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## 2017 Mid-Year Myanmar Jade and Gems Emporium sells 32 gem lots

THE fourth day of the 2017 Mid-Year Myanmar Jade and Gems Emporium was held yesterday at Mani Yandana Jade Hall in Nay Pyi Taw, attracting local and international gem merchants.

Thirty-two gem lots out of 190 with a base-price of 500 euros and above were sold to local and foreign gem merchants. The 32 gem lots were sold under an open tender system and fetched a total of about 760,000 euros.

A total of 4,371 local and foreign gem merchants attended the fourth day of the emporium. They were seen viewing the displayed gem and jade lots and submitting their tenders into the tender boxes.

The 2017 Mid-Year Myanmar Jade and Gems Emporium is being held from 12 to 21 December. On 16 December, jade lot Nos. 1 to 1150 will be sold. On 17 December, jade lot Nos. 1151 to 2300 will be sold. On 18 December jade lot Nos. 2301 to 3450, on 19 December jade lot Nos. 3451 to 4600, on 20 December jade lot Nos. 4601 to 5750 and on 20 December jade lot Nos. 5751 to 6685 will be sold.

The 2017 Mid-Year Myanmar Jade and Gems Emporium will sell 6,685 jade lots and 190 gem lots under an open tender system, while high-quality finished jade and gems were also on display and for sale, it is learnt.— Myanmar News Agency ■



Merchants inspect a large jade stone on the fourth day of the 2017 Mid-Year Myanmar Jade and Gems Emporium in Mani Yandana Jade Hall, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday . **PHOTO: MNA**

## 40,000 vaccinated in Buthidaung, Rakhine State

By Myint Maung Soe

ABOUT 40,000 of the 55,752 children in Buthidaung Township, Rakhine State have been vaccinated against Japanese encephalitis, said an official from the Department of Health.

“We have two Japanese encephalitis vaccination programmes; one is community based and the other is school based. According to the security situation, we launched the vaccination programmes on 15 November. So far about 40,000 children have been injected with Japanese encephalitis vaccine. We are committed to concluding the vaccination project by the deadline,” said U Than Aung, head of the township’s health department.

There are 55,752 children who are between nine months and 15 years of age in the township. Of this group, 39,691 children have been vaccinated, he added. The government launched the school-based vaccination campaign for children between 5 and 15 years of age from 15 to 23 November. The community-based vaccination programme for children between nine months and five years is being held from 11 to 20 December. ■



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# 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Rakhine State Day ceremony held

## 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Rakhine State Day ceremony held in Sittway

Rakhine State Government observed the 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Rakhine State Day yesterday at the Ottama Hall in Sittway Rakhine State.

The event was opened with royal-drum beating and singing by author Sittway Nyo Thant.

Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu read the Message sent from the President to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Rakhine State Day.

Sittway Town elder U Maung Thein Phyu (Gawyaw Myay Saw Win) explained the holding of 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Rakhine State Day.

At the ceremony, Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, Rakhine State Hluttaw Speaker, deputy Hluttaw speaker, state ministers, State Attorney-General and State Audit-General presented the state's honoring awards to those who contributed their service to the socio economy of Rakhine State such as economic, social, education, health, livestock, environmental conservation and agricultural development sectors.

Attended at the ceremony were State Chief minister and wife, State Hluttaw Speaker, Deputy Hluttaw Speaker, State ministers and wives, state departmental officials, elders of the town, teachers, awarded people and students.

In the early morning, State



Rakhine ethnic women perform traditional dance at the ceremony to celebrate the 43rd Anniversary Rakhine State Day in Maungtaung, Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MYINT MAUNG**



Chief minister, State government ministers and elders of the town offered morning meal and offertories to nine Sayadaws of Rakhine State Sangha Nayaka at Atulamarazein Pyilone Chan Thar Pagoda Hall in commemoration of the 43<sup>rd</sup> Rakhine State Day. The officials also received

the five precepts from the monks and shared the merits.

## Buthidaung observes 43rd Anniversary Rakhine State Day

The 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Rakhine State Day ceremony was celebrated yesterday at the Otta-

ma Hall, Buthidaung Township, Rakhine State.

In the ceremony, after the people saluted the national flag, U Hla Shwe deputy head of Buthidaung Township General Administration Department read the message from the President to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Rakhine State Day.

"The objective of holding this event is to conserve our traditions. Rakhine traditional games are also organized on the state day as part of efforts for raising awareness that conserving Rakhine traditional culture is the duty of all Rakhine people," said Daw Khaing Su Hlaing, leader of Rakhine tradition group.

At the ceremony, the certificates of honor were granted to the organizations involved in the development and philanthropic

activities in Buthidaung Township and outstanding students were also awarded.

## 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Rakhine State Day celebrated in Maungtaung

Maungtaung celebrated the 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Rakhine State Day yesterday at the Maungtaung General Administration Department Hall in Maungtaung.

U Phyu Hla, Deputy Head of Maungtaung Township General Administration Department read the message sent from the President to the 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Rakhine State Day.

"The anniversary day event was held on a grand scale. After the violence, we hold the ceremony at the Town Hall.

In coming years when the state returns to peace and stability, we will hold fun activities on the state day in cooperation with township departments, Hluttaw-representatives and social organizations", said U Phyu Hla.

"In coming years, we hope that Rakhine State Day can be held on a grand scale as we celebrated in the past", said Ma Sandar who attended the ceremony.

