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City Hall in Yangon was illuminated as fireworks were launched on Tuesday to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the founding of ASEAN. In his video message to mark the celebration of ASEAN's Golden Jubilee, President U Htin Kyaw pledged to work together on regional integration efforts and for the successful realization of the common goal of ASEAN Community Vision 2025. **PHOTO: TIN SOE (MYANMA ALIN)**

Increased investment and trade for Myanmar

By May Thet Hnin

U Aung Naing Oo, the Director General of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA), said the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) has approved 26 domestic and foreign companies to conduct investment in Myanmar.

Nineteen of the approved companies are foreign businesses. They include 12 companies from the industrial sector; 1 company from the livestock breeding sector; 1 company from the construction sector; 1 company from the electric supply sector; 1 company from the hotel and

tourism sector and 3 companies from miscellaneous sectors.

MIC said total investment from the aforementioned companies amounted to USD 184.272 million and will create job opportunities for 10,000 local people.

Seven of the approved companies are domestic businesses

and include 2 companies from the industrial sector; 1 company from the construction sector; 1 company from the transportation and communication sector; 1 company for development in the industrial zones and 2 companies from miscellaneous sectors.

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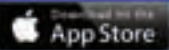
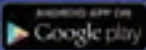
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Lawmaker complains that tender process isn't fair or transparent

Myo Myint,
Aye Aye Thant
(MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY)

Daw Cho Cho of Ottwin constituency told the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw during its meeting yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw that the government was procuring contracts without public tenders or enough transparency and, as a result, had made unwarranted budget allocations for substandard public works projects.

Daw Cho Cho said that many of the companies winning such government contracts had not followed appropriate rules and regulations and that current contracting practices showed favoritism.



Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win. **PHOTO: MNA**

"Everyone knows that the incumbent government had to obtain international loans and aids to develop the country, so the executive ministries

should take care to avoid excesses and losses," she said.

Daw Cho Cho also said that funds for public works projects should be funded according to standard market rates for services and goods.

In other matters, the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw approved tax exemptions for diamonds, emeralds and gold in FY2017-2018. Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win said the tax breaks are being provided to stabilize prices and provide job opportunities.

The Hluttaw also recorded a bill which would amend laws governing guardians and wards and amended the Myanmar divorce law. ■



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Win Myint shakes hands with Mr Achim Steiner in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives UNDP Administrator

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint received UN Development Programme (UNDP) Administrator Mr Achim Steiner and party at 2:00 pm at the building of Pyithu Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. During the meeting, the two representatives discussed matters regarding the develop-

ment of Myanmar's Hluttaws, democratic reform processes, providing of development assistance and cooperation with UN organisations. Also present were Deputy Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat and officials from Pyithu Hluttaw.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Htantapin Community-Oriented radio pilot planned

MRTV, Ministry of Information and DW Akademie officials held a signing ceremony at MRTV's headquarters (Yangon) yesterday for a new joint community radio pilot project in Htantapin Township, Yangon Region.

The radio pilot project is intended to inform local communities, preserve traditional ethnic culture and religious



Director-General U Myint Htwe and DW Akademie Country Manager Mr. Patrick Benning signing the MoU of radio pilot project in Htantapin Township, Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

diversity. The radio station will be a non-profit enterprise with technical and broadcasting assistance from DK Akademie. The Village Development Collective Force of Htantapin will

also assist the project. The memorandum of understanding was signed by MRTV Director-General U Myint Htwe, and DW Akademie Country Manager Mr. Patrick Benning. —MNA ■

H1N1 death toll reaches 17 as local and international donors donate medications and materials

Between 2 p.m. 7 August and 2 p.m. 8 August lab tests on 24 suspected patients of seasonal influenza A (H1N1) was conducted and 12 were identified positive. From 21 July to yesterday afternoon 2 p.m, out of 433 patients taking treatments in hospitals, 166 were diagnosed with H1N1 and there were 17 fatalities according to Ministry of Health and Sports.

As of yesterday afternoon 2 p.m, a total of 60 H1N1 in-patients, 19 in Waibagi Specialist Hospital, Yangon and 41 in states and regions hospitals

were being treated and the majority is recovering.

According to Ministry of Health and Sports information of yesterday, more than 1.5 million students from 8,083 schools were given health knowledge and pamphlets distributed while stickers and posters on seasonal influenza were displayed in Yangon Region express buses, passenger buses, trains, and boats.

Local and foreign businesses, companies, United Nations organisations, international organisations and foreign donors

were donating cash, medicines and medical equipment, protective equipment and Health and Hope Myanmar Foundation donated face masks, Forever Group donated flu vaccinations and N95 masks and families of Myanmar Industrial Port personnel donated N95 masks.

Furthermore, flu vaccinations from Turkey, Oseltamivir medicine, flu vaccinations, medical equipment and breathing machines from People's Republic of China were being arranged to be sent to Ministry of Health and Sports.—MNA



Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw Mahn Win Khaing Than shakes hands with Mr Achim Steiner in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker receives UNDP Administrator

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than received UN Development Programme (UNDP) Administrator Mr Achim Steiner and party at 3:00 pm at the building of Amyotha Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to UNDP's providing of assistance

for the development of Hluttaw, cooperation, capacity building of the people's representatives and the staff from Hluttaw Office, implementation of democracy and peace processes.

Also present were Deputy Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker U Aye Tha Aung and officials from the Hluttaw.—Myanmar News Agency ■

MNHRC releases statement on matriculation student amnesty

The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission issued a press release on 8 August praising the presidential pardon on 7 August of five students from Mandalay Obo Prison and two students from Yangon Insein Prison after earning high marks on their matriculation exams

with distinction.

At least three of the pardoned students had been arrested for charges related to protest activities. The Human Rights Commission urged the government to pardon other students serving prison terms in a similar manner. — MNA ■

Video message by H.E. U Htin Kyaw, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on the 50th ASEAN Day (8 August 2017)

I have the distinct honour to extend our greetings as we celebrate ASEAN's Golden Jubilee together.

Looking back, ASEAN had made significant progress in the past five decades. Today, the 10 ASEAN economies together constitute the seventh-largest economy in the world. This achievement is testament to the hard work and commitment of the ASEAN Member States.

ASEAN was established to enable the Southeast Asia

region to be a peaceful, stable, and economically prosperous region for all its people. Economic and political circumstances have often challenged these aspirations. But ASEAN has always remained faithful to its mission, anchored by principles of mutual respect, cooperation, and consensus-building. This unique "ASEAN Way" has enabled our unprecedented growth and stability.

Building on our 50 years of experience, we must continue to strive to be a dynamic insti-

tution in our fast-changing and globalized world.

We are proud to join ASEAN's journey on community building and play an active role, especially during our Chairmanship of ASEAN in 2014.

We will work together on regional integration efforts and for the successful realization of our common goal of ASEAN Community Vision 2025.

I wish you all Health and Happiness.

Mingalabar ASEAN.

Myanmar Democratic Transition Forum to be held 11-13 August in Nay Pyi Taw

The Myanmar Democratic Transition Forum is scheduled to take place from 11-13 August at the Myanmar International Convention Centre 2 in Nay Pyi Taw to discuss the nation's political transition from various viewpoints such as politics, economics, social, peace, civilian-military relations, the role of the media during the transition by careful research, deep analysis

and assessments.

National and international experts will address Myanmar's peace process, the role of the military, international partnerships, the media sector and other matters relating to Myanmar's democratic transition.

State Counsellor Aung San Suu Kyi will deliver a keynote address on the first day of the conference.

The forum will be broadcast live on Ministry of Information's Facebook page and news updates will be provided on the ministry's Twitter feed.

For enquiries or to register to attend the forum, contact Ministry of Information at email ir.pso.moi2015@gmail.com, myintkyaw103@gmail.com or on telephone 067-412321 or mobile 09-5034508.—MNA ■

Media and observer registration for Forum on Myanmar Democratic Transition extended

MEDIA and observer registration for the 11-13 August Forum on Myanmar Democratic Transition at Myanmar International Convention Centre 2 (MICC-2) Nay Pyi Taw will be extended until 4 p.m. today 9 August.

A list of 100 observers permitted to attend will be post-

ed on Ministry of Information web portal and on Facebook after 7 p.m. on 9 August 2017. Entrance cards will be issued from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on 10 August at the Ministry of Information, Office No. 7 in Nay Pyi Taw. National and international media personnel and observers who wish to attend

the forum can register at the Information and Public Relations Department, Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw at phone 067-412002, 412187, email: iprd.md@gmail.com, or at the News and Periodical Enterprise, phone 067-412125, 412126, email: myogyi.npe@gmail.com.—MNA ■



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi welcomes Mr. Achim Steiner, Chair of UN Development Group and Administrator of UNDP in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor meets top UN development official

STATE Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received a delegation led by Mr. Achim Steiner, Chair of UN Development Group and Administrator of UNDP at 10:00 am yesterday morning at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they

exchanged views on strengthening cooperation and mutual understanding between Myanmar and the United Nations Agencies, and priority areas of development in Myanmar, as well as interrelationship between peace and development.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Over 500 primary school teachers performing duties in Maungtaw District

According to U Ohn Myint, head of education department, Maungtaw district, there are 520 primary school teachers (male) in Maungtaw and Buthidaung townships, Maungtaw district—279 male monthly-paid daily wagers teachers under 35, 241 male similar teachers.

