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Vice President U Myint Swe is welcomed back at Yangon International Airport yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Vice President U Myint Swe returns from Morocco

VICE President U Myint Swe and delegation who attended the Crans Montana Forum on Africa and South-South Cooperation in Morocco departed from Casablanca city in Morocco on 20 March, 2018.

Vice President U Myint Swe and delegation were seen off by State Administer H.E Mr. Zitouni, Myanmar Ambassador to Morocco U Myint Lwin and officials at Mohammed V International Airport. The delegation led by

Vice President U Myint Swe arrived in Yangon yesterday afternoon and they were welcomed by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe and other officials concerned.—MNA ■

## President U Htin Kyaw resigns from his post

*The Office of the President issued an announcement dated 21 March. Following is the announcement.*

**Republic of the Union of Myanmar  
Office of the President  
Announcement 1/2018**

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21<sup>st</sup> March, 2018

1. The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar U Htin Kyaw has resigned from his post as he wants to take a rest from his current duties with effect from 21 March 2018.
2. The position will be filled within seven days in accordance with Subsection (b), Section (73) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

## Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint resigns

DEPUTY Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw U T Khun Myat confirmed that Speaker U Win Myint had resigned during yesterday's parliamentary session in Nay Pyi Taw.

U Win Myint was elected as a legislator from Patheingyi Constituency in the 2012 by-elections. He also was elected as a lawmaker in the 2015 General Elections representing Yangon Region's Tamu Constituency.

Deputy Speaker U T Khun Myat said yesterday that a new Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker will be elected in accordance with rules



and regulations.

U Win Myint, 66, is considered to be one of the candidates for the presidency, which was vacated by U Htin Kyaw for health reasons.

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In other legislative business in yesterday's hluttaw session, MP U Sai Ba Thein of Langkho Constituency asked the Ministry of Defence if it has a plan to return the confiscated land in Langkho Township to owners.

Myawady Trading Ltd of the Ministry of Defence did not confiscate the land, but bought the land from the State while the land were used by the then Ministry of Industry-1 for plantation in the township, according to Deputy Minister for Defence Rear-Admiral Myint Nwe.

The payment of Ks16.8 million for more than 16 acres of land were settled with the then Ministry of Industry-1.

Therefore, the Ministry of Defence has no plan to abandon the land, said Rear-Admiral Myint Nwe.

In the meeting, Daw Khin

Hnin Thit of the Padaung Constituency asked the Ministry of Industry if it has a plan to resume operation of the No. 1 Steel Factory (Myingyan) which is currently suspended.

In reply to the question, Union Minister for Industry U Khin Maung Cho said the ministry

has drawn the Master Plan for the project, saying that the ministry will form the Special Task Force Team to operate the factory.

"Currently, the State is reviewing the project," said the Union Minister.—Myo Thu Hein(MNA) ■

## Amyotha Hluttaw forms Construction, Industry, Electricity and Energy Committee



U Min Oo. PHOTO: MNA



U Myo Win. PHOTO: MNA



U Kyaw Lin. PHOTO: MNA



U Thein Lwin. PHOTO: MNA

THE Amyotha Hluttaw agreed yesterday on the formation, rights and duties of the Committee on Construction, Industry, Electricity and Energy, which will review the various sectors.

The committee, headed by MP U Saw Moe Myint (a) Samuel of Kayin State Constituency (1), was formed with 15 members.

According to the explanation provided by U Min Oo, member of the Amyotha Hluttaw Rights Committee, at the meeting, the Committee on Construction, Industry, Electricity and Energy will review and give suggestions for improving the construction sector, turning the country into an agro-based industrial nation,

promoting agro-based industries, boosting agro-based products and promoting the production of import-substitute products and exports, while encouraging small and medium enterprises and heavy industries.

In the electricity sector, the committee will explore ways to produce sufficient electricity from renewable energy in the country, as part of the efforts to supply electricity to the whole country, said U Min Oo.

In the energy sector, the committee will give priority to domestic sufficiency, making the best use of oil and natural gas to bring benefits to the people and the local people in areas where

natural resources are found, he added.

"The committee can hold meetings with responsible persons in the ministries and invite non-governmental organisations to hold meetings with them. Besides this, the committee is obliged to seek permission from the speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw, through the chairman of the committee, to visit various areas for their work," said U Min Oo.

U Mya Min Swe of the Magway region constituency No (9), was announced as the secretary of the committee, while the members are U Naing Ko Ko of Kachin State constituency (12), U Phayay Yae (a) U Myint Than Tun

of Kayah State constituency (1), U Sai Than Naing of Kayin State constituency (5), U Ngun Hay of Chin State Constituency (1), U Ko Ko Naing of Sagaing region constituency (8), U Zaw Hein of Taninthayi region constituency 7, U Maung Maung Swe of Mandalay region constituency (9), U Soe Thiha (a) Maung Tu of Mon State Constituency (10), U Kyaw Kyaw Win of Rakhine State Constituency (8), U Ye Myint Soe of Yangon region constituency (7), U Mong Ohn Khaing of Shan State constituency (10), U Soe Moe of the Ayeyawady region constituency (1) and Col Zaw Lwin, representative of the Tatmadaw.—Aye Aye Thant (MNA) ■

## Kanan ethnic minority celebrate golden jubilee party

A traditional festival marking the 50th anniversary for the Kanan ethnic minority was celebrated in Hawyaw Village, Bamauk Township in Sagaing Region yesterday.

At the ceremony, Chief Minister of Sagaing Region Dr. Myint Naing and the Kanan community leader U Tun Wai gave speeches before Kanan Area Administrator U San Shwe Myint spoke words of thanks. Afterwards, the regional cabinet members led by the chief minister presented Ks. 10 million for commemorating the golden jubilee event. Local cultural troupes performed entertainment to the audience. Daw Tint Tint, wife of the Chief Minister awarded cash to cultural troupe members. The Chief Minister and party presented certificates of honour to the donors and visited Kanan traditional cultural booths. The chief minister also held a meeting with the village administrator and staff from the Ministry of Education at a monastery in the village.—Ko Min ■

## MoU signed by Nippon Foundation and education department of Border Affairs Ministry

THE Department of Education and Training of the Ministry of Border Affairs signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) yesterday morning at the meeting hall of the Ministry.

Union Minister Lt-Gen Ye Aung delivered an opening speech and Executive Director

of Nippon Foundation Mr. Yuji Mori explained the MoU.

Director-General U Thein Htay Oo from the Department of Education and Training of the Ministry of Border Affairs and Executive Director of the Nippon Foundation Mr. Yuji Mori signed the MoU.

The foundation and the de-

partment began a working relationship when a five-year term of capacity development courses for the civil servants in the Ministry started in 2013.

Now the foundation has an agreement to overtake launching the courses in 2018-2020 with the use of \$600,000 in funding.—Myanmar News Agency ■



The signing ceremony of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs and The Nippon Foundation of Japan on a staff training programme being held. PHOTO: MNA