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President U Win Myint receives CPPCC Vice Chairman Mr. Wang Zhengwei



President U Win Myint meets with Vice Chairman of CPPCC Mr. Wang Zhengwei in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

PRESIDENT U Win Myint received Vice Chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) Mr. Wang Zhengwei and party at the Presidential Palace, yesterday morning.

At the meeting, they discussed and openly exchanged views on bilateral cooperation in all sectors, One Belt One Road, promoting bilateral relations and cooperation, and Rakhine State matters.

Present at the meeting, along with the President were Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than, Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Minister U Min Thu from the

Office of the President and other officials, while the delegation led by the CPPCC Vice Chairman was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Hong Liang. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Myanmar objects to Bangladesh on illegal border occupants

MYANMAR officially filed an objection to Bangladesh on the increased number of illegal occupants in the area near the border. Occupancy in that area is prohibited by the bilateral border agreement.

The Myanmar border guard force filed the objection at the battalion commander-level meeting on 16 May in Taungpyo Letwe in Maungdaw Township and also urged the Bangladeshi side to prevent infiltration of ARSA terrorists. At the meeting, the Bangladeshi side said they had not provided assistance to the occupants living near the border line since the 2017 conflict.

The Bangladesh border guard also said they want to cooperate with Myanmar in solving another issue, that of infrastructure being built near the international border line. The Bangladesh side said that human habitation exists due to the support of international donors and organizations under the humanitarian aid programme. The two sides also discussed stability at the border areas.— MNA ■

VP U Henry Van Thio reviews development works in Chin State during five-day visit

VICE President U Henry Van Thio concluded his five-day tour of Chin State on 20 May after assisting in its regional socio-economic development, disaster preparedness and eco-tourism.

The vice president visited Lungrang Klang Limestone Mountain in Bonzone region near Layawm Village in Haka Township on Sunday.

After hearing the report

on re-measuring the project of the limestone mountain carried out from 17 October 2017 to 31 March 2018, the vice president said according to the results of the survey, Haka has owned the prospects for building a 5,000-tonne cement plant, urging the officials concerned to pay attention to minimizing the environmental impacts when the factory is established.

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The cement plant, which is expected to produce 5,000 tonnes per day, can benefit not only Chin State but also the nearby Magway and Sagaing regions by cutting down transport costs, as they currently have to transport cement from far away regions in Myaingkalay in Kayin State and Kyaukse in the Mandalay Region. The limestone mountain has an area of 36.8

square kilometres and houses some 511.13 million tonnes of limestone.

Before his visit to the limestone mountain, the vice president inspected the construction of the tower in View Point Resort that overlooks the local scenery. Officials explained the tower would have a traditional Chin door.

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Public Talk titled “Youths and Drugs” held in Dawei

PUBLIC Talk titled “Youths and Drugs” was held in Dawei, Taninthayi Region, yesterday, as part of efforts for promoting democratic practices among the people. The move is aimed at promoting opportunities for discussion between governmental officials and the people, encouraging discussion over issues in local communities and promoting habits of participation in public talks in accordance with the democratic practices.

The Public Talk was attended by Union Minister for Infor-

mation Dr. Pe Myint, Taninthayi Region Chief Minister Dr. Le Le Maw and officials of the local authorities and young people.

At the talk, Taninthayi Region Social and Development Affairs Minister U Ho Pin led the public talk speaking about the menace of drugs and its ill affects. Chief Justice of the High Court of Taninthayi Region U Tin Aung gave talk on legal affairs related with drugs and judiciary sector, Taninthayi Region Police Force's Police Col Nay Myo on actions taken against drug cases

and Medical Superintendent of Dawei People's Hospital Dr. Aye Aung and Head of Taninthayi Region Public Health Department Dr. Zaw Min Tun on treatment and rehabilitation. In his remarks, Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint urged the people to cooperate in cultivation of democratic practices starting from the Public Talk, saying that people should avoid criticizing individuals and organizations when they take part in discussion in accordance with the democratic practices.—Khaing Htoo (IPRD) ■



People take part in the Public Talk in Dawei, Taninthayi Region, yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Independent media group arrives in Sittway IDP camps



Independent media group interviews locals in Takapyin IDP camp in Sittway yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

AN independent media group including foreign journalists arrived in Sittway Airports at 4:35pm yesterday.

The media group will gather news on Rakhine State's peace, security and development pro-

cesses and repatriation of returnees among other topics of interest. The media group visited Takapyin IDP camp in Sittway.

The media group included journalists and reporters from Tokyo Shinbum, TV Asahi, Nik-

kei Shinbum, Yunnan, Xinhua, Guangming Daily, CRI, Myanmar Time, Financial Time, ARD (German TV), RFI (Radio France International), and Belgian Newspaper.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw holds event to explain Tax Management Bill

The Tax Management Bill was explained in an event held at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Thabin Hall yesterday.

Attending the event were the Deputy Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw, Vice-Chairman (1) of the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee, Chair-

persons and secretaries of the Pyithu and Amyotha Hluttaws Joint Bill Committees, members of the Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission, officials from the Ministry of Planning and Finance, member of IMF Resident Representative

Mr. Yasuhisa Ojima, Economist U Khine Tun, advisors Mr. Michael Oomen and Mr. Gregory James Topping from New Zealand and Australia respectively, and officials from Pyidaungsu, Pyithu and Amyotha Hluttaws. —Myanmar News Agency ■

Mekong MOU on Drug Control, senior officials meeting commences

THE opening ceremony of the Mekong MOU Senior Officials Committee Meeting (SOC) on Drug Control was held at Nay Pyi Taw's Thingaha Hotel yesterday.

Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Aung Soe, who is also a member of the Central Committee for Prevention and dangers of narcotic drugs and Psychotropic Substances delivered the opening speech.

Present at the ceremony were Secretary of the Central Committee for Prevention and dangers of narcotic drugs and Psychotropic Substances, Police Chief of Myanmar Police Force, Aung Win Oo, the representative from the United Nations Office on Drugs and

Crime (UNODC) Mr. Jeremy Douglas and his delegation, and representatives from Cambodia, China, Laos, Thailand, and Viet Nam.

Deputy Police Chief Aung Naing Thu of Myanmar Police Force acted as the Chair.

The representatives discussed the ten projects implemented as part of the Mekong-Lancang countries, financial situations, prioritized projects, future collaborations, projects for 2019, the project roadmap for Mekong region, the Mekong MOU Ministerial Level meeting for 2019, and other general discussion.

The meeting continues today. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Union Supreme Court sits to hear cases and pass judgments

Union Supreme Court sits at Union Supreme Court room number 1 yesterday morning with Chief Justice of Union Supreme Court U Htun Htun Oo and all Union Supreme Court

judges to pass judgments to five special criminal appeal cases and six special civil appeal cases and hear five special civil appeal cases. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Myanmar-Bangladesh conduct coordinated patrolling

Following coordination between the two countries, the Myanmar Border Police and Bangladesh Border Police forces conducted coordinated patrolling along the respective sides of the border, it is learnt. The security forces conducted coordinated patrolling from border post 46 to 47 on 14 May, from border post 47 to 48 and border post 38 to 39 on 16

May, from border post 48 to 49 on 17 May, from border post 49 to 50 and border post 39 to 40 on 20 May. Coordinated patrols along the land border were conducted 14 times in February, seven times in March and 15 times in May, totaling 36 times. Coordinated patrols along the Naf River were conducted four times, it is learnt. — Myanmar News Agency ■