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Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye, left, accepts a donation of Ks65 million presented by film director Maung Myo Min, right, in the presence of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, centre, at the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Rakhine donations prove our collective strength

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi expressed her belief yesterday that the artistes of Myanmar who continue to donate to help develop Rakhine State are supporting the Union

government not only monetarily but also spiritually.

The State Counsellor made this remark in her speech at a ceremony to accept a cash donation from a foundation

founded by artistes.

"The main power of the artistes is that they can influence the heart of the people," she said at the ceremony held at the National Reconciliation

and Peace Centre in Nay Pyi Taw. "The contribution of the artistes to the country can also motivate and make the people interested."

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Dinner to mark President U Win Myint's taking office to be broadcast live today

A dinner to mark the taking of office by President U Win Myint will be held at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw at 6:30pm on 6th April.

The dinner in honour of President U Win Myint will be broadcast live at MRTV, MITV, MNTV, Skynet Up to Date, MoI Webportal's Facebook page, MRTV's Facebook page and Myanmar Digital News' Facebook page starting at 6pm. —Myanmar News Agency

UN's Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator visits Maungtau

Assistant Secretary-General for Humanitarian Affairs and Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator of the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA) Ms. Ursula Mueller and party visited Kainggyi Village in Maungtau Township and met with Mro and Rakhine ethnic people yesterday.

The UN's Deputy Emergency Relief Coordinator asked about matters relating to the villagers' experiences during the terrorist attack, the current situation, and needs of the villagers.

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“Today at this time, we are witnessing the transformation of an era and a system in accordance with democratic principles. This is just the beginning of the democratic transition. To make this transition process smooth and successful, it is very important for our peoples, government employees and civil servants to change their dogmatic mindset and habits. Those government institutions which are lagging behind in the transformation process will need to be put under tight management controls. The country's weak judiciary system would need to be strengthened. More efforts need to be exerted to stamp out corruption. More efforts need to be exerted to prevent human rights violations. More efforts need to be exerted to crack down illegal drug trade. We need to manage public funds properly so that there is no wastage. Measures need to be taken to return confiscated farmland to farmers and to give compensation to farmers for losses they have suffered in accordance with the law. We also need to improve the socio-economic life of farmers, improve the lives of workers and ensure that students gain access to higher education.

(Excerpt from the speech by President U Win Myint at the ceremony to take oath of office at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30th March 2018)

“That is why in the coming year 1380, our Union Government has decided to keep in high regard the need for “collective strength” to overcome our country's challenges.

(Excerpt from the speech by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on the 2nd Anniversary of NLD Government on 1st April 2018)

Preparations on to host 19th ASEAN University Games

THE Steering Committee in charge of hosting the 19th ASEAN University Games (AUG) held its first coordination meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting, Vice President U Myint Swe, patron of the Steering Committee, urged the committees and sub-committees to make preparations for teams to be able to participate in and win all the games.

During the meeting, some 15 work committees and 17 sub-committees were formed.

The 19th AUG will be hosted in December this year and will see participants competing across 16 disciplines.

More than 3,100 athletes from 11 countries will participate in the games.

The AUG has been held every two years since 1981. Myanmar participated in the 15th, 16th, 17th and 18th games.

The objective of the ASEAN University Games is to strengthen friendship among ASEAN nations through sports, and exchange experiences and culture among students studying



Vice President U Myint Swe addresses the first meeting for holding the 19th ASEAN University Games (AUG) in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

in ASEAN universities.

“As a country's image depends on its sporting ability, it is necessary to ensure fair play in the games,” said Vice President U Myint Swe in his opening address.

The Steering Committee, which was formed with 20 members on 8 February 2018, adopted six tasks, including providing the guidelines for the successful

hosting of the 19th ASEAN University Games and coordinating with the ministries concerned to get the buildings and sports grounds ready for the games.

The Steering Committee is also obliged to give guidelines on seeking help from foreign countries, non-governmental organisations and international non-governmental organisations, if necessary, and for

holding the opening and closing ceremonies on a grand scale, in accordance with Myanmar traditional culture.

