

Five-Point Road Map of the State Administration Council

- 1. The Union Election Commission will be reconstituted and its mandated tasks, including the scrutiny of voter lists, shall be implemented in accordance with the law.
- 2. Effective measures will be taken with added momentum to prevent and manage the COVID-19 pandemic.
- 3. Actions will be taken to ensure the speedy recovery of businesses from the impact of COVID-19.
- 4. Emphasis will be placed on achieving enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the agreements set out in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement.
- 5. Upon accomplishing the provisions of the state of emergency, free and fair multiparty democratic elections will be held in line with the 2008 Constitution, and further work will be undertaken to hand over State duties to the winning party in accordance with democratic standards.

State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing accepts credentials of Indian Ambassador to Myanmar



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Mr Vinay Kumar, the newly-accredited Ambassador of India to Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw on 6 April 2022.

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing accepted the credentials of Mr Vinay Kumar, the newly-accredited Ambassador of India to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the Credentials Hall of the Office of the State Administration Council Chairman, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday morning. Then, they discussed the excellent history of diplomatic relations between the two countries, enhancement of friendship, stability, peace and development of border areas, trade promotion, **SEE PAGE-2**

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The Senior General accepts the credentials of the Indian Ambassador.



The Senior General, the Indian Ambassador to Myanmar and dignitaries take a documentary photo.

FROM PAGE-1 After the meeting, the Senior General and Indian Ambassador to Myanmar posed for the documentary photos together with the attendees. Present on occasion were SAC Joint Secretary Lt-Gen Ye Win Oo, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs U Wunna Maung Lwin and Director-General of the Protocol Department U Wunna Han. The Indian Ambassador was accompanied by Deputy Chief of Mission Ms Nabanita Chakrabarti and Defence Attaché Colonel Ketan Arun Mohite. — MNA

Myanmar’s traditional handicrafts can still be seen in rural villages



As Myanmar relies on agriculture, farmers’ handicrafts provide additional income for agriculture, and with 75 per cent of Myanmar’s population living in rural areas, only domestic handicrafts improve their livelihoods. **PHOTO : ZEYA HTET (MINBU)**

ALTHOUGH there were no industries during the reign of the ancient Myanmar kings, domestic handicrafts flourished throughout the country. Weaving looms were found in every house, and every village had basketry, bamboo handicrafts, pottery, the craft of goldsmithing, silversmithing and blacksmithing. In the cities, handicrafts have been replaced by machinery, and some handicrafts have disappeared, but they are still widely practised

in rural areas. In addition to lacquerware-making, jaggery and salt making, fish paste, dried fish and fish sauce making, the weaving of various garments gradually expanded. However, domestic handicrafts declined during British rule in Myanmar. However, since independence, the government and the people have worked together to develop domestic crafts. As Myanmar relies on agriculture, farmers’ handicrafts provide additional income for agriculture, and with 75 per cent of Myanmar’s population living in rural areas, only domestic handicrafts improve their livelihoods. As these handicrafts do not require a lot of capital, unlike large factories, the people will be comfortable only if these small businesses flourish in a country with a shortage of capital. People nowadays are engaged in handicrafts and livestock farming, brick business, pottery, charcoal business, salt business, umbrella business, leather business, cane business, soap business, and edible oil business. Some are being operated using modern equipment. However, weaving, making baskets, production of various mats and pottery are still seen as traditional Myanmar handicrafts in rural areas. — Zeya Htet (Minbu)/GNLM

95 new cases of COVID-19 reported on 6 April, total figure rises to 612,079

MYANMAR’S COVID-19 positive cases rose to **612,079** after **95** new cases were reported on 6 April 2022 according to the Ministry of Health. Among these confirmed cases, **590,464** have been discharged from hospitals. Death toll reached **19,434** after **1** died. COVID-19 vaccine is being injected to those of priority groups in regions and states for prevention and control of the disease. Up to 5-4-2022, a total of **27,425,323** people have been vaccinated. Of them, **22,023,688** people have been fully vaccinated, **5,401,635** people are yet to get the second shots and **1,130,699** people have received booster vaccines. —MNA

Through the annals of history, our national races nestled in the Union

Based on the geological features of where they belong, our people who are of different races, languages and religions have been nestled in the serene shelter in the past. Our country is a Union that stands tall with a prosperous identity, territorial integrity and sovereign State reality.

Through the annals of history, our national races nestled in the Union and Tatmadaw also put an effort into the execution of the word, “Union” by the National Hero, General Aung San.

(Excerpt from Speech Delivered by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services
Senior General Maha Thray Sithu Min Aung Hlaing at the Parade of the 77th Anniversary Armed Forces Day on 27 March 2022.)

Chairman of State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives outgoing Australian Ambassador

CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Ms Andrea Marie Faulkner, Ambassador of Australia, who has completed her tour of duty, at the parlour of the office of the SAC Chairman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

They exchanged views on further maintenance of good relations between two countries, enhancement of cooperation in various sectors between governments and peoples of both countries, political progress in Myanmar, acts of CRPH, NUG and PDF terrorists in committing terror acts to undermine the administrative machinery of the government and against the innocent people and educational, health and other government service personnel, plans to take legal action against those involved in the terror acts and those who encouraged the terror acts, efforts of Myanmar to strengthen the genuine, disciplined multiparty democracy and lead to the building the Union based on democracy and federalism, the heartily welcome of Austral-



State Administration Council Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Australian Ambassador Ms Andrea Marie Faulkner, who has completed her tour of duty, in Nay Pyi Taw on 6 April 2022.

ia to the visit of the Deputy Prime Ministry of Cambodia who is also the special envoy of the Alternate Chairman of the ASEAN on Myanmar to Myanmar and its belief that they would continue the constructive issues related to Myanmar, implementation of the five-point consensus of the ASEAN by Myanmar as much as possible and taking action against terror acts under the international standards, arrangements being made to hold the dialogues, and distinct views for providing assistance to the government and that for the people in aid to the people of Myanmar via AHA Centre as some casualties happened in the outbreak of COVID-19 and conflicts in Myanmar.

After the meeting, the Senior General presented gifts to the Australian Ambassador.

—MNA

Invitation for technology partners

1. Myanma Economic Bank cooperates with Myanmar Mobile Money (MMM) to provide cash in/cash out, top-up and quick and easy withdrawals of pension payments for pensioners at 280 bank branches with Point of Sale (POS) machines through the nearest mobile agents.
2. It also cooperates with digital money Myanmar (Wave Money) and the MPTPay to grant pension payments to the respective mobile agents.
3. Arrangements are being made to work together with OK\$, MytelPay and A-Plus Application of the A Bank to pay pensions.
4. Therefore, the technology companies and mobile money services that provide safe and systematic mobile technologies in granting pension payments to retired civil servants to save time and avoid COVID-19 infection can submit proposals to Myanma Economic Bank.

