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Vice President U Myint Swe receives Vice Chairman of Standing Committee of NPC of China

VICE President U Myint Swe received Mr. Ding Zhongli, Vice Chairman of Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of the People's Republic China, at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting, they discussed promoting friendly relations between Myanmar and China and exchanged views on bilateral cooperation in economic, education, tourism and environmental sectors.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Speaker of the Pyithu Hluttaw U Tun Tun Hein, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Myint Thu, Director General of the Office of the President U Naing Swe Oo, while Mr. Ding Zhongli was accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Hong Liang and officials. — MNA ■

Vice President U Myint Swe holds talks with Mr. Ding Zhongli, Vice Chairman of Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China, at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Vice Chairman of Standing Committee of National People's Congress of China visits Yangon Region Hluttaw

YANGON REGION Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein held talks with Mr. Ding Zhongli, Vice Chairman of Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China, at the office of Yangon Region Government yesterday.

At the meeting, they discussed Yangon City's development.

Following the meeting, the Chinese delegation led by Mr. Ding Zhongli visited the Yangon Region Hluttaw where Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein and Speaker of the Yangon Region Hluttaw U Tin Maung Tun explained matters related with the Hluttaw.

Afterwards, Vice Chairman of Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China held a meeting with the Speaker, the Deputy Speaker, and chairmen of the Hluttaw Affairs Committees at the office of the Speaker.

In the evening, the Chinese delegation left for China.

The delegation, led by the Vice Chairman of Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China, arrived Myanmar on 16 September to promote friendship between Myanmar and China and to promote cooperation between parliaments of the two countries. —MNA ■

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Second Pyithu Hluttaw's ninth regular session concludes

By Aye Aye Thant (MNA)

THE 19th-day meeting of the ninth regular session of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw was held at the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall of the Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. At the meeting asterisk-marked questions were asked and answered, a report discussed and approved, and decision on a bill made. Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker delivered a concluding speech and announced the conclusion of Pyithu Hluttaw's ninth regular session.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat. **PHOTO: MNA**

Asterisk-marked questions and answers

In the asterisk-marked questions and answers session, questions raised by Dr. U Khin Maung Maung of Dagon Myothit (North) constituency, Dr U Tun Lin Maw of Kyangin constituency, U Myint Oo of Thanatpin constituency, U Myo Nyunt of Homalin constituency, Daw Thandar of Einme constituency, U Maung Maung of Htigyaing constituency and U Chin Pe Lin of Mansi constituency were answered by Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin and Deputy Minister for Education U Win Maw Tun.

Hluttaw discuss and approve a report

Next, Pyithu Hluttaw Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Committee report was discussed by U Myat Lay Oo of Htilin constituency, U Than Tun Myint of Kalewa constituency, U Win Thein Zaw of Salingyi constituency and U Myint Kyi of Katha constituency.

Pyithu Hluttaw Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Committee Chairman U Soe Thura Tun provided explanations to the discussions and committee secretary U Aye Naing tabled a motion to agree and accept the report.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat then obtained the Hluttaw's agreement and acceptance of the report.

Hluttaw approves the second bill amending the Myanmar Pearl Law

Afterwards, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker obtained the decision of the Hluttaw on the second bill amending the Myanmar Pearl Law, sent by Amyotha Hluttaw, and Hluttaw approved it.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker's concluding speech

After this, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat delivered a concluding speech. He said 19 days of meetings were held where 123 asterisk-marked questions and 214 non-asterisk marked questions were asked and answered, 11 motions were tabled of which six were approved and five were put on record. 28 bills were discussed and 10 bills were approved while 18 were still under consideration. During this session, annual reports of six Pyithu Hluttaw committees were approved and three Pyithu Hluttaw representatives were added as committee members.

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker said there are many duties and responsibilities that still remain to be performed for the sake of the country and people, and all need to work together towards the development of the country. As enacted in the Constitution, the three powers of legislative, administrative and judicial are to be conducted separately, while mutual check and balances are conducted.

In the legislative sector, all need to be done according to enacted laws and rules. As per saying "No one is above the Law", the Hluttaw representatives are required to follow the laws and rules in an exemplary manner. Hluttaw representatives are conducting Hluttaw works by converting the hardships and difficulties faced by the people into questions, motion and bills. All are urged to follow the Hluttaw rules and regulations and fulfill the expectations and wishes of the people. In doing this, it is to be noted that if laws approved and enacted by the Hluttaw does not protect the people, it will mean a deviation from the road towards democracy.

