

CBM Governor, US Ambassador hold talks

U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar, met with a delegation led by US Ambassador Mr. Scot Marciel in Gankaw Hall of CBN Bank in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

They discussed policies of the CBM, management of financial organisations, the rate of development in Myanmar's economy and financial sector, improving monetary transactions in trade deals between Myanmar and other countries, ways in which banks can support small and medium enterprises,

status of foreign investment in Thilawa Special Economic Zone, improving infrastructure throughout the country, and endeavours by CBM in providing American scholarships for the development of human resources in Myanmar. The meeting began at 11 am and ended at 12:05.

Also in attendance were Vice-chairman U Sett Aung and the Director-General from the office of Chairman Daw Myint Myint Kyi. —Myanmar News Agency ■

JMC-U holds 10th meeting in Yangon

THE Union Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC-U) launched its 10th meeting in Yangon yesterday, expecting to approve directives for monitoring works at the village-level and draft of the rules for security and formation of the Local Joint Monitoring Committee (JMCL) and the landmine clearance issue.

In the first day of the three-day meeting, the participants approved directives for monitoring by both sides at the local level, said Dr ShweKhar, Secretary-1 of the JMC-U.

Lt-Gen YarPyai, Chairman of the JMC-U, called on signatories to the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement to follow the points in the agree-

ment, stressing the need to clear up doubts when they arise at the ground level.

In his opening remarks, Saw Zet I Poe, Vice-Chairman-1 of the JMC-U, stressed the importance of cooperation from the people in implementing the NCA, urging the local people in the conflict areas to participate in joint monitoring works of the ceasefire agreement. Local Joint Monitoring Committee-L will establish 10 local offices.

The JMC set up a budget of US\$6.5 million for the first year contributed by international donors. Representatives of the JMC will hold a meeting next week to discuss the establishment of the 10 local-level offices of the JMC. —Ye KhaungNyunt ■



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi with former Italian Prime Minister Mr. Romano Prodi, left, and other officials at the Boscolo Hotel in Rome. **PHOTO: MNA**

Secretary of Maungdaw Investigation Commission meets United States Ambassador

SECRETARY of Maungdaw Investigation Commission, U Zaw Myint Pe met with Mr. Scot Marciel, United States Ambassador to Myanmar, at the President's office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting with U Zaw Myint Pe, Mr. Scot Marciel, United States Ambassador, discussed matters relating to the tasks of the Maungdaw Investigation Commission and exchanged views what he wants to know.

Present at the meeting was Dr. Daw Thet Thet Zin, member of the Maungdaw Investigation Commission. —Myanmar News Agency ■



U Zaw Myint Pe (Centre), US Ambassador Mr. Scot Marciel (Left) and Dr. Daw Thet Thet Zin. (Right). **PHOTO: MNA**

Outstanding students in Ngwehsaung and Bagan camp on sightseeing tours



Students observe arts at Bagan Archaeological Museum. **PHOTO: MNA**

OUTSTANDING students who are currently staying at Ngwehsaung and Bagan camp visited places of local interest and observed livelihoods of local people separately yesterday.

Firstly, they went to Yuzana sea prawn breeding farm and observed the R.O water purification system that is necessarily in the breeding process. They also viewed the latest technology performed with the special purifier donated by Morkwater Solutions from Germany that turns the sea water to fresh water

step-by-step using solar power and kills microbes. After that, they visited Thazin village and examined the fishery products by the local people and officials from the fishery department explained the procedures. "By visiting the villages, the outstanding students will sympathize the local people's livelihood and they will have a vision to improve it as much as they can in the future," said, U Nyan-Thein, an official of the camp. In the evening, they also visited the Hotel zone and bought traditional presents. Outstanding students

from Bagan camp also visited interesting places and religious centers in Bagan and Chauk regions respectively in the morning. At first, they went to Salay Wooden Monastery also known as Yoke SoneKyaung and saw various arts made from carvings.

Then they visited Shin Pinsar Kyo Hla Pagoda. In the afternoon, they visited Bagan Archaeological Museum, Thiri Zaya Bhumi Bagan Golden Palace and old palace excavation site, accordingly.—Min Thit and Naing Lin Kyi ■