Myanma Economic Bank

As training will bring skill, confidence, health, fitness and courage, all cadets need to always take systematic training in correct techniques without fail: Vice-Senior General



SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Thray Sithu Soe Win addresses the passing out parade of the Thiha Company at Officer Training School (Bahtoo).



The Vice-Senior General presents the silver sword award to the best cadet.

THE passing out parade of the 125th Intake of the Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School (Bahtoo), Thiha Company, took place at the parade ground of the school yesterday morning, with an address by Vice-Chairman of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Thray Sithu Soe Win, on behalf of Chairman of the State Administration Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Maha Thray Sithu Min Aung Hlaing.

The Vice-Senior General took the salute of the cadet com-

panies and inspected them. The Vice-Senior General presented the silver sword award to Best Cadet Award winner Cadet Aung Min Thu.

In his address, the Vice-Senior General said in the modernization process, the armed forces must have completed with combat power and company abilities. Hence, emphasis is being placed on the development of human resources for the emergence of qualified and capable Tatmadaw members. Some of them are sent abroad for learning further studies in military arts, military technologies and other literary fields in order to improve their individual capability.

The Vice-Senior General

noted that all cadets need to understand that the State Administration Council controlled all measures with the most minor force and the lowest level of response under the State Constitution and declared the military administration in just six townships of Yangon Region. As training will bring skill, confidence, health, fitness and courage, all cadets need always to take systematic training in correct techniques without fail.

During the training period, basic knowledge about leadership and ethics is given to the trainees. **Leadership is to implement the missions assigned by the superiors together with the subordinates.** Hence, they have to be a model for all in order to give good leadership and forge the

good commander spirit and the spirit of the parent over the subordinates.

For all military personnel who joined the Tatmadaw with the basic spirit of defence, the State must strengthen the existing spirit. **If they are weak, their combat power will decline.** So, they all need to strengthen their spirit. As all Tatmadaw members join the Tatmadaw with the noble spirit to defend the State and the people, they should set their visions with firm beliefs and concepts in discharging the duties.

The Vice-Senior General noted that the Tatmadaw would emphasize the tasks in accord with the agreements in the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement-NCA while restoring

the perpetual peace under the six-point principles of peace for ensuring peace and stability, and development of the State.

The Vice-Senior General recounted that the Prime Minister set 2022 as the peace year. And the National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiate Committee hold meetings on perpetual peace with the NCA signatories and NCA non-signatories. The Vice-Senior General urged all cadets to dutifully serve the assignments contributing to the processes of restoring perpetual peace.

Next, the Vice-Senior General left the parade after taking the salute of the cadet companies. After the parade, he met with outstanding cadets at the hall of the Yeiktha and spoke words of honour. — MNA



The Vice-Senior General receives the outstanding cadets.

Graduation dinner of 125th intake, Thiha Company, of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School (Bahtoo) held

VICE-CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Thray Sithu Soe Win, on behalf of State Administration Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Maha Thray Sithu Min Aung Hlaing, attended the graduation dinner of the 125th intake, Thiha



The Vice-Senior General is pictured in cordially greeting the graduates at the dinner.



The Vice-Senior General and wife are seen having dinner together with graduates.

Company, of the Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School (Bahtoo) at the military commissioning hall of the school in Bahtoo yesterday evening. First, the Vice-Senior General and party cordially greeted graduate officers and then had dinner together. During the dinner, the military band of the Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School (Bahtoo) played songs. The Vice-Senior General enjoyed the entertainment and presented cash awards to the band. — MNA

Commissioning ceremony of 125th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School (Bahtoo) held

THE commissioning ceremony of 125th Intake of the Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School (Bahtoo) was held yesterday morning at the commissioning hall of the training school. Military Appointment-General Lt-Gen Lin Aung, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Myo Thant and Commandant Brig-Gen Myo Zaw Win and cadets attended the commissioning ceremony. Lt-Gen Lin Aung gave certificates of commission to each of the cadets. The school was firstly opened in PyinOoLwin Township in 1946 and conducted the cadet training courses from 1st

to 16th intakes. It was moved to Fort Bahtoo from PyinOoLwin Township in 1957 and opened the cadet training courses from 17th to 28th intakes. It was temporarily suspended in 1961, and then it was moved to Hmawby from Fort Bahtoo in 1963 and conducted the cadet training courses from 29th to 82nd intakes. It was moved again to Bahtoo from Hmawby in 1991 and gave cadet training courses from 83rd intake to the present, and many Tatmadaw officers came out of it. At the present commissioning ceremony, two hundred and four graduates were appointed as second lieutenants. — MNA



The officer appointment certificate is presented to one of the graduated officers.

Public Notification

THE Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee was reconstituted under the State Administration Council's Order No 366/2021 dated 10.12.2021, and action is being taken effectively against illegal trade under the law. The following telephone numbers, fax and email address can be reached to safely report information in connection with illegal trade.

Auto telephone number	- 067 409 883
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Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee

Public Notification

THE Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee was reconstituted under the State Administration Council's Order No 366/2021 dated 10.12.2021, and action is being taken effectively against illegal trade under the law. Regarding the "request for money from departmental organizations in conducting trade", the following numbers can be reached to safely report such information.

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Illegal Trade Eradication Steering Committee

SAC Vice-Chairman Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Vice-Senior General Soe Win inspects military hospital in Bahtoo station, agriculture and livestock tasks



Vice-Senior General Soe Win hears the report on medical treatment at the military hospital in Bahtoo station yesterday.

VICE-CHAIRMAN of the State Administration Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Soe Win, wife Daw Than Than Nwe and senior military officers inspected the military hospital in Fort Bahtoo City in Shan State (South) yesterday.

The commandant of the hospital reported to the Vice-Senior General on medical treatment and four-point military buildings. The Vice-Senior General attended to the needs after asking for further information.

The Vice-Senior General comforted the patient military personnel, families and local people and presented foodstuffs.

They inspected the dental room, ultrasound room, medical

wards, kitchen and ration store of the hospital.

Daw Than Than Nwe, the wife of the Vice-Senior General, comforted the patients at the maternity and child ward and presented aid to them.

The Vice-Senior General and his wife donated cash awards for health staff from the hospital and cash donations for the hospital to the commandant.

At the integrated farming agriculture and livestock farm of the Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School (Bahtoo), the Vice-Senior General inspected the raising of layers and broilers, breeding of DYL pigs and dairy cows, and cultivation of seasonal crops.