The participants at the meeting reported on the preparations for hosting the 19th ASEAN University Games, the selection of mascots, the motto, types of games and the intensive training being provided to the athletes.

The meeting was attended by Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi, Chairman of the Steering Committee; Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe, Vice Chairman of the Steering Committee; Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun; and other members of the Steering Committee.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Rakhine donations prove our collective strength

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The donation of Ks65 million by the Hnin Si Yin Khwin Foundation proves that the people are working with “collective strength” for development, stability and peace of the country, she said.

“We believe that this donation is not just for Rakhine State,

but also for the stability of the country”, she added.

The State Counsellor highlighted the importance of national reconciliation for the peace and stability of the country, saying that diverse opinions bring people closer.

Opinions are not the same in people, and people have the ability

to negotiate diverse opinions to build up a unity among them, she said, requesting that the artistes spread the thinking of negotiation and rationalization to the people.

There might be more than one answer to a problem, and we should choose the best one based on the situation and our ability, she added.

She continued to say that the way to the goal can be changed, stressing the need to be prepared to use alternate solutions to reach a goal. She urged the artistes to spread that mindset to the people.

“Arts support our peace and national reconciliation process, and our peace and national rec-

onciliation process supports the arts,” she said.

At the ceremony, Director Maung Myo Min handed over K65 million to Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye, Vice Chairman of the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine State.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Rakhine repatriation

The Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD) is implementing strategies to reconstruct and develop Rakhine State.

The following is an interview with UEHRD Chief Coordinator Prof. Dr. Aung Tun Thet on the present status of the implementation progress and the repatriation progress of returnees into Rakhine State.

(Interview continued from 5 April 2018)

By Thi Thi Min, Min Thit (MNA)

Q: International media agencies report that the Muslim residents in Maungdaw fled because of low food supply and fear for their security. How do you respond to that?

A: Everyone has their own anxieties and worries. My response is that we provide humanitarian aid from our side. The International Committee of the Red Cross is providing aid and the security forces are not stationed in that area. We have done what we can; if they don't feel safe then there isn't anything we can do.

You can't carelessly fill out the returnee's forms. It has to include a family photograph, fingerprints and such. But these were not included in the papers they sent back to us. I can't tell if they didn't understand our instructions, or if they didn't know how to fill out the forms.

Prof. Dr. Aung Tun Thet

Q: What are some difficulties for UEHRD in developing Maungdaw?

A: I don't like to think of them as difficulties. That way of thinking can destroy a person's motivations. They are challenges with opportunities. For example, we want to start building residences for the returnees, but we have no labour force. So we can transport workers from Yangon, Sittway, or other regions.

We also need more media coverage. We need our own people and the international community to know what we're doing. Our people have a habit of doing the best we can, but neglecting to inform other people of it. But now we need to tell everyone what we're doing so they can understand the current situation. We need to clearly define the worries of the Rakhine people too, and to that end the UEHRD has a domestic communications and relations team and an international one. We need to respond to the international media's comments, we cannot just ignore them. We need to rationalize ourselves so that hate speech is not spread and conflicts are not instigated.

We have been ready for repatriation



UEHRD Chief Coordinator Prof. Dr. Aung Tun Thet talks during an interview with Myanmar News Agency. **PHOTO: YE HTUT**



Authorities inspect houses to be used for repatriation of returnees in Taung Pyo Letwe, Maungdaw, Rakhine State. **PHOTO: HTAY AUNG**



Humanitarian aids provided by voluntary youths in Buthidaung, Rakhine State, on 14 November 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

I'm personally delighted that civilian organisations like the Myanmar Engineers Society and the Myanmar Medical Association are helping with the various works in Rakhine. They do not view the situation as not concerning them. It's also encouraging seeing the youth of the country helping out in humanitarian projects.

The UEHRD cooperates with the Union government, State Government, and the Implementation Committee headed by Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye. The Rakhine State Government has a five-year socio-economic development plan with six prioritized goals and the UEHRD has 10 goals. There's not much difference between our goals, but they did not include communications as a goal.

We collect donations using information technology. Our dream is that the 51 million people in the country will be able to each donate Ks1,000 a month. The combined money will be enormous for the development of Rakhine State.

