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State Counsellor in China for working visit

AT the invitation of the Government of the People's Republic of China, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi left Nay Pyi Taw for a working visit to the People's Republic of China yesterday.

During the trip, the State Counsellor will hold bilateral talks with President Xi Jinping and deliver a speech as the Special Guest of the Government of the People's Republic of China at the opening ceremony of the "Communist Party of China in Dialogue with World Political Parties" High-Level Meeting to be held in Beijing.

The State Counsellor was seen off at Nay Pyi Taw International Airport by Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister for International Cooperation Ministry U Kyaw Tin, Chairman of the Nay Pyi Taw Council U Myo Aung, Mr. Yu Bianjiang, Charge d'affaires of Embassy of China in Yangon, and responsible officials from the Chinese Embassy.

The State Counsellor was accompanied by U Win Khaing, Union Minister for Electric and Power and Construction, U Zaw Myint Maung, Chief Minister for Mandalay Region and U Min Thu, Deputy Minister for the President's Office and other officials.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi welcomed at Beijing International Airport. **PHOTO: MNA**

Kayin State Government to donate houses, wells to Maungtaw

GOVERNMENT officials gathered in Rakhine State yesterday to inspect the site of building houses for new villages.

Dr. Chan Thar, Rakhine State Minister for Social Affairs, U Than Naing, Kayin State Minister for Planning and Finance, U Saw Pyae Thar, Minister for Transport and Energy and departmental officials led by U Nyi Pu, Rakhine State Chief Minister, Daw Nan Khin Htwe Myint, Kayin State Chief Minister went to the building site for the new Mingyi Village in Aung Sit Pyin village-tract in Maungtaw yesterday meeting.

"Old Mingyi Village was eroded. Now the teams representing Region and State Governments came here to collectively solve difficulties experienced in Rakhine State. The new village will be built as a model village under the sponsorship of Kayin State and Sagaing Region", said Dr. Chan Thar.

U Nyi Pu, Rakhine State Chief Minister said, "All Regions and States across the country are coming here to join in building up regional development in Rakhine State.

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State Counsellor in China for working visit

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The delegation led by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi arrived in Kunming, Yunnan Province, at 11 am local time, where they were welcomed by Mr. Liu Huiyan of the CPC of Yunnan Province, Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thit Lin Ohn, Ambassador of China to Myanmar Mr, Hong Liang, Myanmar Consul-General U Soe Paing and embassy staff.

The State Counsellor and party proceeded to Hai Geng Garden Hotel by motorcade to attend a dinner hosted by Secretary of CPC of Yunnan Province Mr. Chen Hao.

After the dinner, the delegation left for Beijing by special flight and arrived at Beijing International Airport at 5 pm local time.

They were welcomed at the airport by Deputy Head of the International Liaison Department of the CPC and Military Attaché of Myanmar Brig-Gen Tint Hsan and staff of Myanmar Embassy in Beijing.

At 7 pm, the State Counsellor attended a dinner hosted by the Head of the International Liaison Department of the Communist Party of China Mr. Song Tao. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Pope Francis is seen off by dignitaries at Yangon International Airport on 30 November 2017. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

Pope Francis leaves Yangon

Pope Francis, who was in Myanmar for a four-day visit, left yesterday afternoon for Dhaka, Bangladesh, on a special aircraft.

The Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, region ministers, the Myanmar Ambassador to Vatican City State U San Lwin, Bangkok-based Myanmar Ambassador to Vatican City State Sayadaw Paul Chan An Nam, Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Strategic Studies and Training Department Director-General Daw Kay Thi Soe, Catholic Bishops' Conference of Myanmar(CBCM) His Eminence Cardinal Archbishop Charles Bo, His Excellency Auxiliary Bishop John Saw Yaw Han, and CMBM's president bishop Felix Lian Khen Thang saw off Pope Francis at Yangon International Airport.

Before leaving, Pope Francis prayed yesterday morning together with Christian youths at Saint Mary's Cathedral Church located at Bogyoke Aung San Road and Bo Aung Kyaw Road.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Dr Win Myat Aye attends meeting in China on strategies for the disabled

Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye attends the High-Level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Mid-Point Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities held in China on 30 November. **PHOTO: MNA**

Dr Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, attended the High-Level Intergovernmental Meeting on the Mid-Point Review of the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities being held in People's Republic of China.