Attended at the event were townships departmental officials, local ethnic residents, teachers and students. —Zaya, Myint Maung, Tin Tun, Han Lin Naing (Sittway IPRD) ■

## Rakhine-born magician wows audience

AT the invitation of the Rakhine State Government, Rakhine-born magician Mr. Top and his son Harry staged a magic performance Thursday before a packed crowd in commemoration of the 43<sup>rd</sup> anniversary of Rakhine State Day at the Dhan-yavati Sports Ground in Sittway.

"Being a Rakhine national, my magic skills have been known by the Rakhine State Government. They regard (my magic) as world-class performances. I showed some of my magic skills to them, which were highly acclaimed by them. In reply to my request to show my skills to Rakhine brethren, they told me to do so on Rakhine State Day. I am very pleased to have an opportunity to make my fellow natives enjoy a wonderful magic perfor-

mance, which is given in gratitude. Every individual cannot be delightful all the time. I firmly believe that people will be happy provided that I can manage to present magic shows mixed with humour", he said.

Mr. Top's performance impressed the crowd.

"To my great delight and honour, this Rakhine State-born magician showed his world-class magic at the invitation of Rakhine State Government on Rakhine State Day. We can have marvelous feelings on seeing such world-class magic shows. This will be a thing of pride for us. I would like him to entertain people in other townships in Rakhine State with these performances in future", said U KyawZanMaung of the HsatYoe



Harry shows his magic skill at the ceremony to celebrate the 43rd Anniversary Rakhine State Day in Sittway. **PHOTO: MYINT MAUNG**

quarter of Sittway.

Officials said after the terrorist attacks in Maungtaung in August, the local populace lost their happiness. With a view to encouraging them to lift up

their depression and to get rid of unhappy feelings, such performances were entertained on the ceremony of Rakhine State Day.

Present at the ceremony were Chief Minister U Nyi Pu

and wife, Rakhine State Cabinet members and their wives, Rakhine State, district and township departmental heads and local residents. —Zaya, Myint Maung ■

# Group discussion continues on successful completion of nationwide census

Discussion by groups continued yesterday morning at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-2 (MICC-2) on the occasion of the successful completion of the nationwide population and household census.

Central Statistics Organisation Assistant Director Daw Thida Htwe and U Aung Ko Win of United Nations Population Fund discussed the topic under the title “Matters on the Quality of the Census” and Athong Makuty of the Naga National Council spoke on the topic in a discussion titled “Matters on Cooperation.”

Difficulties and challenges faced, opportunities, experiences and lessons learnt, suggestion on future works, processes to be drawn and finding ways to overcome difficulties were discussed by attendees.

Situations encountered during the population and household

census 2014, the importance of youth, obtaining of news and information, practical usefulness, importance of the health sector and other sectors were discussed by of Medical Research Department's Director-General Dr. Kyaw Zin Thant and U Salai Pi Pi @ Salai Wunzapyang of Chin Nationals Supporting Committee, U Min Zarni Lin of the Socio-Economic Development Group, Executive Director Daw Khin Thet Maw of Social Vision Services and Director Daw Sandar Thant of Socio-Economic Gender Resource Institute joined the discussion.

Afterwards, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population Permanent Secretary U Myint Kyaing explained future work processes to be conducted based on data and information collected from the census.— Myanmar News Agency ■



The group discussion is held to mark the successful completion of the nationwide population and household census at MICC-2 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Container cranes for Myanmar International Thilawa Terminal arrive

A second batch of Machinery for handling containers at Myanmar International Thilawa Terminal (MITT) arrived at the port in southern Yangon yesterday.

The five container cranes are manufactured by ZPMC company in China.

MITT has been boosting its capacity to handle increasing number of containers and to provide better service to the nearby Thilawa Special Economic Zone since April after seeking permission from the Ministry of Transport and Communications, the Myanmar Port

Authority and Myanmar Investment Commission.

On completion of the project in early next year, the MITT would possess the highest capacity for handling containers among the ports in Yangon.—Myanmar News Agency ■



The ship carrying container cranes arrives at the Myanmar International Thilawa Terminal. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Four of six members of Ava Tailoring family receive long prison sentences

YANGON West District court sentenced four of the six members of the family that was accused of years of physical and emotional abuse of their teenage maids.

The family owned the downtown Yangon shop Ava Tailoring, where three female maids in their teens were employed. The young girls testified they endured years of beatings and enslavement.

Lawyer Hnin Su Aung, who represented the Ava Tailoring family, said Daw Tin Thuzar and Daw Su Mon Latt were each sentenced to 10 years imprisonment

for causing grievous hurt, confinement and abating under the Anti-trafficking in Persons Law, plus six years and one month for other violations, for a total prison sentence of 16 years and one month.

U Yazar Tun was sentenced to a total of 13 years and a month in prison, while U Tin Min Latt was sentenced to a total of 9 years and one month in prison.

Two other members of the family, Daw Thiri Latt and U Ko Latt, were acquitted after the court found no evidence to try them.—Myo Min Thein (Mayangon)

## Police detains terrorist suspect in Maungtaw

Police arrested a man on suspicion of planning for terrorist attack in Maungtaw on 13th December.

Mahar Bayzu Raman, a villager from Hmoe Win village in Maungtaw township, was found

with a mobile phone using Bangladesh SIM card, 9,230 Bangladesh Taka, and a registration card issued in Bangladesh.

He has been detained for further interrogation.—Myanmar News Agency ■