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IMF: Myanmar
economy is
rebounding,
future is bright

AN International Monetary Fund (IMF) report released yesterday showed that Myanmar's economy is rebounding and its future remains favourable, though more reforms are needed to accelerate growth, according to the report.

An IMF team led by Mr. Shanaka J. Peiris, an expert on finance in Asia, visited Myanmar from November 6th – 17th to conduct discussions on the state of Myanmar's economy. At the conclusion of this visit, Mr. Peiris said there have been challenges, but the country's economy is stable and has good potential for growth.

"The economy stabilised in 2016/17. The new government saw a challenging first year with lower-than-expected growth of 5.9 per cent in 2016/17 mainly due to weak agriculture production

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ASEM Senior Officials' Meeting held

ASEM Senior Official's Meeting and related meetings were held at Myanmar International Convention Center 1 (MICC-1) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

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Myanmar delegation votes against OIC's unfair Resolution on Myanmar at the Third Committee of the 72nd United Nations General Assembly

THE Member States of the Organization of the Islamic Cooperation (OIC) submitted a draft resolution entitled "Situation of Human Rights in Myanmar" at the Third Committee of the

Seventy-second Session of the United Nations General Assembly which is being held at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 16 November 2017.

As the resolution was unfair to Myanmar, the Myanmar Delegation called for vote on the resolution. Myanmar Permanent Representative U Hau Do Suan delivered a general

statement before the vote and responded on the outcome after voting.

In his general statement, the Myanmar Permanent Representative demonstrated My-

anmar's strong opposition to the draft resolution by calling for vote on the resolution as a whole, taking into account of the following reasons:

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8th Model ASEM 2017 held

AT the opening ceremony for the 8th Model ASEM 2017, a related meeting of the Asia-Europe Foreign Ministers' Meeting, Dr. Myo Thein Gyi, Union Minister for Education, pointed out the correlation of education, equality and economic growth.

"Education is of great importance for the socio-economic development of a nation and the alleviation of poverty and equality between men and women. The present meeting is a workshop which practically introduces diplomatic relations, negotiation and international relations among youths", Dr. Myo Thein Gyi said.

Present at the opening ceremony were 98 youths from Asian and European countries and 56 Myanmar youths from regions and states.

"In accord with the theme of 8th ASEM and 13th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting -- 'Strengthening Partnership for Peace and Sustainable Development,' -- discussions should be made in familiar terms by upgrading patience, mutual understanding and trust among the communities with differences in politics, economy and culture. For strengthening sustainable development, the Ministry of Education has been bringing about high-quality education by laying



Participants of the 8th Model ASEM pose for a documentary photo in Nay Pyi Taw on 17 November 2017. PHOTO: MNA

down the National Education Strategic Plan (2016-2021). The plan was based on the policies destined for acquisition of opportunities for school-aged children to receive academic learning at schools, reduce the dropout rate, increase of rates of continuous learning and the elimination of segregation. A primary and middle school education, free of charge, is being implemented in the country, achieving net school enrollment rate at 98.1 percent in 2017-2018 academic year."

The Union Minister went on to say that education should be available for all children, including those who are physically challenged.

"Special education is specifically being implemented for disabled students and those experiencing many difficulties. For those who cannot attend classes regularly and who are very weak in learning results, programmes

for supplementary teaching are under implementation. With the arrangements of Regions and States, 49 ethnic languages are being taught. The Ministry of Education has formed the Department of Alternative Education. The Basic Education System is being transformed into a KG+12 System. Neo-curriculums destined for higher-order thinking skills and deep learning will replace the learning-by-rote system and will provide 21st Century skills. For acquisition of better employment, great capacity is important. Accordingly, the Ministry of Education is encouraging applied research which will fulfill regional requirement and labour market requirement, simultaneously implementing a high-capacity education system which can produce intellectual graduates with competitive powers and cooperative habits."

"The State is upgrading

a green national economy to create green employment opportunities, and implementing the sector of renewable energy. Responsibility and accountability are important for the conservation of a natural environment, protection against the greenhouse effect, and reduction of risks of natural disasters. Youths will get good habits of taking responsibility for peace and sustainable development hand in hand with each other among societies from this meeting," said by the Union Minister.

Afterward, Asia-Europe Foundation Executive Director Ambassador Karsten Warnecke gave a welcoming speech and posed for photos.

At the meeting, Ms. Leonie Nagarajan, Director of ASEF Education Department, led the discussions, with Ambassador Paul Seger of the Embassy of Switzerland in Myanmar, Resi-

dent Representative Mr. Achim Munz of the Hanns Seidel Foundation Myanmar and Professor Daw Chaw Chaw Sein of Yangon University's International Relations Department discussing The Role of Influence of New Actors in Public Diplomacy.

