

‘Myanmar Day’ event takes place in Beijing

UNION MINISTER for Commerce Dr Than Myint observed ‘Myanmar Day’ event at International Horticulture Expo 2019 held in Beijing, capital of People’s Republic of China, on 4 August.

The event kicked off with the national anthems of Myanmar and China at the International Horticulture Expo Guirul Theater at 9:30 am local time.

Union Minister Dr Than Myint and Deputy Commissioner General Mr Zhao Liangping of the expo made the opening remarks of the event.

Artists from Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture of Myanmar performed with traditional dances to the audience. The event was attended by officials and representatives of respective associations of Myanmar and China.

In the afternoon, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thit

Lin Ohn, Permanent Secretary U Aung Soe and Executive Director of the China-ASEAN Business Council Mr Xu Ningning attended the meeting at the Ocean Spring Hotel, Beijing in the afternoon, to discuss promotion of Myanmar exports to China.

Director Dr Zhao Yifang, General Administrations of Customs of China (GACC), explained rules and procedures in exporting agricultural and fishery products to China. Myanmar and Chinese businesspersons attended the meeting and discussed for possible trades.

Union Minister Dr Than Myint visited Chinese Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM), and discussed with its Deputy Minister about bilateral trade promotion, establishment of border trade zones and export of Myanmar fruits to China.



Union Minister for Commerce Dr Than Myint observes ‘Myanmar Day’ event at International Horticulture Expo 2019 in Beijing, China. **PHOTO: MNA**

The Union Minister also met with Vice President of China Oil & Food Cooperation Co, Ltd (COFCO), and discussed about purchasing 0.1 million tons of

Myanmar rice that was agreed between Myanmar Rice Federation and COFCO.

Dr Than Myint also held talks with the President of CITIC

Construction Co, Ltd. to export Myanmar agricultural products and Chinese investment in agricultural sector. — MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Innwa Bank opens new branch in Mandalay

INNWA BANK LTD. formally opened their 61st branch at Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Region, with a ceremony yesterday.

Firstly, the Managing Director and officials of Innwa Bank cut ceremonial ribbons and the Commander of Central Command, Maj-Gen Kyaw Swa Lin, unveiled the bank’s signboard. The officials then inspected the interior of the bank.

Innwa Bank offers 9 per cent interest rates on savings

accounts and up to 10 per cent on fixed deposit accounts, depending on the account owner’s choice. The bank also gives out loan capitals for aspiring entrepreneurs. —GNLM

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Maj-Gen Kyaw Swa Lin and officials open the signboard Innwa bank’s new branch in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay. **PHOTO: MNA**



AA training camp in Yathedaung captured

THE security forces discovered a training camp of the AA in Yathedaung Township during a security patrol from 2 to 3 August. The forces captured the camp and seized equipment and other articles used in military training.

Around noon on 2 August, the security forces came upon the training camp, located about 2,000 metres west of Chayyardaw Village, and found six foxholes, one PT ground, and three huts, along with two sets of uniforms, 33 civilian clothes, 14 waterproof sheets, some shovels, eight swords, and one mobile phone.

The security forces contin-

ued their security operations the next day, and discovered 500 wooden training guns hidden by the AA in an area about

1,500 meters west of Chayyardaw Village. They also discovered six detonators, three containers filled with .5 shells, 13 huts, 60

shovels, 40 crowbar-like tools for digging, 50 swords, one mobile phone, food including rice, three bags of medicines, and utensils,

according to the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. —MNA

(Translated by TTN)



The confiscated objects retrieved from AA training camps uncovered in the vicinity of Chayyardaw Village, Yathedaung Township, Rakhine State between 2 to 3 August. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF DEFENCE SERVICES**



Let's not jump to conclusions in Rakhine

MYANMAR has shared information on arrangements made for prospective returnees from Bangladesh and implementing the recommendations made in the Preliminary Needs Assessment report at Cox's Bazar, said Union Minister U Kyaw Tin at the working dinner for the 52nd AMM in Bangkok, Thailand on 30 July.