The meeting was held with the intention of reviewing development situations including the difference to be experienced and challenges in carrying out the Asian and Pacific Decade of Persons with Disabilities (2013-2022) and the Incheon Strategy, discussing instructions on policies for further implementation, upgrading the implementation for the remaining half of the decade and laying down a notification through discussions.

Present at the meeting were representatives of governmental institutions from 35 countries in Asian and Pacific Regions, UN Agencies, civil societies and disabilities-related organisations.

At the meeting, law, rules and regulations on rights for the disabled, formation of a national committee, disabilities-related social protection, examination of situations on child development, resettlement, a convention on opportunities of disabled persons, the UN, Incheon Strategy and cooperation between goals of sustainable development, it was learnt.

Myanmar learned about the Incheon Strategy currently implemented in regional countries and the experiences and difficulties of all-inclusive development, and how to upgrade international cooperation which can result in human resources and techniques to help the disabled.

During the meeting, the Union Minister held talks with the disabled development association of the Korean Government and the Asian and Pacific region disabled development team committee, it was learnt.—MNA ■

National objectives for the 2018, 70th Anniversary of Independence Day

1. All nationalities to collectively preserve and protect non-disintegration of the Union; non-disintegration of national unity; and perpetuation of national sovereignty.
2. To strive hard to draw up a constitution suitable for the Union in accordance with democratic principles and norms for the emergence of a Democratic Federal Union.
3. To strive hard and exert our utmost efforts to implement the peace process as quickly as possible.
4. For all nationalities to work together with the State to achieve the goal of "lasting peace" through political dialogues.
5. By encouraging the private sector which is the main engine of growth for the economy, to collectively exert our efforts for improving and advancing the socio-economic life of the people.

Five suspects arrested, stimulant tablets seized

POLICE arrested five suspects and seized more than 1,200,000 stimulant tablets from them in Maungtaw and Buthidaung townships on Wednesday.

Acting on a tip-off that stimulant tablets would be transported along the Anguemaw-Maungtaw Road to Zula Village, Maungtaw Township, police staked out the area at 4am on Wednesday.

While police were waiting, a Hi-Jet vehicle driven by Mg Tin Win, 18, with two men on board, Mg Kyaw Kyaw Lin, 16, and Mg Thein, 19, was stopped near Zula Village. Police saw bundles unloaded from the vehicle and handed to 15 villagers, who took them and began walking toward Zula Village. When police gave chase, the villagers dropped the bundles and ran away.

Police arrested the driver, Mg Tin Win and the two passengers in the vehicle, together with 955,500 WY/R pink stimulant tablets. Police continue to investigate the suspects in accord with the law. On the same day, police seized 316,000 stimulant tablets in two gunny sacks with an estimated worth of Ks632 million near the old Dhamayone building in the compound of the Gannaryi philanthropic monastery west of Buthidaung Township. Police discovered the illegal drugs after a witness saw a white Probox vehicle drop off two gunny sacks.

Police arrested Khant Aung, 40, who lived in Hpa-An Township and Nay Soe Oo, 46, who lived in Hlainethaya Township on Bogyoke Road, Miyethtar Seik Ward, Buthidaung Township. Police filed a lawsuit against the suspects in accord with the law after they admitted carrying that two gunny sacks.—MNA ■

Kayin State Government to donate ...

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Under the leadership of the Union Government and State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, peace, stability and development of Rakhine State, resettlement and rehabilitation works are being supported by other Regions and States. Remarkable changes and development are being made so that in near future peace, stability and development will be seen by all."

Chief Ministers of Rakhine and Kayin States, and ministers of Rakhine State Government took part in a ground breaking ceremony at the site of the new village, spraying scented water. Mingyi village will be home to 72 families and 352 family members. Eighty-eight land plots measuring 40 by 60 ft will be made along with a school, dispensary, monastery and wells, it was learnt.

Old Mingyi Village was eroded by Pyuma Creek. The new village will be built near Wetkyein Village, on the side of Taungpyo-Kyeinchaung Road. The Kayin State government will build 29 houses and wells.

