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President U Win Myint receives outgoing Cambodian ambassador



President U Win Myint poses for a documentary photo together with outgoing Cambodian Ambassador Mr Sok Chea in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.
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PRESIDENT U Win Myint received Cambodian Ambassador Mr Sok Chea who has completed his tour of duty at the Presidential Palace in Nay

Pyi Taw yesterday. At the call, they exchanged views on promotion of friendly relations and closer cooperation in regional and interna-

tional issues. The meeting was also attended by Union Minister from the Office of the Union Government U Min Thu, Un-

ion Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin and officials.— MNA ■
(Translated by Aung Khin)

MIC okays six projects in real estate, livestock, farm sector

THE Myanmar Investment Commission approved six projects yesterday in the real estate, livestock and fisheries, and agriculture sectors, with investments amounting to US\$214.223 million and K25.733 billion. The projects will create 374 jobs for Myanmar citizens. The MIC granted its approval at a meeting (14/2019) held in Yangon. U Thaung Tun, the Chairman of the MIC, and 9 members attended the meeting. Between 1988 and the end of July, 2019, the MIC has permitted a total of 1,779 foreign enterprises from 50 countries to invest in 12 sectors, with a total pledged amount of \$81,249.193 million. Among them, Singapore, the People's Republic of China, and Thailand have emerged as Myanmar's leading investors. The oil and gas sector has enjoyed the largest share of investment, accounting for 27.59 per cent of the total foreign fund inflows, followed by the power sector (26.07 per cent), and the manufacturing sector (13.94 per cent).—MNA ■

Mediapersons visit Taung Pyo Letwe camp, meet locals in Maungtaw

A team of local and foreign journalists yesterday visited the Taung Pyo Letwe Reception Centre and met with local com-

munities in Maungtaw Township. During their visit to Taung Pyo Letwe, they interviewed the reception centre's in-charge U

Soe Tun. They also visited houses built for returnees in the Kye- inchaungtaung Village. In the afternoon, they head-

ed to Shwezar Village and met with local ethnic Rakhine people, Hindus, and Muslims residing there. The group included medi-

apersons from Courrier Japon, Nishinipon Shimbun, Nippon TV, VOA, BBC, MRTV, MITV, MIR, and MNA. **SEE PAGE-6**

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Corruption lawsuit taken against court staff in Htigyaing Township

THE Anti-Corruption Commission decided that an upper division clerk in Htigyaing Township court took a bribery to help a culprit in overturning a verdict of the court.

U Htay Win was found corrupted by getting K5. 66 million separately with pledging to throw out the court decision of two years imprisonment and hard labour handed down on the criminal who fought against the victim of the same village.

The clerk also enticed the culprit with appeal for changing court decision and getting compensation from the court.

The investigation has uncovered the clerk committed taking bribery, and that the Anti-Corruption Commission has filed the first information report under Article 57 of the Anti-Corruption Law at the police station of Htigyaing Township.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Chairman of the MIC Union Minister U Thaung Tun attends the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) meeting (14 / 2019) in Yangon on 30 August, 2019. PHOTO: MNA

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This is the 34th visit by mediapersons to Maungtaw. They have visited the township once in 2016, eight times in 2017, 20 times in 2018, and five times so far this year. —MNA ■



Journalists interview local ethnic Rakhine people, Hindus, and Muslims in Shwezar Village. PHOTO: MNA



Journalists visit houses for returnees in Kyeinchaungtaung Village. PHOTO: MNA

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Malaysia-Myanmar Connect 2019 takes place in Yangon

YANGON has abundant business opportunities for foreign investments despite some deficiencies in power supply, hygiene water distribution and efficient transportation, said Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein at the Malaysia-Myanmar Connect 2019 yesterday.

The event was jointly organized by the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and the Malaysia-Myanmar Business Chamber at Wyndhan Grand Yangon Hotel to improvement local and foreign investment in the city.

He also clarified enormous potentials for thriving on southwestern side of Yangon river, where the development programmes will be carried out after completing the construction of Dala bridge constructed by Korean loans to link with the hub of Yangon city.

U Phyo Min Thein also promoted the future plans for Yangon's new city project and special economic zones as the regional government has established the Yangon Project Bank to give assistance for investments.

The Yangon Project Bank covers 80 projects, and it conducted preliminary surveys by seeking advice from the Singapore-based PwC Myanmar firm in drawing sustainable development plan under the framework of the Union government.

At the event, Chairman of Malaysia-Myanmar Business Chamber Mr Gilbert Lee and Malaysian ambassador to Myanmar Mr Zahairi bin Baharim made opening remarks, followed by a video of Myanmar investment opportunities sent by Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun.

