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C-in-C of Defence Services honours maritime and aviation youths

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets with maritime and aviation youths at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE C-IN-C OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing met with maritime and aviation youths at Zeyathiri Beikman in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the meeting, the Senior General called upon the youths to work hard to become good citizens and make all efforts to repay the gratitude of the State, as they continue to develop themselves.

"As you were born and grew up in this country, you have to prove that you are good citizens of the country. In so doing, you have to work with a constructive attitude, instead of a destructive attitude," said the Senior General. Youths will have to shoulder the duties of the State and the people while walking on the long journey of life as they move forward, he said.

Youths should make the best use of their young ages, as they are mentally and physically strong. At the ceremony, the Senior General presented gifts to the young trainees, who returned gifts to him as a token of their respect. On behalf of the trainees, Ma Myat Nandar Htwe and Ma Hnin Thazin spoke words of thanks.

Before the event, the maritime and aviation youths viewed weapons produced by the Tatmadaw, different designs of costumes worn by Tatmadawmen (Army, Navy and Air), communication devices produced by the Tatmadaw, scale models of warships produced by the Tatmadaw (Navy), naval equipment, scale models of helicopters, costumes and equipment used by pilots displayed in Zeyathiri Beikman, and flight simulators. Then the officials replied to questions. In the evening, the trainees visited the Defence Services Museum in Nay Pyi Taw and studied the Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) exhibits and were led through the exhibits by officials, according to the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. —MNA ■

Union Minister promises housing for Rakhine IDPs before monsoon

A HIGH level meeting on locating the internally displaced persons (IDPs) of Rakhine State in safe housing before the arrival of monsoons was held yesterday in Sittway, the state's capital.

At the meeting, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye said, "The rule of law and socio-economic progress are the Government's highest priority programs for Rakhine State.

"The relevant ministries, committees and organizations, and the public, are joining hands to enforce the rule of law in Rakhine State," he pointed out, adding, "The socio-economic progress of the state is the most focused program of the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine State (UEHRD), the related ministries, social organizations, NGOs, INGOs, entrepreneurs and the people."

The Union Minister also explained his ministry's role in fulfilling the needs to ensure equality among the peoples of Myanmar, and reforms whose priority was based on the degree of requirements. "Because of its volume of requirements, Rakhine State is included in the priority list," he added.

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"We are a government body that is responsible for looking after the vulnerable and victims, and we are here to assist the people who were driven away from their homes by the recent armed conflicts," he noted.

"It is the fourth time we come here for this purpose. During the past three visits, the ministry provided rice, clothing and household items for the victims of the conflicts. Moreover, over K 900 million were channeled through the UEHRD for the victims.

"The Government is striving for the development of the whole Rakhine State and ensuring the rule of law. Additionally, it is seeking out the means for making the state a conflict-free area. Currently, the government is participating in its mission to provide a safe shelter for the victims of the conflicts."

The Union Minister called for collective efforts of all relevant departments, organizations and persons.

In his discussions, U Nyi Pu, the Chief Minister of Rakhine State, elaborated on providing for the needs of the IDPs, the program to provide shelter for them before the onset of monsoons, and the responsibility and involvement of the departments.

After a presentation, made by director of Rakhine State Government on the temporary shelter for the IDPs, Deputy Minister U Soe Aung, cabinet members of Rakhine State, and officials took part in the discussions. The Union Minister and the Chief Minister joined in the discussions.

Accompanied by the Chief Minister and officials, the Union Minister paid respects to the Sayadaw of Amyotha monastery in Sittway. They also visited the IPDs of Yathedaung and Buthidaung townships. —MNA ■

(Translated by TMT)

Dr. Win Myat Aye visits the IDP camp in Rakhine State yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Deputy Information Minister inspects MoI staff housing in Nay Pyi Taw

Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun looking around the housing for staff yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

U Aung Hla Tun, the Deputy Minister for Information, inspected the healthy and happy living conditions of Ministry of Information staff at their housing yesterday. The Deputy Minister looked around Thazin 1, Thazin 3, Thazing 6 and Thapyay 3 of Gant Gaw Housing, the directors' residences, 1,000 acres, Bu Kwe Housing (men's), Kha Yay Housing and Thapyay Taung (men's and women's).