At the integrated farm (Bahtoosan), the commandant of the Defence Services (Army) Combat Forces School (Bahtoo) reported on the reclamation of



The Vice-Senior General inspects the dental treatment ward.

new farmlands with the assistance of the Department of Irrigation and Water Utilization

Management to the Vice-Senior General. The Vice-Senior General viewed the cultivation of potato and soya bean plantations.

Bahtoosan Dam is under construction. Upon completion, it will irrigate the agriculture and livestock tasks of the military station and more than 200 acres of farmlands of local people in Zale and Lwesen villages throughout the year. It will prevent silting at the Bahtoosan spring and the creek.

The Vice-Senior General also inspected the renovation of Peinchaung Dam and coordinated necessary measures. Upon completion of the renovation, the dam can irrigate more than 50 acres of farmlands and contributes to the cultivation of seasonal crops. — MNA



The Vice-Senior General views the cultivation of potato and soya bean plantations.



The wife of the Vice-Senior General gives foodstuffs to the patient.

SAC member Mahn Nyein Maung attends religious title conferring ceremonies for 2022 in Kayin State



The SAC member presents the religious title to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Candima.

STATE Administration Council member Mahn Nyein Maung conferred the religious titles for 2022 on the Sayadaws together with Kayin State Chief Minister U Saw Myint Oo, state Chief Justice Daw Khin Swe Tun, state cabinet members and relevant officials yesterday.

First, SAC member Mahn Nyein Maung and party attended the ceremony to present the religious title to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Candima of Kyonpe Pariyatti Kanna Monastery in Kyonpe Village of Hpa-an Township. They took the Five Precepts from the Sayadaw and presented religious matters.

He then offered Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja title, and offerings and donation of SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his family to the Sayadaw. They listened to the sermons delivered by Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Candima and shared the merits they gained.

At noon, SAC member Mahn Nyein Maung conferred Agga Maha Pandita and Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja titles and offertories and donations of SAC Chairman Prime Minister Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and his family to two Sayadaws — Sayadaw Bhaddanta of Tejinda of Moekal Monastery and Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vicara at Moeke monastery in Hpa-an Township.

Before the occasion, they took the Five Precepts from State Sangha Central Working Committee member Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja title recipient Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vicara of Kanni Monastery.

They also shared merits after listening to the sermons of Kanni Monastery Sayadaw. Then, SAC member Mahn Nyein Maung and party inspected the Hpa-an detour, which connects three junction roads of the Thanlwin Bridge and Hlakadaung Village, passing through Mount Zweekabin and Kyainn valley. During the visit, Kayin State Highways Department Director U Aung Nyo and officials reported on the road construction, and he instructed the necessary things.

They also went to Hpa- Me natural park and instructed state municipal officials to develop the tourism industry in the post-COVID-19 period. Finally, they arrived at the Zweekabin park and inspected the upgrade works in the park. —MNA

SAC member Daw Aye Nu Sein attends religious title conferring ceremony

THE 2022 Religious Title Confering Ceremony was held in Makyi Village in Yanbye Township, Rakhine State, yesterday morning.

The ceremony was attended by Sayadaws, Member of the State Administration Council Daw Aye Nu Sein, Rakhine State Chief Minister Dr Aung Kyaw Min, the State Social Affairs Minister, the State Advocate-General, departmental officials and invitees.

At first, the guests, led by SAC member Daw Aye Nu Sein, took the Five Precepts from Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Sasana, Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Makyikyun (North) Monastery. They listened to a sermon from the Sayadaw.

Afterwards, SAC member Daw Aye Nu Sein presented religious issues, the titles and offerings to the Sayadaw. State Chief Minister Dr Aung Kyaw Min also presented the honorary certificates and offerings to the Sayadaw. The Rakhine State Social Affairs Minister and the State Advocate-General gave donations to the Sayadaws who attended the ceremony.

In the afternoon, the SAC member and party arrived at the Basic Education High School (Branch) in Makyi Village. They met teachers and trustees of the school and coordinated school requirements with relevant officials. — MNA



The SAC member offers the religious title to the Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of the Makyikyun (North) Monastery.

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Initiate a KG+9 education system for future generations

THE KG+9 education system adopted as a new educational policy by the State Administration Council will last for 12 years in total.

The system is implemented for five years at the primary school level from KG to grade 5, four years at the middle school level from grades 6 to 9 and three years at the high school level from grades 10 to 12.

Priority is being given to implementing the KG+9 plan in states and far-flung areas of regions as part of efforts to improve the education qualification programme by spending a large sum of the State budget.

Importantly, it is not causing a brain drain. Professionals and skilled persons who started learning at home should serve the interests of the State and the citizens in various ways while supporting the learning society as their mother unit. It can be said that they pay back gratitude to the State and the society in line with the 38-auspicious principles of Buddhism that most of the Myanmar people exercise.

their acts will contribute toward the development of the nation on the one hand.

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The KG+9 educational scheme modernized by the government is sure to support Myanmar's learning society in order to produce educated persons. Such a scheme will be a drive for shaping the community to be able to keep abreast of other countries in a few years.

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Op-ed by Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh, Regional Director, WHO South-East Asia Region (On World Health Day theme 2022 - Our planet, our health)

Why we must act now to keep humans and the planet healthy



Dr Poonam Khetrapal Singh

THE COVID-19 pandemic has exposed the inequitable and unsustainable systems in which people in the South-East Asia Region and across the world live and work, consume and exist. Globally, over 90 per cent of people breathe unhealthy air, resulting in around seven million deaths every year, including around 2.4 million in the Region. Food systems that are unsafe, unhealthy and unsustainable cause millions of premature deaths annually, primarily from noncommunicable diseases (NCDs), and are

a leading contributor to climate change and antimicrobial resistance – two of the greatest health risks facing humanity.

In 2020 around one in four people globally lacked safely managed drinking water in their homes, and just 50 per cent of health care facilities in least-developed countries provided basic water services. Poor quality drinking water can lead to acute waterborne disease and risks of exposure to toxic chemicals such as arsenic. Inadequate access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in healthcare facilities makes health care less effective and has a disproportionate impact on women and girls. In total, WHO estimates that more than 13 million deaths around the world each year are due to avoidable environmental causes – a figure that we cannot and must not accept.

We have before us a once-in-a-century opportunity to drive transformative, lasting change. While the COVID-19 crisis has highlighted the inequitable and unsustainable nature of existing

political, social and commercial decisions, it has shown that if decision-making is transparent, evidence-based and inclusive, people will support bold and far-reaching policies that protect their health, their families and livelihoods. It has shown that by prioritizing equitable health now and for future generations – including through long-term investments, well-being budgets, social protection, legal and fiscal strategies – we can build “well-being societies” that facilitate human flourishing and which fulfil every person's right to health and development, without breaching ecological limits.

