

Vice President U Myint Swe visits Leshi, Lahe and Nanyun towns

VICE President U Myint Swe went to Leshi, Lahe and Nanyun towns in Sagaing Region yesterday and visited the hospitals, border areas, national races youth development training schools and women's domestic science and vocational training schools yesterday.

The Vice President, accompanied by Deputy Ministers Maj-Gen Aung Soe and Maj-Gen Than Htut, Permanent Secretaries and officials, left Nay Pyi Taw by special Tatmadaw plane at 10:45 a.m. and were welcomed at Hkamti airport by Region Chief Minister Dr. Myint Naing, Region Hluttaw Speaker U Than, Region ministers, Naga Self-Administered Zone (SAZ) Chairman U Kay Sai, ethnic national literary figures, and a cultural troupe.

The Vice President, Region Chief Minister, Region Hluttaw Speaker, Region ministers, Naga SAZ Chairman, Permanent Secretaries and officials went on to Leshi town by Tatmadaw helicopters and were welcomed on arrival by Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Htay, ethnic cultural troupes and officials. They then visited the women's domestic science and vocational training school and



Vice President U Myint Swe meets officials and locals at Leshi People's Hospital in Leshi. PHOTO: MNA

met with teachers and trainees.

The Vice President said the government is working for the development of Naga SAZ, especially in improving road links. It is mainly creating job opportunities for local people, with arrangements made for international tourists to visit and observe the traditions of the ethnic Naga nationals. Vocational training should be emphasized

for regional development and efforts should be made to raise the value of regional products. Teachers should train students to become individually skilled, while each trainee should also put in their best efforts to learn all the subjects taught, he said.

The Vice President also visited Leshi People's Hospital, then went on to Lahe Town, where they were welcomed by

Northwest Command commander Maj-Gen Phone Myat, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Thet Naung and other officials.

At the Sarameri Guest House, they met with Lahe Town regional regiments' female garrison troops and family members and presented warm clothes and foodstuff.

After a stop at Lahe Peo-

ple's Hospital, they went to the border areas national races youth development training school and met with students.

They also inspected the women's domestic science and vocational training school, after which the Vice President and party left for Nanyun town on Tatmadaw helicopters. Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Wum Hla, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Min Naing, Region Hluttaw representative U Same Maung, Region ministers, Naga traditional cultural troupe and officials welcomed the Vice President and party upon arrival in the town.

The Vice President and party then went to Nanyun People's Hospital to inspect, encourage and provide financial support to patients undergoing treatment.

They also went to Nanyun women's domestic science and vocational training school and viewed traditional weaving courses, sewing training and the clothes and household products made by the trainees.

The Vice President also met with Nanyun town regional regiments' female garrison troops and family members and presented foodstuffs, it is learnt. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Repatriation, resettlement clarified to people in Sittway, Rakhine State

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye met with Sayadaws and local people in Sittway, Rakhine State, yesterday, clarifying efforts of the Union Government for peace, repatriation of refugees and resettlement.

At the meeting, local residents discussed the current challenges of the Rakhine people and presented the points that the government should implement to better livelihoods of the ethnic people with peace in the future.

Dr. Win Myat Aye, who is also Vice Chairman of the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine State, explained the government's preparations for repatriation of refugees to Rakhine State.

He also elaborated on measures being taken by the UEHRD to develop Rakhine State with-



Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye attends a meeting for repatriation, resettlement clarified to people in Sittway, Rakhine. PHOTO: MNA

out conflicts. Following the discussion by the local people, Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye clarified the current efforts of UEHRD for socio-economic development, assisting in small and medium-sized enterprises and creating job opportunities in Rakhine State.

Aid was also shipped from Sittway to Maungdaw yesterday.

In addition, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung inspected the issuing of National Verification cards to Muslims in Aungmingala Ward, Sittway. — Myanmar News Agency ■

NVC issued to residents in Sittway Aung Mingalar Ward

STATE Immigration and Population Department officials traveled to Sittway Aung Mingalar Ward yesterday morning to issue the National Verification Card (NVC) to 24 residents.

Among those receiving the cards were 9 men and 15 women, as a first step in the process of being reviewed for citizenship. Ministry of Social

Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Deputy Minister U Soe Aung handed over the NVC to the residents.