He inspected building renovations, cleaning, water, electricity, toilet and drainage systems and the security of the housings. He then listened to the staff's reports and gave instructions as necessary. —MNA (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo) ■

Explosion in coal mine injures six in Kalaywa

Six miners including one Chinese national injured in an explosion at a coal mine in Kalaywa Towship yesterday.

The blast occurred due to accumulation ethane gas in the mine when dynamite was used to blow up the rocks in the mine at 5 pm yesterday. Of the injured, Mr, Cao Southtuan, the Chinese national, and U Maung Kyaw were in critical condition and taken to hospital. The remaining injured are identified as U Soe Aung, 38, Myo Thant Tun, 23, Myo Khant, 35, and Pyai Phyo Aung, 18. The mine is jointly operated by the Myanma Economic Holdings and Htoo Han Thit Coal Company.—IPRD ■

Constitutional Tribunal delegation returns from forum in Russia

The delegation of the Constitutional Tribunal of Myanmar, led by member U Khin Maung Cho, who were in St. Petersburg, Russia, returned to Yangon on the evening of 17 May.

The delegation was attending the 9th St. Petersburg International Legal Forum from 14 to 17 May upon the invitation of the Chairman of the Constitutional Court of the Russia Federation and Russia's Justice Minister.

They were welcomed by officials from the Constitutional Tribunal of the Myanmar and the Russian Embassy in Myanmar at Yangon International Airport. —MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

The delegation of the Constitutional Tribunal of Myanmar, led by member U Khin Maung Cho poses for a documentary photo after attending the 9th St. Petersburg International Legal Forum from 14 to 17 May. **PHOTO: MNA**

Seek out ministries' assistance to display significant developments through photography: Union Minister

HUNDREDS of photographers are participating in a photo contest organized by the Ministry of Information, and assisted by the Myanmar Photographer Association. "The participation of relevant ministries should be sought out to reflect the significant developments of Myanmar through photography," suggested Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint, during his meeting with the judges for the photo contest in Yangon yesterday.

Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint observes the preview of the colour photo contest in Yangon yesterday .
PHOTO : MNA

Judges of the colour photo contest, held under the motto "Cheerful Ethnic Traditional Festival", reported to the Union Minister on the aim of the contest, the judging process and criteria, the increase in prize money and the awards ceremony. The Union Minister then observed a sample of 100 photos from among the entries. As regards the appraisal of the photos, Deputy Director General of Information and Public Relations Department Daw Thida Tin said, "Cheerful Ethnic Traditional Festival" is the first photo contest of its kind in the country. Actually, it is a documentary about Myanmar ethnics and observing their traditional festivals. The panel of judges has ten members – three from the Ministry of Information and seven from the Myanmar Photographer Association (MPA). The judges have selected photos based on their power to express the happiness and seriousness of the ethnic peoples in holding their traditional festivals, or the amity between the ethnic peoples or the whole picture of the festivals, for the awards. Eight awards, including the first, the second and the third prizes and the consolation prizes will be presented."

Regarding the contest, Bagyi Soe Moe, a film director and a member of the panel of judges, said, "I have been a judge at every photo contest held by the IPRD. This contest, in fact, is a collection of photos expressing the traditional festivals. As a judge, I have to check whether an entry reflects the motto, whether its lighting and print quality are good, and whether the pictures are clear. As there are judges, the photo that receives the highest marks will be the winner. On the whole, Myanmar photographers are becoming better than ever, and some of them have even won international awards. The Myanmar Photographer Association (MPA) is also conducting courses, and photography has become more and more popular among the youths." The IPRD of the Ministry of Information is joining hands with the MPA for the development of photography in Myanmar, holding annual competitions at various times of the year under various themes. The contest "Cheerful Ethnic Traditional Festival" aims at presenting photos that encourage ethnic amity and unity, through highlighting their traditions, cultures and customs. Ten judges are evaluating the 729 entries sent by 206 photographers. The awards ceremony will be in mid-June. Afterwards, the Union Minister attended talks on "New Ideas and New Writings", arranged by Myanmar Studies Group at the meeting hall of the Printing and Publishing Department, and took part in the open discussions, together with departmental officials, literati and artists, youth writers, and poets.—MNA

