

Rural water distribution facility commissioned in Rakhine

A water distribution pipe from Kanthaya Dam was inaugurated at Kanthaya Village in Gwa Township yesterday, with an address delivered by Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu.

The facility was jointly built by Rakhine State Government and UNDP-Myanmar with the aid provided by the Japanese government.

Japanese Embassy Counselor in Myanmar Mr Kazuyuki Takimi and Peter Batchelor, UNDP Resident Representative for Myanmar, also gave speeches.

Techno Roys Engineering Co., Ltd transferred the water distribution facility to Rural Road Development Department.

Then the Chief Minister and his cabinet members and donors formally launched the water distribution system, which supply potable water to a station hospital and four villages from the dam.

Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu formally opened a village-to-village road in Taungup Township, Rakhine State, on 4 May.

The 3.5-mile long and 20 feet wide earth road was jointly built by Rakhine State Government



Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu poses for a group photo together with officials from UNDP Myanmar. **PHOTO: MNA**

and UNDP-Myanmar with the aid provided by the Japanese government. The Chief Minister also met with local people after the road opening ceremony.

At the ceremony the Chief Minister, Japanese Embassy Counselor in Myanmar Mr Kazuyuki Takimi and Peter Batchelor, UNDP Resident Representative for Myanmar, gave speeches.

Then Khaing Yaza Tun Company transferred the documents to Rural Road Development Department.

In the morning, the Chief Minister met local people at Gwaychaung village monastery in Thandwe Township. The township administrator explained the regional development undertakings in detail. Locals presented requirements for regional development. Officials fulfilled the requirements through coordinated efforts.

The Rakhine State government presented K 5 million for Gwaychaung Dam and K 1 million for the village library respectively. —MNA ■

Ministries to hold press conferences on third year of administration

THE Union Ministries will be holding separate press conferences on different days on their journey during the third year of the civilian government's administration. The press conferences will all be held at Office No. 7 at the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw.

The schedule for the press conferences is as follows:

1. The Ministry of Electricity and Energy, Ministry of Border Affairs, and the Office of the Union Auditor-General on 9 May.
2. The Ministry of Transport and Communications, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, and the Ministry of Industry on 13 May.
3. The Ministry of Ethnic Affairs, Ministry of Education, and Nay Pyi Taw Council on 15 May.
4. The Ministry of the Office of the Union Government, Ministry of Construction, and the Central Bank of Myanmar on 17 May.
5. The Ministry of Information, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, and the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism on 21 May.

6. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of International Cooperation, Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor, Office of the Union Attorney-General, and the Union Civil Service Board on 23 May.

7. The Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence, and the Ministry of Health and Sports on 27 May.

8. The Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Ministry of Commerce, and the Ministry of Planning and Finance on 29 May.

9. The Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation on 31 May.

All domestic and foreign media agencies wishing to attend the press conferences can register by sending their name, agency, and contact information to e-mail of the Sub-department of Domestic/Foreign Relations and Information at ir.pso.moi2015@gmail.com. —MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Nay Pyi Taw commemorates 73rd National Fire Service Day



The 73rd National Fire Service Day ceremony being convened in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Nay Pyi Taw Council Fire Brigade celebrated the 73rd National Fire Service Day at the premises of Uppatasanti Pagoda in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Attending the ceremony were Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr. Myo Aung and wife Daw Khin Saw Mu, Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Maw, members of the Nay Pyi Taw Council, Hluttaw repre-

sentatives, department officials from the subnational level, firefighters and other officials.

Firstly, attendees saluted the State Flag and the fallen firefighters, and then recited the four oaths.

The Nay Pyi Taw Council Chair then delivered a speech.

Next, the firefighters demonstrated how to extinguish a fire at a gas station and how

to save people trapped in vehicles in a car accident and extinguishing the flames. The Hazmat Vehicle Respond Team demonstrated how to reduce danger at a leakage of sulfuric acid, the CBRNE rescue procedure, and then sprayed coloured water.

The ceremony then began the awarding event with Dr. Myo Aung conferring cash prizes and honorary certificates to the male firefighters who took part in the parade and demonstrations, Daw Khin Saw Mu conferring the awards on the female firefighters participants, and Maj-Gen Myint Maw conferring awards on reserve firefighters with over 25 years of service and those who have received the Model Civil Servant Award.

Afterwards, Dr. Myo Aung and his wife, Maj-Gen Myint Maw and officials observed the exhibits on display. —MNA ■ (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Australia's Foreign Affairs Deputy Secretary arrives in Myanmar

Mr. Richard Maude, Deputy Secretary of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, and his delegation landed in Yangon yesterday to attend the 3rd Coordination Meeting between the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar-Australia, which will be

held in Nay Pyi Taw on 7 May.

The Deputy Secretary and delegation were welcomed by officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Australian Ambassador Ms. Andrea Marie Faulkner at the Yangon International Airport. —MNA ■ (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



Delegation led by Mr. Richard Maude, Deputy Secretary of the Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade arrives at the Yangon International Airport yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**