# State Counsellor visits Universities' Central Library

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi visited the Universities' Central Library at the University of Yangon yesterday, calling for establishing a habit of going to the library for children.

At the meeting with librarians, she stressed the importance of the role of librarians to cultivate the reading habit for children, urging them to encourage children to come to libraries.

"I would like to claim that the world would be a very narrow place for a man without the habit of reading. It would be a life devoid of meaning for him. This is why children need to develop reading habits. Going to libraries and literacy must be encouraged," said the State Counsellor.

She also praised a librarian as a dignified profession and one that deserves respect.

"Nowadays, reading habits are weakening among people," said Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, "I am afraid that our children will become narrow-minded. Instead, I would like them to love reading books and reading materials."

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi peruses the books at the Universities' Central Library in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

Searching Google for a fact on the internet is not sufficient to become a reader because it will give only the outlooks and opinions of compilers of Google, she said.

The State Counsellor also pointed to the decreasing number of distinction winners in the subject of history in matriculation exam results, stressing the importance of studying history, calling the subject "the foundation of politics" or "the study of our society, our world and humankind."

Other attendees included Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi and other Ministers of Yangon Region Cabinet, Higher Education Department Director General Dr. Thein Win, and Yangon University Rector Dr. Pho Kaung.

After the State Counsellor's comments, library science professional Dr. Sithu U Thaw Kaung said, "Reading habits should be cultivated starting from the primary school level."

The librarians of Yangon University Library and Universities' Central Library then discussed current initiatives.

The State Counsellor also inspected various kinds of books, the statue of Sayar Zaw Gyi exhibited in the library and posed for photos.

In 1927, the Colonial Governor Sir Harcourt Butler laid the foundation of the Yangon University Library, which was renamed Universities' Central Library in 1964. In 1987, it was reopened as two libraries—Yangon University Library and Universities' Central Library. —Myanmar News Agency ■

# UN Special Rapporteur holds talks with ministers

Ms Yanghee Lee, the situation of UN Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Myanmar held talks separately with Union Minister for Commerce Dr Than Myint, Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Ohn Win and Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe yesterday. During the meetings, they discussed environmental conservation issues, transparency and cooperate social responsibility for natural resources extraction and public health care issues.

Before the meetings with Union ministers, she also met with Thura U Shwe Mann, Chairman of the Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission.

At the meeting, the chairman said he hopes the UN sees that the government and other humanitarian organisations are putting the wellbeing of the nation and its citizens first. He also said the commission is helping the peace process and development of the nation in hand with the UN. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Ms Yanghee Lee holds talks with Thura U Shwe Mann. **PHOTO: MNA**

# Vice President: Myanmar in top 100 business index by 2020

By Ko Moe

Vice President U Myint Swe said he wants Myanmar to make the list of the top 100 countries on the World Bank's Doing Business Index in the next three years.

U Myint Swe said that the country needs to work harder to elevate itself from its current No. 170 position on the index and up to the top 100 so that more foreign investment will flow into the country.

The Vice President made the statement in his speech at the Myanmar Private Sector Development Committee and Myanmar Entrepreneurs Regular Meeting held at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) yesterday.

A nation's ranking on the index is based on the average of 10 sub-indices: (1) Starting a business; (2) Dealing with construction permits; (3) Getting Electricity; (4) Registering property; (5) Getting Credit; (6) Protecting Investors; (7) Paying Taxes; (8) Trading across borders; (9) Enforcing contracts; and (10) Resolving insolvency.

Vice President U Myint Swe addresses the meeting with business men and entrepreneurs in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

Since Myanmar's main industry is agriculture, the government is working to elevate agricultural products as high-end commodities and to sell them on the international market. U Kyaw Win, Union Minister for Planning and Finance, said they will provide the necessary loans and technologies to farmers.

Other topics discussed at the meeting include fish farming, the fruit and vegetable industry, sugar cane production, plastic production and economic development in Bago Region and Shan State.

