

Myanmar-Philippines sign MoU on information sector cooperation

A ceremony to sign a memorandum of understanding (MoU) on information sector cooperation between Republic of the Union of Myanmar Ministry of Information and Philippines Presidential Communications Operations Office (PCOO) was held at the PCOO meeting hall yesterday afternoon. Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint and Philippines PCOO Secretary Jose Ruperto Martin M. Andanar signed and exchanged the MoU.

Later a Myanmar delega-

tion led by Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint met with Philippines PCOO Secretary Jose Ruperto Martin M. Andanar and high ranking officials and cordially discussed bilateral cooperation on media and information.

Present at the ceremony and meeting were Myanmar Ambassador to Philippines U Win Naing, PCOO Under-Secretaries Marvin R. Gatpayat, George A. Apacible and Loreaire T. Badoy and officials, it is learnt.—MNA
■ (Translated by Zaw Min)



Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint and Philippines PCOO Secretary Jose Ruperto Martin M. Andanar sign the memorandum of understanding (MoU) on information sector cooperation. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister discusses cleft lip and palate operation with Faces of Tomorrow



Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe holds talks with Faces of Tomorrow founder and Director Dr. Brian Rubinstein at the ministry's office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe received and discussed cleft lip and cleft palate operation with Faces of Tomorrow founder and director Dr. Brian Rubinstein and party at the ministry's office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting Dr. Brian Rubinstein and party said the Faces of Tomorrow was formed in 2007 and according to its theme "Brighter smiles for a brighter future" it had been conducting medical, surgical and follow up services to children with facial deformities around the world free of charge and explained about surgeries it had conducted together with Ministry of Health and Sports in Myanmar.

Union Minister Dr. Myint Htwe said much experience was

obtained by Myanmar dentists and dental surgeons when they conducted cleft lip and cleft palate operations with Faces of Tomorrow members. As the capabilities of the nurses from Face of Tomorrow were found to be very high, having nurses from state/regions participate in the surgeries will make them gain much experience. The ministry is making it a priority to raise the capacity of nurses and midwives and told of his desire for Faces of Tomorrow to conduct surgeries on cleft lips and cleft palates together with Myanmar surgeons and nurses so that Myanmar surgeons and nurses gain experience and expertise in cleft lip and palate surgery and other corrective surgeries.— MNA ■
(Translated by Zaw Min)



Journalists gather news from local people during their trip to Donethein temporary camp in Buthidaung Township in northern Rakhine State. **PHOTO: THET LWIN SOE (IPRD)**

Local, foreign journalists prerform media coverage in Buthidaung Tsp

A GROUP comprised of local and foreign media personnel from Tokyo Shinbum, The Mainichi Newspaper, Sankei Shimbum, Nippon TV, TBS, AFP, Wall Street Journal, MI Radio, MITV, MRTV and MNA, arrived at the Donethein temporary camp in Buthidaung Township, Rakhine State, where they observed the ground situations.

There are totaling 263 displaced people, including 43 ethnic households, at the Donethein temporary camp, where the media personnel collected news from them. They then proceeded to the Dabyuchaung Village, where they met with Muslim fam-

ilies. In the afternoon, the media group arrived back to Yangon by air from Sittway.

The media groups have been allowed access to Rakhine State one-time in 2016, eight times in 2017, six times in February, 2018, 15 times in the arrangement of the Advisory Board for Implementation of Recommendations on Rakhine State, making a total of 30 times media tours. The Committee for Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State has been making arrangements for conducting two guided media trips per month within 2018.—Myo Myint (MNA)
(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

Thura U Shwe Mann receives UN's Special Envoy on Myanmar, US Ambassador separately



Thura U Shwe Mann holds a meeting with US Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Scot Marciel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

CHAIRMAN of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission Thura U Shwe Mann separately received UN Secretary General's Special Envoy on Myanmar Ms. Christine Burgener yesterday 11:30 am and US Ambassador to Myanmar,

Mr. Scot Marciel at 2 pm on the same day at Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting with the Special Envoy on Myanmar, stability and development of the Rakhine State, right understanding by international communities for peace in

Myanmar and the rule of law were cordially discussed.