This needs to be avoided and laws that do not oppress and provide equal protection, regardless of race, sex, social and financial status are to be enacted. As Hluttaw representatives represent the legislative pillar, they should always be careful in their words and deeds and must be rationale, sensible and reasonable when dealing with people.

Works that benefit the people ought to be done enthusiastically. Whenever dangers or disasters occur in any part of the country, help and assistance need to be provided in the best possible way with full understanding towards the difficulties people are facing. As representatives of the people selected by the people, representatives must not lose sight of the true situation people are facing.

In order to work according to the motto of "People's voice, Hluttaw's voice", all are urged to work together with Pyidaungsu (Union) spirit. While the Hluttaw is in recess, Hluttaw representatives are to go to the people and participate in the local development work. As Hluttaw representatives are implementing a democracy system, help the people towards establishing true democratic practices. Work for the good of the people as representatives trusted by the people. Explain widely to the people about your experience in the Hluttaw, said the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker.

After his speech, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat announced the successful conclusion of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw's ninth regular session.■

Second Amyotha Hluttaw's ninth regular session concludes

By Aung Ye Thwin (MNA)

THE 19th-day meeting of the Second Amyotha Hluttaw's ninth regular session was held yesterday morning at the Amyotha Hluttaw meeting hall where replacement and appointment of chairmen, secretaries and members of Amyotha Hluttaw committees were made, asterisk-marked questions were asked and answered, receipt of a bill announced, a report read, a report on motions and questions submitted at Second Amyotha Hluttaw's eighth regular session discussed and approved and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than explained about works conducted in the ninth regular session.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than. **PHOTO: MNA**

Replacement and appointment of Hluttaw committee chairmen, secretaries and members

First, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker submitted to the Hluttaw the replacement and appointment of Amyotha Hluttaw committee chairmen, secretaries and members and obtained the confirmation of the Hluttaw.

Asterisk-marked questions

In the asterisk-marked question session that followed questions posed by U Kyaw Kyaw of Rakhine State constituency 4, U Min Naing of Sagaing Region constituency 12, U Myint Naing of Rakhine State constituency 5, Daw Nang Moe Moe Htwe of Kayin State constituency 4, U Zaw Hein of Taninthayi Region constituency 7 and Daw Ma Ma Lay of Shan State constituency 8, the questions were answered by Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Ohn Win, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw and Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy Dr. Tun Naing.

Receipt of second amendment bill to the Settlement of Labour Dispute Law

After the asterisk-marked question session, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker announced the receipt of second amendment bill to the Settlement of Labour Dispute Law, approved by Amyotha Hluttaw that was returned from Pyithu Hluttaw with amendment. Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker announced further for Hluttaw representatives who wanted to discuss the matter to enroll their names.

Report on bill amending Bar Council Act read

Next, Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee member U Aung Thein read and explained the committee's report on the bill amending the Bar Council Act and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker announced for Hluttaw representatives who wanted to discuss the report to register their names.

Hluttaw discuss and approve report on motions and questions

Afterwards a report by Amyotha Hluttaw Government Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee on motions and questions submitted at Second Amyotha Hluttaw's eighth regular session was discussed by U Myint Naing of Rakhine State constituency 5, U Hla San of Magway Region constituency 1, Dr. San Maung Maung of Bago Region constituency 1, U Khin Myo Win of the Taninthayi Region constituency 12, Dr. Khun Win Thaung of Kachin State constituency 11, U Khin Win of Magway Region constituency 2 and U Zaw Hein of Taninthayi Region constituency 7.

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Vice Chairman of the Standing Committee of NPC of PRC visits Forest Research Department (Yezin)

VICE Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress (NPC) of the People's Republic of China Prof. Ding Zhongli and party accompanied by Union Minister U Ohn Win visited Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Forest Research Department (Yezin) yesterday morning.