U Htay Myint, Chairman of the Myanmar Fishery Federation, requested that the government help local fish farming businesses to network with international fish farming businesses.

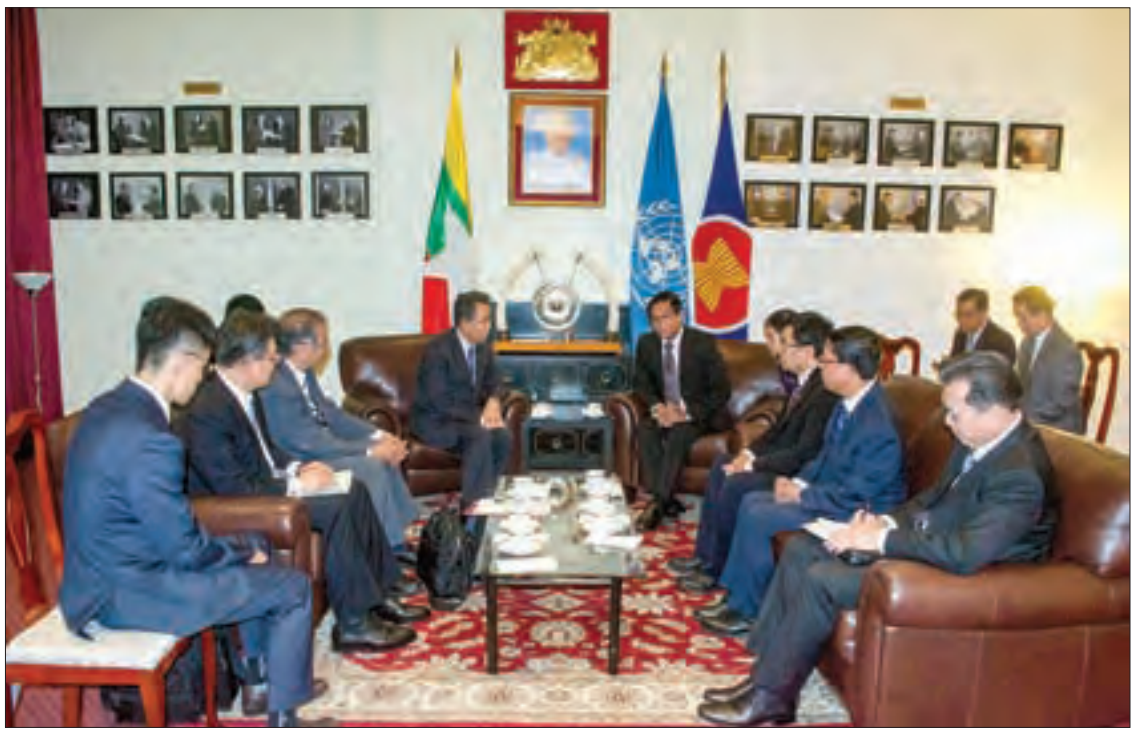
The plastic industry is predicted for rapid development due to its cheap production cost. Products from Myanmar have to pass the Thai Industrial Standard (TIS) before they are imported into Thailand. U Thein Han, Vice-Chairman of the Myanmar Plastic Industries Association, requested the government to work on issuing a Myanmar Industrial Standard (MIS) to help regulate exports as well as imports. ■

# VP U Henry Van Thio meets with UNSG Special Envoy for Disaster Risk Reduction and Water

Myanmar Vice President U Henry Van Thio met with the United Nations Secretary General's Envoy for Disaster Risk Reduction and Water Dr. Han Seung-Soo at Myanmar's Mission office at the UN in New York yesterday.

The meeting focused on the UN's Special Thematic Session on Water and Disasters program and Myanmar's policy role around water resources and natural disasters in preparation for the Third Asia-Pacific Water Conference scheduled for December in Myanmar.