For better or worse, the Rakhine situation is one of the most complex and challenging problems in Myanmar's modern history. The Union Government and the UN have formed their respective investigation commissions, and many more similar groups have contributed, to review the stability, rule of law, humanitarian assistance and repatriation status of Rakhine State.

The world has differing opinions on Myanmar concerning the situation in Rakhine State. On the one hand are countries who try to negatively put pressure on Myanmar with prejudice and on the other hand there are countries that offer constructive criticism and genuine support through these difficult times.

It is important to refrain from making the situation more complicated and avoid driving a wedge between the different organizations and communities.

The Union Government has promised the communities in Rakhine to implement stability, security and development to the best of its abilities. They have formed respective commissions to speed up the process. The Union Government is earnestly cooperating with the UN and ASEAN to create a conducive environment for potential returnees and addressing the root causes of the problem.

Myanmar's recent collaborations with ASEAN are not meant to replace UN's assistance. They are simply mutual support provided among regional neighbours.

The Rakhine situation is among one of the many challenges presented to the Union

Government as it puts in concentrated effort in Myanmar's democratic transition and journey towards peace, national reconciliation and development. The reason its garnering so much attention is due to the misguided portrayal by international media.

The Rakhine situation is extremely nuanced and complex with deep-rooted underlying reasons that date back decades in the past. It requires careful review and an open-minded approach to resolve it.

We must understand that it will take time and dedication to rebuild trust and instil harmony among the different communities of Rakhine and work towards achieving it together.

We welcome ASEAN's extended support for implementing sustainable development, rule of law, harmonious coexistence in Rakhine State and assisting Myanmar's government in realizing them.

Furthermore, we must continue working hand in hand with our neighbours and affiliated countries to resolve issues of peace, development and stability across the whole of Myanmar.



Myanmar sets 7 Aug as target date for Sat 2 launch

Interviewer: Nanda Win

THE Myanmar's very own Earth Observation Satellite, Myanmar Sat 2 or Intelsat 39, which is now in Ariane Space Launch Base in French Guiana in South America, will be launched at 2 am on 7 August Myanmar standard time, according to Information Technology and Cyber Security Department.

The initial launching date of Myanmar Sat 2 was on 24 July this year, but it was delayed due to the failure of an Italian-manufactured satellite that crashed only minutes after it was launched from the Ariane Space Station on 10 July.

Information Technology and Cyber Security Department and Intelsat company signed an agreement in connection with the Myanmar Sat 2 on 1 June 2018. Under the agreement, Maxar Technologies manufactured Myanmar Sat 2 at a cost of US\$ 155.7 million as its 52nd satellite.

Thanks to the Myanmar Sat 2, Myanmar's telecommunication operators will be able to offer high-speed rates while videos across Africa, Asia, Europe, the Middle East and Indian Ocean region can be downloaded quickly.

In this regard, we interview Chief Engineer U Win Aung of Information Technology and Cyber Security Department, about the



Chief Engineer U Win Aung, Information Technology and Cyber Security Department.

launching program in detail.

Q: Please explain the launching program of Earth Observation Satellite, Myanmar Sat 2 or Intelsat 39.

A: The satellite was manufactured by California-based Palo Alto, formally known as Space System Loral (SSL). It is now called Maxar Technologies. We placed an order of the satellite at the Maxar Technologies. After a thorough test, we sent it to the launch site.

We also made an order of the launch vehicle. Some produce the launch vehicle at the other place, and send it to the launch site. But in some cases the company



An illustration of the IS 39 carrying a Myanmar satellite 2 in orbit.

that runs the launch site is the manufacturer. So it transports the launch vehicle to its own launch site. Myanmar Sat 2 is a joint program with Intelsat Satellite Operator. We can name the Myanmar own part "Myanmar Sat 2." After a detailed test, we sent the satellite to the launch site. ArianeSpace, a French-owned company, builds Ariane 5 booster rockets, and blasts them off from its Ariane Space Launch Base in French Guiana, a French territory facing the Atlantic Ocean at the northern tip of South American Continent.

Q: As Myanmar Sat 2 will be launched soon, what are your

not finished then.

Q: So, what is the new liftoff date?

