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A tower to overlook Haka Township's scenery to be accomplished

A tower that is being constructed to overlook Haka Township's scenery, at the View Point Resort; it will be completed before the 70th Anniversary Chin National Day according to the Chin State Municipal Office.

"The tower is 36 feet high and 18 feet wide and the cost of the tower is estimated at around Ks. 70 million. Now cash donations by local residents is over Ks. 50 million and it is necessary to reach the estimated amount of donations in order to complete construction of the tower. So donors around the country will be invited to donate as much money as they can and their names will be inscribed on a plaque at the base of the tower" said the Director of Chin State Municipal Office.

A panoramic view of Haka, the capital of Chin State. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

"When we can take in the view from the tower, we can see all the beauty and scenery of Hakha Township as well as the beauty of Falam and Tiddim townships. It is better to have this tower in the View Point Resort because the resort is very popular with visitors. I think it will be even more interesting for visitors because the resort plans to sell traditional instruments and costumes of the Chin ethnic people and the resort will also display clothing and biographies of the iconic ethnic people" said a visitor.

The tower is situated on the side of the Gangaw Road at the entrance of Haka Township. The resort was equipped with railings, and has arranged seating and stairs, Construction for the tower started in 2017.

Haka Township has beautiful scenery and many tourists visit the area so many hotels are being constructed to make accommodations convenient for visitors. Moreover, the tower's construction hopes to boost the regional tourism.—Myanmar Digital News ■

Myanmar-Bangladesh Border Guard Regiment-level flag hoisting ceremony held

The Myanmar-Bangladesh Border Guard Regiment-level flag hoisting ceremony was held near the friendship bridge on the border at noon yesterday.

During the ceremony, the Bangladeshi side was led by Commanding Officer Monzural Hassan Khan of the Border Guards Bangladesh No. 34, while the Myanmar side was led by Police Commanding Officer Lt Colonel Saw Zeyar.

During the meeting, Police Lt Colonel Saw Zeyar of Myanmar told the Bangladeshi side that Myanmar is ready for the repatriation of returnees from Bangladesh.

Monzural Hassan Khan said the authorities in Bangladesh were collecting lists of returnees, and when they are ready, they will proceed with the process of repatriation.

Following the meeting, Police Lt Colonel Saw Zeyar demonstrated the camps' readiness to accept returnees from Bangladesh.—Rakhine State IPRD

Local melon farmers face competition from Chinese cultivators

LOCAL watermelon and musk melon farmers are facing stiff competition because Chinese growers have entered the country and started cultivating the fruit, according to watermelon farmers from the Sagaing Region.

"Watermelons and musk melons, which are cultivated in Myanmar, are exported mainly to China. Now, Chinese growers are growing the fruit in Myanmar after taking the land on lease.

They are also using their own growing methods. As a result, the rental prices of land have increased. Therefore, it has negatively affected the local farmers who have rented the land to grow the fruit," said U Daung Shwe, a local cultivator from Monywa.

The Chinese growers had rented the land at the rate of Ks700,000 per acre to grow the fruit. The local farmers also paid the same amount as rent. However, the Chinese growers are selling some of the fruit directly to China through the Muse border gate. Local farmers, on the other hand, have to sell their fruit to local traders, he added.

The cultivation of watermelon and musk melon costs Ks3.5 million per acre. —Maung Wazi Ya (AMIA) ■