(Translated by TMT

UEHRD collaborates with international community, supported by ASEAN

ADVISOR to the Chairman of UEHRD committee, U Toe Aung said to media that Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development(UEHRD) project is gaining international collaboration and ASEAN countries support the work of it.

He said this after the UEHRD committee coordination meeting for Rakhine held at National Reconciliation and Peace Center (NRPC) on Shwe Li street, Yangon.

U Toe Aung said: "There has been international collaboration. ASEAN supports the way we are handling the problem and our work. They are going so far as establishing a University in Rakhine State to help us. As far as I know, the Secretary-General of ASEAN will come here. Which is why we are getting full ASEAN support." It was reported that they discussed strengthening the communication between UEHRD office in Yangon and the one in Nay Pyi Taw, and speeding up the project on which United Nation Development Program and Office of the United Nation High commissioner for Refugees

Dr. Aung Tun Thet.
PHOTO : POE HTAUNG

U Toe Aung.
PHOTO : POE HTAUNG

Daw Pyone Kay Thi Naing.
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are working in collaboration.

"UEHRD prioritizes humanitarian assistance, resettlement, and sustainable development. Only the people who cross the border to take refuge in another country come to mind when resettlement is mentioned, but this also includes displaced people who left their home and belongings because of the current affairs. The IDPs. We need to have them resettled too. This work mainly has to do with and focus on humanitarian assistance, resettlement, long-lasting end to conflicts, and development," said U Toe Aung.

Daw Pyone Kay Thi Naing, leader of the International Communication team of UEHRD and Pyithu Hluttaw representative for Kalaw Township, said that UEHRD has now formed an Outreach Working Group to let the public know about their work. They will also release and disseminate information to local and international news agencies.

Daw Pyone Kay Thi Naing said: "To inform local and international new agencies of our work, we will release and exchange information as necessary. Particularly informing the public of our wok in detail. It is one of our aims to let people know that UEHRD is operating in the right way."

The Union Government, public and private organizations, local NGOs and CSOs, affiliated countries, UN agencies and INGOs are all working together for the development in Rakhine state. The UEHRD was established on 17th October 2017 with State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi as its Chairperson.

To steer national-level projects, the UEHRD has formed working groups for construction and basic infrastructure, agriculture and livestock, industrial zone development, information and public relations, creating job opportunities and planning vocational training courses, health security, supporting microfinances, fundraising, developing tourism, and international relations.

UEHRD's Chief Coordinator, Dr. Aung Tun Thet, said: "There are two parts in UEHRD, namely committee which is government led and does national level project. To steer these there are 10 private sector task forces. We deal with business people a lot for the development. We try to get international investment. State Counsellor herself came to support the investment event in Rakhine state, held not long ago. We sign MoUs. Now there are plans to establish factories in Sittway. There are varieties of plan for MraukU too. This is development. In resettlement, there has been two welcoming camps and one resettlement camp since UEHRD was established. They are all ready. They just have to come back. There are matters we are taking with Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement". UEHRD Committee Vice Chairman 1 Dr. Win Myat Aye, who is also Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief, and Resettlement, committee members and members of outreach working Group attended the event.
—Ye Kaung Nyunt *(Translated by Alphonsus)*

Implementation status of UEHRD activities discussed

Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD) held a work coordination meeting at the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre (NRPC) in Yangon yesterday morning.

Vice Chairman (1) of the UEHRD, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, Dr. Win Myint Aye discussed the implementation status of UEHRD activities with UEHRD committee members and members of the OWG – Outreach Working Group.