A: We hope that the launch vehicle can be taken-off at 4:30 pm local standard time on 6 August (2 am Myanmar standard time on 7 August) as the test procedure is complete.

Q: What kind of services will Myanmar Sat 2 provide?

A: Myanmar Sat 2 will allow improved and faster connectivity across the country, including in remote areas, where there are no fibre links or microwave links yet. It would also allow communications to be established quickly in case of a natural disaster, so photos, videos, and information can be shared, thereby, contributing significantly to the success

current operations in connection with aerospace industry?

A: We are currently leasing satellite channels from the US,

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China, Thailand, Viet Nam and Indonesia at an annual cost exceeding \$10 million. So, the cost is high.

Q: We have heard that the launching date of Myanmar Sat 2 was earmarked on 24 July. But later it was postponed. What is the cause?

A: Originally, the take off date of Intelsat 39 which included Myanmar Sat 2 was earmarked on 24 July. It was put off later because of the loss of a Vega rocket which was to launch a United Arab Emirates' low-orbiting earth observation satellite on 10 July. The rocket failed just minutes after the liftoff. So, we have to make sure everything is normal and functional. We targeted the liftoff date on 2 August. But it was delayed as the test procedure of the EDRSC-C, a co-passenger satellite, that will also be included in Intelsat 39 had

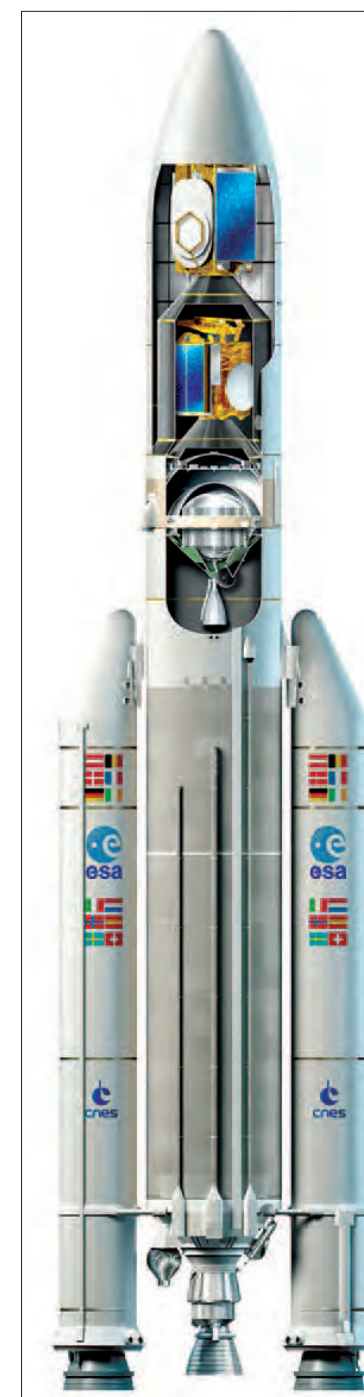
e-Health functions through the broader utilization of e-Application. Government ministries can also use an application that will serve the public interest more. If we are able to manage and operate our own satellite frequency, it would increase the nation's GDP from three percent to five percent.

We are going to post the liftoff from the Ariane Space Station, the arrival of the satellite in the orbit and all the latest developments on Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook.

The takeoff can also be watched live at www.arianespace.com or at youtube.com/Ariane-space.

Thank you.

(Translation: TMT)



Ariane 5 rocket launch on its mission to space.

Union Supreme Court sits to pass judgment, hear cases

Union Supreme Court sits at Union Supreme Court room number 1 yesterday morning with Chief Justice of the Union Supreme Court U Htun Htun Oo and all Un-

ion Supreme Court judges to pass judgments on five special civil appeal cases. It also heard 13 special civil appeal cases. — MNA
(Translated by Zaw Min)

U Myint Thu appointed as Ambassador of Myanmar to Japan

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Myint Thu, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Japan.— MNA

U Thuraing Thant Zin appointed as Ambassador of Myanmar to the Republic of Serbia

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Thuraing Thant Zin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to Japan, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Serbia.— MNA

Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their work to the Global New Light of Myanmar at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, in person, or by email to ce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Own name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.).— Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar

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