During the visit they viewed bio-diversity maintenance works, research works and laboratories implementing research project jointly conducted by Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Forest Research Department and Chinese Academy of Sciences. Officials from Forest Research Department and Chinese Academy of Sciences explained about works and researches conducted and then inspected the furniture produced with less popular and less used woods of Myanmar at Forest Research Department. — MNA ■

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Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein receives Vice Chairman of Standing Committee of the National People's Congress of China Mr. Ding Zhongli. **PHOTO: MNA (NEWS ON PAGE-1)**

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee holds meeting

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee holding meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee held a meeting over Fiscal Year 2018-2019 Tax Administration Bill at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D, second floor meeting hall, yesterday afternoon.

The meeting was attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and Joint Bill Committee and Joint Public Accounts Committee Chairman U Tun Aung @ U Tun Tun Hein, deputy chairmen, secretaries, joint secretary and committee members from Joint Bill Committee and Joint Public Accounts Committee, Hluttaw representatives who had tabled amendment motions, Legal Affairs and Special Cases Assessment Commission members, officials from Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, Ministry of Electricity and Energy, Ministry of Commerce, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Planning and Finance, Union Attorney General Office, the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office. — MNA ■

Ministry, World Bank discuss recovery, development projects in Rakhine State

Union Minister Dr. Aung Thu discusses with World Bank Practice Manager Mr. Philip O'Keefe on recovery and development in Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr. Aung Thu held talks with a delegation led by Mr. Philip O'Keefe, Practice Manager of the World Bank, over recovery and development in Rakhine State.

At the meeting, they cordially discussed the agriculture, livestock and rural development sectors and other sectors to be cooperated with the World Bank in the Rakhine State.

The two sides also discussed matters related to humanitarian assistance and creating job opportunities, research and development processes and rural area development issues. — MNA ■

Union Minister Lt-Gen Ye Aung receives World Bank Country Director

Union Minister Lt-Gen Ye Aung holds talks with World Bank's Country Director for Myanmar Ms. Ellen Goldstein yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Border Affairs Lt-Gen Ye Aung received World Bank's Country Director for Myanmar Ms. Ellen Goldstein and party at Union Minister's meeting hall yesterday morning.

During the meeting, status of participating and cooperating in socio-economic development of the people, human resources development, internal peace, national reconciliation works, status of conducting border area development works in cooperation with UN, NGOs and INGOs, setting up and implementing all-round development projects in Rakhine State with the government, upgrading of vocational training schools operated by Ministry of Border Affairs and cooperating with World Bank in opium substitution agriculture work were openly discussed and views exchanged. — MNA ■

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MITASU Company donates cash assistance to flood victims

MITASU Company and its staff and families donated Ks 4,150,000 for the flood-affected people in a small ceremony, held in the meeting room of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement. The donation was accepted by Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye, Deputy Minister U Soe Aung, and other officials.

The general manager of MITASU Company explained that the donation was made with the intent for it to be used effectively and to the benefit of the flood-affected areas. The Union Minister replied that he was happy a youth-led organization was able to make this kind of donation and expressed his gratitude. He said the donation made by the people for the people will be used in the areas that need it the most. He then gave honorary certificates to the donors. —MNA ■

Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye accepts cash donation to flood-affected people from MITASU Company staff. **PHOTO: MNA**

Five new sectors to be listed on National Export Strategy

By May Thet Hnin

FIVE new sectors are planned to be put in the National Export Strategy (NES), said U Aung Soe, Director General of Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization, Strategic Trade Promotion Division, under the Ministry of Commerce.

The five sectors are fruits and vegetables, handicrafts, value-added agricultural food products, jewelleries and ICT products, as proposed by relevant associations.

At the moment, authorities are still negotiating details of the plan.

The National Export Strategy Myanmar is a detailed framework and decision-making instrument to guide the country's trade development and boost its export competitiveness.

It outlines concrete, market-based solutions to address constraints affecting Myanmar's competitiveness in global markets. It is the NES's vision to create "sustainable export-led growth and prosperity for an emerging Myanmar." The NES provides a targeted plan for Myanmar to effectively allocate resources (financial, technical and institutional) to specific trade development priorities. In doing so, the NES aims to stimulate the country's trade and export sector, creating jobs and contributing to the overall socio-economic development of the country.

NES program was launched in 2015 and includes textiles and garments, forestry products, beans, pulses and oilseeds, rice, fishery, rubber and tourism sectors. The five new sectors to be listed are value-added so it will earn more income than selling raw materials and will further expand the market, said U Aung Soe.