Something else to consider is how the UEHRD can use the experience gathered in Rakhine State to do similar development projects in Mon, Kayin and Kayah states and Taninthayi Region. There also needs to be an understanding between the government sector and private sector. The government sector is strict and operates on a framework, while the private sector is quick to take action. If we go too fast, then we may go astray, and if we focus too much on regulations, we may not reach the deadline. So it's a delicate balancing act.

Q: Is there anything else you would like to tell us concerning Rakhine State?

A: I wish for the public to be aware of the pressure from the international community. Some may consider what's happening in Rakhine as inconsequential to them, but if they're not informed then they will not be able to realize the true situation in their own country.

The buildings are ready, the medical facilities are ready, and we are ready to accept the returnees.

Whether they return or not, we are discussing with international organizations on what to do and how to coordinate for them to return.

Prof. Dr. Aung Tun Thet

I want our people to remember the 'middle way thinking' mindset we have when dealing with things like these. Do not gravitate to any extreme points of view, and keep a rational and compassionate perspective.

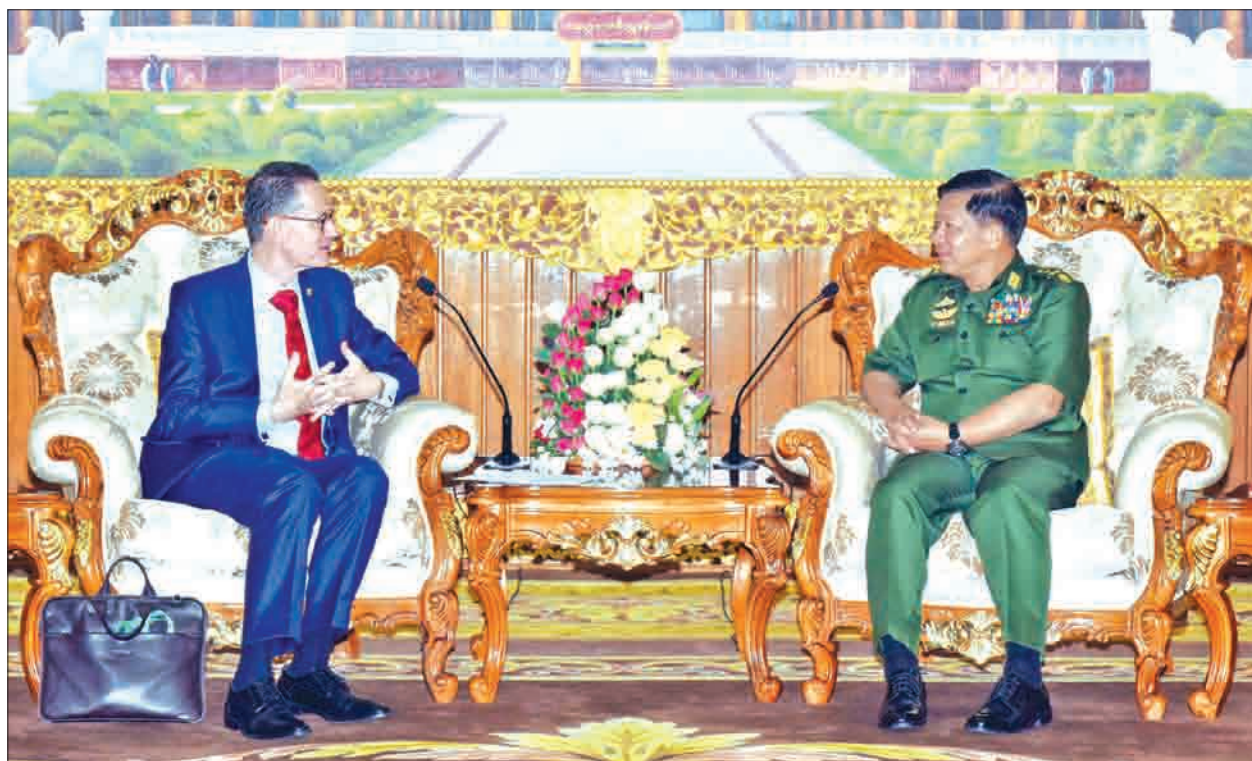
It is also our duty to clarify to the countries that are misunderstanding the situation. I wish for the whole country to view the Rakhine situation as relating to them. Even if you cannot make it better, you have the power to keep it from getting worse. ■