After issuing an instruction by the Rakhine State Cabinet that only male primary teachers must be appointed in Maungtaw district, as the first phase, primary teachers serving in remote areas in Buthidaung and Maungtaw townships from other townships had been transferred to the places adjacent to their townships. As the second phase, female teachers serving in remote schools out of local teachers in Buthidaung and Maungtaw townships had been transferred to the nearest

schools.

U Than Pe, a post-primary teacher of Phar Wut Chaung village-tract said, "It is convenient for us to teach in Phar Wut Chaung as the government arranged for lodging and transport. As for teaching, we found it difficult a little bit regarding language barrier. I assumed that it is a very good idea to have appointed male teachers in this region. And I am proud of being a teacher."

There are 408 schools altogether in Maungtaw district—primary, middle and high schools including 2 monastic academic schools. In Maungtaw district, there were 341 who passed the matriculation out of 3054 candidates in the academic year 2016-2017—11.17% pass rates, it was learnt.—A1 Soe, Myo Thu Hein ■

China company offers to build bridges across Ayeyawady River and Chindwin River in Sagaing

A China construction company is proposing a plan to build bridges across Ayeyawady River and Chindwin River in Sagaing

Region, according to a report in the Myawady Daily yesterday.

The Ayeyawady bridge would be 15,000 feet long and cost

approximately Ks127,500 million. The Chindwin bridge would be 4,000 feet long, with an estimated cost of Ks34,000 million.—GNLM

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History students visit ancient Pyu Cities

SIXTY-EIGHT students of Diploma in Myanmar History and Culture 3rd Batch led by Dr Myint Thein, Deputy Director-General (Retired) from the Department of Historical Research and Head Professor Dr Daw Margret Wan of the University of Yangon and 8 faculty members visited Pyu Ancient Cities of Beikthano in Taungdwingyi and Sri Ksetra in Pyay between 4 and 6 August.

Initially, the excursion team left Yangon on 4 August and arrived at Taungdwingyi where they observed Beikthano Archaeological Museum, Pyu graveyard and Pyu ancient city on 5 August. The next day, the excursion team proceeded to Sri Kestra where they visited the pagodas, the ancient cities under excavation, Sri Kestra museum



DMHC students observe Pyu ancient cities. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

(Hmawza) and Pyu graveyard.

According to the researchers from both England and Myanmar, the three Pyu ancient cities are much more magnificent than expected, said an official from the government. But the unearthed ancient heritages are difficult to

maintain and research according to an official of Department of Archaeology. The three ancient Pyu cities, Hanlin, Beikthano and Sri Kestra were put into World Heritage List in 2014 by UN Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO).

The aforementioned ancient Pyu cities are said to have emerged in 2nd BC, and they were inhabited by the Pyus in 8th century AD. As the three ancient cities are now on the list of the World Cultural Heritage, archaeologists from around the world are now fascinated with these archaeological sites.

According to the latest reports on the excavation of Pyu cities, the water supply system and defence system are found to be advanced and significant.

The ancient coins and bones excavated from under the graveyard, Pyu-style jewelries, Buddha images and 21 goal leaves in which the teachings of Buddha are inscribed are invaluable cultural heritage, which Myanmar people can be proud of, said an officer from the Department of Archaeology.—GNLM ■

FDA sues 25 pharmacy shops as of July

Food and Drug Administration (FDA) sued 25 drug stores for allegedly selling illegal, sub-standard medicine between January and July, 2017, according to a report in the City News Daily yesterday.

In 2016, FDA took action

against 99 drug stores.

“We have no judicial power to punish unlawful pharmacies. We can only take them to court,” said FDA Director-General Dr. Than Htut. “It is the courts that mete out punishment of up to three to

four years in prison.”

The FDA is taking action in two phases when they find pharmacies acting illegally: First, the FDA bans distribution of illegal medicine and revokes the pharmacies’ licences. Second, the FDA

prosecutes pharmacists if they find a large amount of illegal pharmaceuticals. The FDA plans to expand its enforcement actions next year by establishing a database to trace illegal pharmaceuticals to their sources.—GNLM ■

Tatmadaw columns and border police provides security for returning IDPs in Yathedaung

622 ethnic Mro of 134 households from Chutpyin, Padaukmyaing, Pyinshay and Paukpin villages in Yathedaung Township were concerned for their safety after recent violent confrontation between security personnel and armed persons in Aout Nanya Village, Yathedaung Township on 4 August and murders of Mro farmers from Kaigy Village in Maungtaw Township on 3 August and abandoned their villages and temporarily relocated to Zedipyin and Gwasone villages, Yathedaung Township.

Upon receiving information about this, Lt-Gen Aung Kyaw Zaw of Commander-in-Chief (Army) office accompanied by commander of North West Command, senior Tatmadaw officers and officials from border police force and officials

met with the internally displaced persons (IDPs) on 7 August in Zedipyin Village monastery and village primary school. Village officials and IDPs explained about the reason for relocation and Lt-Gen Aung Kyaw Zaw coordinated with the village officials and IDPs on the matters voiced by the IDPs as well as on the consequences of the temporary relocation, Tatmadaw columns and border police specifically providing security.

Due to this coordination work, of the IDPs from Chutpyin, Padaukmyaing, Pyinshay and Paukpin villages, 203 persons from 72 households returned to their respective villages on 7 August and the remaining 419 persons from 62 households returned on 8 August.—MNA ■

Masked men attack a village chief in Buthidaung

A villager was attacked with swords by certain masked men in the afternoon on 7 August at Kyaungtaung village in Buthidaung Township in Rakhine State.

While Mamauk Sawleinn who is in-charge of the Kyaungtaung village was holding a meeting with the 100-household in-charge of Kyaungtaung and Sar Kaing villages for the security of their village at a tea shop

in Sar Kaing village at about 2:30 pm on 7 August, Arr Li Gyu-hak from Kyaungtaung village (middle) and ten other masked men attacked Mamauk Sawleinn with swords to his head, chest and left hand.

The victim was taken to Buthidaung Hospital for receiving medical treatment.

Police are in hot pursuit of the assailants led by Ali Gyu-hak.—MNA ■

5,700 WY stimulants seized in Maungtaw

WY stimulant tablets numbering 5,700 were seized at Kyain Chaung inspection gate in Maungtaw, Rakhine State on 7 August morning.

Security forces searched a motorcycle driven by Ye

Aung from Shwebaho village at 11:45 am on 7 August at Kyain Chaung inspection gate and discovered 5,700 WY stimulant tablets worth Ks11.4 million.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Draft Companies Law designed to remove obstacles for foreign investment

A new Myanmar Companies Law currently being drafted by legislators will remove cumbersome restrictions and make foreign investment easier, said Dr Myat Nyana Soe, the secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee.

"The draft law was approved by Amyotha Hluttaw and the amendments made by Aymotha Hluttaw and Bill Committee are already submitted to Pyithu Hluttaw. The draft will be legislated soon", he said. The draft is expected to become finalized by the end of this year, he said.

The existing Myanmar Companies Act (1914) is over 100 years old, is based on 19th century commercial practices and has proved to be outdated and unfriendly to business. New draft amendments include provisions that will allow companies to start up with only one director and one shareholder. Mandatory annual meetings and financial reports will be abolished. Current requirements for new companies including the submission of articles of association and memorandum of understanding will also be removed in the draft law. The new draft requires only that new companies explain their

overall structure. The draft law currently comprises 384 pages and 32 chapters and is being written with support from the World Bank.

"According to the World Bank's 2014 Doing Business Report Myanmar ranked last in the ease of starting in business. People considered company registration process difficult," said U Aung Naing Oo, the director general of Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA). Myanmar is currently ranked at 170th place in Doing Business's rank of World Bank which assigns rankings based on protecting in minorities, processing times, access to electrical power, cross-border trade regulations, taxation policies and other economic governance issues. "Myanmar's rank rose a bit with economic reforms," said U Aung Naing Oo. "Another problem is that there is weakness in current existing law to protect the minority investors with low share capital. After enactment of new law, Myanmar is expected to climb up doing business rankings significantly. This new law will include an online registration system which will speed up the process."