During the meeting with the US Ambassador, cooperation and developmental processes of the two countries were cordially discussed. —MNA
■ (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye receives Special Envoy of UNSG

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye received Ms. Christine Schraner Burgener, Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General on Myanmar, yesterday morning, at the Maykhalat Hall at the Minister's office in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they discussed matters relating to drawing up a strategy on closing down the internally displaced persons camps, preparing Fact-Sheet to give true information for the repatriation process, forming Pyithu Hluttaw committee to check the appeal and complaint letters, rendering humanitarian assistance to the people displaced by

AA attacks, the movements of Red Cross Association in cooperation with ICRC and IFRC, drawing up schemes by the committee on implementing the recommendations on Rakhine State for cooperation with related ministries, cooperation with AHA centre, attracting in-

vestments to Rakhine State, the status of amending the child rights law and formation of National Committee and work committees for Preventing Grave Violations against Children in Armed Conflicts. — MNA
(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)



Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye shakes hands with Ms. Christine Schraner Burgener. **PHOTO: MNA**

Foreign Banks Selection Board holds first meeting

THE Foreign Banks Selection Board of the Central Bank of Myanmar held its first meeting at the CBM in

Nay Pyi Taw yesterday to carry out its foreign banks selection processes.

The CBM will allow

further foreign banks to develop the country's economy and to strengthen the financial sector. —MNA

Trade with India in November up over 39%

BILATERAL trade between Myanmar and India topped US\$147 million in November, the second month of 2018-2019 fiscal year, with exports worth \$72.8 million and imports valued at \$74.5 million, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Compared with the same month in the previous FY, Myanmar-India trade has increased by \$41.6 million, or 39 per cent. In November 2017, bilateral trade between the countries was valued at \$105.7 million, with exports worth \$25.6 million and imports totalling \$80 million.

Myanmar conducts trade with India via both the sea and border routes. The two countries trade goods mainly through the Tamu and Reed border checkpoints.

In October, the first month of the 2018-19FY, bilateral trade totalled \$153.365 million.

Myanmar exports areca nuts, ginger, saffron, turmeric, bay leaves, fishery and forest products, and human hair to India. Its imports medicines, oil cakes, electronic products, motorbikes, cotton yarn, non-alloy steel and construction materials.

According to the ministry, trade with India reached its peak of \$1.9 billion in the 2016-2017FY. The figure dropped to \$1.47 billion in the 2017-2018FY.

During the 2018 mini-budget period (April and September), bilateral trade exceeded \$800 million, with \$292 million in exports and \$508 million in imports.

According to DICA, Indian investment in Myanmar during the mini-budget period was \$19.9 million. The country has seen no new investments from India in the current FY.—Swe Nyein

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

Myanmar's imports decline \$155 million in current fiscal

THE value of Myanmar's imports in the 2018-2019 fiscal year has exceeded US\$5.4 billion, a drop of nearly \$155 million from the corresponding period of the previous financial year, the Ministry of Commerce reported on Friday. Between 1 October and

18 January, Myanmar imported capital goods worth nearly \$1.8 billion, intermediate goods worth \$1.9 billion, consumer goods worth over \$1 billion, and CMP products worth \$673 million.

Apart from CMP products, imports of remain-

ing goods declined in the current FY. Compared with the same period in the previous FY, imports of capital goods declined by \$127 million, intermediate goods by \$79 million, and consumer products by \$83 million. During the period, the private sector import-

ed goods amounting to \$5 billion, a decline of \$197 million from the previous FY. In comparison, public sector imports rose by \$42.5 million from the previous fiscal year.—Shwe Khine ■

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

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M.V PACITA VOY. NO. (032 W/E)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V PACITA VOY. NO. (032 W/E) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26-01-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T/A.I.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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