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Australian Ambassador

SENIOR General Min Aung Hlaing, Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, received Australian Ambassador Nicholas Coppel at Bayint Naung Guesthouse in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning. During the meeting, they discussed matters related to bilateral cooperation in defence services between the armed forces of the two countries, and efforts to build the Standard

Army, efforts made by the government and the Tatmadaw to achieve eternal peace, the implementation of the peace process with assistance from Australia, and the situation in Buthidaung and Maungdaw in Rakhine State.

The Senior General and the Australian Ambassador exchanged views on the development process in Myanmar with the assistance of Australia.—MNA



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing holds talks with Australian Ambassador Nicholas Coppel in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF
MYANMAR
MANDALAY REGION GOVERNMENT
MANDALAY CITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
MANDALAY URBAN SERVICES IMPROVEMENT PROJECT
(MUSIP)

Invitation for Prequalification

Invitation for Prequalification No: MYWS/10.0 /01

Contract No: MYWS/10.0

Contract Title: New Water Treatment Plant and Associated Pipeline Work

1. Mandalay City Development Committee, Mandalay Urban Services Improvement Project, intends to implement a New Water Treatment Plant and Associated Pipeline Work under financing from Agency of French Development.
2. Mandalay City Development Committee now invites applicants to submit sealed prequalification documents for Design and Build of New Water Treatment Plant and Associated Pipeline Work to be constructed in Mandalay.
3. Bidding will be conducted through the International Competitive Bidding (ICB) procedures as specified in the AFD Procurement Guidelines. The bidding documents shall be addressed only to the prequalified eligible firms following the evaluation result of the prequalification.
4. Interested firms may obtain the prequalification documents (PQD) from Project Manager, Project Management Office (MUSIP), Mandalay City Development Committee, pmomusip@gmail.com during office hours 9:30 to 16:30hr at the address given below starting from 2nd April 2018.
5. Application for prequalification must be delivered to the address below on or before local time 16:00hr, 31st May 2018. Electronic application of prequalification will not be permitted. Late application will be rejected.
6. A site visit and prequalification meeting will be held tentatively from 10:00hr until 12:00hr on 27th April 2018, at Mandalay City Development Committee Meeting Hall.
7. The address referred to above paragraph 4 and 5 is:

Attention : Project Manager
Project Management Office (MUSIP)
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Mandalay City Development Committee
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Email : pmomusip@gmail.com

Union Minister U Win Khaing meets with PTTEP's officials

UNION Minister for Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing met with officials from PTT Exploration and Production Public Company Limited at the PTTEP Headquarters in Bangkok yesterday.

The Union Minister will attend the 2nd Asian and Pacific Energy Forum.

At the PTTEP Headquarters, officials ex-

plained their company oil and gas exploration process to the Union Minister and party.

The PTTEP officials then explained the Sub Surface Data Management System before the Union Minister discussed back Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise's Data Management System upgrading plan.

Also, the Union Min-

ister and party visited PTTEP Core Research Centre where officials explained the processes of Core Research Centre.

The Union Minister then discussed the matter to upgrade Core Laboratory of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise and viewed the inside of Core Research Centre.

—Myanmar News Agency ■

FDI revenue streams swell in real estate sector

THE value of foreign direct investment significantly surged in Myanmar's real estate industry in the fiscal year 2017-2018, a member the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) said.

The total value of foreign direct investment (FDI) in Myanmar in the financial year of 2017-2018 climbed to US\$ 6.1 billion which surpassed the estimated value of \$ 6 billion.

"The FDI has increased significantly in the real estate industry. It also increased in industrial areas and other service driven areas. But,

the value of the FDI has decreased in the transportation and communications areas," said Dr Wunna Aung, Director of the DICA.