"Foreign investors are waiting for new Myanmar Companies Law which will be enacted to replace Myanmar Companies Act (1914) is currently practiced", said U Ye Min Aung, the vice chairman of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI). Foreign investors visit UMFCCI and express their interest in investing in Myanmar. US companies are very interested in agriculture, finance, consumer, garment and energy sectors. However, they all are waiting to see government's policy on new Myanmar Companies Law, he said. Cathay United Bank Chief Representative Mr. Peter Pan Chung En intends to open a bank branch in Myanmar, but is among those waiting on the government to pass the new Companies Law.

"We are very interested in investing in a banking operation in Myanmar," he said. "But, some rules and regulations are not instituted yet. Despite the approval from the Central Bank of Myanmar, we cannot do business as we were waiting for the new Myanmar Companies Law. Clear rules and regulations are required for investment." —May Thet Hnin ■

Htaukkyant factory to assemble Daewoo buses

Mini-buses will be assembled by the Myanmar Trade Center Co., Ltd. at Htaukkyant factory in cooperation with Daewoo Bus Corporation, said Dr Kyaw Kyaw Aung, the managing director of Myanmar Trade Center Co., Ltd., according to a newspaper report in Myawady Daily.

Myanmar Trade Center Co., Ltd. operates the Htaukkyant factory under a long-term lease from the Ministry of Industry.

The company will manufacture BS 106 model buses in cooperation with Daewoo Bus Corporation. Bus bodies and parts will

be imported from South Korea for assembly at the Htaukkyant factory.

Daewoo buses and mini-buses are inspired by European design. Two types of BS 106 model buses will be produced, one powered by a Euro-4 emission standard, 290-horsepower compressed natural gas and a Euro-3 emission standard, 300-horsepower diesel engine.

Lestar mini-buses will also be assembled under the plan for service as school buses. They can accommodate 29 passengers.—GNLM ■

Eighty per cent of sesame production goes to export market

Eighty per cent of Myanmar's sesame seed crop is exported to neighbouring countries and overall, the sesame trade is expected to increase, according to the Commerce Ministry.

More than 210 tons of sesame seeds, worth about US\$200,000 were exported to China through Muse gate in third week of July. Volume increased 81 tons in the

second week of July. During the same period, more than 1,154 tons of sesame seeds worth \$1.32 million were exported to Chinshwehaw checkpoint but the volume is 458 tons less than previous week.

Last financial year 100,000 tons of sesame seeds were exported, with an estimated value of \$147 million, according to the Commerce Ministry. —Ko Htet ■

Muse trade rises again after merchant accounts unfrozen



Trucks seen at 105-mile trade zone Muse, northern Shan State. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAH**

THE Muse land port of entry saw trade values increase by US\$100 million in first four months of the current financial year compared to same period of last year, said the merchants engaged in Muse border trade.

The increase in trade is

due, in part, to the unfreezing of bank accounts by China after a recent crackdown on suspected smugglers and illicit traders.

The Chinese government blocked some bank accounts earlier this year due to suspicions that certain accounts were

linked to illegal gambling, trafficking and other illegal activities.

The Muse gate is Myanmar's busiest border trade point. Border trade at Muse was estimated at \$1.6 billion between 1 April and 28 July.

Of 16 border gates, five provide entry to China, including Muse, Lweje, Kanpiketee, Kengtung and Chinshwehaw. Sino-Myanmar trade as of 28 July this financial year is estimated at \$1.97 billion, an increased of \$130 million compared to same period last year.

Total border trade in first four months of this financial year amounted to \$2.39 billion which is \$128 million more than last year. Exports were estimated at \$1.48 billion and imports were worth \$907 million. —Mon Mon ■

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• City Mart (China Town)	• City Mart (Hledan)
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How Genius Coffee cracked Myanmar's premium export market

An interview with Founder U Ngwe Tun

May Thet Hnin

One of the main challenges facing Myanmar is developing its export trade. The majority of Myanmar's exports are extractives and raw goods. But some of Myanmar's most lucrative potential export markets need to produce more value-added high-quality goods.

The Global New Light of Myanmar Daily Newspaper interviewed U Ngwe Tun, founder of Aung Nay Lin Htun Company Limited and the award-winning social enterprise, Genius Shan Highlands Coffee.

Q: How do you collect raw materials for processing and roasting of Genius Coffee and what technology do you use?

We manufacture our product in Ywangan area in Shan State, where we also do our roasting, milling and processing of naturally produced coffee beans. We are putting forth concerted efforts to extend our network to get raw materials from other regions. For the time being, we collect raw materials mainly from Nawnghkio, Pyin Oo Lwin, Pindaya, Ywangan, Demawso, Ngape and Thantaunggyi areas. We do a lot of research to successfully operate our manufacturing business within past five consecutive years, importing production machinery from India and solving technology barriers with the help of Japanese partners. I openly say that we started this kind of business from small-scale level. We later took loans from Kanbawza Bank, a private commercial bank, to extend the business, producing roughly 20 kinds of coffee related products including four kinds of organic certified products. We are planning to manufacture new products. We make teas, cookies and soaps with the use of outer skin of coffee fruits. We are

always monitoring the market and think how to differentiate between our products and other products in the market. Our paper packaging is aimed at providing clients with eco-friendly benefits. Most of people think that as a local business, it is impossible to buy paper-based packaging products due to their high price. We have changed their minds, with packaging that offers information relating to the product including the origin of the goods and our processing methods with the aim of giving them a sense of the authenticity of our locally produced products. And our products are widely available for purchase.

Q: How do you acquire the trust of customers, that your products are organic?

We have produced organic products since 2014. Everybody said that this production will not produce a healthy profit because of higher production costs. We found that international manufacturers produce organic products on a commercial scale. At that time, farmers cannot accept the plan, raising question to me, "Are people buying organic products?" We explained the benefit of this production that will reduce costs of production as it does not need chemical fertilizers and promising them that the company will seek markets for their naturally grown products. Only 50 farmers participated in the first year planting. After we received a certificate for our organic products, we increased the price of organic raw materials from Ks1,000 to Ks1,800 per viss (which is equivalent to 3.6 pounds), causing many growers show a keen interest in natural planting. At the present time, almost all partner growers wish to cultivate organic food. In addition, we invited our overseas customers to inspect organic

products in our farms and we get good feedback from them. Actually, the taste of organic coffee is better than conventional coffee. We have international certificates for the whole manufacturing and packaging process of organic coffee and we welcome everybody to come and see it.

Q: How is your export business doing?

We export our product mainly to Hong Kong, Taiwan, Thailand and Singapore, and we're planning to open branch offices in Canada in the future to sell specialty coffee there. We already established our business extension in Cambodia. We have further plans to act as a bridge between international traders and domestic manufacturers who mainly export agricultural goods. We're planning to invite interested traditional food manufacturers and organic food producers to partner with us.

Q: How did you build your production business?

We first changed thinking of people who believe that coffee must be bitter. Our product mainly provides customers with a sweet taste and better aroma. This is the way we penetrate the market with a good packaging system. We have spent about Ks300 per pack equipped with zip seal. At first, the majority of domestic retailers did not want to accept our products as they thought it was too expensive. Later they accepted our brand as demand for our products have gradually been increased in the domestic market. In the beginning, we could not do mass production as a ton of raw materials cost Ks3 million. We manufactured only one ton in the first year. The production volume has risen to three tons, then 10 tons and 50 tons in the following years. Last year, we produced 150 tons. The

important thing is to build the business so that we had access to good raw materials and as well as the capacity to manufacture the best quality product to compete with international brands in order to establish trust with buyers. Advertising the brand through events and complimentary sampling also plays a key role in increasing our customers and their trust. We gained the trust of clients who recommended us to their colleagues on social media. Finally, we have success in building trust with not only customers but also with coffee growers, setting up a good relationship with those growers, so that good raw materials are available when we need them.

Q: What feedback do you receive about Myanmar's coffee from international buyers?

The Myanmar coffee market is seeing progress. We had a 50-50 chance of success to get international interest at the beginning. We received good reviews from new foreign customers and others started to think about this as a local brand. For the time being, we are trying to attain a strong export market predominately in regional countries, followed by the U.S and Canada. Maintaining our products' quality is essential for achieving our export targets. We think the country's coffee industry has a good chance. Many investors from Singapore, Japan and the U.S. are connecting with us. We are still deciding which are the most suitable potential investors.

Q: What barriers do you face in competing foreign market?

Transportation is one of the main barriers to penetrate the international market. It is difficult to transport cargo to some countries by sea. The prices of goods



U Ngwe Tun, founder of Aung Nay Lin Htun Company Limited.

may increase in foreign markets due to high transportation costs. We are not afraid of market competition and are able to compete.

Q: What kinds of supports do you want from the government as an entrepreneur?

Access to finance is the big issue for the growth rate of a company. We need to maintain quality of service. We can't run without efficient machinery and know-how. We need more financial support. We can run with the current bank interest rate but there are few opportunities to get loans from banks without collateral. Central bank policy barriers slow small and medium business growth. From my point of view, we need a concrete policy. One-stop services are also required to reduce waiting times for government approvals for loan proposals.

