

Authorities, public donate Waso robes to Sangha members

THE Border Area and National Races Development Implementation Central Committee held its 21st Waso Robes Offering ceremony at the 31 Abodes Monastery in Hopang in Shan State (North) on Monday.

At the ceremony, officials of the committee, the Shan State Government and the North East Command donated robes to 1,066 members of the Sangha and 5,003 novices in Tangyan, Panghsan, Weinkaung, Narphant, Manphant, Manmanhsai, Narwi, Matman, Mongmao, Nangtit areas in eastern region of the Thanlwin River.

The ceremony was attended by Deputy Director-General U Aung Kyaw of the central committee, member of the Executive Committee of the Wa Self-Administered Division Leading Committee U Yan Kyaw, Chairman of Kokant Self-Administered Zone



Waso robes offering ceremony held in Hopang, Shan State (North).
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U Kyauk Htae Chan, Col Ye Yint Aung of Kunlong area, employees of the Ministry of Border Affairs, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture and local people.

Buddhist devotees offer

robes to Buddhist monks and nuns ahead of the Vassa, the three-month annual rains retreat of the Theravada Buddhist tradition. The period starts on the Full Moon of Waso, which falls in July or August of rainy season in Myanmar.

—Myanmar News Agency ■

Youth development festival to be held in Mandalay

UNION Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint attended a meeting in the Mandalay Region government's meeting hall yesterday to conduct an all-round youth development festival in Mandalay.

Present at the meeting with the Union Minister were Mandalay Region Chief Minister Dr. Zaw Myint Maung and other region ministers and officials.

In his opening speech, Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint said this second meeting was held to successfully convene an all-round youth development festival in Mandalay. The all-round youth development festival (Mandalay) will be unique because of a roundtable talk between the State Counsellor and Mandalay-based university students. Attendees of yesterday's meeting were urged to suggest and discuss the subjects or topics o exhibits could be shown at the festival.

In his remark made to the meeting, Mandalay Region Chief Minister Dr. Zaw Myint Maung said the all-round youth development festival (Mandalay) will be held with

an aim to produce youths with five strengths and full cooperation and participation will be provided as a host. A historical image will be retained for the all-round youth development festival (Mandalay) to be held at Mandalay University.

Next, Information and Public Relations Department Director General U Ye Naing explained the work processes to hold the all-round youth development festival.

Inclusion of literature, sports, arts and IT activities, entertainment and education programmes and a job fair in the all-round youth development festival (Mandalay) was also discussed in the meeting.

Afterwards the Union Minister and officials inspected the Mandalay University compound, where the all-round youth development festival (Yangon) was held at Yangon University from 1 to 3 December 2017. The all-round youth development festival (Mandalay) will be held at Mandalay University from 11 to 13 August 2018.—Mandalay Sub-Printing House ■



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint inspects Mandalay University compound to hold all-round youth development festival. **PHOTO: MNA**



Journalists arrive at Sittway Airport yesterday. **PHOTO: TIN TUN/ IPRD**

Media delegation visits Maungtaw

A MEDIA delegation arrived in Sittway by air yesterday to report on the stability, security, development and repatriation there.

The 17-member media delegation comprised journalists from Fuji TV, Sky News TV, New York Times, Myanmar News Agency, MRTV and MITV.—Tin Tun/IPRD ■

2nd Amyotha Hluttaw's 9th regular session holds 2nd day meeting

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U Sai San Aung of Shan State Constituency 12 asked if there were plans to upgrade two roads in Shan State, Wa Self-Administered Division, Hopong Township. Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin answered that the mentioned roads were not included in the list of roads under the Department of Rural Road Development. The Shan State government had submitted to the Union Government office to transfer the two roads onto the list of roads under the Department of Rural Road Develop-

ment, according to procedures. Once they are included in this list, necessary upgrades will be conducted, said the deputy minister.

Similarly, questions raised by U Aung Myo of Sagaing Region constituency 2 and U Khin Win of Magway Region constituency 2 were answered by Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin.

Bill Committee report read

Next, Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee member U Lal Min Htan read the committee's

report on the 2nd Bill amending the Myanmar Pearl Law approved and sent with amendments by the Pyithu Hluttaw, after which Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than announced that Hluttaw representatives who wanted to discuss the bill should enroll their names.

Hluttaw decides on bill to amend the Myanmar Accountancy Council Law

Later, the Amyotha Hluttaw speaker took the decision and approval of the Hluttaw over the bill to amend the Myanmar

Accountancy Council Law, paragraph by paragraph.

A motion to approve the bill was tabled by Union Auditor General U Maw Than and the motion was supported by U Kyaw Toke of Mandalay Region constituency 7.

The Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker then announced that the bill was approved after obtaining the Hluttaw's decision to approve it.

The third day meeting of the ninth regular session of the second Amyotha Hluttaw will be held on 30 July, it is learnt.—Aung Ye Thwin ■



U Sai San Aung, Shan State Constituency 12. **PHOTO: MNA**