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U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation, received Mr Chen Hai, Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar, on 22 August 2019 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday.

During the courtesy Call, they discussed matters relating to promoting bilateral relations and cooperation, accelerating the implementation of Myanmar-China Border Economic Cooperation Zone under the Belt and Road Initiative, and recent developments in Rakhine State and Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

Regarding the Rakhine situation, Union Minister explained that the planned repatriation of the verified displaced persons scheduled for 22 August did not occur as no one was sent back from Bangladesh despite Myanmar's readiness.

With regard to the situation in Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Union Minister reiterated Myanmar's principled position of supporting "One China Policy" and "One Country Two Systems", and expressed his hope that the ongoing efforts for restoration of peace and stability,

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Ministers discuss repatriation failure of displaced persons with ASEAN representatives

MYANMAR experienced the second round of repatriation failure of displaced persons from Bangladesh as scheduled on 22 August 2019.

Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe and Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye, Deputy Minister for State Counsellor Office U Khin Maung Tin and Deputy Minister U Soe Aung and officials explained the unrealized repatriation programme at the headquarters of Rakhine State government in Sittway as they met with the personnel from the ASEAN Secretariat, the ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance on Disaster Management (AHA Centre), and the ASEAN-Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ASEAN-ERAT).

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar was informed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bangladesh on 19 August 2019 that the Government of Bangladesh has undertaken all necessary measures to smoothly conduct the repatriation of displaced persons from Bangladesh, which is scheduled to start on 22 August 2019.

In referring to this information, the Myanmar government invited ASEAN representatives to witness the repatriation pro-



Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye pose for the documentary photo together with ASEAN representatives in Sittway on 23 August 2019. **PHOTO: MNA**

gramme. Without hesitation, the bloc dispatched six representatives from Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, the ASEAN Secretariat and the AHA Centre.

These personnels were waiting to see the returnees on the scheduled date. But they found no returnees as expected.

Similar failures occurred on 15 November 2018 although Bangladeshi government officially informed Myanmar for readiness of reacceptance. After signing bilateral agreements for the repatriation programme, Myanmar has been

ready for this since 23 January 2018. There were some successful stories of repatriation since 1993.

The Union Ministers also expressed thanks for the visit of ASEAN representatives to the Reception Centre.

In the Preliminary Needs Assessment for Repatriation in Rakhine State, ASEAN suggested three potential areas of collaboration, namely: enhancing capacity of reception and transit centres; strengthening information dissemination; and support to the provision of basic services.

A technical working group

has been established with the representatives from ASEAN, the Office of the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD), and the relevant departments.

Mr Ky Anh Nguyen, Director of ASEAN Secretariat expressed thanks for the invitation of Myanmar to witness the repatriation programme, and reaffirmed readiness of the bloc to continue their support, and to implement recommendations in the Preliminary Needs Assessment for Repatriation in Rakhine State,

especially socio-economic developments and fundamental services in Rakhine State.

He also pledged to coordinate with ASEAN Plus 3 countries China, Japan and Korea.

He also confirmed that they have witnessed the preparedness of the Myanmar government for the repatriation programme, although Bangladesh side failed to realize it as informed.

He concluded the representatives see the tour was helpful as they could discuss the future helps. — MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Trade Dept introduces Myanmar Tradenet 2.0 in public workshop

THE Department of Trade introduced Myanmar Tradenet 2.0 during a workshop on E-trade Opportunities and Challenges in Myanmar at the UMFCCI in Yangon yesterday.

Myanmar Tradenet 2.0 will assist the National Single Window system and is scheduled to launch in early 2020. It will allow merchants to apply for import and export licenses, withdraw them and make payments from anywhere with an Internet connection.

The Assistant Director of the Information Technology Division, under the Trade Department, Daw Nwe Ni Win, said Myanmar Tradenet has been around for some time and this iteration is an upgrade.

She said the Ministry of Commerce began providing an online system for licensing processes and trade facilitation services in 2004 and has been upgrading their systems annually. She said



A workshop on E-trade Opportunities and Challenges in Myanmar in progress at the UMFCCI in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

it became fully online in 2016 and says if all relevant departments can work online, for providing verifications in some instances, then everything would be much smoother.

Before the workshop commenced, Trade Department Director-General U Min Min and

UMFCCI Vice President Dr Myo Thant delivered separate opening addresses and took a documentary photo with attendees. Daw Nwe Ni then explained the implementation of Myanmar Tradenet 2.0 in assisting the National Single Window System.