To achieve a Region and world in which clean air, water and food are available to all, where economies promote physical and mental health and well-being, where cities are liveable, and where people have control over their health and the health of the planet, together we must address five priorities.

First, protect and preserve the source of human health: nature. Policies that reduce deforestation, promote afforestation, and

end intensive and polluting agricultural practices improve air quality, strengthen food systems, and promote sustainable farming and forest management. They reduce the risk of emerging infectious diseases, over 60 per cent of which originate from animals, mainly from wildlife.

Second, invest in essential services, from water and sanitation to clean energy in health care facilities. Countries of the Region must continue to protect drinking-water supplies by implementing multisectoral water safety plans and including WASH in relevant health policies, strategies, and programmes, focusing on increasing access to the primary healthcare level. In line with the Region's 2017 Malé Declaration, countries must continue to build climate-resilient health facilities that respond to and withstand environmental health threats and promote environmentally sustainable practices.

Third, ensure a quick and healthy energy transition. Globally, two-thirds of exposure to outdoor

air pollution results from the burning of the same fossil fuels that are driving climate change, which between 2030 and 2050 is expected to cause an additional 250,000 deaths annually. While countries of the Region have made commendable efforts to expand renewable energy sources, increased action is needed, and must be accompanied by rigorous enforcement of air quality standards, as well as increased investments in public transportation infrastructure.

Fourth, promote healthy and sustainable food systems. Diseases caused by lack of access to food, or consumption of unhealthy, high-calorie diets, are a major contributor to NCDs, which in our Region kill around 9.2 million people annually. In all countries of the Region, WHO will continue to support countries to identify and implement high-impact and cost-effective “best buys” that transform the food environment, from food reformulation and labelling to increased taxation of unhealthy foods and beverages and strengthened restrictions on

marketing, especially to children.

Fifth, build healthy, liveable cities. In 2021, five cities in the Region were selected to participate in the WHO Urban Governance for Health and Well-being initiative, which aims to strengthen the country's capacities to promote health and address health inequities through multisectoral action. By asking just two examples, policymakers can expand cycleways and increase the provision of green and healthy spaces to reduce greenhouse emissions and road traffic injuries, increase physical activity, and promote mental health.

We are at a pivotal moment. The decisions we make now can help either “lock in” the development patterns that do permanent and escalate damage to ecological systems that sustain human health and livelihoods, or they can promote a healthier, fairer, and greener world. Together, we must raise our voices and act now to protect our planet, health, and future.

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Four global organizations urge 15 bln USD grants this year to fight pandemics



Researchers work in a lab that is developing testing for the COVID-19 coronavirus at the Hackensack Meridian Health Center on 28 February 2020 in Nutley, New Jersey. PHOTO: REPRESENTATIVE IMAGE/AFP

THE International Monetary Fund (IMF) and three other global organizations on Tuesday urged the allocation of 15 billion US dollars in grants this year to fight pandemics and strengthen health systems both domestically and overseas.

The IMF, in partnership with the Coalition for Epidemic Preparedness Innovations (CEPI), the Global Fund, and Wellcome Trust, published “A Global Strategy to Manage the Long-term Risks of COVID-19” working paper, which calls for a more “comprehensive” and “integrated” pandemic response from the international community.

COVID-19 will be with us for

the long term

“It is now evident that COVID-19 will be with us for the long term, and there are very different scenarios for how it could evolve, from a mild endemic scenario to a dangerous variant scenario,” the working paper noted.

“This realization calls for a new strategy that manages both the uncertainty and the long-term risks of COVID-19,” it continued.

“Overall, health security is economic security,” said IMF's First Deputy Managing Director Gita Gopinath, who previously served as the Fund's chief economist. “The international community should recognize that its pandemic financing addresses a systemic risk to the

global economy.”

Gopinath noted that the IMF's January World Economic Outlook Update estimated the cumulative losses from the pandemic to reach 13.8 trillion dollars from 2020 to 2024. “The cost of inaction – for all of us – is very high. We need to act – now,” she said.

Now is not the time to ease up

Echoing her remarks, Jeremy Farrar, director of Wellcome Trust and a renowned medical researcher, said “now is not the time to ease up,” noting that the virus' next move is “anything but certain” and the risk of new variants remains high.

Source : Xinhua

Notification on revocation of publishing business licence

THE Ministry of Information allows applications for a business licence under the Printing and Publishing Business Law and Rules.

Daw Hlaing Hlaing Thin (Shwe Labh publishing house), who has received the publishing business licence, published the pornography without abiding by Sub-Section (c) of Section 8 of the Printing and Publishing Business Law. So the publishing licence issued to her has been revoked effective 5 April 2022. The publishing house shall no longer be able to publish by using any type of media or technology.

Ministry of Information

Daily newspapers in circulation on New Year holidays alternatively

DAILY newspapers of the News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information will be in circulation in rotation during the official holidays of the Myanmar New Year.

The Myanma Alinn Daily will be published from 9 to 12 April whereas the Kyemon and the Global New Light of Myanmar dailies will take holidays.

The Kyemon and the Global New Light of Myanmar dailies will be in circulation from 13 to 17 April, while the Myanma Alinn daily will take a break.

Likewise, the Shwipyi Rakhine Image supplement published every Wednesday by the Sub-Printing House (Sittway) will take a holiday on 13 April, the Ethnic Sector supplement in the Shan Language published every Thursday by the Sub-Printing House (Taunggyi) on 14 April, the Ethnic Sector supplement in Mon, Sakaw Kayin, Poe Kayin and Pa-O Languages published every Sunday by the Sub-Printing House (Mawlamyine) on 10 and 17 April. After the Thingyan holidays, all dailies will be published regularly.

Advertisements will be accepted without any holiday during alternative holidays of daily newspapers. As of 18 April, all newspapers will be in circulation as usual.

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 6 APRIL, 2022: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin, eastern Shan States, scattered in Taninthayi Region and isolated in upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady Regions and (south and north) Shan, Kayah States. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining regions and states.

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.

UEC Chairman meets departmental officials in Shan State (North)



THE meeting between the Chairman of the Union Election Commission and departmental officials in Shan State (North) was held yesterday morning in Lashio.

At the meeting, UEC Chairman U Thein Soe said that the State Administration Council will hold an election after completing the emergency works according to the five-point roadmap and hand over the state power to the winning party. In carrying out preparatory work to be completed within the stipulated time, for a successful election, the Union Election Commission, the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of Immigration and Population must work together to ensure the accuracy of the census and the voter lists.

