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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi (Right) receives Mr. Kim Hyunchong, Trade Minister of ROK in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor, South Korea's Trade Minister discuss economic cooperation

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, received Mr. Kim Hyun-chong, Minister of Trade of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy of the Republic of Korea, at 9:00 hours on 23rd April 2018, Monday, at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on enhancing existing bilateral economic relations including the promotion of trade and investment, sharing technology and know-how as well as potentials for establishment of industrial zones in Myanmar.

The visit by Mr. Kim Hyunchong, Minister of Trade of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy of the Republic of Korea is the first by a Minister-level South Korean official to Myanmar since President Moon Jae-in took office in May of last year.

At the meeting, the South Korean Minister said that his country was interested in the special economic zone being built north of the capital city, and he discussed ways for both sides to create smart factories in the area, according to South Korea's Yonhap News Agency.

Also present at the meeting were Dr. Than Myint, Union Minister for Commerce, U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation, the Permanent Secretary and Senior officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.— Global New Light of Myanmar ■

Displaced persons from seven families return home

SOME 46 displaced persons, including 21 men and 25 women from seven households in Sin Kone Taing Village, Yathedaung Township, returned home on their own volition yesterday, before leaving for Bangladesh. They were gathered near a sentry post at the mouth of Mhowun Creek, Maungtaw Township, to leave for the other country. They informed authorities about going back to their homes.

On receiving this information, head of Maungtaw District General Administration Department (GAD)U Ye Htut, head of Maungtaw District Disaster Management Department U Maung Maung Gyi and head of Myin Hlut Town GAD U Zarni Tun provided rations and rice as initial assistance before taking them back along Maungtaw-Buthidaung motor road.

Later in the day at No. 10 Nyaungchaung Area Station, Yathedaung Township, the displaced persons were handed over to their respective village administrators, who then took them back to their villages of origin by motorboat.

Authorities of the Rakhine State held a meeting with Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye recently in Sittway focusing development matters in Rakhine State. — District IPRD ■

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Myanmar-Korea trade minister-level meeting held in Nay Pyi Taw

A MYANMAR-KOREA trade minister-level meeting was held at the Ministry of Commerce, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday morning, where Union Minister for Commerce Dr. Than Myint and minister of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy (MOTIE) Kim Hyun-chong addressed the meeting.

At the meeting, matters relating to increasing cooperation in trade and investment, establishing an industrial zone for Korean companies investing in Myanmar, establishing a Korea Desk, increasing cooperation between the Ministry of Commerce, Trade Promotion Department and Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency (KOTRA), sending government employees to Korea for training to increase the usage of news and information in the trade sector, providing technical support on setting up a database to implement e-commerce, activating and implementing the Trade and Investment Promotion and Protection Agreement already signed between Myanmar and Korea, supporting and encouraging good economic and trade relations between the two governments in order to discover opportunities to increase bilateral trade, were discussed.

Present at the meeting were Kim Hyun-chong, South Korea Ambassador to Myanmar Lee Sang-hwa and high-ranking officials; Dr. Than Myint, Deputy Minister U Aung Htoo, Yangon Region Government Minister for Planning and Finance U Myint Thaung, Ministry of Commerce's permanent secretary and directors general, invited directors general, managing directors and deputy directors general of ministries and high-ranking officials.

After the meeting, the delegation, led by Kim Hyun-chong, was hosted with a luncheon at Park Royal Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw. —Myanmar News Agency

Trade Minister-level Meeting between Myanmar and South Korea held at the Ministry of Commerce, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Auditor-General inspects Laiva Dam, construction of Falam airport

UNION Auditor-General U Maw Than, accompanied by Chin State Auditor General Larl Tin Mann, arrived at Laiva Dam yesterday afternoon. Head of the state Irrigation and Water Utilisation Management Department U Khin Zaw explained the workings of the dam in the briefing hall.

From there, the Union Auditor-General and party went to Falam (Surbung) airport briefing hall, where Department of Civil Aviation Chief Engineer U Moe Kyaw Oo explained the status of the airport construction.

