



Let's grow trees extensively for well-being of human society

Maung Swe Win (Bago)

The seasons are changing according to the regular cycle. People have to expedite the agricultural tasks more than ever in the rainy season especially in the period when the rainy season is in full swing for well-being of human society.

Myanmar launched its first tree planting festival on 27 June 1954. World Trees Planting Day is annually held on 17 June. We have to grow and nurture all suitable species of trees and plants in the most appropriate period of the rainy season. Growing trees yields a variety of benefits.

Various kinds of mottoes encouraging growing trees are seen in the forest reserves and protected forests of the Myanmar Forests Department across the nation. Trees can be categorized into five groups—cash crops, shade trees, fruit bearing trees, trees with edible plants, and landscaping plants. All species of trees make a significant contribution towards the well-being of the human society, so various species of trees are to be grown with the

use of advanced agricultural methods.

Trees contribute towards ensuring temperate climate. According to scientists, some parts of the world are facing climate changes due to global warming. They pointed out that it was due to the greenhouse effect contributed by industrialized countries along with alarming deforestation throughout the world. Deforestation is caused by indiscriminate logging, slash and burn practice, shifting cultivation, cutting trees for firewood and charcoal, setting up pastureland, urbanization, forest fires, and infection of insects to trees.

Deforestation is largely due to the negligence of people. In some countries, many species of trees are protected by law. Indeed, creatures and trees have to depend on each other. According to botanists, trees have much influence over oxygen and carbon dioxide; they maintain the moisture in the air by means of evaporation; and they keep a balance between oxygen and carbon dioxide in the

atmosphere.

Human beings and animals breathe in oxygen and breathe out carbon dioxide, while trees and plants breathe in carbon dioxide and breathe out oxygen. That is the natural process of harmonious existence between living beings and plants.

Plants give human beings not only crops for nutrition but also herbal medicines. Herbal plants and tubers and bulbs are used as ingredients of potent Myanmar traditional medicines. Global warming causes the gradual rise in temperature of the earth's atmosphere with an increase in deterioration of plants. In consequence, there has been an adverse effect on natural forests, home to wildlife, and a great many species of animals have become extinct.

Noticing the fact that people cut down trees indiscriminately for firewood, the government concerned is giving increasing encouragement to innovations to produce firewood-substitute briquettes, thereby conserving trees and forests.

Now, gradually important is the role trees play in coping with the fuel crisis that is rife around the world. And every government has to pay attention to development in extracting bio-fuel. Myanmar is now growing physic nut, sugarcane and tapioca to produce bio-diesel on a large scale.

All national people are urged to grow and nurture any species of trees on a small scale or on a commercial scale for greening and well-being of human society.

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Japan testing new "F2" fighter planes in N Marianas Islands

CANBERRA, 23 June — Japan is testing its new high-tech fighter planes in a joint exercise with US troops in the Northern Marianas Islands for the first time since the prototypes were made.

Japanese pilots have been testing the planes known as F2 in an uninhabited northernmost island of the Northern Marianas Islands, Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio reported Friday.

US Air Force Major Michael Tomasulo of the Andersen Air Force Base in Guam was quoted as saying

that the Japanese and American pilots have been testing their aerial combat skills in an operation dubbed "Cope North".

"This is a significant joint exercise for the two countries because this is the first time that the Japanese are using their F2 fighter planes, which were made by Japan's Mitsubishi Heavy Industries and has similar features as the US F16 fighter planes," he said.

The planes are designed for heavy air combats and can carry sophisticated bombs and weapons.

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Susilo calls for efforts to control population growth

JAKARTA, 23 June — Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono has called for efforts to raise the number of family planning programme participants to achieve the government's population growth rate target of 1.14 per cent by 2009, a family planning official said here Thursday.

"The present population growth rate is still 1.34 per cent a year and therefore the President has asked us to lower it to 1.14 per cent in accordance with the target of the medium-term development plan in 2009," Sugiri

Syarif, head of the National Family Planning Coordination Board (BKKBN) was quoted by national Antara news agency as saying.

Susilo met with Sugiri over plans to observe the National Family Day on a national scale on June 29.

He said the President hoped the target could be met by increasing the number of family planning programme participants which had lately dropped.

"The President ordered family planning services for the community must be stepped up," he said.

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Energy Minister meets guests from Republic of Kalmykia



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi receives Minister for Energy Mr Chedyrov Boris, Republic of Kalmykia and Russian Ambassador Dr Mikhail M Geladze. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi received Energy Minister Mr Chedyrov Boris of Republic of Kalmykia of the Russian

Federation and Russian Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Dr Mikhail M Geladze and party at the minister's office here yesterday.

They held comprehensive discussions on energy sector.

Present also were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay, director-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry.

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Students of Cooperative Degree College (Thanlyin) donate blood

YANGON, 22 June — As a gesture of hailing the International Cooperative Day, Red Cross Society of Yangon Cooperative Degree College (Thanlyin) held educative talks on health and organized the 3rd blood donation at the college today.

Chairman of Myanmar Red Cross Society Dr Tha Hla Shwe briefed on MRCS and Dr

Thida Aung of National Blood Donation Unit gave talks on donation of blood and health.