Next, the General-Secretary

of Myanmar Computer Federation, U Thaung Su Nyein, lead discussions on trade policies, regulations and challenges faced by merchants in trading. This was followed by a Q&A session with attendees. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



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Smooth repatriation demands adherence to bilateral agreement

MYANMAR officials were in a state of readiness at the reception and transit centres in Maunglaw, Rakhine State, on 22 August to carry out the most important task of repatriation under the bilateral agreement with Bangladesh. But, till sundown, no displaced person had returned.

For the repatriation, officials of the Rakhine State Government and the ERAT Team were waiting on the Myanmar side, while one representative from the Myanmar Embassy in Dhaka and officials from the Bangladeshi Foreign Ministry were stationed in Cox's Bazar, Bangladesh.

The smooth repatriation of displaced persons would require adherence to the bilateral agreement that the two countries have signed.

According to the news media, the main reason why displaced persons have not returned to Myanmar is that they face the threat of killing by ARSA terrorists, if they come back. Some displaced persons at the camps have fled because of the threats. Another reason is that the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) and the Bangladeshi authorities have been scrutinizing displaced persons to check if they want to return to Myanmar of their own volition.

Myanmar has made preparations to receive displaced persons from Rakhine, who are currently residing in Bangladesh, as part of a bilateral agreement with the neighbouring country.

For voluntary return, the displaced persons have to fill up forms first, and this is the procedure agreed upon by Myanmar and Bangladesh. But, carrying out this procedure close to the repatriation date has hampered the return of refugees.

The list of 3,450 displaced persons sent from Bangladesh, to be accepted by the Myanmar side on 22 August, came after the Myanmar authorities scrutinized the list of returnees to ensure they were not involved in terrorist attacks. Plans were made to accept 3,450 displaced persons in seven groups, and Myanmar had requested that 444 Hindus who are willing to return be included in the first group of returnees.

In a news report carried by Narinjara Media, a leader of the Hindu displaced persons has stated that Hindu displaced persons from the Kutupalong Camp want to return to Myanmar, but the Bangladeshi government has not given them any information regarding their return.

Myanmar has apprised Bangladesh of its willingness to expedite the repatriation of the 444 Hindus since 23 November, 2017. There have been repeated requests by Myanmar for their early repatriation. All these requests have been ignored.

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Enforcement of Laws

By Lokethar



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MINISTRIES of the Union Government, the State and Regional Governments and the various departments and organizations under them perform their functions in accordance with the Union Constitution and the Laws enacted by the Hluttaws. The departments and organizations under the various Ministries are responsible for enforcement of the laws they administer.

Law enforcement is a sub-system of society that promotes adherence to the law by discovering and punishing persons who violate rules and norms governing that society. To the layman, effective enforcement of the laws and rules by the concerned organs are an indication of good governance.

After the advent of the democratic Government in 2011, many old and outdated laws have been amended or repealed. Many new laws relevant to the present time have been enacted. Enforcement of laws may initially involve making known to the public the salient points of the laws through pub-

lic talks, the print media, the broadcast media, the Internet and so on. Once the public has been informed it is up to each and every person to abide by the law.

But of course as everyone knows, not every body abides by

every law every time. If someone can "get away" with breaking the law, others will follow lawsuit. It seems the attitude among most law breakers is "if the others can do it, so can I". If this kind of attitude and behaviour prevails among most

people for any length of time, it will lead in the extreme case, to breakdown of social norms of society.

Enforcement of the law is tied to the discovery of infringements followed by punitive action as needed. Naturally no

one who breaks the law likes to face prosecution in a court of law. However it is the only way to enforce compliance with the law. If breaking the law can initially be "nipped in the bud", through early discovery and necessary action there will be

less problems to tackle later.

Some laws require inspections of establishments or workplaces or locations to discover infringements of law relating to matters such as; illegal constructions, disregard for public safety and health, not granting due rights and privileges, non-compliance with prescribed procedures, non-compliance with prescribed standards and so on. Inspections and taking action also provide means of preventing unlawful acts and behaviours before they get out of hand. Inspections, if properly and faithfully conducted, can prevent further violations by the offender and serve as a signal to others to abide by the Laws and Rules.

