

Opening ceremony of Children's Literary Festival (Bago) held

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Even though the name was Children's Literary Festival, it was not a festival for the children alone but a literary festival. Books were on display and put on sale within and outside the hall. Children would be in touch with literature and books. Gift books and books purchased from the festival would be memorable for them. Not only would the children get in touch with literature and book but they would also be able to work together with others. The theme song was sung by 38 children and they need to practice together under the coaching of the teachers. They were taught how to sing together. Through this, they would get the habit of doing things together.

Children's Literary Festivals were usually held in the convocation hall of a university in the respective state/region/district/township/town. It was because the space was wide as well as enabling primary, middle and high school students to visit a university which they would not be able to do on their own. Children from the region who came to a university during the festival would get the idea of studying in universities later in their life.

Enthusiastic parents who



Former President U Htin Kyaw, wife Daw Su Su Lwin and Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint look at displayed books during the opening ceremony of Children's Literary Festival in Bago yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

were former university students of Mawlamyine University were seen to have supported a festival held in Mawlamyine University by constructing concrete floor in front of the hall where the festival was held. As a first time, more than 4,280 books were displayed at the 'All who can read should read' campaign held in Nay Pyi Taw. Some say people did not read much or literature was not much developed in our country. We do have some weaknesses but it was not true that we do not read much or books were not pub-

lished much. To show how many books were published for those who want to read, books published in 2018 were collected as much as possible and displayed.

At the festival held in Myitkyina University, literature enthusiasts not only held literature talks but also displayed books. They requested holding children's literature festival in other townships of Kachin State while pledging to support in any way possible and thus a children's literary festival was held in Putao. Putao was such a far off and remote place that

was difficult to travel and thus hard for books to reach but more than 4,200 books were displayed. Well-wishers, donors and enthusiasts asked not to take back the displayed books and pledged to provide donation for it. As we donated some books, they only needed to buy over 6 million worth of books only. The main point was to show the existence of such enthusiastic people. Through their cooperation the children's literary festival was held grandiosely.

In short, children's literary festivals were held with an aim

to develop children, make them outstanding and good to make the country's future bright. Those in attendance were requested to come together and help not only this festival but also for the development of literature, encouraging children to read and to spread knowledge.

Following the speeches students from Bago Region provided entertainment performances.

Later on behalf of the Bago Region government, Bago Region Chief Minister U Win Thein delivered a speech of appreciation and thanked the Ministry of Information; Union Ministers; departmental officials from region, district and townships; town elders; Bago University rector and faculties, students; especially officials from schools in Bago Region for their collective support and hard work towards holding the children's literature festival successfully.

Former President U Htin Kyaw and party then inspected the exhibits that were displayed in the festival. The Children's Literary Festival (Bago) will be held daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. from 28 to 30 March in Bago University and all those who were interested can participate, it is learnt. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Union Minister for International Cooperation hosts working lunch for Norwegian Minister of International Development

U KYAW TIN, Union Minister for International Cooperation hosted a working lunch to the delegation led by Mr. Dag-Inge Ulstein, Minister of International Development, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs on 28 March 2019 at the Kempin-

ski Hotel. During the luncheon, Ministers cordially exchanged views on matters pertaining to promotion of bilateral relations and cooperation between the two countries, latest developments in Rakhine State and establishment of Foreign Of-

fice Consultations mechanism between Myanmar and Norway. U Hla Kyaw, Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs were also present at the luncheon.—MNA



Norwegian Minister of International Development Mr. Dag-Inge Ulstein and his delegation attend a working lunch hosted by Union Minister U Kyaw Tin in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister U Kyaw Tin accepts credentials from Resident Representative of UNDP



UNION MINISTER for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin received Mr. Peter Batchelor, the newly-appointed Resident Representative of UNDP for Myanmar at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. During the occasion, Mr. Peter Batchelor presented his credentials to the Union Minister.

After the presentation of credentials, they exchanged views

on the progress of the cooperation between Myanmar and the UNDP in wide-ranging areas including peace and good governance, environmental management, rule of law, anti-corruption, and poverty reduction under the UNDP Country Programme to Myanmar (2018-2022) as well as the implementation of the ongoing projects in Rakhine State. —MNA

Union Minister U Han Zaw meets Indian Ambassador



Union Minister U Han Zaw meets with Indian Ambassador Mr. Saurabh Kumar in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Construction U Han Zaw met with Indian Ambassador to Myanmar, Mr. Saurabh Kumar at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. During the meeting, they cordially discussed cooperation plans between the two countries.—MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

Legal Translation Commission holds fourth meeting in Nay Pyi Taw

THE Fourth meeting of the Legal Translation Commission, with the Attorney General of the Union serving as Chairman, was held in the meeting hall of the Union Attorney General's Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.



Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo delivers the speech at the 4th meeting of the Legal Translation Commission. **PHOTO: MNA**

During the meeting, U Tun Tun Oo, Attorney General of the Union, said that according

to the commission's notification (1/2018), translations for nine laws were released. He also said that the translated versions into Myanmar are confirmed legally the same with the original versions so every parts of translation needs to be precise and get flawless.

The six laws already discussed at the third meeting to be released, another five laws to be confirmed in the fourth meeting and seven laws being translated to finish in time were focused by the Attorney-General. The meeting was attended by members of the Legal Translation Commission and invited guests. —MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

Children's literary festival opens in Bago

A children's literary festival was opened at the convocation hall of Bago University in Bago Region yesterday.



Children take part in the coloring contest in the Children's Literary Festival in Bago. **PHOTO: MNA**

The festival was alive with many contests.

A total of 303 primary school students and 154 middle school students competed paper folding contest while 366 students competed in the charade contest, 532 students competed in jigsaw contest, 322 students took part in the sample building contest, 420 middle school students plus 450 primary school students competed in the colour painting contest and 5814 students participated together in the team building game.—Wai Lyan

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye receives Norwegian Minister of International Development

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye, received Norwegian Minister of International Development, Mr. Dag-Inge Ulstein, at his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they discussed issues on social welfare, disaster management, rehabilitation processes along with cooperation with Norway, performances of committees

for social economic development and stability in Rakhine State, cooperation of the ASEAN countries and international in repatriation processes, processes to close internally displaced person (IDP) camps, national level strategy drawing, equality in gender plus development programs for women and agendas to cooperate with Norway.—MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye shakes hands with Norwegian Minister of International Development Mr. Dag-Inge Ulstein. **PHOTO: MNA**

Literary talk, workshop held in Bago

WITH the supervision of Ministry of Information, Ministry of Education and Bago Region Government, literary talks plus workshop was held at the children's literary festival in Bago yesterday morning.

In the literary talk, Writer Maung Cheint talked a topic named "Ko-di-yay-te-Diary". Similarly, Writer Khaing Chit

Aung (Bago) gave talk under the title "Yanayt Pwint Thaw Pann Kalay Myar".

After the literary talk, a workshop named "Pyinyar Sharthu Doet Waing Kuu" was conducted by U San Win, Nann Khin Mway (Zatthabin), Actor Min Nyi and Hanthar Soe Win (Zatthbin).—Ye Moe (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



Literary talk and workshop held at the children's literary festival in Bago yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**