



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint, Managing Director U Kyaw Soe and CEO U Than Htaik cut ribbon to open ceremony of Online News Portal, Digital Newspaper. **PHOTO: MNA**

MOI launches Online News Portal, Digital Newspaper

THE Ministry of Information launched the Online News Portal and Digital Newspaper yesterday, stepping into the electronic media world.

In his opening address at the ceremony to officially launch Myanmar Digital News (MDN), a joint venture between the Ministry of Information and Megalink Advanced Technologies Co, Union Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint expressed the role of the elected government, saying that the incumbent government is elected by the people and it has a responsibility to inform the people of its works and to inform the people what is happening in the country. "The ministry de-

cided to launch the MDN digital newspaper as digital or online media becomes popular in the country. It is found that today people consume news on mobile phones rather than on paper, and other private media turn to online media in Myanmar," said the Union Minister. Meanwhile, the state-owned media has the responsibility to convey the opinion of the people to the governmental officials, he added. He also invited suggestions from officials and the public to improve the ministry's digital media so that it can benefit the people. The launching ceremony to formally open the digital news operation was led by Dr. Pe Myint, Managing Di-

rector of the News and Periodicals Enterprise U Kyaw Soe and Megalink Advanced Technologies Co Ltd's CEO U Than Htaik at Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw. Myanmar Digital News (MDN) offers two state-run print media in the Burmese language, The Kyemon and The Myanmar Alin, and one joint-venture print publication, The Global New Light of Myanmar, on mobile phones with its application. Besides, news and feature articles, there will be stories on the political, economic, educational, social, and editorial topics, in addition to opinion, TV, ethnic affairs, speeches and entertainment. All will be available via the MDN.—MNA ■

Ethnic excursion members visit Pyithu Hluttaw, Amyotha Hluttaw



Ethnic members visit Myanmar Radio and Television office yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

A 100-member delegation, including youths from Kachin and Shan states, the Wa Self-Administered Division and the Pa-O Self-Administered Zone, visited the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw yesterday morning.

At the hluttaws, the delegation was taken on a guided tour by officials. Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than received the excursion

members cordially and treated them to luncheon.

Earlier in the morning, the delegation visited the Myanmar Radio and Television office for another guided tour with officials.

Next, they visited and paid homage to the Uppatasanti Pagoda and Maha That Kya Yan Thi Pagoda. They also visited the Defence Services Museum. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Pre-coordination meeting held for 18th Myanmar Traditional Practitioners' Conference

A pre-coordination meeting for the 18th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference was held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The conference was attended by Director-General of the Department of Traditional Medicine Dr. Ye Ye Myint, officials from Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Association (Central), officials from Myanmar Traditional Medicine Council, representatives of the Myanmar traditional practitioner conference and other responsible departmental officials.

During the meeting, Dr. Ye Ye Myint acted as the chairman, while U Thaung Naing from Myanmar Traditional Association (Yangon) and U Sai Soe Thet Naing and U Hla Myint from Myanmar Traditional Association (Shan State) acted as members.

Dr. Ye Ye Myint delivered the opening speech, following which representative groups from the states and regions discussed their proposals and



A meeting for the 18th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

chose two proposal makers and two proposal approvers for each proposal. The chairman of the conference then selected a proposal maker and a proposal from the earlier selections made by the groups of representatives.

In the afternoon, procedures for each proposal were discussed by the group, and these procedures were explained by the representatives who had selected them.

The 18th Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference is being held to ensure the

all-round development of Myanmar's traditional medicine practitioners community and to improve the quality of Myanmar's traditional medicine, raise the ethics and dignity of traditional medicine practitioners, provide more public health protection through traditional medicine, and develop and improve Myanmar's traditional medicine offerings. The five proposals for the development of Myanmar's traditional medicine will also be presented during today's meeting.— Myanmar News Agency ■

Mekong-Lancang riverside security cooperation begins in Yangon

THE opening ceremony of the Mekong-Lancang riverside security cooperation was held at the Summit Park View Hotel in Yangon yesterday morning.

At the opening ceremony, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Soe said, "Myanmar is making concerted efforts to ensure the rule of law and security along the Mekong-Lancang riverside, which extends along Myanmar, China, Laos and Thailand. Compared with the last 10 years, stability and the rule of law has progressed in this region." He added that it was important for nations to cooperate to crack down on violence, drug-trafficking, money laundering and cyber-crimes.

The leaders then discussed matters related to inter-connectivity, production capacity, cross-border economic cooperation, water resources, illegal trading, gambling and the promotion of relations among their countries.

Attendees at the ceremony were Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Soe, the chief officer of No. 2 security, police force; the chief officer of maritime police force; the chief officer of Yangon region police force; an officer of the police attaché of the Chinese Embassy; invited guests; and other representatives from Myanmar, China and Laos. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Correction

In a story on Page 2 of the 11 January edition of the Global New Light of Myanmar titled "Union Minister meets MPHA delegation in Nay Pyi Taw", there was a translation error. "Myanmar Physically Handicapped Association" in the story and caption should be read as "Myanmar Federation of the Persons with Disabilities". The GNLM regrets the error. —Ed

Foreign Heads of State send felicitations to President U Htin Kyaw

The following are messages of felicitations from Foreign Heads of State / Government sent to President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Htin Kyaw, on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary Independence Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

**From His Majesty Jigme Khesar Namgyel Wangchuck
His Majesty the King of Bhutan
Royal Government of Bhutan
Your Excellency,**

I am pleased to convey the warmest felicitations of the Bhutanese people on the happy occasion of the Independence Day of Myanmar.