The topics on Myanmar economy and the project banks were discussed by a foreign economic expert on Myanmar and Deputy Minister for Industry Dr Min Ye Paing Hein.— MNA ■

(Translated by Aung Khin)



File photo shows an aerial view of Yangon City with high-rise buildings. PHOTO: MNA

VP U Myint Swe attends meeting on establishing satellite system

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Necessary tests and inspections were conducted on the satellite that was already in orbit and works were conducted to start utilizing it at the earliest by 15 October 2019. Many thanks were owed to the works of departments and organizations in achieving this success. Total cost of the satellite was US\$ 155.7 million and payments were made in installments. In this satellite, Myanmar would use 432 MHz C-band and 432 MHz Ku-band channels and the channels were to be used efficiently and effectively in education, health, human resources development and other sectors

required by the nation. Furthermore relevant ministries were to use the State-owned MyanmarSat-2 satellite and were urged to strive towards private sector users leasing and using it.

As Hokkaido University of Japan had proposed the third step of launching a Myanmar wholly owned satellite and relevant ministerial departments had also allocated budget for it, this step need to be implemented quickly.

Members of the Steering Committee,

Work Committee and Sub-Committees need to openly discuss future work processes, sectors where preparations were required, matters of co-

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operation, difficulties faced and suggest toward a having a successful Myanmar-owned satellite system, said the Vice President.

Next Steering Committee secretary Ministry of Transport and Communications

Permanent Secretary U Soe Thein explained about completion of decisions made at past meetings.

Afterwards, Steering committee members Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Sein Win, U Ohn Win, and U Soe Win, Union Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Ministers U Aung Hla Tun, U Tha Oo and U Win Maw Tun, chairmen and officials of four sub-committees explained, discussed and suggested on sector wise works conducted.

The Vice President gave advice and instructions based on suggestions and subject matters presented at the meeting. The meeting came

to a close after a concluding speech by the Vice President.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of the work committee on establishing satellite system Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung, steering committee members Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Sein Win, U Ohn Win, and U Soe Win, Union Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo, Deputy Ministers Maj-Gen Aung Thu, U Aung Hla Tun, U Tha Oo and U Win Maw Tun, chairmen and officials of four sub-committees, Permanent Secretaries, directors general, heads of department and officials.— MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Solar power to help supply drinking water in Salin Township

DRINKING water will be supplied at Banpyin village in Salin Township of Magway Region with the help of solar panels and solar water pumps.

The project is being jointly implemented by the public, the village, and the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund (UNICEF), said U Kyaw Zeya, the township head of the Rural Development Department. To obtain drinking water in the village, residents are digging four-inch tube wells and building a 5,000-gallon water storage tank tower at a cost of K11.279 million. The funds have been donated by the residents themselves. Water will be supplied in the village with the help of 32 80-watt solar panels,

solar water pumps, and pipelines donated by the UNICEF. Technical assistance for the project will be provided by engineers from the Rural Development Department.

Daw Nyunt Kyi, the Deputy Director of the Rural Development Department (Nay Pyi Taw), and officials on Thursday inspected the implementation of the drinking water supply project in Banpyin Village.

"Drinking water will be supplied with the help of solar systems to about 656 villagers from 157 households. People will having to pay K150 per unit," said U Bo Naing, the chairman of the village water supply committee.—Nyein Thu (Salin) (Translated by Hay Mar)



Rural Development Department staff members inspect the implementation of the drinking water supply system using solar PV arrays in Banpyin Village. PHOTO: NYEIN THU (SALIN)

Technical working group meets to implement ASEAN recommendations on repatriation programme



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye and attendees pose for a documentary photo at the technical working group meeting on Preliminary Needs Assessment (PNA) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

A TECHNICAL working group met yesterday for the first time to implement ASEAN recommendations in the Preliminary Needs Assessment (PNA) of the ASEAN-Emergency Response and Assessment Team (ASEAN-ERAT), which was approved in April this year.

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye presided over the collaboration meeting held at the meeting hall of his ministry in Nay Pyi Taw. The top agendas of the meeting were discussions of three recommendations of PNA to expand more repatriation centers and transit centre, to disseminate information and to support with the provision of basic services in Rakhine State.

The Union Minister explained the works of government for socio-economic development in Rakhine State even before 2016 conflicts. He also recog-

nized the crucial role of the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development participated by the government, the private sector and the whole community.

Dr Win Myat Aye assured the facilitation of Committee for Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State to carry out the suggestions of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State headed by former UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

The members of ASEAN-ERAT have visited Cox's Bazar in Bangladesh in the past, and they also reached to Taung Pyo Letwe Reception Centre on 22 August as the Bangladeshi government informed the repatriation of displaced persons to Myanmar on that day.

During the second session of the meeting, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung sug-

gested on the implementation of locally appropriate works in Rakhine State, followed by the presentations of Director of ASEAN Secretariat Mr Nguyen KyAnh, Deputy Executive Director at ASEAN Coordinating Centre for Humanitarian Assistance (AHA Centre) Mr Arnel Capili about the contribution of ASEAN in repatriation process, the works of PNA and capacity-building courses in the country. The relevant state departments discussed their possible assistance in this programme, and the Director General of the Department of Disaster Management facilitated the discussions.

The technical working group will draw a detailed plan to implement social-economic development plans in Rakhine State, to identify the required tasks and the differences and the proposed assistance of ASEAN.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)