Daw Nan Khin Htwe Myint, Chief Minister said, "We came here to build houses. But on seeing the actual necessities, we arranged to dig wells. The solar electric panels we brought are very convenient, meeting the requirements of the village. Houses will be built within a two-month period. Out of 74 houses, Sagaing Region will build 45 and Kayin State will build 29 dwelling abodes." In the afternoon, Chief Ministers and members met with departmental personnel, providing them with noodles, sardines, coffee, cooking oil and other foodstuff.—News Team ■

Those who want to return and live in Myanmar should abide by the existing law

U Soe Aung.
PHOTO: MIN HTET

U Myint Kyaing.
PHOTO: MIN HTET

U Thein Zaw.
PHOTO: MIN HTET

If not action should be taken effectively according to existing law

IMPLEMENTATION Committee on recommendations on Rakhine State joint secretary and Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung together with officials visited Rakhine State in 29 and 30 November to inspect and view the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD) works. Following are the brief of the interviews conducted with officials from implementing departments and companies.

Deputy Minister U Soe Aung, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement

This trip to Rakhine State is to coordinate the resettlement and regional development works under UEHRD conducted by private entities and government departments. Repatriated people will be thoroughly screened by personnel from several government departments at the Taungpyo Letwe and Ngakhuya stations which are the main entry points where assessments will be made according to bilateral agreement and immigration law. As the departmental personnel will have to conduct this work for long, living quarters and offices for them were being constructed. Modular houses will be constructed by the end of December. There'll be 16 modular houses with 80 rooms in Taungpyo Letwe. Ministry of Construction is constructing these modular houses in Taungpyo Letwe. Private entities under UEHRD are constructing the modular houses in Ngakhuya.

U Myint Kyaing, Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population

MoU was signed for repatriation of people who fled to Bangladesh from Myanmar. According to the MoU, the repatriation will be systematically conducted under the 1982 Citizenship Law and this visit is to inspect the status of preparing the repatriation stations. Those who are repatriated along the land route will be inspected at Taungpyo Letwe station while those who are repatriated along the sea route will be inspected at Ngakhuya station. Taungpyo Letwe station is 45 percent completed and soon it will be fully completed. As for Ngakhuya, only about15 per cent of preparation work is completed. Application forms to return and live according to existing laws were being sent to Bangladesh through Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The application form will include the applicant's name, family list, type of identity held when they lived in Myanmar (white card, NV or receipt issued when the white card was returned). Finally they need to admit in the application that they are returning to Myanmar on their own free will without intimidation or threat from anyone.

They also need to concur that they'll live in Myanmar according to existing law. A recent photo will be attached on the application and the application will be sent back to us. Repatriation assessment committee formed by the government will assess and receive them back. They will be assessed based on the data collected three times a year in the border areas. Only those who are in this list will be accepted back. Applications of those who are accepted will be sent back to Bangladesh. All applicants will not be accepted back. Only those who are found to be included in the earlier collected data will be accepted. Applicants in the applications and returnees will be compared using biometric means. Myanmar will be ready to accept the repatriation by the end of December. Only thing is no application to return had been sent back from Bangladesh to date. Complete application with photos need to be sent quickly. Only then can it be checked and accepted back in the repatriation stations. Muslims who had lived for long in the country will not lose their human rights and will be protected and permitted to live according to 1982 Citizenship Law. The main point is everyone can live peacefully in the country according to the law. If not effective action will be taken according to the law.

U Thein Zaw, acting director general, department of building, Ministry of Construction

I am in this trip to inspect the construction of 16 Modular House in Taungpyo Letwe station. The Modular House donated by China is being used in this construction. It will be constructed by our department. 22 Modular House for Ngakhuya station is being issued to Eden Company that is constructing it. Taungpyo will be completed by end December and Ngakhuya will be completed by end January. Three mountain crossing roads were being planned for this region. A single lane road is completed for Kyeinchaung-Gopi Road. It will be upgraded to an all-weather road. Two remaining mountain crossing will also be constructed. —News Team ■

Meeting on film about the life of Bogyoke Aung San

THE 1st coordination meeting on a biographical film being made about the life of Bogyoke Aung San was held at the National Theatre on Myoma Kyaung Street, Dagon Township in Yangon yesterday.