Q: What advice would you give new SME Entrepreneurs?

The spirit of benevolence plays a crucial role in starting a business, that is the first thing I want to advise the new SME Entrepreneurs. The second step they should do is conduct market survey to know the real condition in the market. In the third phase, the entrepreneur must search for investment, planning to take loans not only from banks but from other financing sources. A business without a market, or adequate investment or benevolence evidence is likely to fail. ■

Increased investment and trade for Myanmar

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The total amount of investment from these companies is around Ks 409.34 billion and it is estimated they will create over 940 job opportunities for local people. In the current financial year a total of 112 foreign companies have been approved by MIC for investment in Myanmar and the total amount of investment

from the companies combined with investment in Thilawa Special Economic Zone totals to USD 3,677.332 million. A total of 40 domestic companies have been approved in the current financial year.

According to the new investment law in Myanmar, Investment Commissions will be set up throughout each region and

state and will allow foreign and domestic businesses to invest up to Ks 6,000 million (USD 5 million) in each region or state. A workshop is being planned for officials from the various regions and states to learn about investment in Myanmar.

MIC has prioritized ten sectors for investment in Myanmar. They are: (1) agriculture, (2)

livestock and fish breeding, (3) export, (4) import, (5) electric supply, (6) transportation, (7) education, (8) healthcare, (9) low-cost housing and (10) accommodating industrial-sized cities.

From April to July in the current financial year, Myanmar's exports reached USD 4,323 million and imports reached USD

5,971 million. Comparing with the last financial year, exports increased by USD 930 million and imports increased by USD 1,044 million.

The Ministry of Commerce said they have managed to network with 175 more countries for trade this year and have created more job opportunities for local people. ■

Ceremonies to mark 29th 8888 Uprising held

Towns nationwide yesterday celebrated the 29th anniversary of the nationwide protests in 1988 that launched Myanmar's pro-democracy movement.

With prayers for those who died in the demonstrations across Myanmar twenty-nine years ago, the ceremony marking the 29th 8888 Uprising was held at the Paha Bandoola Park in downtown Yangon yesterday.

The organizers demanded to designate the 8th August as the Myanmar Democracy Day.

"We will petition the government and Hluttaw to designate the 8th August as the Myanmar's Democracy Day as a gesture of honouring those who died for democracy in the 8888 uprising,"

said U Htun Kyi, a member of the Myanmar Political Prisoners' Association.

At the ceremony, people gathered at the ceremony observed 8-minute silence in remembrance of those killed in the demonstrations 29 years ago.

Meanwhile, prominent leaders of the uprising also conducted a separate ceremony to mark the 8888 Uprising at a monastery in Yangon, displaying historic photos of the uprising and exhibiting cartoons. "Myanmar is not out of the woods yet. This ceremony is aimed at keeping on marching towards our goal with the spirit, unity and wisdom we had in the past," said U Min Ko Naing.

The same kind of ceremony



People observe eight-minute silence at the ceremony to mark the 8888 Uprising in Yangon. PHOTO: MNA

were held in towns nationwide yesterday. Similarly, at the 8888 historical museum situated room A/1, building 106, Zarli-etaung Housing Estate in Thin-

gangyun township, Yangon, video tape of historical records which happened during the period of 8888 uprising was shown to the public, with flags and miniature

flags used in that period, Gestetner used at that time, armbands, headbands, newspapers, periodicals, and documentary photos were exhibited. — Ko Moe

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Migrant Workers and Human Trafficking

Khin Maung Oo

IT is an undeniable fact that our national economy cannot grow without internal peace. Without continuous economic development, problems such as unemployment, migrant workers and human trafficking are bound to emerge. As everyone knows, the current government which has the support of the people is working very hard to solve a tremendous backlog of legacy problems accumulated during successive governments for half a century or so. At a time like this, all of us — government leaders, Hluttaw members, Tatmadaw leaders, ethnic armed groups, political parties, service personnel, businessmen and all the people should shoulder the burden of nation building, each in his or her own way for the sake of our present generation as well as for future generations.

Once we have internal peace, a huge influx of FDI (Foreign Direct Investment) will enter the country, thus giving a tremendous boost to the national economy. As a result, job opportunities can be created. Once the private sector grows at a

steady pace supported by foreign direct investments more and more suitable jobs will be created. In this way the problem of unemployment will be solved to a considerable extent because those who want jobs will be able to get meaningful jobs with fair wages and good working conditions. At the present moment, most Myanmar youths go abroad for work, due to scarcity of jobs in their respective regions and states. Most of these youths go to Thailand, Malaysia, Indonesia and some even to Middle Eastern countries. These Myanmar youths often end up working in dead-end jobs under harsh conditions and without any adequate protection from the labor laws of the host countries. As some leave the country illegally, most often than not they fall prey to dubious employment companies which charge exorbitant sums of money and also find themselves at the mercy of corrupt and ruthless immigration officers. Those who go abroad include mostly poor and uneducated rural youths with little or no knowledge of the outside world. As they do not have basic education, they do not have even enough general knowledge to protect themselves

from the harsh realities of foreign lands. Now, we are hearing news about human trafficking almost every day. Regarding this, we need to ponder deeply about these problems and formulate comprehensive and pragmatic strategies with the cooperation and participation of all relevant government ministries at the Union and State/Region level. In most cases, human trafficking is done by organized crime which transcends national boundaries. We should use all the means at our disposal to stem the tide of human trafficking as the victims are both males and females. In this regard training our government service personnel, especially from the Myanmar Police Force and the Immigration Department will play a vital role to build up the capacity of our officials. Failing that, our youths, especially more Myanmar female teen-agers will become victims of human trafficking.

There were 3489 victims of human trafficking, the Myanmar Police Force dealt with during the past decade. Civil society organizations say that human trafficking is generally attributed to being in debt, poor education, shortage of

job opportunities and domestic abuse, adding that the victims include those who are easily deceived, and those who are naive, those desirous of risks, unprotected children, or persons who are excessively impressed by alien culture and values and people who are dissatisfied with their present existence. To our great sorrow, we have heard that some young women and girls have been forced to become wives of foreigners after having fallen prey to human trafficking. To sum it up, not only promulgation of effective laws but also launching of public campaigns for knowledge sharing at the grass-roots level nationwide is urgently need for eliminating human trafficking.

We need to find the root cause of human trafficking instead of trying to deal with the symptoms. To sum it up, RPD may be the answer to some of our current problems. RPD means Reconciliation, Peace and Development. The sooner we are able to achieve reconciliation with our national ethnic brothers and sisters, the sooner we will get internal peace. Once we get internal peace, development will not be too far away. ■

Discussion on Myanmar Democratic Transition with comparative analysis of global examples

By Mg Kyaing Thin

WHEN we think of the current political aspect of the country, the most important obligation for the incumbent government elected by the people is to fulfill the people's desires and necessities. International circle in addition to the people of Myanmar are watching the transitional measures struggled by the incumbent government amidst the insufficiencies and slew of requirements in every front. The Forum on Myanmar Democratic Transition will be held at Myanmar International Convention Center 2 (MICC2) in Nay Pyi Taw from 11-13 August to discuss the matters concerning with the government's successful deal on difficulties and snags encountered during one and half year of their reign, challenges in transition and review of the past works for future program. State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi will deliver the opening speech at the forum, it is learnt.

Headings For Discussion

The headings for discussion in the forum is found to be the crucial ones for the transition. The propositions and exchange of views by speakers on each heading will be able to captivate the audience and some important points will be generated for further programs of transi-

tion. There are 6 headings for discussion in this forum, it is learnt. The headings are as follows:

1. Assessment with global view on the political transitions
2. Transition from military governance to civilian governance
3. Transition from centralized economy to market economy
4. Military and Civilian relationship
5. The role of media in democratic transition
6. The present situation or position in transitional process

According to the headings the past experiences of overcoming the difficulties in transitional process, requirements to be fulfilled, present setbacks and preparatory works for the future will be known to all participants and audience. The desires of the people and the extent of transition will also be revealed from the forum.

Who will participate in discussion

In the 3 day-forum 13 foreign professionals, 24 local intelligentsias, representatives from 3 pillars and foreign Ambassadors will take part in the forum. Among the external professionals, Mr. Michael Vatikiotis, a writer who wrote the books on transition and is the expert in theory of transition and Lt. General Agus Widjojo who has got wide own experience



in transition of Indonesia.

Among other participants are Prof. Dr Aurel Croisannt, Prof. Dr Andreas Oberheitman who will discuss the transition from centralized economy to market economy, Mr. Christophoros Politis who will discuss the relationship between military and civil institutions, Director General of Information Department of Srilanka, Mr. ranga Kalansooriya, Mrs. Dunja Mijatovic, Mr. Kavi Chongkittavorn and Ms. Isabella Kurlowski who will discuss the role of media in transition.

