

Yangon welcomes President U Win Myint

A ceremony in honour of newly-elected President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, U Win Myint was held in front of the Maha Bandoola Park near the City Hall of Yangon yesterday afternoon.

At first, the public sang the National Anthem of Myanmar.

Afterwards, master of ceremonies read out the biography of the President U Win Myint followed with the public group discussions.

Similarly, some quarters in Yangon were providing free public meals in honouring President U Win Myint. —Myanmar News Agency ■



The MC delivers a speech welcoming the new President as onlookers listen in front of Maha Bandoola Park in the middle of Yangon City. **PHOTO: MNA**



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, second from right, sees off Vice Chairman Mr. Edmund Ho Hau Wah, center. **PHOTO: MNA**

Mr. Edmund Ho Hau Wah departs from Yangon

A delegation led by Mr. Edmund Ho Hau Wah, Vice-Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference and former Chief Executive of the Macau Special Administrative Region departed

from Yangon yesterday afternoon.

The delegation was seen off by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe, Director-General of the

Strategic Studies and Training Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Daw Kay Thi Soe, Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Hong Liang at the Yangon International Airport. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Electrical substation opens in Yathedaung Township

A ceremony was held in Yathedaung Township, Rakhine State, yesterday, to commemorate the opening of a 66-KV power line that connects Ponnagyun to Yathedaung electrical substation.

Union Minister for Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing delivered an opening speech. He said the substation was the first phase of a project to supply electricity to Yathedaung, Buthidaung and Maungtaung townships by constructing a 64.5-mile power line for Ponnagyun-Yathedaung-Buthidaung-Maungtaung.

The substation will make use of a 22.2-mile power line from Ponnagyun to Yathedaung, which is connected to the main 230-KV station in Ponnagyun.

The Union Minister said the government would install a 66-KV switch bay at the main electrical station in Ponnagyun, and continue building substations in Buthidaung and Maungtaung. He said the aim was to complete these plans by De-



Union Minister for Construction, Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing, center, unveils the commemorative memorial for the electrical substation in Yathedaung, Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

cember this year. The entire project, which aims to provide 24-hour electricity to the three townships, will cost an estimated Ks30 billion.

The Union Minister said that upon completion of the project, a steady supply of electricity would be made available to 26 of the 196 villages in Yathedaung, 11 of the 339 villages in Buthidaung, and 15 of

the 347 villages in Maungtaung. He said the remaining villages would be supplied electricity later.

The Union Minister then concluded his speech with remarks on the opening of the substation, while a local resident expressed gratitude on behalf of the local public.

Attendees at the ceremony were then shown a video clip de-

tailoring the works undertaken by the Ministry of Electricity and Energy in the last two years.

Next, the AccorHotels Group donated 400 solar lights to villages in Yathedaung, Buthidaung and Maungtaung, which will not be connected to a power line in the next five years.

Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu accepted the donations and presented an honorary

certificate to the representative from AccorHotels Group. This was followed by Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung, Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, Rakhine State Hluttaw Speaker U San Kyaw Hla, Rakhine State Minister for Electricity, Industry and Transport U Aung Kyaw Zan, Yathedaung constituency representative for Pyithu Hluttaw Daw Khin Saw Wai, and Rakhine State Hluttaw representative from Yathedaung constituency U Oo Than Naing cutting the ribbon to formally open the electrical substation. The attendees then took a group photograph, and Union Minister U Win Khaing unveiled the memorial for the substation.

Later, Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung, Union Minister U Win Khaing and Chief Minister U Nyi Pu pressed the button to start the substation's process, thereby providing electricity to the three townships.

The attendants then toured the substation. —Myanmar News Agency ■

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edited.Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw U Aye Tha Aung, center, walks along the ceremonial procession opening the Sittway Ponnagyun-Yathedaung-Buthidaung-Maungtaw highway. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

Rakhine State gets another vital highway

ONE of the main highways in Rakhine State, linking Maungtaw with its capital Sittway, was opened along with its five major bridges, yesterday, said Deputy Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw (Upper House) U Aye Tha Aung.

U Aye Tha Aung said Rakhine State was the least developed area in the union because of poor transport and insufficient electricity.

He said the highway linking Sittway and Maungtaw, via Ponnagyun, Yathedaung and Buthedaung, and the five bridges were opened. The road and the five bridges are impor-

tant to the state. A developed area needs better infrastructure, such as road and bridges, power supply and transport. Now, Yathedaung gets round-the-clock power supply. Hence, all should strive for the development of the state, their townships and their own lives. Solidarity and harmony of the entire nation are required at a time when the country and Rakhine State are facing numerous challenges. Unity is the only means to solve problems, he noted.

Union Minister for Construction U Han Zaw said the people-elected government,

during its two-year period, built the road and the bridges, which are important for Rakhine State. Good and safe transport will improve the social, educational, health and economic status of the natives. The Union Minister then explained the improvements made in the transport sector for the progress of Maungtaw and Yathedaung townships. The gravelling of a 46-mile road connecting Buthedaung and other places in the east of Mayu mountain range is in progress for the development of the Maungtaw region.

Some 52 bridges have been

built in Rakhine State. The lengths of the bridges varied from more than 200 feet to 800 feet, he said.

In his speech, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu pointed out the importance of unity, mutual trust and cooperation. A local then thanked the government for opening the road and the bridges.

The Deputy Speaker, the Union Minister, the State Chief Minister and the delegation formally opened the facilities.