The NES goals of export competitiveness and diversification are guided by the following strategic objectives – fostering sustainable, inclusive and equitable export-led growth; ensuring a consistent, predictable and transparent policy, legal and regulatory framework; developing competitive, diversified and branded exports; building modern, enabled and supportive institutions to respond to exporters' diverse needs; building physical trade infrastructure.

In 2017-2018 fiscal year, export products under NES, such as rice, fishery products and garments earned record incomes, it is learnt.

NES was drawn up to 2019, and the proposed new sectors will be included in the NES around 2020. ■

Visa Contactless users increasing in Myanmar

By Nyein Nyein

AMONG Visa Card users, Visa Contactless transactions have increased to 20 per cent in Myanmar, according to Visa Myanmar Contactless Milestone Celebration and Visa Contactless Promotion media conference, held at Sule Square office tower yesterday.

"Even though digital payments are still in the early stages in Myanmar, contactless payments already account for more than 20 per cent of total visa card transactions, leapfrogging from 2 per cent in December last year. It shows consumers are making real strides toward creating a cashless society and I am confident this trend will continue to accelerate," said Arturo Planell, Country Manager of Visa Myanmar.

According to "Visa Financial and Payment Attitudes Study 2017" survey, only 11 per cent of urban consumers are aware of contactless payments.

However, respondents to the survey expressed high interest in contactless payments, with 50 per cent indicating that they would like to use it more than other emerging electronic payment methods, namely mobile payments, QR payments and mobile payments through chat apps.

"One of the most exciting aspects about the strong growth in contactless payments is that it will pave the way for introduction and usage of other contactless payment methods in Myanmar through wearable devices or mobile payments. In addition, contactless infrastructure is of strategic value for the industry, as it opens new sectors, such as transit," he added.

The contactless technology works by allowing cardholders to simply 'tap' their visa contactless card over a contactless payment terminal, instead of swiping or inserting. The process is easier and faster for consumers, reducing queues and saving time on transactions, limiting the need to carry cash.

Moreover, contactless is one of the most secure ways to pay. Every transaction includes a unique one-time passcode in place of personal account information, ensuring that the card information transmitted cannot be used to create counterfeit cards.

There are a few issuers of Visa Contactless cards in Myanmar, namely Ayeyawady Bank, Cooperative Bank, Kanbawza Bank, United Amara Bank, Myanmar Apex Bank and Asia Green Development Bank.

Under the exclusive promotion, Visa Contactless cardholders will be able to enjoy 10 per cent discount for Ks 5,000 contactless transactions at Ga Mone Pwint and Sein Gay Har stores. The promotion campaign started on 15 September and will run until the end of November.■

Gold price shows sharp rise, hits new record high of over Ks1 million per tical

By May Thet Hnin

WITH the US dollar gaining in local currency market, domestic gold price yesterday reached a record high of Ks1,008,300 per tical (0.578 ounce), according to domestic gold market.

Yesterday, gold price opened at Ks1 million and it reached up to Ks1,008,300 at the closing time, a remarkable high price within a day.

Since August, US dollar exchange rate has been above Ks1,500 a dollar. Exchange rate yesterday increased up to Ks1,570-1,580.

Meanwhile, global gold price was US$1,199 per ounce.

The US dollar appreciation against local currency is a contributing factor to a surge in domestic gold price, said gold entrepreneurs.

The escalating trade war between the US and China has led to dollar appreciation in global market. Domestic gold price is remarkably increasing with the soaring US dollar exchange rate. Usually, domestic gold price varies depending on the global gold price. However, it has now gone up higher than usual.

"The rise in domestic gold price is due to increasing dollar exchange rate, despite no significant rise in global gold market. The dollar exchange rate appreciation negatively affects other sectors, hiking up commodity prices.

However, there is no significant number of gold investors like before, and so, gold market has not been adversely affected from this. Nevertheless, dollar price should be governed", said U Tin Tun, chair of Mandalay Region Gold Entrepreneurs Association.

The prevailing gold price is the highest record in its history. This month, the price soared to a new all-time high in the local market.

There are price gaps between Yangon and Mandalay gold markets. The market conditions also differ significantly.