At the meeting, the Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko, Chairman of the Biographical Film Production about the life of Bogyoke Aung San, said, "Those present at today's meeting will have to deservedly take the responsibility of producing a biographical film about the life of Bogyoke Aung San. All nations across the world usually produce classic films about their national leaders. In Myanmar as well, there started to make attempts to produce the film about Bogyoke Aung San on February 13 in 2012. Now the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture had an opportunity to successfully produce the classic film about the life of Bogyoke Aung San,

Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture takes steps to fil about the life of Bogyoke Aung San. **PHOTO: MNA**

together with Myanmar Film Association, simultaneously linking with respective ministries. For successful implementation of producing the film, the Ministry will help as much as possible. We firmly believe that the biography of Bogyoke Aung San will be presented with actual history and Bogyoke's performances artistically. In doing so, actualities must be laid stress on." The Union Minister added, "Costumes, furniture, the then buildings and vehicles must be traced back so that they can be in chronological order. Simultaneously, we hope that a high-quality classic film will be produced by use of advanced technology. The Ministry has drawn up duties and assignments for sub-committees to perform the tasks from film editing to production. We warmly invite those present at the meeting to take part in discussion."

Afterward, U Tun Ohn, permanent secretary of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture and secretary of the production committee, explained the formation of committees and subcommittees and their duties. Following that, U Zin Wine, Chairman of the MFA, U Lu Min, Joint-Secretary of Biographical Film Production, U Thu Ra (a) U Zar Ganar, Htun Eindra Boh , director Min Hitn Ko Ko Gyi, U Zaw Thet Htwe, Director Ei Ei Khaing and Director Kyi Phyu Shin spoke.

Union Minister U Aung Ko accepted Ks830 million for producing the Bogyoke film. Present at the meeting were permanent secretaries from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Defense, Ministry of Information, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture and Union Auditor General, departmental officials, Myanmar Historical Association, Myanmar Film Association Chairman and members. —Myanmar News Agency ■

U Myo Myint Than Presents Credentials to King of Thailand

U Myo Myint Than, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Thailand presented his Credentials to His Majesty King Maha Vajiralongkorn Bodindradebayavarangkun, King of Thailand on 27 November 2017, in Bangkok. —MNA

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Band Troupe and Pom Pom troupe reharse for the opening ceremony of Youth All-Round Development Festival at the University of Yangon one day ahead of opening ceremony. **PHOTO: MNA**

Nay Pyi Taw to host martial arts contest in December

The 17th inter-region-state traditional martial arts (Thaing) contest is scheduled to be held in Nay Pyi Taw from 13 to 18 December.

The participants will be given opportunities to show off their ability in Bando attack, sword attack, individual attack and team attack in the events. The competition will be jointly organized by the Ministry of Health and Sports. —Myanmar Thaing Federation/MDN ■

Japan-UNICEF partnership to benefit over 25,000 school children in Rakhine

UNICEF and the Government of Japan handed over to Myanmar's Ministry of Education one of the 78 schools being constructed, rehabilitated or repaired with funding support from the Government and people of Japan.

The school construction was in response to the devastating 2015 floods, which hit large parts of Ayeyarwady, Bago, Chin, Rakhine, Magway and Sagaing. Japan provided $10 million to UNICEF to support its efforts to ensure access to quality education for all children from all communities in Rakhine.

Taking place at the Kin Seik Basic Education Post-Primary School in Minbya Township, Rakhine State, the official hand-over ceremony was attended by the Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar, Tateshi Higuchi; UNICEF's Deputy Representative, Paul Edwards; and the Social Affairs Minister of the Rakhine Government, Dr. Chan Thar.

"Japan is promoting the principles of "Build Back Better", with better and stronger building standards and structures, so that the schools are more resilient to future floods and other natural disasters" said H.E Tateshi Higuchi.

Japanese Ambassador Mr. Tateshi Higuchi and dignitaries pose for photo with children in at Kin Seik Village in Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

Prone to cyclones, floods and earthquakes, Rakhine is one of the poorest States in Myanmar with 30 percent of children not enrolled in primary school. It is also home to over 120,000 displaced persons as a result of intercommunal tensions.

With some 30 schools still being repaired across the State, including 22 in northern Rakhine, the target is to benefit over 25,000 children from all communities. In addition to the construction work, UNICEF and partners have also conducted teacher training, training of school administrators and delivered "School Kits" that contain backpacks for children and other essential school materials like whiteboards, first aid and recreational kits.

"Today marks an important milestone not only for these schools, but also for the wider community," said UNICEF Deputy Representative Paul Edwards. "Investing in children's education in Rakhine State, can help break the cycle that traps children in the same poverty their parents' experience and create a better future for all children".—GNLM ■