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President U Win Myint shakes hands with Minister of Public Security Police Lt-Gen Vilay Larkhamfong in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

President U Win Myint receives LPDR delegation led by Minister of Public Security

President U Win Myint received a Lao People's Democratic Republic (LPDR) delegation led by Minister of Public Security Police Lt-Gen Vilay Larkhamfong at the Presidential palace envoys hall yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting increasing bilateral cooperation, cooperating in regional and international matters, cross border crime, illegal arms trade, anti-drug and anti-human trafficking works, bilateral cooperation in rule of law works along Mekong River, human resources development, two ministries of the two countries learning each other's languages, upgrading the Myanmar-Lao Friendship Bridge as a border gate and bilateral investment and trade matters were cordially and openly discussed and views exchanged.

The meeting was attended by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, U Min Thu and officials. — MNA ■

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with Japanese Special Envoy Mr. Yohei Sasakawa at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor receives Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Special Envoy of the Government of Japan

DAW Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Special Envoy of the Government of Japan for National Reconciliation in Myanmar and Chairman of the Nippon Foundation, at 4pm yesterday at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they cordially exchanged views on the matters pertaining to Japan's continued provision of constructive assistance for Rakhine State and peace and national reconciliation process of Myanmar.

During the visit, Mr. Yohei Sasakawa paid a visit to Sittwe and Maungtaw from 22nd to 24th March 2019 to provide necessary assistance to the Myanmar Government's efforts for the repatriation process.—MNA ■

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Implementation Central Committee for Permanent Residency holds coord meeting

Union Minister U Thein Swe attends the Implementation Central Committee (ICC) for Permanent Residency coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

IMPLEMENTATION Central Committee (ICC) for Permanent Residency coordination meeting was held at Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the meeting, Chairman of ICC for Permanent Residency Union Minister U Thein Swe explained about the numbers of foreigners reviewed, approved, certificates and cards issued to date from the time the preliminary application for Permanent Residency in Myanmar of foreigners were accepted in the country and at Myanmar embassies. The explanation also covers the applications reviewed and submitted by work committee that were to be re-assessed and approved at this meeting.

Next, ICC for Permanent Residency official explained about the steps of Permanent Residency work process and ICC members reviewed, assessed and provided recommendations for each application.

Afterwards, ICC for Permanent Residency Chairman Union Minister coordinated on the discussions and delivered a concluding speech to continue the steps of work process.

The Permanent Residency system in Myanmar was started in 29 January 2015 under four categories for experts, investors, former Myanmar nationals and foreigners who were related to nationals. In the day's meeting one expert, three investors and a total of 50 former Myanmar nationals and foreigners related to Myanmar nationals were assessed and approved and a personal interview will be arranged for them. The 50 former Myanmar national and foreigners related to Myanmar nationals include 21 former Myanmar nationals who applied through Myanmar embassies in Singapore and South Africa, 6 foreigners and 19 family members who were related to Myanmar nationals.

Earlier in the morning Union Minister U Thein Swe received United Nations Secretary General's Special Envoy on Myanmar Mrs. Christine Schraner Burgener at the minister's guest room and matters related to opening of camps to receive displaced persons; immediate and long term arrangements made for livelihoods of returnees; renewing the terms of MoU between the ministry and UNDP-UNHCR; works conducted according to priority to close IDP camps in Rakhine State, naturalization application process for returnees issued with NV cards and issuing of appropriate identification cards in accordance to supporting documents submitted were discussed. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Tatmadaw holds press conference in Nay Pyi Taw

The Tatmadaw held a press conference at the Defence Services Museum in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Present at the press conference were Tatmadaw True News Information Team Chairperson Maj-Gen Soe Naing Oo, Vice Chairperson Maj-Gen Tun Tun Nyi, secretary Brig-Gen Zaw Min Tun, high ranking Tatmadaw officers and local and foreign news media personnel.

At the press conference Maj-Gen Soe Naing Oo and Maj-Gen Tun Tun Nyi explained about the ceasefire status between the Tatmadaw and ethnic armed organizations, status of efforts made for the peace process, and peace and stability works conducted in Rakhine State. Questions raised by the news media were then answered by officials according to news released by Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. — MNA

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The Tatmadaw True News Team holds press-conference in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

Dress rehearsal of 74th Armed Forces Day Parade held in Nay Pyi Taw

Vice Senior General Soe Win inspecting the Tatmadaw columns during a dress rehearsal at Nay Pyi Taw parade ground in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

TATMADAW columns participating in the 74th Armed Forces Day Parade on 27 March conducted a dress rehearsal at the Nay Pyi Taw parade ground yesterday morning.

Anawrahta, Kyansittha, Bayintnaung, Aung Zeya, Sinbyushin, Bandoola and Myawady columns participated in the dress rehearsal. The Tatmadaw columns led by a Tatmadaw military band marched from the assembly point of Thittat Parade Ground to the parade ground while singing marching songs.

The dress rehearsal was observed by Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice Senior General Soe Win, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe and Lt-Gen Sein Win, Chief of General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Mya Tun Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Tin Aung San, Commander-in-Chief (Air Force) General Maung Maung Kyaw, senior officers from Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief's Office, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Maung Maung Aye, Armed Forces Day organizing committee chairman Nay Pyi Taw Command commander Maj-Gen Myint Maw and officials and Vice Senior General Soe Win gave advice and instructions to officials concerned to ensure proper coordination, according to news released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. — MNA

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