Local participants are National Se-

curity Advisor U Thauang Tun, Deputy Minister U Aung Htoo, Deputy Minister U Set Aung, and Members of Parliament U Lwin Ko Latt, U Pyone Cho, U Phyo, U Zayar Thaw, U Aung Kyi Nyunt, Daw Zin Mar Aung, Col. Aung Myint Oo, U Aung Kyi, Dr Hlan Hmon Sar Khaung, U Kyaw Lin Oo, U Lay Nyunt, Dr Than Myint Oo, U Thein Wai, Daw Khin Ma Ma Myo, U Myo Myint, Dr Thein Swe, U Aye Maung Kyaw, Daw Janan Larhtaw, U Aung Hla Tun, U Tin Maung Than, U Soe Myint and Daw Thin Thin Aung.

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Officials from Myanma Timber Enterprise hand over the elephant to Sri Lanka diplomats. PHOTO: MNA

Myanmar donates elephant to Sri Lanka

Myanma Timber Enterprise donated an elephant to Sri Lanka yesterday to be used in religious ceremonies. “Pann Shwe Maung”, the male elephant, was handed over to Sri Lankan diplomats at the Yangon Zoological Garden.— Myanmar News Agency

Discussion on Myanmar Democratic Transition with comparative analysis of global examples

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In what way they are discussing

The way to discuss in this forum is so arranged as to bring out the assessment on real situation, suggestions for transition, approach to transition from different angles and the experience of transition from other countries. Furthermore, the arrangement can also bring in the experts who are well-versed with theory of democratic transition and also the professionals who had their own experience in transition. The arrangement also includes discussion with exchange of views on all 6 headings made by local professionals from each pillar. Final session of the seminar will see the conclusions and result on each heading after thorough discussion among the participants.

Attendants

Responsible personnel from Hluttaw, personnel from the departments of the min-

istries, Chief Ministers and Ministers of Region/State, Ambassadors from foreign Embassies, Myanmar-based international organisations, local social organisations, internal/external media and 100 observers, total 450 persons will attend the forum.

The road of Transition

People, government, institutional pillars and various organisations are now marching together on the road of transition and their stances, policies, ways of approach will be taken into discussion in this forum with deliberation on present situation, setbacks of the past and aspiration for future. Now our country could have shown the world that Myanmar could transform to a democratic country but with different underlying conditions from others. Therefore, this transformation may be called a new form deviated in some ways from others in the world. The participants from local and abroad will take part in

discussion in this forum with analytical comparison with the transition of other countries.

Degree of Transition

The transition in present Myanmar is so replete with high expectations and aspirations of the people that the other countries become interested in Myanmar. The present forum is expected to find out the solutions to the problems and challenges encountered in the way of transition in which the government has tried to meet the desires of the people who conferred the mandate to change the country by voting.

In other words, It is expected the discussion and assessment on the present transition with global overview in this 3-days Forum will beef up the momentum of the democratic transition of the country and in some ways will contribute to the successful democratic transition of Myanmar.

(Translation by
Khin Maung Win)

H.E. U Myint Swe appointed as Non-Resident Ambassador of Myanmar to Mauritius

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Myint Swe, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of South Africa, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Mauritius.

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S-Korea's assembly speaker to visit Myanmar

South Korea's parliamentary speaker Mr Chung Sye-kyun will visit Myanmar in the near future. Following is the curriculum vitae of Mr Chun Sye-kyun.—GNLM

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Mar. 2000 – Feb. 2004 Ph.D. in Business Administration, Kyung Hee University, Seoul
Aug. 1988 – Apr. 1990 MBA, Pepperdine University, California
Mar. 1971 – Feb. 1975 B.A. in Law, Korea University, Seoul
Professional Experience
Jun. 2016 – Present Speaker of the 20th National Assembly
1996 – Present Member of the 15th, 16th, 17th, 18th 19th and 20th National Assembly (NA)
Jun. 2014 – May 2016 Member of the Foreign Affairs and Unification Committee, NA
Dec. 2013 – Feb. 2014 Chairman of the Special Committee on Reforms of the National Intelligence Service (NIS)
Mar. 2013 – Jun. 2014 Member of the Education, Culture, Sports and Tourism Committee, NA
Jun. 2012 – Mar. 2013 Member of the Culture, Sports, Tourism, Broadcasting and Communications Committee, NA
Jul. 2008 – Jul. 2010 Chairman of the Democratic Party
Feb. 2007 – Aug. 2007 Chairman of the Uri Party
Feb. 2006 – Jan. 2007 Minister of Commerce, Industry and Energy
Oct. 2005 – Jan. 2006 Chairman/Floor Leader of the Uri Party
Jul. 2004 – Jan. 2006 President of the National Assembly Anti-Corruption Caucus
Jul. 2004 – Jan. 2005 Chairman of the Special Committee on Budget and Accounts, NA
May 1998 – Present Member of the Board of Directors, Alternative High School Pureunkkum
Jan. 1998 – Jul. 1999 Chairman of the Standing Committee/Vice-Chairman, 1st and 2nd Korea Tripartite Commission (KTC)
1978 – Jun. 1995 Worked at Ssangyong Group (retired as a managing director)
1973 President of the Korea University Student Union

Invitation to young writers for Sunday section

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 works to the Global New Light of Myanmar at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon or by email to dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Real 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 news office



Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi (7th R) poses for a group photo with participants during the 7th East Asia Summit (EAS) foreign ministers' meeting in Manila, the Philippines, on 7 August, 2017. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

China, ASEAN cooperation improves situation in South China Sea, no outside interference wanted for COC negotiation: Chinese FM

MANILA — Joint efforts by China and members of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) have greatly improved the situation in the South China Sea, Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi said here Monday, pointing out that China and ASEAN have the ability and the wisdom to negotiate the Code of Conduct (COC).

From China's point of view, the most substantial progress made at the ASEAN foreign ministers' meetings and related meetings was that with the joint efforts of China and ASEAN countries, the situation in the South China Sea has been stabilized, Wang told reporters after attending the meetings.

"We have carried out effective cooperations and have brought it back to the track to resolve disputes through direct dialogue and negotiation by the parties directly concerned," he said.

China and ASEAN countries have successfully drawn up and adopted the framework of the COC in the South China Sea, announcing that they would initiate the substantive consultations on the text of the COC at a proper time within the year after preparation is

completed, the minister said.

Speaking at the earlier 7th East Asia Summit (EAS) foreign ministers' meeting, Wang said the momentum of improvement on the situation in the South China Sea is obvious compared with last year.

"We should fully appreciate these important improvements and cherish the achievement made with our joint efforts," Wang said.

At the China-ASEAN foreign ministers meeting on Sunday, Wang said that ASEAN foreign ministers highly evaluated the stabilizing situation in the South China Sea and the COC framework adopted at the meeting.

"This is the current mainstream view of the countries in the region," Wang said.

Wang said that China will always take a responsible attitude in dealing with the South China Sea issue and that China will, on the basis of respect for historical facts and in accordance with relevant international law, solve disputes through dialogue and consultation with all parties concerned.

The positive change in the South China Sea was also reflected in the joint communiqué

issued by ASEAN foreign ministers, said Wang.

He pointed out that the joint communiqué was a comprehensive document which fully demonstrated the key progresses in the China-ASEAN relations and various parties' confidence in the prospect of China-ASEAN relations.

As to the paragraphs on the South China Sea, Wang noted that the section was present in the joint communiqué every year, but was significantly shortened in this year's document.

Meanwhile, all ASEAN members fully acknowledged achievements in cooperating with China and the improving situation in the South China Sea, fully recognized the COC framework which they jointly drew up and adopted with China, and affirmed positive attitude on the initiation of the substantive consultations.

However, the minister said, some outside countries preferred to stay in the past, turned a blind eye to the positive change of the situation, not willing to recognize the achievement by the joint efforts by China and ASEAN, and even released negative information.

"We have to ask whether some countries are not willing to see the stabilization of the South China Sea. Is the further stabilization of the South China Sea is not in the interest of these countries?" he said.

Wang told the EAS meeting that China and ASEAN countries have the ability and wisdom to negotiate the COC.

"We don't want any non-regional countries to keep telling us what to do, and even try to play teaching chess games for us," he said.

He added that China and ASEAN will continue to press ahead with the negotiations of the COC with full implementation of the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea (DOC), in the hope of establishing commonly recognized regional rules.

"We have the same aspirations: the finally reached COC will be the upgraded version of the DOC," Wang said.

