

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat receives Singapore, South Korean Ambassadors



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat poses for the photo together with Singaporean Ambassador Ms. Vanessa Elisabeth Chan Yuen Ying in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat holds talks with South Korea Ambassador Mr. Lee Sang-hwa in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat received Singapore Ambassador to Myanmar Ms. Vanessa Elisabeth Chan Yuen Ying at the Pyithu Hluttaw building,

Nay Pyi Taw, at 1 p.m. yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, they discussed and exchanged views on friendship and cooperation

between the parliaments of Myanmar and Singapore, as well as legislative matters.

Similarly, the Pyithu Hluttaw speaker received South Korea

Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Lee Sang-hwa. During the meeting, they discussed Korea-Myanmar bilateral friendship, cooperation in development, investment matters,

agriculture sector development, industrial and technology sector development and matters related to the peace process. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Sixth batch of UEHRD youth volunteers arrives in Sittway

By Myo Myint,
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TO provide humanitarian assistance effectively under the programme of the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD), the sixth batch of youth volunteers from across the country arrived in Sittway

on motor vehicles and were welcomed by officials.

The sixth batch of volunteers included 19 men and 15 women.

The youth volunteer group will leave Sittway for Maung-taw Township on the morning of 27 April and will provide basic food and collect data through field trips.

The youth volunteer pro-

gramme to provide humanitarian assistance in Rakhine State was started in November 2017 and some 274 volunteers have provided 15,625 rice bags, 46,910 litres of cooking oil, 5,654 viss of salt, 11,578 viss of onions, 57,691 viss of potatoes, 150,834 cans of fish and 2,465 packets of milk powder to some 56,020 people in 9,720 households. ■



Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein meets with Singaporean Ambassador Ms. Vanessa Elisabeth Chan Yuen Ying in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein receives Singapore Ambassador

PYITHU Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein received Singapore Ambassador to Myanmar Ms. Vanessa Elisabeth Chan Yuen Ying at the Pyithu Hluttaw building, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, they

discussed and exchanged views on matters related to increase bilateral friendship between Myanmar and Singapore, and courses that could be conducted to raise the quality of the Myanmar parliament staff. —Myanmar News Agency ■



UEHRD youth volunteers arrive Sittway to provide food and collect data in Rakhine State. **PHOTO: NAING LIN**

Labourers may get hiked minimum wages from May

THE Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population is trying to ensure that labourers are paid the revised minimum wages from May onwards, according to a recent report in Myawady Daily.

The minimum wage is fixed every two years. In 2015, a daily minimum wage of Ks3,600 was set for eight working hours. Prior to the approval of the proposed minimum wage of Ks4,800, labourers will keep receiving wages of Ks3,600.

We will make efforts to im-

plement the revised minimum wage in May. Earlier, we targeted to achieve this last month, said U Myo Aung, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population.

Earlier, in some cases, employers did not pay the daily wage of Ks3,600 set by the National Committee on Minimum Wage. To avoid such cases and to deal with problems between employers and employees, committees have already been formed in Yangon and Mandalay

to check if labourers are receiving the actual minimum wage of Ks4,800, and if the employers are cutting other allowances that were previously given.

After the proposed minimum wage is approved, workers will be paid at the set rate. Inexperienced workers will be paid not less than 50 per cent of the minimum wages during their three-month training period (before probation). Employees serving the three-month probation period will receive 75 per cent of the minimum wages. —GNLM ■

Sino-Myanmar border trade value rises by \$40m

THE value of border trade between China and Myanmar between 1 and 13 April during the six-month transition period for the 2018-2019 fiscal year (FY) exceeded US\$195 million, recording an increase of some \$40 million compared with the same period in the 2017-2018 FY, according to the commerce ministry.

Myanmar trades with China through the Muse, Lwejel, Chinshwehaw, Kanpikete and Kengtung gates.

Muse is the major border trading gate of Myanmar. It saw an increase by \$28 million

in 13 days of trade during the interim period.

The value of Sino-Myanmar border trade was some \$154 million at Muse, \$12.6 million at Lwejel, \$10.6 million at Chinshwehaw, \$17.9 million at Kanpikete and \$0.13 million at Kengtung.

Myanmar exports rice, sugar, various types of pulses, sesame seeds, corn, dried tea leaves, fishery products, minerals and animal products to China, while capital goods, intermediate goods and consumer goods flow into the country. — Mon Mon ■

Tomato growers get healthy profits in Mongyawng Tsp



Woman selling tomatoes on the street market. PHOTO-AYE MIN SOE

Tomatoes are selling well in Mongyawng Township in eastern Shan State, with farmers seeing high yields this year.

The growers are doing well, as tomatoes are bringing in handsome profits due to the

high demand. Tomato cultivation starts in January after the growers sow the seedlings. It starts producing green tomatoes after three months, said a local tomato grower.

Tomatoes are harvested

in March. Their price is some Ks10,000 for 20 kilograms.

The prevailing price of tomatoes is around Ks400-Ks500 per kilogram in the villages, and slightly higher in the towns. — (IPRD) ■

Mawtaung border gate ensures trade facilitation

THE Myeik District administrator and officials concerned discussed matters related to trade facilitation and granting of import/export licences at the Mawtaung border gate on Wednesday.

During the event, U Zeyar Kyaw Kyaw, in charge of Mawtaung gate, explained the export/import flow and trade volumes.

The related depart-

ments also explained ongoing activities in the respective sectors. Myeik District Administrator U Lin Ko Ko urged the officials to ensure trade facilitation and carry out trade in line with the import/export licence.

Next, the Myeik District administrator and other officials inspected the Myanma Economic Bank at Mawtaung gate and the location of its treasury, which is

being constructed.

The Mawtaung checkpoint was opened on 16 January 2005, with the involvement of six official departments.

The Mawtaung gate saw trade worth US\$3.24 million in the 2016-2017 fiscal year (FY), while trade valued at some \$7.24 million was conducted during the 2017-2018 FY. —Khaing Htoo (Myeik/IPRD) ■

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