Afterward, the Vice President and his delegation visited to the residence of Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations and met with Myanmar mission office staff and their families. Earlier in the day, the Vice President, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye, Permanent Representative of Myanmar to the United Nations U Hau Do Suan and Myanmar delegation visited the Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island, which are historical sites of national immigration in New York.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Vice President U Henry Van Thio meets with UN Envoy for Disaster Risk Reduction and Water Dr. Han Seung-Soo at the Myanmar's Mission office in New York. **PHOTO: MNA**

# Tube-wells handover in Nay Pyi Taw's maternity hospital

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than inspects the new water tank at the Maternity Hospital in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

SPEAKER of Amyotha Hluttaw, Mahn Win Khaing Than, spoke at a ceremony for handing over a water hand pump to a Maternity Hospital in Ottarathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

He said the government donated the tube-wells with the intention of promoting the health and education sector. The majority of people who come to the hospital are ordinary working class people and they are relying more and more on the hospital since it could provide them with much needed medicine. The Speaker said he is elated that the water facilities will provide the necessary water supply for the hospital and its patients.

Afterwards, the Speaker and Union Minister Dr. Myint Htwe signed records for the handover of the tube-wells. The Union Minister presented a commemoration certificate to the Speaker.

This was followed by the Executive Hospital Supervisor Deputy Administrator Dr. Yin Thandar Lwin and Head of the Hospital Dr. Khin Pyone Kyi presenting commemoration certificates to the donors of the tube-wells and those who helped in the process.

The Speaker and Union Minister then inspected the water supply facilities including water tank and water pump donated by the Office of the Amyotha Hluttaw, the water tank and water pump were donated by Chairman of Soe Electrical Foundation U Soe Tint and his family. The Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department under the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation helped in digging the site and assembling the water system to the hospital.—Myanmar News Agency ■

# Local police in Rakhine to increase traffic enforcement

LOCAL police in Rakhine State are organizing road safety workshops, surprise vehicle inspections and traffic enforcement actions in Maungtaw District to reduce traffic accidents in Maungtaw and Buthidaung townships, according toPolice Lt. Col. Nyan Win Oo.

"Trucks, cars, motorcycles and shoppers which enter the downtown areas of Maungtaw District are increasing day by day," said Police Lt-Col Nyan Win Oo. Police will check vehicle registrations and drivers' licenses and enforce motorcycle helmet requirements in Maungtaw, he said. —Myint Maung Soe/ Aung Kyaw Oo ■

# Myanmar workers rescued

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It's been two months since they arrived here and they still haven't been given any work," Ye Min, an AAC member, told 7Day. Another AAC member, Khaing Kyi, said: "[The police] have told us that they'll help them get back their passports. Thai authorities are currently conducting an investigation. They've said that they won't arrest the workers, and will help them retrieve their passports and find work." The workers told authorities that there were two brokers — one Thai and one Myanmar. Thai police have the Myanmar broker in custody, and are currently on the hunt for the Thai national. Both will be tried under human trafficking charges.—GNLM and Soe Win ■

# Tatmadaw True News Information Team, Ministry of Information hold talks

WITH a view to the development of Media Sector, discussion between Tatmadaw True News Information Team and the Ministry of Information's media relations team took place yesterday, at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw.

The meeting was led by Union Minister of Information Dr. Pe Myint, Chairman of Tatmadaw True News Information Team Major-General Soe Naing Oo and Ministry of Information Permanent Secretary U Myo Myint Maung. At the meeting, matters of mutual understanding and trust-building among the government, the Tatmadaw and the media were discussed. The officials also discussed the timeliness of news releases and the development of the media sector.

The two teams from the Tatmadaw and Ministry for Information discuss about the media sector in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

New negotiations with media associations, including Myanmar Press Council, in cooperation with the Tatmadaw True News Information Team and the Ministry of Information's media relations team will be announced on 27 July.—Myanmar News Agency ■

# Fish placed into pond in Rakhine state with ceremony

Officials from Rakhine State Fisheries Department release fishes into pond in Maungtaw. **PHOTO: MNA**

A fish pond was stocked with 3,000 carp in Maungtaw, Rakhine State by the Rakhine State Fisheries Department, according to a Myanmar News Agency report yesterday.

