 23 March and will end on 3 April 2021.

The AFC Futsal Asian Cup, previously known as the AFC Futsal Championship, is the epic international futsal tourney at the Asian level. The tourney was initially held annually from 1999 to 2008. Now the tourney is being held biannually. AFC authorities recently changed the name of the tourney from the "AFC Futsal Championship" to the "AFC Futsal Asian Cup". Japan won the championships in 2006, 2012 and 2014 and also participated in the FIFA Futsal World Cups.

Next, Iran, also known as " The Kings of Asian Futsal", is the only nation staying above the top four, and the team has won the championship twelve times.—GNLM ■

# 'Ray of light': Olympic torch relay begins after year's delay

THE TOKYO OLYMPICS torch relay has gotten underway after a year's coronavirus delay, with officials hoping it will be a "ray of light" after the problems caused by the pandemic.

Spectators were barred from the departure ceremony and first leg over ongoing fears about the coronavirus, which forced the 2020 Games' historic postponement a year ago. But they will line the rest of the route during the 121-day relay, which will criss-cross Japan and involve 10,000 runners before the torch lights the Olympic cauldron on 23 July.

Organizers are hoping the relay will dispel doubts about holding the Games during a pandemic, and Tokyo 2020 chief Seiko Hashimoto called the flame "a ray of light at the end of the darkness".

"This little flame never lost hope and it waited for this day like a cherry blossom bud just about to bloom," she told the ceremony at Fukushima's J-Village sports complex, which was a base for responding to the 2011 nuclear disaster.

Azusa Iwashimizu, one of Japan's 2011 World Cup-winning women's footballers, was the first to carry the rose-gold, cherry blossom-shaped torch, accompanied by former teammates. She passed the flame to Fukushima high school student Asato Owada, who like all the runners wore an official white tracksuit with a red diagonal stripe. A handful of fans, wearing their compulsory masks, watched the relay from its second section.

But with cheering and large crowds banned for virus safety, the loudest sound came from clicking cameras. "I think it somewhat lacks excitement because there are rules," Tetsuya Ozawa told AFP in the town of Naraha. —AFP ■

# French Sports Minister says Paris-Roubaix at risk

Belgium's Philippe Gilbert sprints to claim the 2019 edition of the Paris-Roubaix. **PHOTO: AFP**

FRENCH Sptorts Minister Roxana Maracineanu raised fresh doubt on Thursday over the staging of the Paris-Roubaix one-day classic on April 11.

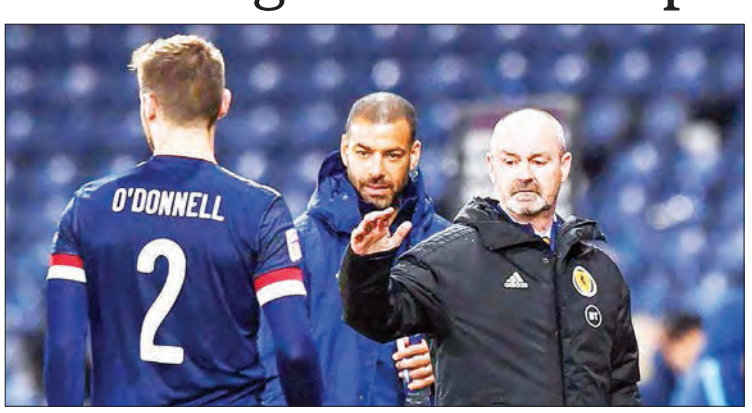
The queen of cycling's five so-called 'monument' races is at risk of being postponed due to the level of coronavirus infections in the region.

"The decision has not been definitely taken but it's in an area where there is a real health problem," Maracineanu told France Info radio. "Perhaps this event should be postponed," she added.

Her comments come three days after the prefect of France's Nord region, Michel Lalande said the race was in doubt for the second year in succession.

"The prefect has taken his responsibilities, we are still in talks with him," Maracineanu added, without specifiying when a final decision would be forthcoming. Another of the sport's monuments, the Tour of Flanders, remains set for April 4 under strict Covid-19 safety protocol. —AFP ■

# Clarke urges Scotland to prove they are not 'one-tournament wonders'



Scotland manager Steve Clarke has challenged his players to show they are not "one-tournament wonders" as they start their World Cup qualifiers looking to build on their run to Euro 2020. **PHOTO: AFP**

SCOTLAND manager Steve Clarke has challenged his players to show they are not "one-tournament wonders" as they start their World Cup qualifiers looking to build on their run to Euro 2020.

Scotland will end a 23-year absence from major tournaments when they feature at the delayed European Championship starting in June.

But Clarke's men must refocus as they begin their qualifying campaign to reach the 2022 World Cup against Austria on Thursday.

The former Chelsea defender is keen for his side to show their long-awaited return to prominence is not a flash in the pan. "The squad is focused completely on the World Cup games because they are the most important ones," Clarke said on Wednesday.

"We have said almost since we qualified for the Euros that we don't want to be one-tournament wonders. We want to have a continued period of success.

"That starts tomorrow night against Austria at Hampden."

Scotland last qualified for the World Cup in 1998 and will be playing at the European Championship for the first time since 1996.

Clarke will kick off on the road to Qatar without Rangers midfielder Ryan Jack, who has a calf problem. —AFP ■