"We hope non-regional countries will take notice of the positive changes in the South China Sea in the past year and respect the efforts that China and ASEAN have paid to achieve the result," Wang said. —Xinhua ■

WORLD BRIEFS

Trump urges countries to be "tough and decisive" toward North Korea

WASHINGTON — US President Donald Trump on Tuesday praised other nations for addressing North Korea's missile program, days after the UN Security Council imposed new sanctions on Pyongyang over two intercontinental ballistic missile tests in July.

"After many years of failure, countries are coming together to finally address the dangers posed by North Korea. We must be tough & decisive!" Trump wrote in a post on Twitter. The council passed the US-drafted resolution on North Korea on Saturday. — Reuters ■

Venezuela's top court order arrest of opposition mayor Muchacho

CARACAS — Venezuela's Supreme Court on Tuesday ordered the arrest of opposition mayor Ramon Muchacho of the Caracas district of Chacao, which has been the site of intense anti-government protests against President Nicolas Maduro. —Reuters ■

South Africa's ANC lawmakers resolve to back Zuma in no-confidence vote

JOHANNESBURG — South African lawmakers of the African National Congress (ANC) met on Tuesday and resolved to support President Jacob Zuma who is facing a no-confidence motion in parliament later in the day.

Zuma, who also attended the meeting, was described as being calm and jovial by the party's chief whip Jackson Mthembu. Several ANC lawmakers could be heard singing as they walked out of the meeting having agreed to support Zuma, he said.

"You hear the singing," Mthembu told eNCA television channel. "Zuma was toyi toying (dancing), that is what we do when we are under attack," Mthembu said. —Reuters ■

7.0-magnitude quake hits SW China's Sichuan Province:CENC

BEIJING — A 7.0-magnitude earthquake jolted Jiuzhaigou County in southwest China's Sichuan Province at 9:19 pm on Tuesday (Beijing Time), according to the China Earthquake Networks Center (CENC). The epicenter was monitored at 33.2 degrees north latitude and 103.82 degrees east longitude. The quake struck at a depth of 20 km, the center said in a statement. —Xinhua ■



Photo taken on 8 August, 2017 shows a street view after earthquake near the tourist centre in Jiuzhaigou County in southwest China's Sichuan Province. A 7.0-magnitude earthquake jolted Jiuzhaigou County at 9:19 pm on Tuesday (Beijing Time), according to the China Earthquake Networks Centre (CENC). **PHOTO: XINHUA**

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Two policemen killed in attack north of Cairo -state newspaper

CAIRO — Two Egyptian policemen were killed and one wounded when a group of wanted criminals opened fire on security forces in a village north of Cairo on Tuesday, state newspaper Al-Ahram reported. The paper gave no details of what the men were accused of, but attacks on security forces have become common in Egypt since the army led by Abdel Fattah al-Sisi ousted Muslim Brotherhood President Mohamed Mursi in 2013 following mass protests against his rule. Sisi was elected president in 2014. Authorities in the Nile Delta province of El-Menoufia stepped up security after the attack and the wounded were transferred to hospital, Al-Ahram said, citing a security source.—Reuters ■

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Reg. No. 4/3489/2017(31.3.2017)

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Russia's Defence Ministry to show trophy weapons seized from terrorists in Syria

KUBINKA — Russia will present an exposition at the Army-2017 International Military-Technical Forum to demonstrate its counter-terror operation in Syria and weapons seized from terrorists, Chief of the Defence Ministry's Main Directorate of Research and Engineering Support for Advanced Technologies Alexander Mironov said on Tuesday.

The Army-2017 forum will be held on 22-27 August on the territory of the Patriot congress and exhibition centre, the Alabino practice range and the

Kubinka airfield, and also in all the Russian military districts and in the Northern Fleet.

"The main events of the upcoming forum include the display of an exposition in the Patriot Park devoted to the activity of the Russian military contingent in the Syrian Arab Republic, and an exposition of trophy weapons seized from international terrorist groupings in Syria," Mironov said at a briefing with foreign military attaches accredited in Moscow. Also, the second Drone Biathlon Champi-



Russia will present the exposition at the Army-2017 International Military-Technical Forum. PHOTO: TASS

onship is planned to be held as part of the forum. Over 1,200 enterprises and organizations have

confirmed their intention to participate in the forum, the Defence Ministry official said.

"Over 18,750 exhibits will be on display. National expositions will be demonstrated by Armenia,

Belarus, Kazakhstan, China, Pakistan, Slovakia and South Africa," he added. — Tass ■

UK's top judge says government must provide legal clarity on Brexit

LONDON — Britain's most senior judge has said the government needs to spell out how British courts should interpret rulings from the European Court

of Justice after Brexit. Currently Britain must abide by ECJ judgements but Prime Minister Theresa May's government has said that Britain will leave

its jurisdiction after Brexit.

Britain has begun the long and complicated process of disentangling UK legislation from more than 40 years of EU lawmaking,

however the government has said the British courts might still take note of ECJ rulings after the country has left the bloc. —Reuters ■

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in Picture Pakistan to celebrate Independence Day
A man paints Pakistan's national flag on the face of a girl in Islamabad, capital of Pakistan, on 8 August, 2017. Pakistan will celebrate Independence Day on 14 August. **PHOTO: XINHUA**

Red tide kills 270,000 puffers in Nagasaki

FUKUOKA — About 270,000 puffer fish farmed in a bay off Nagasaki Prefecture, southwestern Japan, have died due to the outbreak of red tide, resulting in damage of around 400 million yen (\$3.6 million), a local fisheries cooperative said on Tuesday.

The dead tiger puffers are equivalent to around one-fourth of the 1.1 million of the fish farmed in Imari Bay off Matsuura, Japan's largest puffer-producing city. The red tide has spread throughout Imari Bay following its outbreak in late July, according to the Shinmatsuura fisheries association.

Neutralizing agents have been used to contain the red tide, but the amount of damage is expected to increase further. Puffers are lethally poisonous but carefully prepared meals of the fish are one of Japan's most celebrated and luxurious dishes. —Kyodo News

S Korea's Moon taps Air Force chief to head Joint Chiefs of Staff

SEOUL — South Korean President Moon Jae-in on Tuesday named Air Force General Jeong Kyeong-doo to lead the country's Joint Chiefs of Staff amid tensions with North Korea, which continues to carry out provocations in defiance of international sanctions.

Jeong, 57, is a former fighter pilot and should he be officially appointed by the president after a parliamentary hearing, he will be the first air force official to head the Joint Chiefs of Staff in 23 years.

The hearing will serve to thoroughly scrutinise whether Jeong is morally qualified enough to serve, but parliamentary approval is not necessary for Moon to appoint him.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff top spot has previously been dominated by the army. Jeong will replace outgoing Army General Lee Sun-jin, who is set to retire after two years.

Experts and media reports said Tuesday's nomination was largely seen as an attempt to reform the country's armed forces which have been riddled for years with scandals involving graft and abuse of soldiers.

The nomination comes a few weeks ahead of annual joint military exercises between South Korea and the United States and follows Pyongyang's threat of retaliation after new UN sanctions were announced in response to its latest intercontinental ballistic missile tests last month. —Reuters

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THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
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Invitation for Bids

Date: 8th August, 2017
SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE
IDA Credit No. : 5727-MM

Contract Title: Insulators and Related Fittings for National Electrification Project
Reference No. : C1-G5

1. The Ministry of Electricity and Energy has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the National Electrification Project, and intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for Insulators and Related Fittings for National Electrification Project.

2. The Ministry of Electricity and Energy now invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for supply of Insulators and Related Fittings to be delivered in 2018 to multiple destinations in all Regions and States of Myanmar. Domestic preference with the margin of 15% will apply. The goods have been grouped into 4 lots and bidders may submit bid for any one or more lots.

3. For quick reference, some of the key qualification requirements include :
▪ The minimum average annual turnover (or annual sales volume) of the last three years shall be as follows:

Lot no. and description	Amount in USD (million)
Lot 1 - Insulator and Related Fitting package for Bago (W), Kachin, Chin, Sagaing.	3.0
Lot 2 - Insulator and Related Fitting package for for Rakhine, Magway, Nay Pyi Taw, Bago (E)	3.0
Lot 3 - Insulator and Related Fitting package for Ayeyarwaddy, Mandalay	2.0
Lot 4 - Insulator and Related Fitting package for Shan (N) , Kayah, Shan(S), Shan(E), Kayin, Mon, Yangon.	1.6

▪ The bidder should have past experience of having satisfactorily completed during the last 5 years at least **two contracts** for supply of similar goods, with the value of each such contract should be greater than the minimum amount shown in the table below.

Lot no. and description	Amount in USD (million)
Lot 1 - Insulator and Related Fitting package for Bago (W), Kachin, Chin, Sagaing.	2.6
Lot 2 - Insulator and Related Fitting package for for Rakhine, Magway, Nay Pyi Taw, Bago(E)	2.3
Lot 3 - Insulator and Related Fitting package for Ayeyarwaddy, Mandalay	1.7
Lot 4 - Insulator and Related Fitting package for Shan (N) , Kayah, Shan(S), Shan(E), Kayin, Mon, Yangon.	1.3

Other requirements are stated in Section III of the bidding documents.

4. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding procedures as specified in the World Bank's [Guidelines: Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers](#) [edition of January 2011 revised in July 2014] ("Procurement Guidelines"), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to the paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting for the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

5. Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information from Project Manager, Project Management Office, Office No.(27), Ministry of Electricity and Energy, nep.pmo_moep@gmail.com and inspect the bidding documents during office hours 10:00 to 16:00 hours Myanmar time at the address given below.

6. A complete set of bidding documents in English may be obtained free of charge by interested eligible bidders upon the submission of a written application to the address below. The bidding documents will be issued through email only.
In case of any difficulty in obtaining the bidding documents, interested parties may contact in writing:
Director General, Department of Electric Power Planning
Ministry of Electricity and Energy, Office No.(27)
City: Nay Pyi Taw
Country: The Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Email: nep.pmo_moep@gmail.com

7. Bids must be delivered to the address below on or before **September 22, 2017, 10:00 hours (10:00 am) Myanmar time**. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bids will be rejected. Bids will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders' designated representatives at the address below on **September 22, 2017, 10:00 hours (10:00 am) Myanmar time**.

8. All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security as stated in ITB 19.1.

9. The address referred to above is :
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Opening salvo set for Taylor Swift trial against Denver DJ accused of groping

DENVER — Lawyers on both sides of a trial pitting pop star Taylor Swift against a Colorado radio personality she accused of groping her were expected on Tuesday to deliver opening statements to jurors hearing the case in a federal courtroom in Denver.

The process of selecting an eight-member jury was due to conclude early in the day, with presentations to follow from attorneys for the 27-year-old singer and David Mueller, who lost his

job at Denver radio station KYGO-FM over Swift's allegation.

Mueller, 55, says he was falsely accused.

US District Judge William Martinez and lawyers for the two parties spent Monday quizzing members of the jury pool to detect any bias, asking, for example, if any were fans of Swift or regular listeners of KYGO.

Swift, one of America's top-selling recording stars, attended Monday's proceedings, turning to face the prospective jurors when introduced by the judge, then taking notes on a pad of paper during the selection process.

She made it into the courtroom without being spotted by the media outside the downtown Denver courthouse. Her mother, Andrea Swift, was also present. The singer is expected to take the witness stand during the trial.

The litigation centers on her allegations that Mueller slipped his hand under her dress and grabbed her bare buttocks as the two posed during a meet-and-greet session before a June 2013 concert in Denver.

"It was not an accident, it was completely intentional, and I have never been so sure of anything in my life," Swift said in a deposition.

Mueller sued first, saying Swift fabricated the allegation and pressured station management to oust him from his \$150,000-per-year job. His case cites tort claims of interference with contractual obligations and prospective business relations.

His lawsuit denies anything inappropriate occurred during the brief backstage encounter in which he and his girlfriend stood on either side of the pop star.

Swift countersued for assault and battery, and the two civil complaints were merged for trial. In court filings, Swift said her representatives informed KYGO management about the incident, but she did not demand Mueller be fired.

Swift, one of the most successful contemporary music artists, earned \$170 million between June 2015 and June 2016, following a world tour and her best-selling "1989" album, *Forbes* Magazine said.—Reuters ■



Actor inside Godzilla suit, Haruo Nakajima, dies at 88

TOKYO — Haruo Nakajima, the Japanese actor who wore the Godzilla suit for about two decades from the monster movie series' original, died of pneumonia on Monday, his family said on Tuesday. He was 88.

A native of Yamagata Prefecture, Nakajima aspired to become a movie actor as a teen-

ager shortly after the end of World War II and played stunts in a number of movies in his early career, most notably Akira Kurosawa's *Seven Samurai*.

Nakajima's fire stunt performance as a warplane pilot in a 1953 film led to him getting the role of Godzilla the following year when the first of the series featuring the monster was released.

As Godzilla gained worldwide popularity, Nakajima went on to wear the Godzilla bodysuit for 11 more titles until the 1970s, giving him a reputation as a suit actor both at home and abroad.

He also performed inside the bodysuits of many characters in "tokusatsu" (special effects) movies and television series.

Even after retirement, Nakajima maintained a high global recognition as the man inside Godzilla. In 2011, he received an honorary award from the city of Los Angeles.—Kyodo News ■



Godzilla appeals for traffic safety on 20 September, 2014, in the city of Kami, Kochi Prefecture, in southwestern Japan. The local police station assigned Godzilla, who turned 60 this year, as its chief-for-a-day. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

New 'Doctor Who' star hopes fans don't fear a female time lord

LONDON — Jodie Whittaker, the first woman cast as the lead role of the BBC's iconic sci-fi program "Doctor Who", expressed hopes on Monday that fans will embrace her role as a symbol of diversity rather than fear the shift from a man.

Whittaker, 35, breaks a tradition back to the start of the television series in 1963 that the Doctor is a man, traveling the universe as a "time lord" in a telephone box to protect the weak and combat evil aliens.

"I hope, you know, my gender isn't a fearful thing for the fans," Whittaker told the BBC, in her first broadcast interview since her casting was announced last month.

"In this world particularly — there aren't rules and that's a great thing, you know, so hopefully, hopefully everyone is excited, as excited as I am," she added.

Her casting was largely viewed positively by fans and commentators but some on social media argued that the role of the Doctor should not be played by a woman. Whittaker said that she had missed the reactions as she was not a

social media user.

Ultimately, Whittaker hopes that her casting will help fans of the program to embrace diversity.

"Now we can say to young boys and young girls that the people that you potentially look up to or the characters that you love don't necessarily have to look the same as before - you know, we can celebrate the fact of differences."

She told the BBC that she believed getting the role would be "a blessing and a curse", and expressed the hope that media interest in her personal life would die down: "It's not very exciting", she said.

"Doctor Who" is one of the BBC's most popular scripted programs, and has inspired a devoted fanbase in several countries, with clubs, conventions and fan publications. She will be the 13th Doctor.

Whittaker replaces actor Peter Capaldi, who has played the programme's lead role since 2014. She has previously appeared in British crime drama "Broadchurch", and British cult film "Attack the Block", among other roles.—Reuters ■

Arcade Fire's 'Everything Now' tops Billboard 200 chart

LOS ANGELES — Canadian indie rockers Arcade Fire's latest album debuted at the top of the US Billboard 200 album chart on Monday, the only new entry in the top 10 of the chart this week.

Arcade Fire's "Everything Now," the band's fifth studio album, sold 100,000 album units comprising sales from albums, songs and streaming activity, according to figures from Nielsen SoundScan.

Arcade Fire previously debuted at No 1 on Billboard 200 in 2013 with "Reflektor" and in 2010 with "The Suburbs," *Billboard* said.

The Billboard 200 chart tallies units from album sales, song sales (10 songs equal one album) and streaming activity (1,500 streams equal one album).

Rapper Kendrick Lamar's "Damn." climbed three spots to No 2 while rapper Meek Mills' "Wins & Losses" held steady at No 3. Last week's chart-topper,



Lead vocalist Win Butler (R) and his wife Regine Chassagne of rock band Arcade Fire perform at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in Indio, California on 13 April, 2014. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Lana Del Rey's "Lust For Life," dropped to No 10 in its second week.

On the Digital Songs chart, which measures online single

sales, Puerto Rican singer Luis Fonsi's catchy hit "Despacito" featuring Justin Bieber held onto the top spot with 84,000 more copies sold.—Reuters ■

Cambodian PM Hun Sen gets surprise birthday treat from Abe

PHNOM PENH — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen had a surprise on Monday night during his visit to Japan when his Japanese counterpart Shinzo Abe celebrated his birthday with a cake and song.

Hun Sen posted on Facebook that Abe, during a dinner he hosted in Tokyo, stood up and sang a birthday song while the cake was presented. The Cambodian leader's birthday is officially recorded as last Friday.

Hun Sen, who is on a four-day official visit to Japan from Sunday, wrote that he was thankful to Abe for the birthday cake and golf set gift, saying he would never forget that moment.

The two leaders held talks earlier in the day, with Abe pledging to expand his country's assistance to Cambodia in fields including infrastructure development. —Kyodo News ■



Stunning photos of partial lunar eclipse

Full moon rises above the 5th Century BC Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounio, south of Athens, Greece. A partial lunar eclipse took place on 7 August night and was seen right around the world, including several parts of Russia. A phenomenon occurs when the Earth moves between the Sun and the Moon, and the moon enters the earth's shadow, but they are not precisely aligned. Here are the great shots taken from the night. **PHOTO: TASS**

Meditation truck offers NYC a taste of Buddhism-inspired calm

NEW YORK — A New Yorker whose long-standing meditation practice helped her cope with the stresses of corporate life has created the city's first mobile meditation studio to spread Buddhism-inspired calm in the harried metropolis.