He added that substantial opportunities still exist for investors to put money into industrial, real estate and IT areas. Singapore is the top foreign investor while China and The Netherlands follow in second and third place respectively.

Meanwhile, domestic investment has also increased more than 50 per cent to Ks.3928.1 billion from 119 enterprises compared to the last

fiscal year of 2016-2017. The domestic investment has increased in all areas apart from the agricultural sector, according to DICA.

In the fiscal year 2017-2018 the FDI created 950,000 jobs for locals while domestic investment generated more than 22,000 jobs. So increasing FDI's financial influx year after year is critical to the country he added.

But the department has estimated the value of FDI investments to reach \$ 6 billion by 2020. —Myanmar Digital News ■

UN's Deputy Emergency ...

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Following the meeting, they visited the houses constructed by government for the Mro ethnic people.

The Deputy Coordinator and party then visited Pan Taw Pyin Village, where 22 Islamic families remain after the terrorist attacks of August 2017, and asked the villagers about matters relating to job opportunities, education, health and business.

The delegation also visited Shwe Zar Village where people of different faiths are living in harmony.

At the meeting with residents of Shwe Zar Village, the UN official encouraged them to continue living in harmony and requested the religious leaders to negotiate among them in order to avoid conflicts.

The delegation also pledged to bring international aid and to create job opportunities in the areas.

The UN delegation also visited Hla Pho Khaung reception centre, which is ready to receive returnees. In the centre, there are 625 buildings and each building has eight apartments.—Kyaw Thu Win, Aye Min Thu ■

Two vessels collided in Hlaing River

TWO vessels collided near Myanmar Industrial Port in the Hlaing River at around 10 am yesterday morning according to the police report. A vessel that was carrying fuel from the Ahlone International Port and a tug boat named "Dana Hlaing-3" from Bayint Naung-Aung Zayya Bridge collided in the Hlaing River.

The tug boat was pulling a container of gravel which was 115 feet in length and 38 feet wide. When the tug boat and the vessel transporting fuel hit each other the container of gravel sank in the river. Fortunately no casualties were reported.—MDN ■



Members of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation pose for the documentary photo at their annual meeting in Nay Pyi Taw on 5 April 2018. **PHOTO: MNA**

MWAF holds annual meeting

MYANMAR Women's Affairs Federation held an annual meeting at its headquarters in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. Speaking at the meeting, Chairperson of the MWAF Dr. Daw Thet Thet Zin urged the members to effectively carry out the tasks for improvement of women's life.

The number of members of the MWAF reached more than 5.7 million in 14 years and the federation is considered a

human resource force for the country. Also present at the meeting were Honorary Patron of MWAF Daw Khin Thet Htay, patrons of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, members of the Central Executive Committee of MWAF, members of the CEC of Myanmar Women's Affairs Association, chairpersons and secretaries of state/region associations and guests.

"Participants of the meeting are urged to

review and openly discuss weaknesses and strengths of work done of the federation in 2017," said Dr. Daw Thet Thet Zin.

Joint General-Secretary of the MWAF submitted the report on the Central Executive Committee to the meeting while delegates of the women's affairs association from Nay Pyi Taw, Kachin, Kayah, Kayin and Chin states, and Sagaing, Taninthayi, Bago and

Magway regions also took part in the discussion.

In the afternoon session of the meeting, Dr. Win Myat Aye, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and Chairman of the All-Myanmar Women's Affairs Committee delivered an address.

Future tasks of the federation will be laid down during the two-day meeting which ends today.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Myanmar-China friends bring happiness to children

TO mark the Thingyan Festival, Myanmar-China Cultural Association (temporary) donated food and gifts to children receiving medical care at the Yankin Children Hospital in Yangon yesterday.

At the ceremony, 300 children were entertained

with dances and songs. Vice Chairman-1 of the association U Maung Maung Myint Aye and Vice Chairperson-2 Meng Fei (a) Daw Kyi Lin donated gifts for the children through Medical Superintendent Dr Myint Myint Khaing.—Saw Thein Win ■



Vice Chairman U Maung Maung Aye presents gift to children in Yankin Children Hospital. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

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