Election officers from the “Wa” Self-Administered Division, Lashio District, Muse District, Kyaukme District and the election officers from the election sub-commissions in Shan State (North) presented their works. And the UEC Chairman concluded the meeting. — MNA

Union Minister for Foreign Affairs receives Ambassador of the Commonwealth of Australia

U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Ms Andrea Faulkner, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Commonwealth of Australia to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar who is leaving Myanmar upon completion of her tenure at the Union Minister Office of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at 3:30 pm on 6 April 2022.

During the farewell call, they exchanged views on the existing bilateral relations that were carried out during her tenure and regional situation. — MNA



National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiate Committee meets workgroups of political parties



THE National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiate Committee held the coordination meeting with workgroups of political parties in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by State Administration Council member Union Minister at the Union Government Office (1) Chairman of National Solidarity and Peacemaking Negotiate Committee Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, committee members, leader of political party workgroups Chairman of Shan Nationalities Democratic Party U Sai Aik Pao and other representatives.

During the meeting, Committee Chairman Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and leader of political party groups U Sai Aik Pao delivered greeting speeches.

Then, they informally discussed the peace-related matters and facts to be amended in the 2008 Constitution proposed by workgroups of political parties.

After that, Committee Chairman Lt-Gen Yar Pyae and leader of political party groups U Sai Aik Pao concluded the meeting after the closing remarks. — MNA

Union Minister for International Cooperation receives Indian Ambassador to Myanmar

U Ko Ko Hlaing, Union Minister for International Cooperation of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Mr Vinay Kumar, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of India to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at 3:00 pm on 6 April 2022 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the call, the Union Minister congratulated the Ambassador for having been appointed as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of India to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

They cordially exchanged views on the further enhancement of bilateral ties, expansion of multi-sectoral cooperation and collaboration between the two countries in both regional and multilateral arenas and promotion of bilateral trade. They also discussed matters related to rendering humanitarian assistance for resettlement of the displaced persons from Rakhine State. — MNA



Union Minister for Foreign Affairs receives Indian Ambassador

U Wunna Maung Lwin, Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Mr Vinay Kumar, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of India to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at 12:30 pm on 6 April 2022 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the call, the Union Minister congratulated the Ambassador for the latter's appointment as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of India to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar. They

cordially exchanged views on matters pertaining to the further advancement of the existing friendly bilateral relations and mutually beneficial cooperation between the two countries, and strengthening closer collaboration in regional and multilateral contexts. — MNA

The Indian Ambassador to Myanmar calls on the MoFA Union Minister.



MoI Deputy Minister encourages students taking matriculation exam



DEPUTY Minister for Information U Ye Tint, accompanied by the tactical operations commander and the district administrator, visited the Khamti Basic Education High School where students sat the matriculation exam and encouraged students and parents yesterday.

Afterwards, the deputy minister, together with the assistant director of the District Education Department and the township education officer, met with teachers and the medical team to express words of thanks for their effort so that

the students could sit the exam peacefully.

He also urged the teachers to conduct training, workshops and sports competitions for young people during the summer holidays to increase their knowledge. He said he was proud of the teachers teaching their pupils dutifully.

Afterwards, the deputy minister and party cordially greeted the teachers and the medical team and presented them with cash, eggs and fruits. — MNA

69,585 students take Biology exam on sixth day of 2022 matriculation

THE sixth day of the 2022 matriculation exam was held yesterday morning, with 69,585 students taking the examination for the Biology subject nationwide.

This year, 20 foreign examination centres and 1,149 local examination centres were opened in the country, totalling 1,169 examination centres, with 75,915 students registered to sit the exam.

On the sixth day of the exam, 69,585 students took the Biology exam, accounting for 91.66 per cent, according to the Ministry of Education. —MNA

209,393 students take Economics exam on sixth day of 2022

THE sixth day of the 2022 matriculation exam was held yesterday morning, with 209,393 students taking the examination for the Economics subject nationwide.

This year, 20 foreign examination centres and 1,236 local examination centres were opened in the country, totalling 1,256 examination centres, with 234,437 students registered to sit for the exam.

On the sixth day of the exam, 209,393 students took the Economics exam, accounting for 89.32 per cent, according to the Ministry of Education. — MNA



THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ELECTRICTY AND ENERGY
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)
(2/2022-2023)

1. Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in Myanmar Kyats.

Sr No.	Tender No.	Description	Remarks
(1)	IFB/001(22-23)	Cement Additive (6) Itmes	US\$
(2)	DMP/L-034(22-23)	Spares for Caterpillar G3412 Generating Set Gas Engine (157) Items	Ks
(3)	DMP/L-035(22-23)	Spares for MTU Engine Ex 1.5 MW Generating Set (56) Items	Ks
(4)	DMP/L-036(22-23)	Spares for Volvo Tractors (50) Items	Ks
(5)	DMP/L-037(22-23)	Spares for (SC 400-2) Sumitomo Crane (65) Items	Ks
(6)	DMP/L-038(22-23)	Industrial Raw Materials (2) Groups	Ks
(7)	DMP/L-039(22-23)	Class 'G' Cement (1000) Ton	Ks
(8)	DMP/L-040(22-23)	4 1/2" Drill Pipe G 105 (1200) Meter	Ks
(9)	DMP/L-041(22-23)	Spares for Kwangshin CNG Compressor (46) Items	Ks
(10)	DMP/L-042(22-23)	Spares for Clean Energy (Mother & Daughter) CNG Compressor (IMW) (42) Items	Ks
(11)	DMP/L-043(22-23)	Spares for Suction Dryer (3) Items	Ks
(12)	DMP/L-044(22-23)	Spares for L-Type & ZW-Type Dispenser (10) Items	Ks
(13)	DMP/L-045(22-23)	Motor Power Cable, Building Lighting & Security Lighting Accessories (27) Items	Ks
(14)	DMP/L-046(22-23)	Spare Parts For Generator (G 3412) (86) Items	Ks
(15)	DMP/L-047(22-23)	Maintenance, Inspection and Spare Requirement Services Contract for PLC (Daw Nyein) (1) Lot	Ks
(16)	DMP/L-048(22-23)	Electronic Flow Measurement System Maintenance, Services and Spare Requirement for (Yenangyaung/ Magway/Kyawzwa/Titut) (1) Lot	Ks
(17)	DMP/L-049(22-23)	Window Application Software and Workstation Software (2) Groups	Ks
(18)	DMP/L-050(22-23)	Assorted Sizes for Tyre (1) Lot	Ks
(19)	DMP/L-051(22-23)	Acquisition and Survey Instruments and Accessories (6) Items	Ks
(20)	DMP/L-052(22-23)	Electrical Accessories for Pyay Oil Field (3) Groups	Ks
(21)	DMP/L-053(22-23)	Electrical Accessories for TSB,TGG and YNM Oil Field (23) Items	Ks
(22)	DMP/L-054(22-23)	Electrical Accessories for ZJ 70L SR-1 (29) Items	Ks
(23)	DMP/L-055(22-23)	Electrical Accessories for CHK Oil Field (26) Items	Ks
(24)	DMP/L-056(22-23)	Electrical Accessories for TKA, MUB, NDN and MDY Oil Field (6) Groups	Ks

2. The Open Tender forms including Description of Materials / Qtty with details specifications and Tender Terms & Conditions can be available during office hours commencing from **7 April 2022** at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No. (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

3. The interested Bidders should submit the **Technical Specifications with Original Bid Bond and Commercial Quotation in each separate sealed envelopes** on which to be addressed to the Managing Director, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in Tender Box of the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than **12:00 pm on 29, April 2022**.

