

Ks 230 million for Buthitaung township development in northern Rakhine State

BUTHIDAUNG Township in northern Rakhine State will spend over Ks 230 million for its development during the fiscal year 2017-2018, according to its development affairs committee.

The amount Ks 230 million that covers 23 programs does not include the funds allotted by the state government as it solely comes from committee's coffers, said an official of township development affairs committee, saying the state government hasn't informed us about its allotted budget for us and the type and number of development undertakings yet.

During the previous fiscal, the township used nearly Ks 317 million from its budget for 22 projects and about Ks 327 million allotted by the state government for six projects totaling round about Ks 644 million. The

projects covered construction of market, bridges, and retaining walls, installing pipes and paving town roads.

Initially, the expenditure for this fiscal was earmarked at over K 260 million, but the careful revision of the works and detailed calculations show the probable coast at over Ks 230 million, according to the committee.

This fiscal's works include gravelling of the circular road, erection of the second bridge on Minphalaung Road, a concrete bridge on the Strand Road and the third bridge on Maygawady Street, roofing of the wells, replacement and installation of water supply pipes, tarring and gravelling of intra roads, explained the engineering sector of the committee.—Maung Sein Lwin, Hla Kyaw (Buthidaung) ■

Kayah State Chief Minister assists in repairing gale-hit houses

KAYAH State Chief Minister U L Phaung Sho assisted yesterday in repairing houses which destroyed by a gale-force winds in Loikaw Township on Thursday.

The strong wind blew off

roofs of three houses at Mikekan Village in Lawpita Village-tract in Loikaw Township.

The chief minister encouraged the owners of the houses and delivered cash assistance to them.—Kayah State IPRD ■



The gale-hit house under repair in Loikaw Township. PHOTO:KAYAH STATE IPRD



Meeting on socio-economic development and resettlement in Rakhine State in progress. PHOTO: MNA

Meeting on socio-economic development and resettlement in Rakhine State

A MEETING led by Dr. Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement to extend the works of the Coordinating Committee for United Nations, international and non-government organizations in Rakhine State was held in Rakhine State government meeting hall in Sittway yesterday afternoon.

Rakhine State government members, United Nations, international and non-government organizations conducting humanitarian and development work in Rakhine State, officials and town elders who are member of the coordinating committee attended the meeting.

The Union Minister said the incumbent government was handling the Rakhine State developmental and resettlement matters consistently since April 2016. Socio-economic development works together with humanitarian assistance was being conducted. While living in camps, work trainings were provided for development

of women to provide job opportunities. Of the recommendations made by the Rakhine State Advisory Commission, the government was implementing the quickest achievable one while resettlements are made according to the wishes of the people in the camps. Friendship markets were established for friendly trade, buying and selling activities. Rakhine State government's 5-year plan for socio-economic development will soon be implemented. Arrangements are made to start birth certification processes in Rakhine State and Taninthayi Region but birth certification is not related to citizenship and citizenship naturalization. The ministry aim to be prepared in protecting social life, preventing and mitigating natural disaster together with civil society organizations. Of the 8 social life protection works, supporting expectant mothers and their newly born babies up to the age of two years with Ks

15,000 per month will be from LIFT Fund in least developed Chin State and from national reserve fund in Rakhine State and Naga region. Together with this cash support education on personal hygiene and family planning is also provided. This support and education work will be continued to cover the whole country. The Rakhine State government wanted to reach the stage where the true situation of the societies can be obtained through discussion and is prioritizing the developmental matters of the Rakhine State.

Next, meeting attendees discussed about Rakhine State socio-economy development and resettlement matters.

Afterward, the Union Minister met with Rakhine civil societies and town elders in Sittway hotel and discussed about Rakhine State socio-economy development and resettlement matters.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Myanmar exports to France and French tech cooperation and investment agreed

AN agreement on Myanmar exports to France together with the French. The agreement between Myanmar and French technology aid and investment to Myanmar has reached, according to Union of Myanmar Federation of Chamber of Commerce (UMFCCI).

The agreement was reached

after Union of Myanmar Federation of Chamber of Commerce signed the Memorandum of Understanding with French Myanmar Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CCI French Myanmar) on 5 May.

According to the MoU, Myanmar exports will find a better way to reach France and the

country will get access to French technological aid and investment. "The bilateral cooperation is aimed at assisting Myanmar", said Mr. Julien Esch, Chairman of CCI French Myanmar.

French technology would enable help Myanmar produce value-added goods. "France can be the base for extending our

trade with the whole EU," said U Zaw Min Win, Chairman of UMFCCI.

Dr Mg Mg Lay, vice chairman of UMFCCI said he preferred inviting long term investment that can support Myanmar development rather than short term investment.

In enhancing cooperation

in trade and investment, the two federations will cooperate in trade fairs, business matching meetings, business tours, according to the agreement. French investment in Myanmar has reached USD 540 million in 2015-2016 and the trade volume has just reached USD 110 million.—Su Hnin Le ■