Yangon market has seen buyers of gold products compared to previous months. Meanwhile, gold and jewellery shops in Mandalay are selling their products and raw materials from their goldsmiths, proving that the market is declining.

Pure gold bars have a demand in the market. Some are selling out their gold, concerned over possible price decrease in the gold market. As a result of this, they are making losses. Some are observing the market. Trading volume of heavy buyers of gold bars is less than before, with increasing gold price. They are also observing the market.

"Heavy buyers are hesitating to buy gold bars. Those who purchase a viss of gold, scaled, down their purchase volume to 50 ticals", said U Ohn Myaing, secretary of Myanmar Gold Entrepreneurs Association.

This year, domestic gold price has remained above Ks930,000 per tical. It has recorded a remarkable increase in August and September. ■

Local petrol price up due to rise in international oil prices

DOMESTIC fuel oil price is likely to keep climbing as it is positively related to crude oil price and dollar exchange rate, said U Thet Wai, chair of Mandalay Region Fuel Oil Importers and Distributors Association. International oil price is hard to guess amid the current global political climate. Domestic fuel oil price is predicted to rise.

"The return of US sanctions on Iran could push crude oil price", he criticized.

Additionally, Thilawa terminal has a storage capacity of 12,000 tons. However, Myanmar's fuel storage capacity is much lower than foreign countries and the country cannot control the high price in local market.

Crude oil can be extracted in Myanmar, but it cannot produce quality fuel oil yet, owing to lack of technology. Even if Myanmar can produce quality oil, it can fulfill only 30 per cent of its need", said an official from aforementioned association.

"Our retail outlets are inevitably facing difficulties with soaring oil price. We are battered by the public's bitter complaint over high price. Fuel oil is also an essential commodity to consumers, like food products. We are forced to scale up the price, in line with big companies' set price. We cannot forecast it is related to global issues", said U Soe Win Myint, owner of Soe Win Myint petrol retail station in Yesagyo township.

At present, prevailing oil prices set by Mandalay's retail stations are Ks1,080 per liter for 92 Ron, Ks1,180 for 95 Ron, Ks1,150 for Premium diesel and Ks1,030 for diesel. — Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-Printing House) ■

Shan-ni & Northern Shan Ethnics Solidarity Party (SNSP) presents its policy, stance and work program

General Secretary U Saw Win Tun .

GENERAL Secretary U Saw Win Tun of Shan-ni & Northern Shan Ethnics Solidarity Party (SNSP) presented the party's policy, stance, work programs and other issues on radio and TV on 18 September.

Following is a translation of the presentation:

I wish you all *May sung khaa*. I am Central Executive Member, General Secretary U Saw Win Tun of Shan-ni & Northern Shan Ethnics Solidarity Party (SNSP). Our party will compete in the coming by-election for a seat at Kachin State Amyotha Hluttaw from Myitkyina Township constituency 2. The candidate to compete in the by-election is Daw Khin Ohn, a retired school headmistress, residing in Myitkyina. First of all, I would like to inform you that she is a woman candidate.

Before presenting policy and stance of SNSP, let me present the background history of Shan-ni to know Shan-ni people.

According to the currently adopted 135 ethnics, Shan-ni is a tribe included in 33 tribes of Shan ethnic group. The code number 803 represents Shangalay (Little Shan) and the code number 828 represents (Tailyan). Shan tribes living in Shan state are locally called Shangyi (Big Shan) and our tribe is locally called Shangalay, Shan Bamar, Shanni, and in Shan language we are called Tailyan, Tailai, Tainai, who are one of legal tribes of Shan ethnic groups.

We, Shan-ni, and Tai Khamti, Tailay, Taihsar, Taikadu and Taikanan tribes living in northern part of Myanmar have been residing in the country for centuries. We did not grab the land of other people forcefully but searched for new land and cleared it to reside. Since then, language, literature, culture, tradition, administration, military affairs have been thriving highly among our tribe.

The land we have been residing since times of our forefathers includes, according to the current geographical map, Kalay, Tamu, Mawlaik, Phaungpyin, Homalin, Khamti, Nanyun, Katha, Htigyaing, Indaw, Wuntho, Kawlin, Pinlebu, Bamauk, totaling 14 townships in northern Sagaing Region; Mohnyin, Mogaung, Phakant, Waingmaw, Myitkyina, Tanai, Bhamo, Shwegu, Momauk, Mansi in Kachin State, totaling eight townships; and Momeik and Mabein, in northern Shan State. Most of the people are living in 22 townships till today.

