Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker opens new concrete road in Myawady, Kayin State

THE Thuwunnashlan new concrete road was officially opened during a ceremony in Myawady, Kayin State, yesterday morning.

At the opening ceremony, an official from the township Development Committee provided a short briefing about the road, while a senior citizen from the town gave a speech thanking the authorities for the new concrete road.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than, Kayin State Hluttaw Speaker U Saw Chit Khin, Pyithu Hlutaw representative U Sein Bo, a director of the Kayin Development Department, a district administrator and the Chairman of the Township Development Committee, formally cut the ribbon to open the road.

Next, the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker watched the dance performances of the students and gave them cash prizes.

The concrete road, built at a cost of MM Ks26.15 million, is 22 feet wide and 570 feet long.—Htein Linn Aung (IPRD) ■

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than opens new concrete road in Myawady on 7 January 2018. **PHOTO: HTEIN LINN AUNG (IPRD)**

Union Minister U Win Khaing, and responsible officials pose for documentary photo. **PHOTO: MNA**

Second Engineering Council formation ceremony launches in Yangon

WITH the aim of developing the Engineering sector in Myanmar, the second, or new, Myanmar Engineering Council was established with the selection of the council's member at its office in Yangon yesterday.

The ceremony was attended by Union Minister for Construction U Win Khaing, and responsible officials from Myanmar Engineering Council.

During the ceremony, Union Minister U Win Khaing said the council approved 60 members under rules and laws, and the chairman, vice-chairman and secretary were elected from these 60 member.

The Union Minister also explained the Duties, Ethics and Code of Conduct to be followed by each and every member, saying council members should aware of "Conflict of Interest" and should strive to implement the aim of the council and to fulfill the requirements of inter and intra national Engineers.

The Vice Chairman of the Myanmar Engineering Council Dr. Nyi Hla Nge dealt with the improvement of the sector of Myanmar Engineering, the ongoing procedure of the Council to gain success, and the welcoming of new generation to implement the development of the nation.

Then, the newly elected council members took the oath.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Chin State Chief Minister vows to conserve natural beauty of Chin State

IN his New Year's speech for 2018, Chin State Chief Minister Salai Lian Lwal said he would emphasise conservation efforts to protect the rhododendron and cherry plants in the state.

The Chief Minister also said that this year, the focus would be on conserving the different flora and fauna of Chin State, such as the toucan, and other rare birds. Additionally, he said there would be greater efforts to promote the literary culture and traditions of the Chin people.

The two flowers bloom from November to April each year and create a very large tourist attraction. However, the flowers are plucked or entire trees chopped down by admirers. Certain conservation groups have voiced their concerns and pressed for greater environmental protection.

U Hlaing Aung, Chairman of the Kennedy Sein Lann So Pyay Association, said that his group has been distributing pamphlets informing the public about how to save these precious flowers. "We planted two kinds of plants on Mt. Kennedy and the Laytar mountain range," said U Hlaing Aung. "We need to effectively combat vandalism of these plants."

U Hlaing Aung noted that even though the Forestry Department has put up signs warning against the chopping down of trees, daily incidents of branches or entire trees being chopped down are common. Youths from Mindat and Kanpalet towns have been hanging signs in many urban and rural areas, calling for the preservation of the natural environment.—Zoe Haysar ■

File photo shows natural beauty of Chin State. **PHOTO: ZOE HAYSAR**