

Yangon will become international level metropolitan

NAY PYI TAW, 23 March - At today's Pyithu Hluttaw session, U Hla Myint of Dawbon constituency asked the upgrading of roads in downtown areas of Yangon. In his response to question, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor U Aung Thein Lin said that hot mixed and hot roll systems are applied in repairing roads.

Road repair work can be done in the eight-month open season.

Roads are damaged during the four-month rainy season as moisture reduces the quality of tar. The Head of State gave guidance to build concrete roads in Yangon and to erect a cement factory at Pyinyaung in Thazi Township, Mandalay Region. A 500-ton capacity cement factory was commissioned on 29 April 2010. Priority has been given to earth and gravel roads, uptown areas and busy main roads. Cement laying will be carried out simultaneously in one ward each in all townships.

Test construction began in fiscal 2008-2009. Nine roads totaling 1.5 miles in length were built in 2008-2009; 208 totaling 41.13 miles in length in 2009-2010; 1919 up to March 17 in 2010-2011. A total of 797 are under construction.

The projected 2716 roads for 2010-2011 include 120 totalling 46.41 miles in Dagon Myothit (South) Township; 90 totalling 19.6 miles in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township; 64 totalling 16.87 miles in Dagon Myothit (North) Township; 93 totalling 33.91 miles in Dagon Myothit (East) Township; 206 totalling 27.87 miles in South Okkalapa Township; 115 totalling 17.75 miles in North Okkalapa Township; 115 totalling 22.47 miles in Thingangyun Township; three totalling 0.48 mile in Kyauktada Township; nine totalling 1.44 miles in Pabedan Township; four totalling 0.55 mile in Latha Township; three totalling 0.74 mile in Lanmadaw Township; seven totalling 1.14 miles in Dagon Township; 29 totalling 3.20 miles in Bahan Township; 46 totalling 2.89 miles in Sangyoung Township; five totalling 0.39 mile in Ahlon Township; 138 totalling 13.08 miles in Kyimyindine Township; 47 totalling 6.5 miles in Tamway Township; 48 totalling 5.28 miles in Mingala Taungnyunt Township; 15 totalling 1.39 miles in Pazundaung Township; seven totalling 0.88 mile in Botahtaung Township; 304 totalling 36.83 miles in Thakayta Township; 102 totalling 10.10 miles in Dawbon Township; 59 totalling 6.96 miles in Yankin Township; 25 totalling 7.20 miles in Seikkayi-Kanaungto Township; 143 totalling 39.07 miles in Dala Township; 26 totalling three miles in Kamayut Township; 47 totalling 5.37 miles in Hline Township; 147 totalling 24.24 miles in Mayangon Township; 108 totalling 25.76 miles in Insein Township; 128 totalling 44.55 miles in Mingaladon Township; 114 totalling 38.92 miles in Hlinethaya Township; 326 totalling 93.28 miles in Shwepyitha Township.

YCDC built over 2700 roads during this fiscal year, up 13 times from 208 in 2009-2010. It built 570.23 more miles. Thanks to six concrete mixers and 33 concrete carriers and 180 hand mixers, such a large number of roads can be built. YCDC laid 850 ft by 36 ft extra concrete layer on Yedashe street in Bahan Township; 4500 ft by 72 ft extra concrete layer on Thameinbayan street in Tamway Township; 2850 ft by 72 ft extra concrete layer on Kyaikkasan street in Tamway Township; 1600 ft by 60 ft extra concrete layer on Okponseik street in Mayangon Township; 6000 ft by 72 ft extra concrete layer on Laydauntkan street in Thingangyun Township; 2800 ft by 42 ft extra concrete layer on Hanthawady street in Kamayut Township; 1200 ft by 48 ft extra concrete layer on Banyadala street in Mingala Taungnyunt Township; 3100 ft by 44 ft extra concrete layer on Khineshwewa street in Kamayut

Township; 1700 ft by 72 repaved concrete layer on Botahtaung Market street in Botahtaung Township; 11800 ft by 48 ft extra concrete layer on Maungmakan Kantha street in Dagon Myothit (South) Township; 1400 ft by 48 ft extra concrete layer on Kamakya street in Thakayta Township. Roughly YCDC is using 6000 bags of cement for road works and 3000 for other development works. With that amount a road section 6000 ft long 12 ft wide and six inches thick can be built. According to list, there are 4773 earth roads (3435 in six new satellite towns) still left to build.

The benefits of the project are: emergence of allweather roads for all kinds of vehicles, facilitation of transport for Yangonites, ambulance cars, fire engines and health care activities.

Other related benefits are total eradication of dengue hemorrhagic fever in many townships, durability of roads, social development and security and public health and fitness as concrete roads are suitable for walking or jogging.

In addition to its greening, sanitation, health and public security measures, YCDC has been building durable cement roads for long-term benefit. The project will help improve social standard and develop the city into an international level metropolitan.

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