

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Japan's State Minister for Foreign Affairs



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets Japan's State Minister for Foreign Affairs Ms. Toshiko Abe. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Japan's State Minister for Foreign Affairs Ms. Toshiko Abe at the Bayintnaung Guest Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, according to the Office of the Command-

er-in-Chief of Defense Services. During the meeting, they openly discussed matters related to Myanmar's peace process, problems in Rakhine State being solved by government and Tatmadaw, the conditions of opening door for peace,

Japan's assistance for Myanmar's local peace process and development, and assistance and equal rights to be given to the local ethnic people in Rakhine State. —MNA ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Ethnic excursion group visits Nay Pyi Taw



Ethnic excursion group observe Antique Curios (Konbaung) displayed at Defense Services Museum in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

WITH the aim of enhancing friendship and understanding among ethnic people, the Ministry of Border Affairs arranged the excursion programme for the ethnic people from remote areas to visit Nay Pyi Taw for four days from 15-18 January.

As a part of the excursion programme, a 150-member excursion group comprising 30

each from the Kokang Self-Administered Zone, Kayah State, Kayin State, Rakhine State and Chin State arrived in Nay Pyi Taw on January 14, 2019.

Under the arrangements of Department of Development for Border Areas and National Races, the ethnic excursion group visited Nay Pyi Taw Buddha Gaya Thatta Thattaha Maha Bawdi Pagoda, Depart-

ment of Agricultural Research, Yezin, Nay Pyi Taw, Yezin Dam and the Safari Park on 15 January. They then paid a visit to the Maha Setkya Yansi Pagoda and offered cash donation at the pagoda yesterday. They proceeded to the Mausoleum for Heroes (Nay Pyi Taw) and Defence Services Museum. —MNA ■ *(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)*

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee discusses Tax Administration Bill

THE Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's Joint Bill Committee held a meeting over the Tax Administration Bill sent by the Union Government at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D yesterday.

Present at the meeting were the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker, who is also Joint Bill Committee and Joint Public Accounts Committee Chairman U Tun Aung, also known as U Tun Tun Hein, deputy chairmen,

secretaries, joint secretary and committee members of Joint Bill Committee and Joint Public Accounts Committee, Deputy Ministers for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win and U Set Aung, Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission members, and officials from Union Attorney General's Office, and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office. —MNA ■

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Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw U Tun Tun Hein delivers a speech at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee meeting yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister U Thaung Tun meets with Japan's State Minister for Foreign Affairs

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun received State Minister for Foreign Affairs of Japan Mrs. Toshiko Abe yesterday at the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations.

Matters related to political and economic development,

bilateral economic, investment and technical cooperation were discussed.

The meeting was attended by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ambassador Mr. Ichiro Maruyama of the Japanese Embassy in Yangon. —MNA ■



Union Minister U Thaung Tun meets with Japan's State Minister for Foreign Affairs Ms. Toshiko Abe yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye receives Japan's State Minister for Foreign Affairs

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye received Japan's State Minister for Foreign Affairs Ms. Toshiko Abe at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to Japan's assistance for Rakhine

issue, works being carried out by six UN organizations in Rakhine State with the assistance by Japanese government, preparation for receiving displaced persons and reception programs in accord with the bilateral agreement with Bangladesh government, distributing fact-sheets

regarding the repatriation to camps in Bangladesh, social welfare activities for the disabled in cooperation with Japanese social organizations and plans for peace and stability in Rakhine State.—MNA ■

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Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye shakes hands with Japanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs Ms. Toshiko Abe in Nay Pyi Taw.

PHOTO: MNA



Japanese State Minister for Foreign Affairs Mrs. Toshiko Abe greets international students from Myanmar Language class at Yangon University of Foreign Languages in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

Japan's State Minister for Foreign Affairs visits YUFL

A delegation led by Japan's State Minister for Foreign Affairs Ms. Toshiko Abe visited the Yangon University of Foreign Languages (YUFL) on University Avenue Road in Yangon yesterday.

During the visit, the delegation met with YUFL's Rector Dr. Kyi Shwin, Pro-rector and lecturers at YUFL IR Office.

Afterwards, the delegation met with the fourth-year students of Japanese Language

class and international students from Myanmar Language class.

In the evening, the Japan's State Minister for Foreign Affairs and delegation departed from Yangon and were seen off by Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Ichiro Maruyama and officials at Yangon International Airport.—MNA ■

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Jade stone monument erected to commemorate 71st Anniversary of Kachin State Day

A large jade stone was erected as a monument for the 71st Anniversary of Kachin State Day in front of Myitkyina Airport at 9 am yesterday.

Chief Minister of Kachin State, Dr. Khet Aung, delivered opening remarks at the ceremony. He said erecting the monumental jade stone in front of the Myitkyina Airport intends to raise awareness of Kachin State's reputation as the land of jade and is a signature of Kachin State. He said domestic and foreign travellers entering and leaving the airport will be able to learn

about Myanmar's treasured jade and will give remembrance of Kachin state in conjunction with jade land for ever. He mentioned there are plans to erect more jade stone monuments in other locations. The Chief Minister then expressed his gratitude to the donor family for the jade memorial.

Next, the jade's donor, Dr. Banlun Duwa Bomyan explained about the donation.

Minister for Kachin State Road, Communication, Electricity and Industry U Win Nyunt, Minister for Kachin State Environment and Natural Resources

U H La Aung, Kachin State Minister for Development Affairs U Nay Win and officials opened the ceremony by cutting the ceremonial ribbon and Chief Minister Dr. Khet Aung and Donor Dr. Banlun Duwa Bomyan pressed a button to unveil the jade stone.

The Chief Minister awarded honorable certificate to Donor Dr. Banlun Duwa Bomyan. After the ceremony, the Chief Minister and local people pose for documentary photos with jade stone. The jade stone is weight:6.37 tons, height:8 feet and width-4 feet.—MNA ■ (Translated by M T A)



Kachin State Chief Minister Dr. Khet Aung and local people pose for documentary photo in front of jade stone to mark 71st Anniversary of Kachin State Day at Myitkyina Airport. **PHOTO: MNA**



Central Bank of Myanmar Governor U Kyaw Kyaw Maung meets with Senior Vice President of the New York Fed Mr. Mike Schetzel. **PHOTO: MNA**

Governor of CBM receives Senior Vice President of Federal Reserve Bank of New York

U KYAW KYAW MAUNG, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM), received a delegation led by Senior Vice President Mr. Mike Schetzel from the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, yesterday morning, at the Zabthuthiri Hall of the Central

Bank of Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they discussed matters relating to the money transfer process between Myanmar and foreign countries, facilitation process for international loans and

anti-money laundering compliance process that financial institution need to follow. Also present at the meeting were Deputy Governors of CBM and Directors-General. —MNA ■

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