Law enforcement, whether by individual "enforcers" or by multi-disciplinary groups comprising of persons with the required expertise and who are empowered by law to perform inspections, may also result in issuing of "warnings" to the law breaker to take remedial action regarding the "non-compliance" pointed out, within a stipulated period of time.

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A Catalyst for Promoting Traditional Medicine in Myanmar

By Dr Than Lwin Tun, Nay Nay Naing Yee, May Thazin, Honey Soe (Ministry of Health and Sports)

MYANMAR'S traditional medicine has been developed in keeping with our country's geographical nature, climate, traditional philosophies and beliefs, and daily traditions and it is our traditional heritage. Besides, Traditional Medicine (TM) has helped to make Myanmar people fit and healthy and intelligent all through our history.

(Excerpt of Message from President U Win Myint to 19th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference on 28th December, 2019)

The Ministry of Health and Sports (MOHS) in Myanmar is making every endeavor to promote traditional medicine from every aspect with the aim to provide medical care to the public. The MOHS is putting all the efforts into practicing traditional medicine handed down from successive eras as not only Experienced-Based Traditional Medicine but also Evidence-Based Traditional Medicine.

(Foreword of Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe from the book- Milestones of Traditional Medicine in Myanmar)

The Department of Traditional Medicine (DTM) is now accelerating its pace to enable every citizen to attain full life expectancy and enjoy longevity of life free from diseases. It is important to integrate traditional medicine into

the primary health care as 70% of the populations reside in the rural areas where traditional medicine is widely used. It is also in urgent need to raise the community's awareness on traditional medicine participating in the primary health care. So the MOHS launched the book entitled the Milestones of Traditional Medicine in Myanmar on 19, August, 2019. This is the very first event throughout the history of traditional medical field in Myanmar and the book has come out as a record within 41 years which will be a frame of reference for the new generation. The book is a compilation of milestones of traditional medicine for the following consecutive periods; era before Bagan, Bagan (AD 107 – 1298), Pinya and Sagaing (AD 1299 – 1364), Ava (AD 1365 – 1555), Taungu (AD 1556 – 1612), Nyaung Yan (AD 1613 – 1752), Kone Baung (AD 1753 – 1885), Colonial period (1886 – 1948), three periods after independence (1949 – 1961) (1962 – 1973) (1974 – 1988), Current situations of Traditional Medicine (1989 – 2019).

The DTM is gathering momentum to raise the community's awareness by appointing traditional medicine ambassadors for TM promotion in Myanmar. The two ambassadors are new generation of traditional medicine. Among the traditional medicine ambassadors, Thu Riya, male ambassador, is the fifth generation of Sein Bayat traditional medicine manufacturing company and

May Khin Hsu, female ambassador, is the third generation of Yoke Pyo Pharmaceuticals Co Ltd. The traditional medicine ambassadors expressed their gratitude and promised to take part in the activities collaborating with the Department of Traditional Medicine in the development of traditional medicine especially health literacy promotion in remote and hard-to-reach areas. The ambassadors suggested that new generation need innovative thinking without deviating fundamental principles in promoting traditional medicine.

The Union Minister, Deputy Minister, Permanent Secretaries attended this historic event and honored the Traditional Medicine Ambassadors. Union Minister encouraged the Traditional Medicine Ambassadors to promote health literacy and collaborate with the department and traditional medicine practitioners to raise awareness in remote and hard-to-reach areas. He also highlighted to explore records and milestones of traditional medicine by carrying out research based on the contents of the book (Milestones of Traditional Medicine in Myanmar).

In addition, the DTM is picking up speed to promote new thinking on innovation and access to traditional medicine on 19th August, 2019. So it is also believed that the Milestones of Traditional Medicine in Myanmar and Traditional Medicine



Traditional Medicine Ambassadors

Ambassadors will serve as a catalyst for promotion of traditional medicine in Myanmar.

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Appointment of Permanent Secretary

The Union Government has appointed U Soe Han, Director-General of the Political Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, concurrently as Permanent Secretary of the some ministry.



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Friday 23rd August, 2019)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is vigorous over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate to strong elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 24th August, 2019: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing Region and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavyfall in Magway Region and isolated heavyfalls in Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Southern Shan, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthy Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40)m.p.h. Sea will be moderate to rough elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (9 – 11) feet in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthy Coasts and about (6 – 9) feet off and along Rakhine Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Increase of rain in Bago Region, Kayin and Mon States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 24th August, 2019: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 24th August, 2019: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 24th August, 2019: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Yangon Regions.

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