Union Minister for Information receives EU trade delegation, EU Ambassador

UNION Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint received Mrs. Helena Koning, Deputy Director-General of the Directorate-General for Trade of the European Commission, and Deputy Managing Director Mrs. Paola Pampaloni, Ambassador of the European Union to Myanmar Mr. Kristian Schmidt, Deputy Head of Unit Ms. Alina Boiciuc, and Desk Officer Mr. Dirk Buda and party at Ministry of Information guest hall. The meeting was also attended by the Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun and officials.

During the meeting, the Union Minister, the Deputy Minister and the guests discussed press freedom in Myanmar, reviewing process of Ministry of Information for amending some laws related with media, and sending local and foreign media to be able to cover situation in Rakhine State.—MNA ■ *(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)*

Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint holds talks with EU Ambassador Mr. Kristian Schmidt and EU Trade delegation at the Ministry of Information yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Development of sports, physical education institutions discussed

A coordination meeting on development of Sports and Physical Science institutions and Myanmar sports was held at Ministry of Health and Sports meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon. At the meeting, Union Minister Dr. Myint Htwe spoke of reviewing the annual progress, achievements and effectiveness of sports and physical science institutions, quality of local and foreign coaches, adequacy of board and lodging of the trainees and monthly individual progress of the trainees and to make improvements.

The Union Minister also commented on the importance of conducting works according to outcomes reached at National Sport Seminar and for the ministry to arrange for job opportunities for those who graduate from the sports and physical science institutions. Officials from sports and physical science schools then explained about ongoing works and future works and permanent secretaries provided additional information where necessary. Next, Deputy Minister Dr. Mya Lay Sein explained about decisions made at the meeting and preparation work processes. —MNA ■ *(Translated by Zaw Min)*

Union Minister Dr. Myint Htwe attends the coordination meeting on development of sports and physical science institutions and sports in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Mon National Day's cultural ceremony held in Bago

A TRADITIONAL cultural ceremony in commemoration of the Mon national day was held at Shwe Mawdaw Pagoda Road in Bago on Tuesday night and Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Nai Thet Lwin attended the event. During the ceremony the chairperson of the ceremony delivered a speech on Mon National Day followed with a congratulatory speech delivered by Union Minister Nai Thet Lwin.

Next chairman of the central committee for holding Mon National Day delivered a speech followed by Chairman of the committee for holding Mon literature contest read a paper about Mon literature and culture.

Afterwards, winners of the Mon National Day's literature contest were awarded with prizes while donors for the contest were also presented certificates of honor. The ceremony was concluded with the Mon traditional dances and cultural entertainments.—MNA *(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)*

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KBZ Brighter Future Myanmar Foundation donates water bowsers to Chin State

IN commemoration of Chin National Day, KBZ Brighter Future Myanmar Foundation donated 4 new water bowsers at the Chin National Day ceremony held at Vum Thu Maung sports ground in Haka, Chin State on 20 February. The donation was received by State Minister for Development Affairs, Electricity and Industry, U Soe Htet.

With this recent donation, KBZ Brighter Future Myanmar Foundation, under the directions of its Chairperson Daw Nang Lang Kham, has now donated a total of 9 water bowsers to the Chin State government and local residents. In addition, the foundation also donated K1 billion in 2016 for implementing preventive measures against natural disasters and for funding regional development in Chin State.

Likewise, KBZ Brighter Future Myanmar Foundation donated over K 1,500 million to Chin State during the aftermath of 2015 floods, according to the foundation's information. —Maung Lu Hmu
(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

A representative of KBZ Brighter Future Myanmar Foundation hands over official documents for four water bowsers to U Soe Htet, Chin State Minister for Development Affairs, Electricity and Industry, during a ceremony at Chin National Day celebrations in Vum Thu Maung sports ground in Chin State. **PHOTO: MAUNG LU HMU**