

Nay Pyi Taw opens Glaze Art Exhibition

A museum serves as a place where the past, the present and the future meet and which showcases the historical traditions and accomplishments of a race, said a union-level official in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the Myanmar Traditional Glaze Art Exhibition at the National Museum (Nay Pyi Taw), Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko highlighted the importance of museums for the national cause, at a time when conservation of traditions and culture has become vital for the nation.

“Developed countries have designated museums as a must-visit place for youths to increase their patriotism and nationalistic fervour through historical knowledge,” said the union minister, who also elaborated on the development of museums



Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko observes displays at the Myanmar Traditional Glaze Art Exhibition at the National Museum in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

through the successive periods of world history.

“Even though museums may have different goals, the common objective is to enrich the knowl-

edge of visitors,” he noted.

The union minister suggested using innovative ideas in arranging displays, as people visit museums as recreation cen-

tres, aside from educational or research purposes.

“Apart from having historical, archaeological, artistic and cultural views and knowledge,

curators and their staff need to ensure visitor satisfaction,” he pointed out.

The exhibition, marking the third anniversary of the museum, which displays historical and cultural heritage, musical instruments of the ethnic races, paintings of successive eras, traditional costumes, symbols and cultural artifacts of ASEAN countries, child education programmes and royal costumes and artifacts, including the Sihasana Throne, with the help of audio visuals. It was opened on 15 July 2015.

Accompanied by historians, museum committee members ICOM-Myanmar members, and the staff of his ministry, Thura U Aung Ko visited the exhibition, which opens daily from 9.30am to 4.30pm except on Mondays and public holidays until 14 August.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Deputy Ministers inspect implementation process in Maungtaw

A group of deputy ministers for Recommendations of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine State arrived in Maungtaw yesterday morning. The group was led by the Implementing Committee Secretary and Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Than Htut, the Joint-Secretary and Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung and Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lwin.

The group went to Kyein Chaung Taung in Maungtaw and inspected work on construction of housing projects, where they asked the progress of the construction project to be completed at a specific time. Then they continued to inspect the plots of land where 60 housing projects donated by Japan in Maungtaw would be built. After inspecting the Nga Khu Ya Reception Centre, they proceeded to the construction



Officials inspect modular houses at Hla Phoe Khaung Transit Centre. **PHOTO: MIN THIT (MNA) AND KO MIN**

of Longdon-Nga Khu Ya repairing road being repaired, and met with the office staff where they coordinated to fulfill their requirements. They went to the Hla Phoe Khaung Transit Centre and inspected the construction of housing projects, Modular Houses donated by China and opening

of the camp medical clinic. They inspected the Hla Phoe Khaung-Shwe Zar road and processed to the Myoma Monastery in Maungtaw, where they donated 120 bags of rice, 600 viss of pea, 150 viss of cooking oil and 30 viss of salt to the students at the monastery.—Min Thit (MNA) and Ko Min ■

Free helmets distributed to Maungtaw motorcyclists

TRAFFIC police distributed free-of-charge helmets to motorcyclists in Maungtaw yesterday, during a traffic rule enforcement campaign at a town located near the border with Bangladesh in northern Rakhine State.

“Occasionally, we conduct awareness campaigns for public safety and enforcement of traffic rules,” said a police officer from Maungtaw.

“For the first time, we are distributing helmets to motorcyclists riding without wearing any protective headgear. Wearing helmets is important, as they can protect people, es-

pecially from any head injury and thus, save their lives in an accident. Motorcycle riders are prone to accidents,” he added.

“Thanks a lot for giving us helmets free of charge. We, the rural people, need helmets, as motorcycles are the only mode of transportation for us for business or any other purpose. In Maungtaw, police always warn us to wear protective headgear for our own safety,” said a villager from Maungtaw Township. Yesterday alone, police gave away 100 helmets in the township, which has 3,000 motorcycle riders.—Min Thit (MNA), Ko Min ■



Traffic police contribute helmets to motorcyclists in Maungtaw in Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MIN MIN**

Communal Waso robe-offering ceremony to be held at Jotikayone Pali Tetkatho Monastery in Pyay

THE communal Waso-robe offering ceremony will be held at 4:00 pm on 28 July (Saturday), 1st Waning of Second Waso, 1380 ME at the Jotikayone Pali Tetkatho Monastery in Pyay Town, Bago Region.

Over 300 members of Sangha led by State Ovadacariya Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dhaja, Head of Nayaka Sayadaw Baddanta Konala Joti Maha Htae Myat,

will be offered with Waso robes during the ceremony. The donation for Waso robe-offering can be contacted with the executives of Pariyati Sasana Nokgaha organization by calling 09-420703374, 09-5312630 and 09-423656441.—017 ■