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People observe Dhammacakka Day

Shwedagon Pagoda is crowded with devotees on Full Moon of Waso, or Dhammacakka Day, yesterday in Yangon.

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Farming aid for Maungtaw farmers

Officials hands over power-tiller to villagers. **PHOTO: THAKKA**

THE Rakhine State Government delivered farming machinery and rice seeds to farmers in Rakhine State yesterday.

The move is aimed at assisting the farmers who have to hire draught cattle to plough the fields, said U Kyaw Lwin, Rakhine State Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Mining, at the ceremony to hand over the machinery and rice seeds held at Udaung Village

in southern Maungtaw.

At the ceremony, 800 baskets of rice seeds and 38 power tillers were delivered for 65 villages.

Meanwhile, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye visited internally displaced persons' camps in Rakhine State on Saturday, delivering aid and gifts.

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Foreign veterinary students visit Myingyan



Veterinary medicine students from 12 countries pose for a photo during a field trip in a village in Myingyan District. **PHOTO: THIHA SITHU**



Veterinary medicine student vaccinates a cattle. **PHOTO: THIHA SITHU**

Following a field trip to five villages in Myingyan District, students of veterinary medicine from 12 countries volunteered their services at the University of Veterinary Science in Yezin, Pyinmana, yesterday.

"Myanmar and Thailand jointly conducted this three-week programme, two weeks in Thailand and one week in Myanmar.

During the visit to villages, apart from vaccinating cattle

and dogs, we raised awareness against animal-to-human infectious diseases and planted 100 trees in each village," said Dr Ye Thu Aung, the pro-rector of the University of Veterinary Science.

"In this programme, we found the differences of live-stock farming system between our country and theirs.

In Thailand, they practice two systems, one is for meat and another one for milk.

They focus more on live-stock farming than agriculture. The rate of giving vaccinations against rabies in other countries is higher than our country," said Win Myat Shwe Yi Tun, a fourth-year student of the University of Veterinary Science.

"Like in Myanmar, most farmers in Laos live in rural areas and they herd cattle in grazing lands and give them supplementary food at the farm.

Our livestock breeding in-

dustry mainly focuses on producing meat rather than milk," said Ms Oneouma Phondamath, the student from the National University of Laos.

The programme is aimed at exchanging veterinary techniques and culture among the countries.

"In our study tour in Thailand, we found that they establish veterinary hospitals for cattle at the areas where the population of cattle is high and

carry out teaching and research there," said Prof Dr Win Ohmar Kyaw from the University of Veterinary Science.

The team comprised of 75 veterinary students from all the ASEAN nations except Singapore and Brunei, and from the United States, Canada, and Japan.

The programme is part of the ASEAN Veterinary Volunteer Project 2017.—Zin Oo, Wai Thu New ■

Farmers in Maungtaw get rice seeds, power-tillers

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Accompanied by the Rakhine State Minister for Security and Border Affairs, the Union minister went to Saythamagyi Camp and Satyokya Camp, assisting in supplying power and presenting clothes to the women and toys to the children.

Yesterday morning, the Union Minister and party visited the Home for the Aged in Sittway and contributed cash to the fund of the Home for the Aged.

Dr Win Myat Aye also visited Tain Nyo village and Pauk Taw Pyin village in MraukU Township and Nayan village and Khaung Laung Ywar Thit village in Minbya Township

and met local residents.

At the meetings with residents, he fulfilled the immediate needs of the peoples, providing Ks2.4 million to build two toilets in the Tain Nyo Village primary school and the Pauk Taw Pyin Village sub high school, Ks500,000 to construct a concrete road in a monastery, Ks900,000 for school desks, Ks2.5 million for a well in Khaung Laung Ywar Thit Village and Ks1.2 million for a toilet in a school.

In addition, the Union Minister also provided clothes, school uniforms and warm clothes worth Ks18.8 million. —Myint Maung Soe, Aung Kyaw Oo ■

Indian Army Chief of Staff hosts dinner for Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and party who were in India at the invitation of Armed Forces of India Chiefs of Staff Committee Chairman Admiral Sunil Lamba attended a dinner hosted by Chief of Staff (Army) of the Indian Army General Bipin Rawat in Officer Training Academy (OTA) yesterday evening.

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hlaing and party were entertained with traditional Indian songs and dances and OTA military band in OTA dance hall.

Earlier in the day, the Tatmadaw delegation visited and paid homage at Mahabodhi Temple and Bodh Gaya Park.

Afterward, the Tatmadaw delegation visited the Myanmar Buddhist monastery in Gaya where Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife provided offerings, cash donations and



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing accepts a gift from Chief of Staff (Army) of the Indian Army General Bipin Rawat. **PHOTO: MNA**

Waso robe to the head monk and Tatmadaw officials provided offerings, cash donations and Waso robes to sanghas after which merits were shared for

the good deed. Next the Senior General, wife and delegation provided soon to the Members of the Sangha.—Myanmar News Agency ■