Later, the Union Auditor-General and party inspected the airport under construction, it is learnt. — District IPRD

Union Minister Dr Pe Myint presents first prize to Htay Win (Yammawaddi) at Shangri La Hotel in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union minister attends photo competition award ceremony

UNION Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint attended the prize presentation ceremony for a colour photo competition titled "Cultural heritage of ethnic nationals," organised by the Ministry of Information and Information and Public Relations Department (IPRD). The ceremony was held at Shangri La Hotel, Yangon, yesterday afternoon.

At the ceremony, Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint delivered an opening speech.

Next, the first, second and third prize winners, Htay Win (Yammawaddi), Bagan Min Thu and Ko Ko Hsan, respectively, were presented with the awards by Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint, Permanent Secretary U Myo Myint Maung and IPRD Director-General U Ye Naing, respectively.

Following this, special prize winners Htay Win (Yammawaddi), Aung Ye Naing (Amarapura), Zaw Zaw Wei (Sinbyukyun), Ko Ko Hsan and Hline Than Tint (Shwe Bagyi-Yamethin) were presented with awards by Myanmar Photographic Society Chairman U Kyaw Kyaw Win, Myanmar Writers Association Chairman U Kyaw Win (Manottha Kyaw Win), Myanmar Motion Picture Organisation Chairman U Zin Waing, Myanmar Libraries Foundation Chairman U Maung Maung and Myanmar Photographic Society patron Bagyi Soe Moe, respectively.

Later, Myanmar Photographic Society patron Bagyi Soe Moe explained the process of selecting the award winners and Htay Win (Yammawaddi) delivered a message of appreciation on behalf of the award winners.

The union minister and his group then observed the award-winning photographs.

The competition was held with the aim to exhibit the ethnic nationals' literature and traditional practices, music and festivals, food, clothing, utensils and cultural heritage through photographs to create unity, get acquainted with one another, and build understanding and respect towards one another, and assist one another. Some 220 photographers and enthusiasts from across Myanmar participated in the competition by submitting 582 photographs. — Myanmar News Agency

Local, foreign media personnel reach Sittway on way to Maungtaw

LOCAL and foreign media personnel arrived in Sittway by Myanmar National Airlines yesterday afternoon to check the ground situation for stability, peace, security and development, as well as observe the receiving of displaced persons in Maungtaw region of Rakhine State.

Some 13 media personnel from MNA, MRTV, MITV, TBS, TV Asahi, CRI, Xinhua, AFP, VOA, BBC, the Mainichi Newspaper and RFA are participating in the trip.

The media personnel will collect news in Maungtaw region of Rakhine State from 24 to 25 April. — Myo Myint

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Rakhine State Chief Minister receives Taipei representatives, Daw Khin Kyi Foundation

RAKHINE State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu received a party led by the representative of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Myanmar Chun-Fu Chang and Daw Khin Kyi Foundation Central Executive Dr. Thant Thaw Kaung in the guest room of the State Chief Minister.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to cooperation and participation in agriculture and livestock breeding works for Rakhine State development, upgrading the libraries in the district and township offices of the Information and Public Relations Department (IPRD) into community centres through cooperation between the IPRD and Daw Khin Kyi Foundation, conducting computer training courses and cooperating with the state government in providing information and knowledge to the people through the mobile library.

Rakhine State Chief Minister holds talks with the delegation led by representative of Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Myanmar Chun-Fu Chang at the State Chief Minister's Office. **PHOTO: MNA**

After the meeting, the State Chief Minister presented the document of honour to Daw Khin Kyi Foundation and Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Myanmar that built and donated 30 houses in Maungtaw Township, Khondaing Village, for the ethnic Mro nationals. — Tin Tun (IPRD) ■

Union Supreme Court sits to pass judgment, hear cases

THE Union Supreme Court sat at Union Supreme Court room number 1 yesterday morning, along with Chief Justice of Union U Htun Htun Oo and other Supreme Court judges, to pass judgments on six special civil appeal cases and hear six special civil appeal cases. —MNA ■

Displaced persons receive sacks of rice before returning home. **PHOTO: DISTRICT IPRD (NEWS ON PAGE 1)**