The Deputy Speaker inspected the road and the bridges in a motorcade. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Non-formal basic education project celebrates 10th anniversary

THE 10th anniversary of the non-formal basic education project was held with the aim of supporting the Myanmar literacy movement at the Diamond Jubilee Hall of Yangon University on 31 March morning.

Present at the ceremony were Speaker of Yangon Region Hluttaw U Tin Maung Tun, Region Social Affairs Minister U Naing Ngan Lin, departmental officials, members of UNICEF and UNESCO, World Education, partner organisations, donors, outstanding teachers, students and their families.

Speaking on the occasion, U Tin Maung Tun said

the non-formal basic education began in the 2008-2009 academic year, and the Education Ministry and the UNICEF jointly launched the initial programme in five townships.

In the 2017-2018 academic year, the project covered 93 townships. Kyaikhto, Sittway and Pyay implemented the project for 10 consecutive years. A video on the 10-year accomplishments of the project was then shown to the attendees.

U Tin Maung Tun and U Naing Ngan Lin presented certificates of honour to the donors. International adviser of Thailand Ms Kannikar Yeameasorn, on behalf of the

Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun confers an honorary certificate to a representative of the donors at the event. **PHOTO: MNA**

donors, gave the vote of thanks. Prizes were then given to the out-

standing students.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Transportation smoother as five bridges open in Rakhine State

By Kyaw Thu Win,
Aye Min Thu

RAKHINE State officially opened five bridges that will ensure smoother and faster transportation for its people yesterday. The five bridges are Sai Din bridge, Yathedaung Bridge, Thaungdara Bridge, Nga Sam Paw Bridge, and Ywa Haung Bridge and they connect the Pon-nagyun-Yathedaung-Buthidaung Road.

U Maung Than Hlaing, a resident of Phone Nyo Leik Village, told media that he and other villagers are extremely pleased now that the bridges are open as it means easier access to healthcare and businesses between each area.

"We used to travel by motorcycle, then when we reach the river we'd haul them on a boat and cross the river. It took a lot of time and was cumbersome," he said.

He said that what used to be an hour's journey from his village to Buthidaung now only takes 15 minutes. The bridges connects the roads to the Yangon-Sittway highway too which U Maung

Than Hlaing says allows direct travel to Yangon now instead of going around via Sittway.

Ma Nwe Nwe Win, a local resident from Aleachaung Village, says that soon commodity trucks will coming directly to their villages as they don't need to carry them via boats across the river anymore. "It was a hassle, we had to carry things by motorbikes, load them on a ship, unload on the opposite bank, and you can't carry alot," said Ma Nwe Nwe Win. "But now it won't be long until trucks come directly to us. These new bridges will help our economy a lot."

The Ministry of Construction has been continuously working to better the transportation system in Rakhine State and now they have simultaneously opened the five bridges.

"I am very grateful for these new bridges. Now we have faster access to hospitals, schools and better ways to transport merchandise," said Ma Nan Cherry from Thayetpyin Village. Since the bridges connect to the Yangon Highway, local residents in Rakhine will soon be able to do direct business with Yangon too. ■



The new bridges in Rakhine State mean local residents will no longer need to spend hours travelling to and fro between villages and districts. **PHOTO: KYAW THU WIN, AYE MIN THU**



U Maung Than Hlaing.



Ma Nwe Nwe Win.



Ma Nan Cherry.

Heavy rains, strong winds damage Nay Pyi Taw infrastructure

UNTIMELY heavy rainfall and strong winds hit the Nay Pyi Taw Council on 31 March, damaging buildings and public infrastructure.

In Zabuthiri Township, Crime Investigation Police building No. 45 incurred damages worth Ks6.5 million, while eight police boxes were damaged, as well. In Danatheikdi Ward, four utility poles near building numbers (1308/1309/1312/1328) were knocked down, causing damages worth Ks480,000, along with 43 other utility poles in the area.

The spectator stage of Practice Field-(3) in the ward was destroyed, and the roof of the 1,000-bed Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital was blown off and damaged.

A police box in Dekkhinathiri Township and three police boxes in Uttarathiri Township were damaged.

The Nay-Yaung-Pya-Inn



Utility poles and trees fallen by strong winds on 31 March in Nay Pyi Taw, which also cost high property damage.

PHOTO: KO NAING WIN (KYOKYAR KAN)

Pagoda in Pobbathiri Township was also damaged, as its diamond bud, vane and the umbrella crown were blown off.

Four utility poles near a six-building residency in Nyaungpingyi Village tract

fell due to strong winds, while two utility poles lost their footing.

Two more utility poles in Yanaung (1) Ward, Pyinmana City, were knocked down. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Thandwe Judge and lawyer charged with corruption in criminal case

A township judge and a higher grade pleader were charged with corruption following a complaint submitted to the Anti-Corruption Commission by a plaintiff.

The plaintiff reported to the Anti-Corruption Commission that U Oo Thein Tun, while he was a judge in Thandwe Township in southern Rakhine State, took a total of K 6217000 from him in installments in connection with a criminal case at the court.

The report also said that judge U Oo Thein Tun acquitted the defendant after taking Ks 10 million as bribes and made changes and addition to the testimony report.

After investigating the case the Commission found out that U Oo Thein Tun mis-used his power as a township judge in demanding K 6217000 from the plaintiff in the said legal case.

In addition, the Commission also revealed that of the total amount of K 6217000 the judge took as bribes, K 4755000 was demanded by higher grade pleader Daw Khin Cho Win on behalf U Oo Thein Tun.

Hence the police in Thandwe have filed a legal suit against U Oo Thein Tun now a township judge in Kyaikhto in Mon State and Daw Khin Cho Win.—Myanmar News Agency ■