4. Tender Closing Date & Time – **29-4-2022, 12:00 pm**

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RCEP, bilateral FTAs to boost Cambodia's economy: World Bank



People visit the exhibition area of Cambodia at the 16th China-ASEAN Expo in Nanning, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on 23 Sept 2019. **PHOTO: XINHUA/ZHANG AILIN**

THE Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) free trade pact and bilateral free trade agreements (FTA) will be a booster for Cambodia's economic growth in the coming years, accord-

ing to the World Bank's economic update report released on Tuesday. "The new Law on Investment, the Cambodia-China and Cambodia-Republic of Korea free trade agreements and the

Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership are expected to help boost investment and trade in the coming years," the World Bank's East Asia and Pacific Economic Update said. The RCEP is a mega trade pact between 10 member states of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its trade partners, namely China, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand. The RCEP and the Cambodia-China FTA entered into force on 1 Jan 2022, while the Cambodia-Republic of Korea FTA is expected to take effect in the near future. —Xinhua ■

Spain reports large-margin increase of tourists in February

SPAIN welcomed 3.15 million tourists in February of this year as the tourist industry continues to recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, said the Spanish Statistical Office (INE) on Monday.

The number of foreigners visiting Spain increased by 1,007.8 per cent when compared with February 2021, when many travel restrictions were still in place due to the pandemic.

Spending also rose strongly, with visitors spending a total of 3,757 million euros in the month, which was 1,060.2 per cent



Tourists sunbathe at Palmanova Beach on the Island of Mallorca, Spain on 30 July 2020. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

up from the figure in last year's same period.

Although the signs of recovery continue, INE points out that the number of foreign visitors to Spain accounted for only 71 per cent of pre-pandemic figure.

The lifting of restrictions has seen a large increase in the number of tourists from other European countries, especially from the United Kindom, France and Germany, according to the INE. —Xinhua ■

South Korea consumer prices hit 10-year high



South Korea consumer prices grew at the fastest pace for more than a decade in March, official data showed Tuesday, fuelled by rising energy costs following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. **PHOTO: AFP**

SOUTH Korea consumer prices grew at the fastest pace for more than a decade in March, official data showed Tuesday, fuelled by rising energy costs following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The reading ramped up expectations that the Bank of Korea will lift interest rates at its next meeting to bring the price rises under control. The consumer price index jumped 4.1 per cent on-year, the fastest

pace since December 2011, according to Statistics Korea, with officials warning it could go even higher. It also marked the 12th consecutive rise, caused by a spike in the cost of goods and services as well as surging fuel and raw material prices, said Statistics Korea official Eo Woon-sun. "There are concerns that price pressure could further rise due to the Ukraine crisis," Eo told reporters at a briefing.—AFP ■

EBRD suspends Russia and Belarus funds access over war

Europe's development bank announced Monday the immediate suspension of access to financing and expertise for both Russia and Belarus in the wake of the Ukraine invasion.

"The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) is moving ahead with its plans to exclude the Russian Federation and Belarus from receiving funding for projects," the lender said in a statement.

"The EBRD board of governors have approved taking firm action against the Russian Federation and Belarus following the invasion of Ukraine. "Access by the Russian Federation and Belarus to the resources of the Bank is to be formally suspended with immediate effect." The EBRD reserves the right to suspend or cancel all further disbursements for existing investment projects.—AFP ■

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Consignees of cargo carried on **M.V AEGEAN EXPRESS VOY.NO. (231N)** are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on **7-4-2022** and cargo will be discharged into the premises of **MIP** where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.
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Dated **7 April 2022** hh@kcyangon.com

Notice for Change of Pesticides Trade Name

The foreign manufacture Agrinova Cropcare Pte., Ltd will import and distribute the following insecticides registered in Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board Changing trading name.

No.	Old Trade Name	New Trade Name	A.I	Reg: Type	Reg: No.
1	Pentagon 550SC	Benzoker 550SC	Chlorothalonil 45% + Cymoxanil 6.5% + Hexaconazole 3.5% SC	Provisional	P2020 - 4393

It is therefore announced to come and reject within 14 days to joint Secretary, Myanmar Pesticide Registration Board, Plant Protection Division, West Gyogone, Insein in wishing to make any objection in respect of the said changing trading name of insecticide.

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Over K25 bln spent on rural electrification projects in 25 off-grid villages in Myeik District



Solar-powered mini-grids are bringing green electricity in 25 villages in three townships, Myeik District, Taninthayi Region, spending over K25 billion.

SOLAR-POWERED mini-grids are bringing green electricity in 25 villages in three townships, Myeik District, Taninthayi Region, spending over K25 billion, said U Aung Kyaw Oo, head of

Myeik District Rural Development Department. That off-grid rural electrification project is to cover remote rural areas. The solar-powered mini-grids will electrify 25 villages

in Palaw Township, Taninthayi Region, including a solar power system for homes. “The department is implementing an off-grid rural electrification project in the villages,

which is more than ten miles away from the national grid, and it is hard to get electricity access in 15 years. Solar home system for a small community and mini-grid electrification for cramped houses and large communities. There are 25 projects in Myeik District, with 15 in Kyunsu Township, seven in Palaw Township and three in Taninthayi Township,” U Aung Kyaw Oo continued. To carry out the project, K1 billion will be allocated for each village. The government contributes 60 per cent of the fund, while the authorized company pays 20 per cent and the rural community gives the remaining in instalments. The mini-grid power system will cost K400 per unit for home and K500 per unit for industrial use. Over the K25 billion project will generate 3.0798 MW in 25 villages in the district. This project aims to electrify

the off-grid villages in 2030,” he continued. Between the 2016-2017 financial year and 2020-2021 FY, 23 out of 25 rural electrification projects have been completed in Taninthayi Region. The two projects in Singaung village in Taninthayi Township and Thechaung village in Kyunsu town are still being undertaken. They are slated to complete at the end of May 2022. Once the project finishes, 8,760 households will get electricity access. Myeik District Rural Development Department will proceed to 302 villages which meet the rural electrification project criteria in the coming years. The feasibility study of the mini-grid project in those villages is underway. The projects will continue depending on the allocated fund and the investments, U Aung Kyaw Oo explained. — Myint Oo (Myeik)/GNLM