After the talks, Chairman of Yangon Cooperative Degree College's Red Cross Society Deputy Principal U Saw Lwin spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, a total of 67 students and staff of the college donated blood to the unit. — MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko extends greetings at the 1481st Prophet Day. — MNA

Kubota power-tiller and engine demonstrated

YANGON, 23 June — Jointly organized by ZBT Co Ltd and The Siam Kubota Industry Co Ltd, a demonstration on maintenance for durability of Kubota power-tiller and engine was held at Parkroyal Hotel on 18 June, attended by responsible persons of the companies, guests and farmers.

Firstly, Managing Director U Hlaing Hein of ZBT Co Ltd and a representative of SKI Co Ltd extended greetings. An engineer of SKI demonstrated the power-tillers and engines for long term use.

Next, responsible persons of the companies answered the questions raised by those present.

Those wishing to buy the power-tillers and engines distributed by ZBT Co Ltd at a reasonable price can contact sales centre of the company, No (36), Bayintnaung Street in Kamayut Township (Ph: 500761, 501201).

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Managing-Director U Hlaing Hein of ZBT Co Ltd extends greetings. — MNA



Commander participates in physic nut growing ...

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Commander Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing delivered an address at the ceremony to present sanitation equipment to Mongyang BEHS, and Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, wife of the commander, explained the purpose of donation.

Next, the commander presented cash assistance to patients at Mongyang Township 16-bed People's Hospital and inspected the delivery room, operation theatre and medical store. The commander presented K 100,000 to an official for the renovation of the window frames.

In Monglwe Model Village, the commander viewed harvesting of paddy. He heard reports on cultivation and harvesting of summer paddy presented by the Shan State Manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service and gave necessary instructions.

There are 150 houses, 70 power-tillers and 50 light paddy harvesters in Monglwe Model Village. Local farmers are striving for cultivation of summer and monsoon paddy to meet the production target.

At Mongkhat Station, the commander attended the physic nut cultivation ceremony and planted saplings. — MNA

1481st Prophet Day observed

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June — Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko delivered an address at the ceremony to mark the 1481st Prophet Day at the hall of Myanmar Medical Association in Mingala Taungnyunt Township this morning.

Chairman of the Central Committee for the Prophet Day U Hla Win gave an opening address.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Patron of the Central Committee retired ambassador U Hla Maung, member of the Central Committee U Ohn Thoung and Patrons U Kyaw Soe and U Thein Hlaing gave talks on the Prophet Day.

Also present on the occasion were Adviser U Arnt Maung to the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Director-General U Myo Kyaw of Religious Affairs Department and officials.

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All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased



Departmental heads meet at coord meeting of Ministry of Forestry



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung addresses first work coordination meeting for 2007-08 of the Ministry of Forestry.—FORESTRY

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June — The Ministry of Forestry held the first coordination meeting for 2007-08 financial year at its office, here, on 21 June.

First, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivered an address. Directors of Forest Department from states and divisions reported on progress of tasks.

Also present on the occasion were directors-general, managing directors, rector and officials.

Yesterday morn-

ing, the coordination meeting continued. Officials of Arid Zone Greening Department and Myanmar Timber Enterprise submitted reports on progress of greening Bago mountain range.

Director-General U Soe Win Hlaing of Forest Department, Director-General U Tun Tun of Arid Zone Greening Department and Managing Director U Win Tun of Myanmar Timber Enterprise took part in the discussions.

The minister

explained the guidance of the Head of State at the first four-monthly

coordination meeting for 2007 and future tasks.

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Personnel urged to strive for rising income of Ministry of Industry-2

NAY PYI TAW, 23 June — The Ministry of Industry-2 held the coordination meeting at its hall, here, yesterday morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin stressed the need for service personnel to implement new projects on schedules and to strive for rising income of the ministry by minimizing loss and wastage and practising thrifty. The minister also instructed them to review tasks of the departments and enterprises for the first four-monthly period of 2007 and make efforts for production and sales to exceed the target in 2007-08 financial year.

Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Director-General U Khin Maung of Directorate of Myanmar Industrial Planning and managing directors reported on their respective sectors.

The minister and the deputy minister presented cash assistance for schoolchildren of the staff through officials. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister. — MNA

Vice-Mayor inspects tax free markets

YANGON, 23 June — Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa together with officials inspected sales of consumer goods at tax free markets in Shwepyitha, Hlinethaya and Kamayut Townships. The vice-mayor urged officials to carry out the tasks in accord with the five aims

of tax free markets.

Next, the vice-mayor met with rice dealers at the meeting

hall of Myanmar Rice Dealers' Association in Seikkan Township. He heard reports on

undertakings presented by those present and gave necessary instructions.

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Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa visits Hanthawady tax free market.

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Members of Insein Township MANA sightseeing downtown Yangon

YANGON, 23 June — Students, who participated in the Insein Township inter-school essay, poem, painting and poster contests to mark the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, teachers, executives of Township Anti-Narcotics Association led by Patron U Hok

Sun and Chairman U Yin Kyaw (Film Director Maung Yin Kyaw) of Township MANA paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda.

At the Motion Picture Museum, film director U Tin Yu, U Chit Than Myint, U Aye Kyu Lay, Daw Khin Lay Theint, Academy Tun Tun

Win, Myitta and responsible persons conducted them round the booths of the museum.

The study group visited the Drug Elimination Museum in Sangyoung Township. Curator Police Captain Zaw Min Oo and officials explained facts about the museum to them. — MNA

Students visit Motion Picture Museum.

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