I take the opportunity to extend my wishes for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the people of Myanmar and express the conviction that the relations between our two countries will continue to gain strength in the times to come.

Please accept, Your Excellency my best wishes for your wellbeing and happiness, as well as the assurances of my highest consideration.

**From H.E. Khaltmaagiin Battulga
President of Mongolia
Your Excellency,**

On the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, allow me to extend my sincere congratulations to Your Excellency and to the friendly people of Myanmar.

It would be my great pleasure to continue closely collaborating with Your Excellency in further expanding and strengthening Mongolia-Myanmar relations in accordance with the interests of both peoples and regional development.

I avail myself of this opportunity to extend to Your Excellency my best wishes for your good health and well-being, as well as for the progress and prosperity to the friendly people of Myanmar.

Foreign Heads of State send felicitations to State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi

The following are messages of felicitations from Foreign Heads of State / Government sent to State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, on the occasion of the 70th Anniversary Independence Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

**From H.E. Dasho Tshering Tobgay
Prime Minister of the Royal Government of Bhutan
Your Excellency,**

Thank you for your kind words on the occasion of our National Day conveyed through your message of 14 December 2017. As the people of Myanmar celebrate the joyous occasion of your Independence Day, I would like to extend, on behalf of the Royal Government and on my own behalf, our warmest felicitations to Your Excellency and the people of Myanmar.

I am in agreement with Your Excellency that Bhutan and Myanmar share many similarities and with your leadership and your personal attachment to Bhutan, I am confident that the relations between our two countries will be further strengthened in the years to come.

I also like this opportunity to extend our warm wishes for the New Year and Your Excellency's personal well being and for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the friendly people of Myanmar.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and warm personal regards.

**From H.E Mr. Damdin Tsogtbaatar
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Mongolia
Your Excellency,**

I would like to extend to you my sincere congratulations on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

It gives me great pleasure to note successful development of Mongolia-Myanmar relations and cooperation based on the common principles of international relations and it is my intention to closely collaborate with Your Excellency to further strengthen these relations in all areas.

Taking this opportunity, I wish to extend to Your Excellency my best wishes for your good health and personal well-being.

Chair of Amyotha Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee meets local teachers in Maungtaw

A meeting led by the Chair of the Amyotha Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee was held on 10 January at the No.1 B.E.H.S in Maungtaw, Rakhine State.

The following are interviews conducted with local teachers in Maungtaw.

Daw Naw Mya Say, Chair of Amyotha Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee

This meeting with local teachers aims at giving them the power of motivation and lifting their spirits, which can promote their teaching profession. Regarding this meeting, we are going to submit a report to Union-level authorities and coordinate with the Ministry for Education on how to fulfil their

requirements.

Daw Soe Soe, a high school teacher from B.E.H.S (1), Maungtaw

I think cooperation is essential for the students, their parents as well as the authorities, in order to promote the standard of education in the region. The authorities can realise the ground situation of Maungtaw by holding this meeting. Local teachers would be appreciative if the authorities arranged an appropriate transportation system, especially school buses, to the schools in Maungtaw.

U Wai Sein Aung, Representative of Sittway Amyotha Hluttaw

Being a representative of



Daw Naw Mya Say.



U Wai Sein Aung.



U Ye Thiha Kyaw.

the Sittway Amyotha Hluttaw, I have requested the chairman to permit me to inspect the educational sectors in Sittway, Buthidaung, Maungtaw and Yathedaung regions, and I went on to meet officials of the Education Department in Sittway. After that, I met and had discussions with the Rector and officials of the Sittway Technological University. Later I went to meet teachers of Sittway Technological University, Computer Science University and No.2 B.E.H.S in Sittway.

After the meeting, I arranged to meet local teachers in Sittway and they explained

the difficulties and challenges they had endured in the region.

U Ye Thiha Kyaw, a school-teacher from Khu Taing

It was such a good meeting to coordinate with the members of the Amyotha Hluttaw Committee. This region suffers a shortage of qualified teachers due to the conflicts and violence. As a result, the ratio of teachers to students is imbalanced. Unlike the situation in city life, there are still many difficulties and challenges which need to be coped with. I also hope that the authorities concerned could be able to fulfil

the basic needs of the region and handle these problems through the Hluttaw and the government.

U Nay Myo Naing, a school-teacher from Khu Taing

As a result of this meeting, I believe that local teachers will be able to be more attentive to their teaching. In former times, they couldn't concentrate on their teaching due to the conflicts and violence. I think time will heal their mental pains and wounds. In order to feel confident and mentally well, the authorities should cure them as quickly as they can.—Aung Ye Thwin