The local agency held a ceremony to establish Mawrawady fish pond, which is meant to be a food resource for local people.

The ceremony was attended by U Myint Khine, the administrator of Maungtaw township, U Tun Tin, the deputy director from the district fisheries department, U Thein Wah, head of the township agricultural department and other government officials.

"A one-acre fish pond was dug in each of the five villages with state government funds," said U Tun Tin, the deputy director from the district fishery department. "Our fishery department provided the technical assistance to dig the pond and also provide fishes."

The fisheries department has already dug fish ponds in four villages including Khayemyine, Shwebaho, Mawrawady and Pharwutchaung villages. Currently, the department is digging a fish pond in Aung Zeya village. The department will put Shwewah carp fish, Rohu fish,Tilapiafish into the ponds, he added.

Maungtaw is one of the best regions to breed the fresh water fish due to favorable weather conditions. Fish from Maungtaw region are exported to Bangladesh.

The Rakhine state government has plans for more fresh water fish ponds in other villages in the coming years depending on the budget.—MNA ■

## Three suspects and 22 illegal guns seized in Mandalay Region

THREE suspects and 22 assault rifles were seized near the Kywe Tatsone toll gate on the Taunggyi-Meiktila road in Thazi Township, Mandalay Region on 19 July.

Two suspects together with 22 assault rifles were seized in Thazi Township, Mandalay Region. **PHOTO: MNA**

Acting on a tip, Myanmar security forces stopped and searched a two-door Toyota car heading to Mandalay from Loikaw, Kayah State near the Kywe Tatsone toll gate.

The officers discovered 20 MK-12 and two AK-47 assault rifles hidden among bags and a purse with Ks800,000.

Local police identified the driver as Nay Soe Min Htwe, also known as Ko Sai, 44, a resident of Mingalar ward, Loikaw. His passenger was identified as his wife, Mya Su Hnin, 46. Both were arrested.

Police have additionally arrested Maw Ya, also known as Kyaun Yan San, of Tarhan ward, Kalay Township, Sagaing Region on suspicion of asking them to transport the guns. —Khin Ko (Kyauk Dakhar) ■

## U Maung Wai presents his Credentials to the King of Bhutan

U Maung Wai, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Bhutan, presented his Credentials to His Majesty King Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck, the Kingdom of Bhutan on 11 July 2017, in Thimphu.—Ministry of Foreign Affairs ■

## U San Lwin appointed as Non-Resident Ambassador of Myanmar to the Holy See

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U San Lwin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of Austria, concurrently as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar to the Holy See.—Ministry of Foreign Affairs ■

# Suspects in Maung Na Ma Village murder caught

ON 18 July, security Forces in Buthidaung Township apprehended four people suspected of involvement in the murder of Abdhu Suwan in Maung Na Ma Village.

Abdhu Suwain was kidnapped and killed by fifteen masked people on 4 July. Security Forces apprehended Zaphaw Ulla, Innus, Sawli Mulla and Nur Borshaw on suspicion of involvement in the murder. The investigation continues. —Myanmar News Agency ■

# Railway policy advisory project workshop held

Railway policy consulting projects workshop in progress. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Korean government hosted a workshop to discuss railway modernization plans in Myanmar, at Kempinski Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday.

Speeches and panel discussions covered various plans to develop a modern railway system in Myanmar. Former Korean Minister of Ministry of Land, Transport and Maritime Affairs Mr. Kwon Do Youp provided an opening address.

U Win Khant, the Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Transport and Communication and Mr. Tae Young Lee Director General of Korea Export-Import Bank also delivered speeches.

The event was attended by other officials from both governments. —Myanmar News Agency ■