

President U Win Myint accepts credentials from Hungarian Ambassador

MR. SZILVESZTER BUS, the newly-accredited Hungarian ambassador presented his credentials to President U Win Myint, in the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, Nay Pyi Taw at 10:45 am yesterday.

Present on the occasion were Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin and U Thant Sin, Director-General of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. —MNA

President U Win Myint receives the newly-accredited Hungarian Ambassador Mr. Szilveszter Bus at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



Launching ceremony for mushroom cultivation project to aid people living with disabilities in Ayeyawady Region

A CEREMONY launching the Home-based Mushroom Cultivation for Persons with Disabilities in Ayeyawady Region Project was held at M Gallery Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. The ceremony was attended by Union Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein and Dr. Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.

Speaking at the ceremony, Dr. Win Myat Aye said there are already laws in place that create opportunities for people living with disabilities (PLWDs) and protects them as well. He said this aids in stabilizing PLWDs' stance and development as part of the broader path to social coexistence, reconciliation, and peace.

The SWRR Minister said everyone needs to give a hand



UEC Chairman U Hla Thein and Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye pose for a documentary photo together with attendees at the mushroom cultivation project for PLWDs launching ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

in supporting PLWDs. He said support is not limited to monetary donations as it also encompasses education, healthcare, and social aspects and it is equally important to help them gain vocational skills. He said his ministry regu-

larly supports PLWDs across the country by collecting their names throughout the states and regions and conducting initial supportive measures.

The Union Minister said support from external organizations

are equally important, expressing his gratitude to Shwe Min Thar Foundation for supporting PLWDs from all avenues. He expressed his belief that the mushroom cultivation project organized by the foundation will effectively create job opportunities for PLWDs.

This project is organized by the Union government, APCD Foundation and Shwe Min Thar Foundation and was initiated on 29 May 2018, said the Union Minister. He said this project is a leading example for creating job opportunities for PLWDs and also energizes the Union government's performances.

This project will teach PLWDs how to cultivate mushrooms as a vocational skill for generating additional income. The project pe-

riod will take one year to facilitate the PLWDs to administer their mushroom cultivation on their own. The project will benefit a combined 132 PLWDs and their family members and the 8 mushroom farmers residing in the project area. He said the project will indirectly benefit about 700 PLWD family members as well.

This project will be implemented in the Ayeyawady Region's townships of Patheingyi, Yekyi, Danubyu, and Hinthada. The project aims to elevate the skills, capabilities, expertise, and financial management of PLWDs involved. It also aims to increase PLWDs' participation in the agricultural sector and their recognition as a valuable human resource in the economy. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Union Enterprise for Rakhine holds first meeting of the year

THE Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine State-UEHRD held its first meeting for this year at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

In his opening remarks at the meeting, Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye said UEHRD was making efforts for socio economic development in Rakhine State, stressing the important linkages among 10 Task Forces of the UEHRD while they were implementing the tasks for development in Rakhine State.

He added that to work for the

development in Rakhine State, the Rakhine State Peace, Stability and Development Committee, the Committee for Implementing Recommendations on Rakhine State and the Committee on Repatriation and Resettlement of Displaced People had already been formed. While working for development in Rakhine State with collective strength of Myanmar citizen at home and abroad and cooperation of friendly countries and organizations, the UEHRD needed to continue its efforts for getting more funds, said the Union Minister.

UEHRD has been spending its fund in conformity with the

financial rules and procedures as its accounts would be audited by the Office of the Union Auditor-General and an international audit firm, he added. The Union minister urged the meeting participants to explain about the UEHRD activities to all concerned as part its efforts for to get cooperation from the people, stakeholders and friendly countries.

Next, Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Tin, Vice Chairman-2 of UEHRD, and U Soe Aung, Secretary of UEHRD, discussed points that should be taken into consideration for international relations and operations of the



Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye addresses the UEHRD meeting 1/2019 held in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

UEHRD. Afterwards, U Zaw Than Thin, Joint Secretary of UEHRD, reported on the ground situation while U Toe Oung, Advisor to the Chairperson, Information and Communications Direc-

tor U Kyaw Myaing and Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin presented on the status of work done in their respective areas of responsibility. — MNA

(Translated by GNLM)

Work Coordination meeting for ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2025 held

“The fifth National Work Coordination meeting for ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2025” was held on 30 January 2019, at Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations in Nay Pyi Taw.

The meeting was chaired by U Thaung Tun, Union Min-

ister for Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and was attended by Deputy Ministers, Permanent Secretaries and representatives of Ministries concerned with implementation of ASEAN Economic Community 2025. — MNA ■



Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun attends the Work Coordination meeting for ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) 2025 in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

ICOE holds separate meetings with historian Dr. Thant Myint-U, MNHRC



ICOE Chairperson Ambassador Rosario Manalo meets with historian Dr. Thant Myint-U in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Independent Commission of Enquiry (ICOE), established as part of the Union Government's initiative for reconciliation, peace, stability, and development in Rakhine State, is holding its sixth meeting from 29 to 31 January at the Sedona Hotel in Yangon. During the second day of the meeting yesterday, a

delegation led by ICOE Chairperson Ambassador Rosario Manalo met with historian Dr. Thant Myint-U in the morning and Myanmar National Human Rights Commission Chairman U Win Mra and its members in the afternoon at the Sedona Hotel.—MNA ■ (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Ministry of Information distributes radios to villages in Rakhine State

MINISTRY of Information handed over 67,880 radios to the Rakhine State Government yesterday, so that they may distribute the radios to people living in remote areas in Rakhine State.

On behalf of the ministry, U Myint Htwe, Director-General of the Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV), handed over the radios to the Rakhine State Minister for Development Affairs, U Win Myint, at the office of the Rakhine State Government in Sittway at 9 am yesterday.

At the event, state minister U Win Myint delivered a speech, and MRTV Director-General U Myint Htwe explained the contribution of radios to villages in Rakhine State.

The MRTV broadcasts two radio programs in Myanmar and English and in 17 ethnic languages, including Rakhine language, from 5 am to 11 pm daily.

The MRTV also has 18 digital TV channels and there are 17 transmission stations for digital TV channels in Rakhine State.

The TV channel in Ra-

khine language broadcasts programmes of Rakhine traditional heritage and development.—Myo Myint, Maung Sein Lwin

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



Over 67,880 radios handed over by Ministry of Information to Rakhine State Government. **PHOTO MIN HTET**



Ethnic youth excursion group visits Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) station in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Ethnic youth excursion group continues tour of Nay Pyi Taw on third day

AN ethnic youth excursion group currently on a visit to Nay Pyi Taw from the border areas continued their tour of the city on the third day of their trip yesterday.

The group is in Nay Pyi Taw at the invitation of and under an arrangement with the Ministry for Border Affairs.

The youth excursion group yesterday visited the Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV)

offices with officials from the Department for Development of Border Areas and National Races.

Officials explained the processes involved in news editing and broadcasting at MRTV and the National Races Channel (NRC) to the group, and recorded traditional dances performed by the youth excursion group.

In the afternoon, the group

visited the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, the Pyithu Hluttaw, and the Amyotha Hluttaw, where officials showed them around parliamentary buildings.

Later, the group headed to the Uppatasanti Pagoda to pay their respects and donate cash.

In the evening, they visited the Nay Pyi Taw Water Fountain Garden.—MNA ■ (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)