Speaking at this coordination meeting, Dr. Win Myat Aye said public and private organizations, local NGOs and CSOs, friendly partner countries, UN agencies and INGOs were all working together under the leadership of the Union government to provide effective humanitarian assistance, resettlement and rehabilitation assistance.

They were also working on development of the region and long term peace and security and an end to conflicts. In bringing about development, peace and security of the region rule of law played a vital role and it was important for the different organizations to communicate and work with each other as this was a team effort. Communications between the Yangon UEHRD office and the one in Nay Pyi Taw, in particular, was very important.

He then said youth must not be left out in UEHRD activities. A youth policy has already been drawn up by Myanmar youths themselves. Different strategies to tackle conflicts in different regions/states have been drawn up. There were youths who wished to contribute their time and labour in Rakhine State. UEHRD selected these youths through online applications and provided them training before sending them to the field. This has been a success as they did well on the ground. This was why he wanted to revive the UEHRD youth volunteer program.

Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye pose for a documentary photo with officials at the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine State yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

On the part of ASEAN, they have initially conducted several assessments on the efforts concerning welcoming back displaced persons and were preparing to conduct better and more comprehensive assessments. UEHRD would be working with ASEAN. Afterwards, Dr. Win Myat Aye met with members of the OWG – Outreach Working Group of the UEHRD. They discussed countering rumors and false news spread on social media and other means of communicating and informing the public and the world of the genuine developments on the ground.—MNA ■

(Translated by Alphonsus)

Nay Pyi Taw observes International Museum Day

Director-General U Kyaw Oo Lwin of the Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library delivers the speech during the International Museum Day celebration in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

NAY Pyi Taw hosted the International Museum Day (IMD), with its global theme "Museums as Culture Hubs; the Future of Tradition" yesterday morning.

Organized on 18 May each year or around this date, the objective of the International Museum Day (IMD) is to raise awareness of the fact that, "Museums are an important means of cultural exchange, enrichment of cultures and development of mutual understanding, cooperation and peace among peoples."

At the IMD held at the National Museum in the capital city, Director-General U Kyaw Oo Lwin of the Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library, pointed out that museums were responsible for preserving and protecting heritage of human race and preventing illicit trafficking of artifacts, especially the age-old objects.

"Additionally, museums in Myanmar need innovative ideas in arranging systematic and attractive displays, while applying the collecting methods that are within the legal framework," he noted.

All around the world, more and more museums participate in International Museum Day. Last year, more than 37,000 museums participated in the event in about 158 countries and territories.

"Since its establishment in 1946, the International Council of Museums (ICOM) has been combating the illegal ancient antiques trade, apart from enhancing its Museum Emergency Program (MEP) which is carrying out the work of shielding the artifacts against human and natural hazards," the director general explained.

"MEP is also cooperating with the International Council of the Blue Shield (ICBS," he added.

Deputy Director of the department Dr Thein Lwin explained the salient points of IMD. Organized in cooperation with the British Council, the IMD in Nay Pyi Taw includes roundtable talks and paper reading sessions. It continues till 20 May. —Aye Aye Thant ■

(Translated by TMT)

Film equipment donated to Film Development Centre

MOVIE filming equipment and other related items were donated to the Film Development Centre in a ceremony held at the centre in Bahan Township yesterday.

Firstly, U Aung Tin Tun, Chief Director of FORMER MWTV, handed over five laptop computers. Myat Pan Taw Win then handed over studio props and Mya Zaw Film handed over the black and white motion pictures 'Ja-pu' and "Wine-gyi-pat-pat Du-way-way'. U Ye Naing, Director-General for the Information and Public Relations Department, accepted the donations and handed back honorary certificates in return.

The Film Development Centre was opened on 21 July 2018 and is located at No. 50, Shwe Taung Gyar Road, Bahan Township, Yangon. It holds classes on film development and seminars every week.

Officials are systematically accepting donations of equipment for conducting classes, books and CDs for its library, films and related items for opening a movie museum, and filming equipment and other related items for use in its studios.—MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

U Ye Naing, Director-General for the Information and Public Relations Department (L), accepts the filming equipment. **PHOTO : MNA**