CRIME NEWS

Illegal timbers, foodstuffs, utensils, electronics, unregistered motorbikes, vehicles seized

MANAGED by the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee, action is being taken against illegal trades under the law. On 4 April, the port on-duty inspection team led by the Department of Customs carried out inspections at the Myanmar Industrial Port Container Inspection Station, and electronics and utensils worth estimated at K174,025,640, imported in violation of import licences, were seized. The action was taken under the Customs Law. Similarly, the inspection team under the management of the Yangon Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force carried out inspections. It seized foodstuffs

worth estimated at K15,285,600 that did not show any official documents with two vehicles worth estimated K18,000,000 in Hlegu township, and action was taken under the Customs Law. Similarly, the inspection team under the management of the Yangon Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force carried out inspections and seized 400 empty gas cylinder worth estimated at K4,800,000, imported in violation of import licences, and 10 motorbikes without licences worth estimated at K26,300,000 with a truck worth estimated value of K15,000,000 in Hlegu Township, totally estimated at K79,385,600 and action is taken under the

Customs Law. On 5 April, a combined inspection team led by the regional Forest Department carried out inspections. It seized 15.179 tonnes of illegal timbers worth estimated at K1,062,530 with two six-wheel trucks worth estimated value of K60,000,000, totalling K61,062,530 and action is taken under the Forest Law. Likewise, the inspection team led by the Forest Department under the management of the Ayeyawady Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force carried out inspections. It seized 43.9654 tonnes of illegal timbers worth estimated value of K3,134,648 in Thabaung, Yekyi, Nyaungdon and



Seized electronics.

Myanaung townships and action is taken under the Forest Law. A combined inspection team led by the Forest Department under the management of the Bago Region Anti-Illegal Trade Task Force carried out inspections. It seized 2.630 tonnes of illegal teak worth estimated at K394,500 in the Khabaung forest reserve in Toungoo District, and action is prosecuted under the Forest Law.

On 6 April, 4.4720 tonnes of illegal timbers worth estimated value of K3,452,800 in Toungoo and Thayawady Districts, totalling K3,847,300, were seized, and action is prosecuted under the Forest Law. Therefore, 21 arrests (estimated value of K321,455,718) were made on 4, 5 and 6 April, according to the Anti-Illegal Trade Steering Committee. — MNA



Three arrestees are pictured along with seized drugs and saloon.

Ecstasy tablets worth K740 million confiscated in Bago Region

OVER 493,350 ecstasy tablets worth K740 million were seized in Phayagyi Town, Bago Region, according to the Myanmar Police Force. Action on a tip-off, a combined team comprising members of Anti-Drug Squad searched a NISSAN MURANO

vehicle driven by Myo Myint together with Sai Than Htut and Myo Zaw Aung on board near the Shwethanlwin Tollgate on the Bago-Mawlamyine Road in Bago Township, Bago Region in the evening of 4 April, and the police found and confiscated 493,350 ecstasy pills worth

K740 million on board. After the investigation, the ecstasy pills were carried to Kayin State from Mandalay Region. Legal action is taken against the arrestees. Police continue to investigate to arrest the rest in connection with the case. — MNA

Fish auction market in Myeik slated to complete in 2028

A proposal to establish a fish auction market, with an estimated capital of US\$300 million, in the Sandawut village-tract in Myeik Township, Taninthayi Region, was given the green light, and the project is slated to be complete in 2028.

Taninthayi Region is mainly relying on fishery business. Myanmar's fishery products are primarily sent to Thailand. The project aims for the fish market, which meets international standards, to emerge.

"The project is scheduled to finish in 2028. It will employ more than ten thousand jobs for the locals," a director of Myeik Public Corporation elaborated.

The project term is seven years, and it will be established in four phases. It will give thou-



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sands of job opportunities to the local community. A director added that the project would

include a fishing port, cold storage, processing factories, accommodation and facility,

and extended areas. Taninthayi Region saw exports of 300,000 tonnes of fish-

ery products in the 2019-2020 Financial Year, generating an income of \$347.51 million, said an official of the Fisheries Department.

U Han Htoo Aung, in charge of the fish auction market project, said that the project was permitted by the authorities concerned, and it is likely to start in 2022 if the ministries are concerned to give the go-ahead to it. The project cannot be carried out in the coming rainy season as the extreme weather might cause delay and wreak havoc on the project.

When the fish auction market meets international standards emerge, those Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand, who are engaged in the fishery sector, might come back home. — Myint Oo (Myeik)/GNLM

Myanmar ships over 1.4 mln MT of rice in past mini-budget period



The prices of low-grade white rice varieties were approximately US\$340-355 per MT, depending on the different sorts and quality.

MYANMAR delivered more than 1.4 million metric tons of rice and broken rice in the past mini-budget period (October 2021-March 2022), according to the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

Myanmar has exported rice to more than 27 foreign markets, mainly to China.

Meanwhile, Myanmar shipped broken rice primarily to China, followed by the Netherlands, Belgium, Spain, France and three other countries.

The rice and broken rice exports volume stood at over 216,375 MT in October 2021, 285,223 MT in November, 301,033.9 MT in December, and 269,215.9 MT in January 2022, 214,335 MT in February and 133,972 MT in March, respectively, MRF's data showed.

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The export price of Myanmar's rice was relatively lower than the rates of Thailand and Viet Nam. Yet, the prices were higher than those of market prices of India and Pakistan, MRF's data showed. At present, the exporters will suffer losses due to the Central Bank of Myanmar's policy changes.

The Foreign exchange earned by locals in Myanmar must be deposited in accounts at the authorized banks and exchanged for the local currency at the CBM's reference rate of K1,850.

At present, traders carry out maritime trade for rice export as COVID-19 restrictions hinder the trading activity through the border posts. Myanmar shipped rice and broken rice to China, regional countries and European Union countries through maritime trade.

Rice worth K43,000-K50,000

per bag is highly demanded in the domestic market. The prices of high-grade rice move in the range of K34,500-K58,000 per bag, Bayintnaung Rice Wholesale Centre's price data indicated. Next, the prices of low-grade rice varieties are relatively high in the export market as well, ranging from K25,000 to K27,500 per 108-pound bag.

