

Channel K kicks off in Grand Launch

THE Grand Launch of Channel K was held at Mya Kyun Thar Park yesterday.

The event was formally opened by Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Yangon Region Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Lin Naing Myint, MRTV Director-General U Myint Htwe, Yangon City Development Committee Secretary Daw Hlaing Maw Oo, KMA Group of Companies Chairman U Khin Maung Aye, and other officials after they cut ceremonial ribbons.

The opening ceremony was started with a shadow theatre performance and video clip titled 'Shu maw thar yar Mya Kyun Thar' was played.

Dr. Pe Myint then delivered a speech. He said Ministry of Information is operating the state-run media and is also carrying out development of private media. The private media industry comprises of periodicals and TV channels. In the broadcast

media sector, only Shwe Than Lwin and Forever companies received permission in the time of the previous government administration.

The incumbent government took measures to grant permission to further private media and has given permission to five channels to be operated with the MRTV and DVB T-2 Multi-Channel Playout System.

He continued to say that as there were many business personnel to operate the TV channels but MRTV could provide only five new private TV channels, the MoI hired a company to select winners for the TV channels accordingly. He said there were 42 applicants and the selection committee chose five out of them after careful screening processes. The five TV channels are currently running, he said.

The Union Minister said Channel K tested its broadcasts and is now broadcasting full programmes. He expressed his delight for Channel K's progress.



Union Information Minister Dr. Pe Myint delivers a speech at the Grand Launch of Channel K. **PHOTO: MNA**

With emergence of TV channels, there would be competitions in the industry, he said, adding that some would enjoy success while some face challenges.

However, the competition conventionally drives improvement and development of quality TV programmes for the people in the future, he said.

Next, U Phyo Min Thein and U Khin Maung Aye delivered congratulatory speeches on Channel

K's launch.

The entertainment programme of the grand launch included a special presentation of Channel K's theme song by the brand ambassadors, a Thingyan performance by Myo Shwe Man Thar Lay Poe Chit theatre troupe, a performance on the changing film landscape by music bands and artistes, another Thingyan performance by U Myo Min theatre troupe, song perfor-

mances by Ni Ni Khin Zaw, Soe Pyae Thazin, Phyu Phyu Kyaw Thein and Sai Sai Kham Leng, and concluded with a rendition of 'Shwe Pyi Thingyan' by Yan Aung.

The Grand Launch event was attended by Hluttaw MPs, government departmental officials, artistes, invited guests, and media personnel. —Ye Kaung Nyunt, Zaw Gyi

(Translated by GNLM)

Most Sagaing travelers visiting Bat Caves, Forest Museum: official



Travelers visiting the Forest Museum in Zin Forest Reserve, Kanbalu Township. **PHOTO: WIN OO (ZAYYARDINE)**

MOST travelers visiting Sagaing region are heading to the Bat Caves and the Forest Museum in the Zin Forest Reserve, Kanbalu Township, according to an official with the bat caves and environmental awareness and resort center.

The Forest Museum has seven animals preserved through taxidermy, 10 types of animal parts and bones, photos

of animals inhabiting the forests in the region, and more than 50 species of wild animals.

"Among the many significant places of interest in the region, most of the travelers are frequenting the bat caves on their return trip from the Zalon Mountain in Bamauk Township. Thereafter, they are visiting the Forest Museum. Around 400 to 700 travelers visited the

Forest Museum per month in 2019," said the official with the bat caves and environmental awareness and resort center.

The center is located at Milepost 65 on the Shwebo-Myitkyina road, 5 miles and 2 furlongs far east of Zin village in Kanbalu Township.—Win Oo (Zayyardine)

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Myanmar, Bangladesh conduct coordinated riverine patrol

MYANMAR Border Police personnel led by acting Police Major Kyaw Win from Maungdaw Township, Area 5, No. 2 Border Police Company on board two vessels including Shark Fast Attack Boat 002 of vessel force (Maungdaw) and a Border Guards Bangladesh personnel led by Naib Subedar MD. Montu Mia of Nhilla BOP camp on board two motor launches con-

ducted a coordinated riverine patrol along the Naf River from the mouth of Sabeiyein creek at nautical mile 11 to the mouth of Pyuma creek at nautical mile 15 on the morning of 11 April.

After the coordinated patrol, the two parties had a discussion on board Shark Fast Attack Boat, according to news provided by Myanmar Police Force. —MNA



Border guard personnel of Myanmar and Bangladesh coordinate a naval patrol along the Naf River. **PHOTO: MPF**