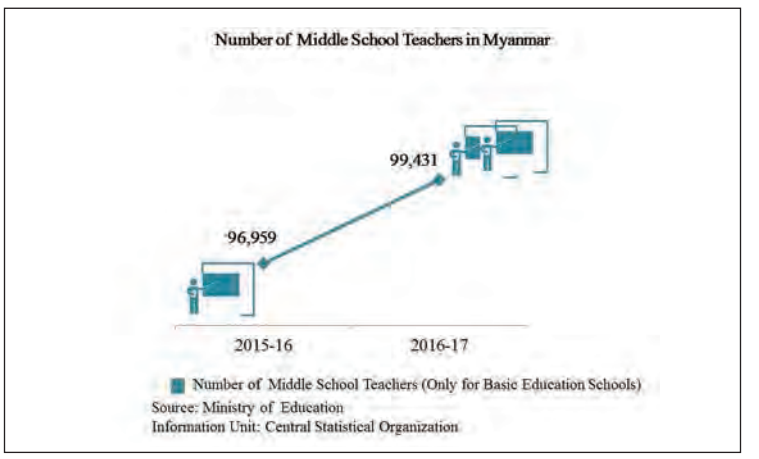
Ayeyawady Region Chief Minister inspects new facility for ferry services with barges in Myaungmya

AYEYAWADY Region Chief Minister U Hla Moe Aung visited a site where a jetty for barges was in construction in Myaungmya Township yesterday.

The jetty project is part of a plan to provide better transportation services to local people in Myaungmya and Labutta districts after the Myaungmya bridge collapsed on 1 April.

The new facility on the bank of the Panmawady River in Myaunmya for ferry services with barges is expected to be commissioned into service on 24 April.

The chief minister also visited a site near the collapsed bridge and assisted in providing ferry services to local people to solve transportation difficulties.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Unlocking Potential towards Knowledge Economy in Myanmar

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contributing in giant global organizations that would attract several employment and investment opportunities for the nation. Investment has to be done positively in the direction of human capital development and fostering research and creativity in the students. If unavailability of fund is a major cause of concerns then the policymakers may think upon the alternative ways of the funds for these schemes.

* **MEMS can play Crucial Role:** Myanmar Enterprise Monitoring System (MEMS) focuses on small and medium size enterprise (SME) as industrial enterprise that would create awareness in youth, for which only required the effort to bring the SME initiatives to the youth and making them part of it. This could do wonders in skill development and enriching human capital in native areas of scope in the industrial sectors.
* **Sharing and Caring the Talent:** The country is rich in producing vegetables, fruits and paddy and this needs a lot of scientific revolutions so as to make few significant contributions in these areas that would not only help productivity but attract more and more foreign investments. The collaborative investments get the talents of Myanmar as well as other parts of the nation in exploring the possible research based economy in the area of agriculture by combining the efforts and scientific knowledge of local youth and other researchers from the world. So, sharing its native knowledge; updating with latest knowledge; involving others from outside would help develop human capital in the nation itself.
* **Strengthening ICT Initiatives:** As far ICT (Information and Communication Technology) tools and initiatives are concerned, the nation has to take very bold steps so that common ICT tools are available to common masses and they can use all ICT enabled services for service sector and other beneficial schemes aimed at elevating the poor and common masses. In addition to this, modern and global education needs ICT support very much and therefore ICT efforts that are already being put by the country, needs to be speeded up for facilitating the e-based or ICT based education and then the outreach of education would benefit faster and larger.
* **Knowledge Management Platform can act as Big Brother:** The country's knowledge management platform launched for bringing big financial services to Myanmar, can act as big brother in helping the institutions and young minds in becoming good human capitals that would further attract other developed countries in Myanmar for joint academic and research activities.
* **Recognizing Native Intelligence and giving them Opportunity to Flourish:** Most importantly, all native intelligence in different areas of industrial and societal growth need to be given importance. The local intelligence of youth has to be promoted; encouraged; flourished and propagated all across the world.

There are so many things that could be written on how to improve knowledge economy of a nation but this article has attempted to bring important points that would help the nation in developing the human capital so that knowledge economy is improved significantly on continuous basis that would ultimately benefit the common masses and the nation at large. (Please do write for feedback to me at drgrsinha@ieee.org, ganeshsinha@acm.org, gr_sinha@miit.edu.mm). ■