Establishment of Kanyinchaung Economic Zone in Maungtaw tsp

MERCHANTS from Maungtaw region and Rakhine State Government planned for establishment of Kanyinchaung Economic Zone in Maungtaw in October 2015.

Two concrete jetties, a 420 ft. long earth approach road, a single storey reinforced concrete warehouse and 20 sales rooms have already been completed so far in the zone.

Kanyinchaung Economic Zone is about 2 miles north-west of Maungtaw Town where Kanyin creek flows into Naf River. A port in Bangladesh is only about 4 miles away. The jetty of Kanyinchaung Economic Zone can handle vessels of about 1000 tons.

When it was started as the trade zone, 40.6 acres was earmarked for it and it is currently being expended to an economic zone on 100 acres.

Enjoying peace and stability in Mro ethnic villages

FOUR months after the terrorist attacks in Maungtaw, it is witnessed that residents of Mro ethnic groups are enjoying peace and stability in their villages. Moreover, they can settle in their villages and lead a normal life. The authorities concerned are making concerted efforts to restore the normal lives of the residents.

The following are excerpts of interviews with local Mro ethnic people.

Maung Zone, a village administrative officer

The village I live in is Thit Tone Nar Kwa Sone, which is composed of 300 households. The population of the village is about 1,696. As far as I know, Mandalay region and Ayeyawady Region governments are building new houses in the villages including Myauk Gaung Taung, Pan Chaung, Khayu Chaung and Auk Inn Chaung. I am sure that this can strengthen unity among us by merging many villages. I am much obliged to the government for this.

Ko Than Naing, resident of Thit Tone Nar Kwa Sone

Most of the villagers in this region are farmers and cultivators, and they mostly rely on cultivation and farming. For the time being now, the new families from Myauk Gaung Taung and Pan Chaung villages are building 45 makeshift tents made of bamboo.

UTun Pone, a villager of Nan Yar Kine

I came from Nan Yar Kine village. The authorities have already approved to build 50 new houses and 3 bridges in my village. But the construction hasn't started yet. That's why I'd like to urge the authority concerned to resume these constructions before the rainy season.

Under the supervision of the Ministry for Border Affairs, a Mro ethnic village is under construction near Thit Tone Nar Kwa Sone village. According to the data, there are 16 Mro ethnic villages, and we can witness the scene of winnowing the paddy seeds in the farm, studying the lessons at the schools, building new houses and carrying out the new village plans respectively.—Myint Maung & Zeyar

Cash donation ceremony held in Rakhine State

A cash donation ceremony organised by a group of young people working in Busan, South Korea, was held in Sittway yesterday morning.

At the ceremony, the chairman of UEHRD U Min Aung received the cash donations, in the amount of Ks1,000,000 and awarded certificates of appreciation to them.

Cash donation ceremony from rakhine state merchants

An official receives cash donation from a donor. Photo: MNA
Tourists visit Myanmar via Tachileik border gate

INTERNATIONAL tourists are visiting Myanmar through international gateways and cross-border points to observe Myanmar’s beautiful landscapes, scenery, tourist attractions, traditions, and social lifestyles.

In addition to traditional tourist destinations, there is now culture-based tourism, by which tourists can observe the traditions and cultures of ethnic people. Traveller statistics reveal this is an increasingly popular draw.

Day-trip tourists visited Tarlott market, Bayintnaung Statue, Maha Myatmu Pa-goda, Shwedagon Pagoda, the National Landmark Gardens, Arikbar Market, and the Chinese monastery, all of which are popular places in Tachileik.

Tourists who stayed over-night visited Buddha Footprint Pagoda, Maha Myatmu Pago-da in Kyaing Tong, Soon Taung Pagoda, and other famous pagodas and attractions in Maing Phat.

From 1 April to 21 December, there were 703,419 day trip tourists who entered via the Tachileik border gate, 11,428 visitors of whom traveled to Maing Phat and Kyang Tong. Tourist arrivals for those with a visa who traveled by air via Tachileik totalled 5,341.—GNLM

One attacker and three suspects arrested in Maungtaw, Rakhine

SECURITY personnel conducted law enforcement measures yesterday and caught one attacker who involved in terrorist attacks, and three suspects yesterday.

Security forces caught Zar Paw Ar Long (a) Zar Paw Ar lom, who lives in Oo Shay Kya village at 5p.m, December 19, and Sharp (a) Bain Khu and Adu Shaw Yoe, who tried to enter illegally into Myanmar from Bangladesh.

Another incident took place in the Oo Shay Kya Creek, while police forces found a suspicious boat together with a handset with two Bangladesh SIM cards and two swords. Measures are being taken to expose the crime and to take action against those involved.—Myanmar News Agency

Tourists visit Myanmar via Tachileik border gate

Tourists seen at Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon. PHOTO: GNLM/PHOE KHWAR

Myanmar Investment Commission Meeting 17/2017

THE Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) meeting 17/2017 was convened in Yangon on 22nd December 2017 and reviewed investment proposals consistent with the Myanmar Investment Law.

U Kyaw Win, Chairman of MIC and Union Minister of Ministry of Planning and Finance and 10 members of MIC attended the meeting.

The Submission of proposals and endorsement applications from investors and post-permit activities of MIC-permitted companies were discussed in the meeting.

The MIC meeting (17/2017) decided to issue 9 investment permits and 2 endorsements in relation to the investment proposals.—Myanmar News Agency

China increases imports of rice, corn, vehicle fuel against last year

CHINA increased its imports of rice, corn and vehicle fuel from Myanmar mainly through the Muse border trade camp in the current fiscal year; according to a report of the Myawady Daily’s Friday edition.

According to figures released by the Ministry of Commerce, this year’s exports of rice to China totalled 747,559 tonnes, increasing over 500,000 tonnes against the last year’s total of 232,721 tonnes.

The export of Myanmar’s corn also saw an increase in demand from the People’s Republic of China. The ministry’s data shows that more than 697,000 tonnes of locally produced corn went to the world’s populous nation this year, which is over 250,000 tonnes more than that of last year.

“The country’s corn market is currently active because of new production of fresh corn this winner season. We have a good export demand for rice and vehicle fuel too,” said one of wholesalers from Yangon’s Bayintnaung Wholesale Market.

Although the country saw an increased demand for rice, corn and fuel, this year’s re-export of sugar decreased to 550,386 tonnes compared with last year.

Myanmar mainly exports melons, rice, corn, fuel, fruits and vegetables and marine products to China and imports consumer goods, beverage, seafood, clothing, electronic devices, construction materials, related products, agricultural culture and motorbikes.—GNLM