Myanmar generated over \$800 million from rice exports in the Financial Year 2019-2020 ended 30 September, with an estimated volume of over 2.5 million tonnes. Myanmar generated US\$700.13 million in income from exports of 1.87 million tonnes of rice and broken rice in the past FY2020-2021 (October-September) amidst the border trade disruption triggered by the COVID-19 negative consequences, as per the statistics released by the Customs Department. — KK/GNLM

CBM policy change impacts on black gram prices

AFTER the Central Bank of Myanmar notified that foreign exchange deposits must be converted into local currency at its reference rate of K1,850 and India extended the import deadline, the prices of black gram (urad called in India) have decreased.

On 29 March, India released a statement about extending of the import deadline. The price of black gram fell from K1.5 million to K1,430,000 per tonne on 6 April, with a sharp drop of over K67,000 per tonne within ten days.

India extended relaxations of conditions regarding clearance consignment for black gram (urad called in India) and pigeon pea until 31 March 2023. Following that, the prices of black gram gradually declined as there was no need for traders to sell under the time limit.

Nevertheless, as India has a monthly consumption of 200,000 tonnes of black gram, the requirement for black gram has been growing. This being so, the price drop is likely to happen for a while, and the bean traders shared their opinions.

The CBM's policy change notified on 3 April 2022 had a

considerable impact on the exporters. As a result of this, the trade is sluggish. The trade of various beans and pulses almost came to a halt, despite the price drop.

Prices will rise on the back of India's demand and the yield of Myanmar's black gram. However, prices will fall owing to the policy changes and export slowdown. Those factors influence market price, and price fluctuation is happening.

Nevertheless, there are no changes in cost and freight (CFR) and Free on board (FOB) prices despite the policy change. The exporters have to negotiate the prices with the suppliers. The observers analyzed the export prices are likely to remain bearish and it will deal a huge blow to the bean and pulses market.

Myanmar produces approximately 400,000 tonnes of black gram and about 50,000 tonnes of pigeon peas yearly. Myanmar is the top producer of the black gram, which is primarily demanded by India, while pigeon peas, green grams and chickpeas are cultivated in Australia and African countries besides Myanmar. — NN/GNLM

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State Administration Council
Nine Objectives

1. Political affairs

- (a) To build a Union based on democracy and federalism, through a disciplined and genuine multiparty democratic system that is fair and just.
- (b) To emphasize the achievement of enduring peace for the entire nation in line with the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA).
- (c) To continue implementing the principle of peaceful co-existence among countries through an independent, active and non-aligned foreign policy.

2. Economic affairs

- (a) To enhance production based on agriculture and livestock through modern techniques and strengthen all-round development in other sectors of the economy.

- (b) To develop a stable market economy and promote international investment in order to enhance the economic development of the entire National people.
- (c) To promote and support local businesses to create employment opportunities and increase domestic production.

3. Social affairs

- (a) To ensure a strong and dynamic Union spirit, the genuine spirit of patriotism.
- (b) To respect and promote the customs and traditions of all National peoples and preserve and safeguard their cultural heritage and national characteristics.
- (c) To enhance the health, fitness and education quality of the entire nation.

Myanmar reach AFF Futsal Championship semifinal with big win over Timor-Leste



Myanmar players respect the team fans after beating Timor-Leste 10-3 in the final group match of the AFF Futsal Championship held in Bangkok, Thailand, on 6 April. PHOTO: MFF

THE Myanmar Futsal team has already advanced to the semifinal of the AFF Futsal Championship after beating Timor-Leste 10-3 in Bangkok, Thailand, on the afternoon of 6 April.

With the victory, the team garnered first place position in Group B.

Myanmar Futsal squad played well in the match and scored seven goals even in the first half. Hlaing Min Tun scored three goals, Myo Thet Aung scored another three

goals, and Thaing Bwe Aung scored one goal.

In the second half of the match, the Myanmar team were still tough with the goals of Myo Myint Soe, Wai Zin Oo and Hlaing Min Tun and won by 10-3 at the final whistle.

Viet Nam won 5-1 against Australia in the same group, but Myanmar could advance to the semifinals with only a goal difference.

The team Myanmar will play against the Group A runner-up Indonesia on 8 April in

the semifinal match.

“We needed to win six goals in this match, so we played hard with power from the beginning,” said Myanmar head coach Bunlert Cheowarang.

“The players needed a little bit of attention this game, and the defence was not very good. However, with the result of 10-3 at the end of the match, we were happy to celebrate the big victory,” the head coach added. — GNLM

Koeman to take over as Netherlands coach after World Cup

FORMER Barcelona coach Ronald Koeman will take over as Netherlands boss from Louis van Gaal after this year’s World Cup, the Dutch football federation said on Wednesday.

Van Gaal announced at the weekend that he had been receiving treatment for prostate cancer for the last two years but that he still hoped to lead the team at the finals that kick off in Qatar in November.

It will be 59-year-old Koeman’s second time in charge of the Dutch national team after taking the reins from 2018 to 2020, when he left the post to become coach of Barcelona.

He was dismissed by the Spanish giants in October last year after 14 difficult months in charge which included the departure of Lionel Messi to Paris Saint-Germain as the club plunged into financial difficulties. “I am looking forward to working together again. When I left the national team a year and a half ago, it was certainly not because I wasn’t happy,” Koeman said.

Marianne van Leeuwen, the director of professional football at the Dutch federation, said: “We’re very happy that Ronald is coming back next year.” — AFP ■

Drawing-lots event for men’s and women’s SEA Games football tournaments held

THE drawing-lots event for the 31st SEA Games men’s and women’s football tourney was held in Viet Nam on 6 April.

Eight teams will compete in the SEA Games women’s football tournament, held in two groups of four.

According to the division, Group A includes Viet Nam, the Philippines, Cambodia and Indonesia, while Group B saw Thailand, Myanmar, Laos and Singapore.

On the other hand, a drawing-lot event for the 31st SEA Games Men’s National Football Tournament took place on the same day, with Myanmar falling in Group A.

Ten Southeast Asian teams will compete in the SEA Games



A woman holds the paper piece to show Myanmar women’s squad group in the SEA Games. PHOTO: MFF

national football tournament, divided into two groups of five.

According to the drawing-lots, host Viet Nam, Indonesia, Myanmar, the Philippines, and Timor-Leste fall in Group A, and Group B saw Thailand,

Malaysia, Cambodia, Singapore and Laos.

The Myanmar squad is training with 31 preliminary players ahead of the SEA Games and is headed by Bulgarian Popov. — Ko Nyi Lay/GNLM