To summarize, I would like to inform the people that we have been living on the lands which are adjacent to each another, and we are in millions with own language, culture, background history and literature.

Esteemed people,

As mentioned above, under the time, situation and system with transparencies, we were legally allowed to form SNSP in May 2015. The party, the one of national people, and is registered covering all union territories. We cannot represent all the constituencies but can do so limitedly in the constituency in our own region and thus we cannot take the power of the union and I would like to present sincerely that we cannot take the power of the state or local power as we have no own region.

However, we are aiming at representing the region and local people by taking a seat in the respective states/region Hluttaws and Union Hluttaws through our basic constituencies. We do not favour authoritarian, military or one party rule, but one of our party's objectives is to support any government or parliament leading to build federal union through practicing genuine democracy. At the same time, we are going to oppose to any government and parliament who are to be against building of federal democracy union. In doing so, we will cooperate with other national forces, national parties and democracy forces who share the common goal with us.

Esteemed people,

It is important to note that Myanmar's current political situation does not represent fully enjoying democracy and it is the time to transit from authoritarian system to democracy. Although there have been parliaments and governments formed with people representatives elected in 2010 and 2015 elections, it is known to all that there are many limitations and barriers to be parliaments and government who practice democracy fully. It is the objective condition that under the 2008 Constitution, a genuine federal union and democracy cannot be built. Therefore, all the civil forces and military know and accept that the 2008 Constitution needs to be amended or rewritten. It can be seen that there are differencse in approaching method how to amend it.

Party logo.

Currently, government, parliament, the military, the national forces, political parties and people are trying to amend the constitution and building federal union through Union Peace Conference — 21st Century Panglong. Only when the conference meets success will the amendment of 2008 Constitution and building of federal democracy take place. The first part of the conference focused on national ceasefire agreement. As it is the political bottleneck of 70-year long conflicts between national forces and the successive governments, it is the time to build peace through dialogues not holding arms.

We, SNSP, truly believe that only when the conference meets success will the amendment of 2008 Constitution and building of federal democracy and emergence of prosperous union take place. With this end in view, SNSP and Shan-ni ethnics vow to strive for reaching this goal.

We, SNSP, also believe that only building of federal union can we get new states/areas with equality, and own determination through legal framework. It is our pledge that this must be done.

I would like to present in earnest here that emergence of an area for Shan-ni and ethnics of northern Shan in new federal union similar to other national races through peace process, Union Peace Conference — 21st Century Panglong and federal union constitution is our party's main policy and it is our historical duty.

Esteemed people,

We also vow to overcome any difficulties in building genuine federal union which is the common goal of all the national races, and we believe we will meet the party's objective through peaceful means.

We do not accept narrow-minded racism and we accept all the national races are to live in the country in harmony with national spirit. We will be living peacefully with all the national races including Bamar, without discriminating majority or minority. We will cooperate with others without regardless of race or religion.

According to the historical background, the Constitution and the genuine existence, claiming our rights legally is the historical duty of our party. In doing so, we will not harm the rights of other citizens but seek our rights through dialogues.

We will serve the interest of the nation and own region living weal and woe together with other national races and citizens.

SNSP is the party focusing on building genuine federal union, harmonious living of citizens and national people, emergence of a genuine union endowed with the rule of law, stability and prosperity. Although it stands as an ethnic party, it pledges not to lose sight on a broad Union's perspective.

I would like to urge all the people to vote SNSP with trust for the sake of the region and the Union.

Our party's motto is as follows:

From Federal Union to Equality.

From Equality to Living in Harmony.

Thank you.

Translated by Wallace

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives Thailand Ambassador

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing received Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar Mr. Jukr Boon-Long, who has completed his tour of duty in Myanmar, at the Bayint Naung Guest House in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At the meeting, they discussed strengthening friendship between the two countries through promoting friendship between military forces of the two countries, providing protection to Myanmar migrant workers in Thailand, boosting the economy through cooperation in tourism sector, exchange of military medicines and agricultural science, border issue and peace and stability at the border areas between Myanmar and Thailand, according to news release of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief.—MNA ■

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing meets with Thailand Ambassador Mr. Jukr Boon-Long in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

Vice Senior General Soe Win attends closing of MILEX-2018

DEPUTY Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice Senior General Soe Win attended a closing ceremony of the MILEX-2018, military exercise involving BIMSTEC countries, at Aundh military station in Pune, India, on 16 September.