Present at the meeting were Union Ministers Lt General Ye Aung, U Ohn Win and Dr Win Myat Aye, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin, chairmen of international relation committee, Hluttaw representatives, vice-chairman of national curriculum committee, permanent secretaries, directors-general, rectors, deputy directors-general, university students from 8th Model ASEM 2017, invited guests, special guests and responsible officials.

The 8th Model ASEM 2017 will continue until 19 November 19 at MICC-2 in Nay Pyi Taw. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Myanmar delegation votes against OIC's unfair Resolution on Myanmar at the Third Committee of the 72nd United Nations General Assembly

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The Government of Myanmar, in cooperation with the International community including the United Nations, has been working seriously to resolve the issue of Rakhine State. The humanitarian situation was triggered by the terrorist attacks in the region.

The issue of Rakhine State and the humanitarian situation has been discussed at the United Nations Security Council and the Human Rights Council.

Now the OIC is exerting political pressure on Myanmar by submitting the unfair resolution at the Third Committee of the United Nations General Assembly. Myanmar opposes any at-



Permanent Representative U Hau Do Suan. PHOTO: MNA

tempt to politicize the issue.

Myanmar opposes unconstructive approaches of country specific resolution under the pretext of promotion and protection of human rights.

The Government of Myanmar has put its utmost efforts for national reconciliation and peace as well as addressing the issue of Rakhine State. The OIC failed to sufficiently recognize these efforts.

After the adoption of the resolution due to a majority vote in favour, the Myanmar Permanent Representative responded as follows:

Myanmar shall not relent in its efforts to build the country as a peaceful and harmonious democratic federal union. Myanmar will implement all its commitments, including promotion and protection of the rights of its people, in good faith and without fail.

Myanmar opposes the attempts to infringe the sovereignty of a nation by

misusing the norms and procedure of the United Nations.

This ill-intentioned, selective and politically motivated resolution will not help Myanmar efforts for solving the issue of Rakhine State, but would rather lead to further deteriorate the situation.

Myanmar will not accept any attempt of political pressure on the nation under the guise of humanitarian issues.

Myanmar would not be bound by the resolution.

Myanmar thanks the Member States who voted against the draft resolution or abstained or not participate in the voting under the enormous political pressure.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Over 100,000 children in Buthidaung to be vaccinated against encephalitis

OVER 100,000 children under the age of 15 will be vaccinated in Buthidaung Township, Rakhine State, including those in rural villages, regardless of race or religion, medical officials said yesterday.

The Ministry of Health and Sports has been administering vaccinations against encephalitis to children under 15 on a nationwide scale since 15 November. According to the health centre in Buthidaung township, it is also vaccinating against encephalitis to children under 15 in northern Rakhine, which will amount to well over 100,000, officials said.

“Buthidaung township is made up of seven wards and 419 villages. Out of them, there are some villages in which particu-

lar ethnics are separately living. Within some villages Muslims are living separately, and in some villages Muslims and ethnics live side by side. Children from age 9 months to 15 — over 9,000 children in Buthidaung and over 90,000 in rural areas of Buthidaung, will be vaccinated against encephalitis regardless of race, religion and status.”

After the events of the ARSA extremist terrorist attacks in Buthidaung, transport and communications in the area became worse, but medical staff are continuing their efforts to vaccinate against encephalitis by forming vaccination teams in cooperation with related departments. As a first priority, a total of 7,530 children under the age of 15 in



A nurse vaccinates the child against encephalitis in Buthidaung. **PHOTO: HAN LIN NAING**

Buthidaung were vaccinated against encephalitis, according to Buthidaung Health Centre.

For having children vaccinated against encephalitis, pamphlets were given out to the peo-

ple in marketplaces, signboards erected at schools and junction places, announcements made and educational talks given.

Encephalitis has been known to break out in 24 Asia-Pacific

countries including Myanmar. By having individuals, especially children, vaccinated against encephalitis, they can be immune from the disease forever, it was learnt.—News Team



Harvesters are seen at a paddy field in MraukU, Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

Monsoon paddy harvested in MraukU, Rakhine State

THE harvesting work of the model plot no.39, owner no (151/1) in Maybon Township, MraukU District, Rakhine State which produces sowing seeds was carried out on 12 November.

Total 103 people including head of the department U Tun Aye Khaing and officials, township's departmental officials and farmers involved in the harvesting work and an acre yield-

ed 109.56 baskets. The harvested paddy, Sin Thwe Latt can grow in the areas of salt water. Therefore, the seeds will be distributed to the areas where salt water intrudes.—Myanmar news Agency

Veterinary service provides in Maungtaw, Rakhine State

THE veterinary team has vaccinated the cattle and goats in the villages including Tha Si, Yan Aung Myay and Ywet Nyo Taung ethnic villages in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State.