Kristin Westbrook, the founder and CEO of Calm City, started making pop-up appearances in a converted RV in May, parking in busy areas of Manhattan and offering passersby the chance to take part in 10 minutes of guided meditation for \$10.

Westbrook, who earned a meditation teaching certificate after hatching the idea last year, said she wanted to make the centering experience "as convenient as walking up to a food truck."

"I've had people who have never meditated before and have no idea what it is, and I've had people that are longtime meditators (who) want to sit" as part of their practice, she said. After spotting the vehicle parked on Broadway, Holly Carter, 43, decided to step in for a quick repose during her lunch break.

"I think it's a really good idea," said Carter, a writer who recently started meditating using an app with three-minute recordings for beginners. "It's easier than I thought to unwind, sort of forget

where you are and take a moment for yourself, which I think a lot of us (in New York) don't do enough of," she added.

A New Jersey native who has lived in New York City since 1985, Westbrook, 50, is drawing on her background as a corporate creative director to launch the current venture, the first application of her design skills to a personal wellness business.

In addition to creating the start-up's website, logo and promotional materials, Westbrook also designed the meditation space in the vehicle, a 1976 model bought from an online seller last October and renovated with the help of friends and family.

The climate-controlled space seats up to nine people, with legless Japanese-style chairs on top of walnut benches. Clients can sit cross-legged if so inclined, or with their feet resting on the floor or on blocks. Removal of shoes is optional. —Kyodo News ■



Kristin Westbrook, founder and CEO of Calm City, the first mobile meditation studio in New York, offers 10-minute meditation sessions in Manhattan on 27 July, 2017. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**



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09:26	Am	Chef Life: Syi Syi Lwin
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09:53	Am	Graffiti: Portraiture
10:03	Am	News
10:26	Am	Shrinking Footprints
10:51	Am	Sai Ye Kwan
(11:00 Am ~ 03:00 Pm) - Tuesday Repeat (07:00 Am ~ 11:00 Am)		
(03:00 Pm ~ 07:00 Pm) - Today Repeat (07:00 Am ~ 11:00 Am)		
Prime Time		
07:03	Pm	News
07:26	Pm	Cruising To Precious Islands (Part-1)
08:03	Pm	News
08:26	Pm	Innovative Handiworks Based on The Art of Line Drawing
08:46	Pm	Five Hair Relic Enshrined Pagodas
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Myanmar U-12 footballers are seen at the departure of Yangon International Airport. **PHOTO: MFF**

Myanmar's U-12 football shuts out all competitors at youth tournament

Kyaw Zin Tun

MYANMAR'S U-12 youth football team defeated Cambodia's U-12 team, 16 to 0, yesterday at Olympic Sport Stadium in Qinhuangdao City in northeast China at the 2017 Soong Ching Ling Cup

China-ASEAN youth soccer tournament. Myanmar's U-12 team also defeated Indonesia, 2-0 and China, 1-0, on 7 August.

National teams competing at the Soong Ching Ling Cup include China, Vietnam, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand,

Laos, Myanmar and Cambodia.

The tournament will continue until 13 August.

Today, Myanmar will play Thailand and regardless of the outcome has played well enough so far that it will advance to the semi-final round.

Myanmar national futsal team preparing for 29th SEA Game

Kyaw Zin Tun

MYANMAR national futsal team will play two friendly matches at 4pm on 11 and 14 August as a preparation for 29th SEA Game.

Myanmar national futsal team will play two friendly matches against Futsal League All Star team at National Sta-

dium (1), National Institute of Sport (NIS 1) in Bogyoke Aung San Stadium.

Myanmar national futsal team already played five friendly matches in Bangkok, Thailand as a preparation for 29th SEA Game.

Public entry is free for these two friendly matches of Myanmar national futsal team.

Tickets sold for AYA Presents Inter Milan Tour

Advance tickets for AYA Presents Inter Milan Tour are sold at the Hledan Center, Aung San Stadium and Thuwanna Stadium in Yangon during the office hour of 9 and 10 August. Tickets

are priced at Ks 2000 and 3000 for ordinary stand and Ks 5000 for special stand. U 18 Inter Milan football team and U 18 Myanmar national football team will play friendly matches at 6:00pm on 11 and 13 August in Thuwanna Stadium, Yangon. —GNLM

Pun Hlaing Junior Golf Championship 2017 to be held

Phoe Thaw Zin

Pun Hlaing Junior Golf Championship 2017 will be held on 26 and 27 August at Pun Hlaing Golf Resort in Yangon.

This championship is jointly organized by Junior Golf Myanmar (JGM) and Pun Hlaing Golf Resort under the supervision of Myanmar Golf Federation. There are three classes of com-

petition for male and female, under 18, under 14 and under 10 each.

Interested athletes can enquire on the details of the tournament at Junior Golf Myanmar (JGM), 09-5109552, 09-5172700 and 09-5113959 and register not later than 2pm of 24 August.

Original and copy of birth certificate or ID cards will be needed for registration to clas-

sify the classes of golf tournament.

The best four athletes will be chosen and sent for APJGA Asian Master Final held in Narai Hill Golf Resort Lopbury Province, Thailand from 17 to 19 November. Junior Golf Myanmar (JGM) is now scheduling monthly golf competitions to nurture the new generation golf athletes.

Guardiola hopeful of Gundogan return next week

LONDON — Manchester City midfielder Ilkay Gundogan is close to full-fitness after recovering from a long-term injury with manager Pep Guardiola hoping to include the Germany international in the squad for next week's friendly against Girona.

Gundogan made 16 appearances for City last season before suffering cruciate ligament damage in his knee last December.

"I think he's close to coming back," Guardiola told the club



Manchester City's Ilkay Gundogan. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

website (www.mancity.com). "Maybe he'll get minutes in Girona. I don't know, we're going to ask the doctor because, of course,

he was injured for a long time. "We don't want to take any risks. He has to be strong but, of course, his quality is perfect for the way we want to play. "He's a guy who plays in the middle and can be a holding midfielder or play in front. In those terms, we're so happy." City are travelling to a training camp in Spain and will face La Liga side Girona, three days after their Premier League opener at Brighton and Hove Albion on Saturday.—Reuters

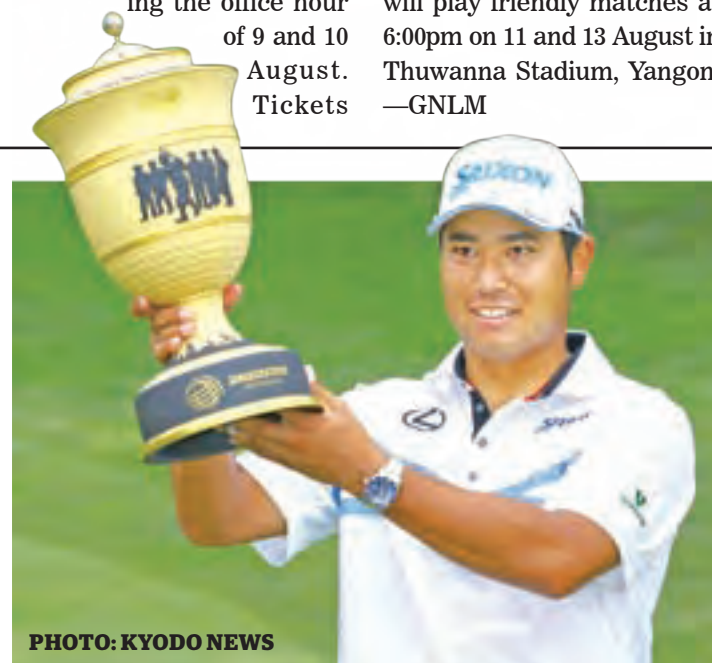


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Matsuyama tipped as favorite for PGA C'Ship

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina — The official website of the PGA Tour on Monday named Japan's Hideki Matsuyama as the No 1 favourite to win the upcoming PGA Championship.

No Japanese male has come closer to becoming a major champion than Matsuyama, who topped pgatour.com's top 20 "power rankings," which ranked two-time champion Rory McIlroy second and 2012 champion Rickie Fowler third.

"It's his time," pgatour.com said in its comment column.

"Fresh off that tee-to-green clinic at Firestone where he

locked into another gear, he's poised to make history as Japan's first major champion."

Matsuyama is coming off a five-shot victory at World Golf Championships-Bridgestone Invitational at the Firestone Country Club this past weekend, where he earned his fifth career PGA win.

The PGA Championship, the final major of the season, will be held from 10 to 13 August at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, North Carolina, and the 156-player field includes 97 of the world's top 100 players.—Kyodo News