In an earlier issuing of NVC to residents of Sittway Aung Mingalar Ward on 7 January 2018, 66 residents, including 25 men and 38 women, were issued with NVC, as 90 residents have been issued NVC cards. — Win Min Soe (IPRD) ■



Deputy Minister U Soe Aung hands over NVC to a resident. PHOTO: MNA

Donation given to Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Examination Sayadaws and monks

AT a ceremony held yesterday morning in Yangon's Kaba Aye Hill Maha Pasana Cave, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko delivered cash donations to Sayadaws, monks, and those who took the Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Examination.

To date, oral examinations have been conducted among 145 monks, and will continue until 18 January.

To be a degree holder of Tipitaka Kovida, a monk who

has reached the Pathamagyi level must first pass five levels of reciting answers and five levels of comprehension of Tipitaka in a written exam.

Next, the monk must pass the oral recitation of the 20 books of the Tipitaka Pali scripture, after which he is awarded the title of Tipitaka Kovida. The monk then must pass a written examination testing his knowledge of more than 100 books, covering commentaries, sub-commentaries and treatises related to the entire Tipitaka



Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko offers cash to Sayadaws who took the Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Examination in Kaba Aye Hill Maha Pasana Cave in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

Pali scripture, after which he is awarded the Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida title.

From ME 1310 when the

first Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Examination was conducted to the recent 69th time, there were 14 distinguished

monks who were awarded the Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida title.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Mingaladon Garden Orchid Exhibition (2018) in Yangon

Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation together with private orchid producers jointly held a Mingaladon Garden Orchid Exhibition (2018) in Mingaladon Garden, Mingaladon Township, Yangon yesterday morning.

At first, agriculture and rural development committee chairman U Yan Lin and Ministry of Agriculture Deputy Director General U Hla Myint Aung delivered the opening speeches and Myanmar Floriculturist Association chairman Dr. Saw Lwin delivered a message of greeting.

Officials then cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the Mingaladon Garden Orchid Exhibition (2018) and visited the displays in the exhibition.

Deputy Director General U Hla Myint Aung commented on the exhibition and said "It has been quite some time since people's interest was raised on orchid. It is to raise the interest of people in orchid that this exhibition is being held. It is after 17 years that an orchid exhibition is held in this garden. It is also held with an aim to raise the interest of the people on fruits and flowers."

The exhibition will be held for five days from 13 to 17 January and it will be opened from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. The exhibition will



Mingaladon Garden Orchid Exhibition (2018) held in Mingaladon Garden, Mingaladon Township in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: ZAW GYI**

display 35 types of Myanmar orchid, 20 types of medicinal orchid and 45 types of orchid for growing as well as educational booths and shops and orchid specialists and enthusiasts are seen visiting the exhibition yesterday.

Daw Saw Yu Htway from Mingaladon Garden Orchid farm said "A total of about 100 types of orchid species are shown. The booths displayed will include 7 showing orchids and an educational booth on planting orchid. To raise the people's interest in orchid, orchid and art were combined and shown as one sector. Technical knowhow will also being provided to visiting orchid enthusiast."

Furthermore, one of the aims of the exhibition is to show the producing of orchid through tissue culture system and for the new generation youth to study and value Myanmar orchid species from a special unique design and art works of MOPA Design led by Myanmar youth designers and Yangon School of Interior Design (YSID) students it is learnt.

The other aim is to enable people to understand the planting methodology of orchid, fruits and flowers so that they can grow fruits and vegetables as well as flowers in small plots of lands in their home it is learnt.—Zaw Gyi ■

Japanese Foreign Minister observes reconstruction works in Maungtaw

A delegation led by Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono, accompanied by the Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, UEHRD Chief Coordinator Dr. Aung Tun Thet and departmental officials visited Maungtaw region, Rakhine State to observe reconstruction works yesterday.

The party arrived in Pan Taw Pyin Village tract, where Dr. Win Myat Aye explained the resettlement lands and buildings that are being

constructed on it.

The Japanese Foreign Minister met with the villagers, then together with Dr. Win Myat Aye toured the schools and accommodations in the village.

The party then arrived at the repatriation camp and viewed preparation works. The camp is , where returnees from Bangladesh will be accepted and processed. The final stop for the delegation was the Myanmar-Bangladesh Friendship Bridge in Taung Pyo Let Wei Town.—Aung Ye Thwin, Ko Min ■



Japanese Foreign Minister Mr Taro Kono and Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye meet with local people in Maungtaw, Rakhine State yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**