So far, total 284 cattle and 643 goats were vaccinated including one goat at Tha Si Village near Pan Taw Pyin camp,

two goats at Yan Aung Myay Village near Khone Taing camp and one cow and one goat at Ywet Nyo Taung Village near Nga Khue Ya camp. During the veterinary trip, no ownerless cattle and goats were found and all cattle and goats with owners were vaccinated.—Myanmar News Agency



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Cash donated to UEHRD



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye (Third from left) accepts cash donated by Myanmar-American Medical Education Society for Rakhine State presented by U Kyaw Tin. **PHOTO: MNA**

Dr Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement as well as deputy chairman of Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine State -UEHRD received cash yesterday donated to UEHRD for Rakhine State.

At the ceremony, Union

Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint handed over K20 million donated by the PPD, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin US\$ 10,000 donated by Myanmar-American Medical Education Society based in New York and Ambassador of Tinor-Leste to Myanmar US\$ 8,000 to Dr Win Myat Aye.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Bago Region Chief Minister pledges to assist development in Rakhine

BAGO Region Chief Minister U Win Thein said the Bago Region government will assist and coordinate in all sectors with human, financial, moral and technical resources for Rakhine State Maungdaw District regional development works and for reconstruction of damages and losses caused by terrorist attacks.

U Win Thein made the remark at a stake driving ceremony held yesterday evening to construct 64 village houses in Kainggyi Mro village in southern Maungdaw region. The Bago Region government is taking the responsibility to build these homes.

The reason for coming to Rakhine is because the State Counsellor had told ethnic nationals to assist another who is facing difficulties in all sectors starting with human, financial, moral and technical resources in the Rakhine State affairs. Reconstruction of this region will start with construction of villages and schools. The construction of houses needs to be completed before the rain comes. This will be followed by assistant and coordination for economic works.



Bago Region Chief Minister U Win Thein greets ethnic people in Kainggyi Village, Maungdaw, Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MIN HTAT**

64 houses in Kainggyi Village will be built by Bago Region government. The money for this work comes from the (region) government, businesses, public servants and the public. Once the livelihood matters are re-established, human, financial, moral and technical assistant will be provided for agriculture, livestock breeding and fishery sector development as required by the (Rakhine) state government said the Bago Region Chief Minister.

At the stake driving ceremony Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, Bago Region Chief Minister U Win Thein, Rakhine State minister for social affairs Dr. Chan Thar, state government secretary U Tin Maung Swe, CB Bank Chairman U Khin Maung Aye sprinkled stake driving “Mingalar” water, cordially met and encouraged ethnic Mro villagers. Afterwards they visited Alethan-kyaw south of Maungdaw region where a new air strip will be built.—News Team ■

Rakhine State Investment Committee holds its Meeting 2/2017

RAKHINE State Investment Committee held its coordination meeting 2/2017 at the meeting room of Rakhine State Investment Committee Office in Sittway at 9 am yesterday.

At the meeting, Rakhine State Chief Minister, U Nyi Pu, Chairman of Rakhine State Investment Committee addressed, “Committee members need to carry out the tasks in accord with frameworks, rules and regulations laid down by Myanmar Investment Commission so that entrepreneurs can have mutual trust with our committee. I want you to implement projects destined for the development of the State by bringing about opportunities for investors.”

Following that, Dr Nyi Nyi Maung, secretary to the Rakhine State Investment Committee explained concerning orders and directives prescribed Myanmar Investment Commission, with members of the combined negotiation committee discussing difficulties encountered by investors.

U Nyi Pu, Chief Minister said, “With regard to the investments, entrepreneurs may have some necessities. We are to negotiate with them so that investments can be made promptly. In combination with technicians, experts and entrepreneurs if workshops will be made people will broadly know about investments to be implemented in Rakhine State, including the global community. Provided that investments can be successfully implemented we can fetch foreign income not only for Rakhine State but also for the nation. So, I would like to urge our national entrepreneurs to apply the acquired opportunity to the full so that we can bring about success for the nation.”

Dr Nyi Nyi Maung said, “Which kinds of difficulties do you have for making investments in Rakhine State, for example difficulty on land? Chairman of the MIC had already instructed. As regards committee’s authorities and orders to be applied, I explained to committee chairman and mem-



Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu addresses the meeting of Rakhine State Investment Committee in Sittway in Rakhine State on 17 November 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

bers. We are moving on to target for creation of job opportunities and giving technical knowledge, which are aims of the commission. Had we achieved opportunity for job creation will unemployment problem be solved, by itself. Here, we have investors

to implement as soon as possible. We will invite them. If they have difficulties will link with the ministries to get their cooperation. We will make efforts to bring about benefits for the nation and the people. We are implementing to bring about

the investment with responsibility and accountability.”

Present at the ceremony were U Nyi Pu, Chief Minister and Chairman of Rakhine State Investment Committee members, it was learnt.—Tin Tun (IPRD) ■