Before watching the demonstration of the military exercise, the Myanmar military delegation was briefed about the Exercise Tiger Strike, a part of the MILEX-2018, by an officer.

Afterwards, the delegation visited a booth of arms and military equipment, displayed by the India's Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) and companies.

Vice Senior General Soe Win and members of the delegation attended the closing ceremony of the MILEX-2018 and encouraged Myanmar officers and other ranks participating in the military exercise.

The troops of BIMSTEC (Bay of Bengal Initiative for Multi-Sectoral Technical and Economic Cooperation) grouping of Bangladesh, India, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Thailand , Nepal and Bhutan participated in the exercise and Thailand and Nepal sent observers to the exercise.

In the afternoon, the delegation attended a luncheon hosted by General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Southern Command of Indian Army Lt-Gen Dewan Rabindranath Soni and wife. In the evening, Vice Senior General Soe Win met with army officers from the Tatmadaw attending trainings in Pune, according to a news release of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief. — MNA ■

Vice Senior General Soe Win greets military troops from Myanmar in Pune, India. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

University of Dental Medicine holds workshop

A WORKSHOP on Research Ethics and Responsible Conduct of Research for mid-level teaching staff was held from 17 to 18 September at the Golden Jubilee Hall of the University of Dental Medicine, Yangon, and was attended by 5 lecturers and 13 assistant lecturers. — MNA ■

Families of Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy, Air) Office hold 3rd monsoon tree planting ceremony

TO conserve the natural environment of Yezin Dam, families of Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy Air) Office held the third Monsoon Tree Planting Ceremony for 2018 yesterday morning.

The ceremony was attended by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe and wife, Lt-Gen Sein Win, Lt-Gen Ye Aung and wife, Chief of General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Mya Tun Oo and wife, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and wife, Commander-in-Chief (Air) and wife, high ranking officers from Commander-in-Chief Office and wives, Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander and wife, senior officers attending National Defence College, officers, other ranks and families of Commander-in-Chief (Army, Navy Air) Office.

A total of 5,000 various types of trees were planted by the families of the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Office at the third monsoon tree-planting ceremony for 2018, according to news release of the office of the Commander-in-Chief. — MNA ■

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attends the third monsoon tree planting ceremony near Yezin Dam yesterday. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF**

CBM Governor arrives back after attending 15th CAEXPO, 10th CAFCDF

GOVERNOR of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung arrived back in Myanmar on 14 September after attending the opening of the 15th China-ASEAN Expo and 10th China-ASEAN Financial Cooperation and Development Forum in Nanning, China.

The Myanmar delegation, led by U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, attended the opening of the 15th China-ASEAN Expo held at the Nanning International Convention and Exhibition Centre in Nanning, capital of south China's Guangxi Zhauang Autonomous Region.

The delegation also participated in the 10th China-ASEAN Financial Cooperation and Development Forum held at the Guangxi Wharton International Hotel, the next day.

The forum began with opening remarks by the Governor of the Guangxi Zhauang Autonomous Region Mr. Chen Wu.

U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, the Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar, and governors of the central bank of Cambodia, China, Laos and Thailand also delivered key-note addresses on China-ASEAN financial cooperation policies in the new era.—MNA ■

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THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Negative impacts from Community-Based Tourism preventable

TANINTHAYI Region has a long coastline with more than 800 islands and has many below-and-above-water natural resources and views that are of interest for the world's tourists.

Motorboat tourists from Asia, Africa and some European countries enjoy visiting Myeik Archipelago for its beautiful landscapes along the coast such as coral reefs, mangroves and a diverse species of birds and aquatic animals and traditional culture, such as the sea-based life of the Salon, also known as the sea gypsies, a seafaring ethnic minority.

With the tourism industry rising globally, Myanmar expects to attract seven million tourists in 2020.

With development of Community Based Tourism-CBT on some islands of Salon, local people are worried that farmland, beaches and bays of the islands would be occupied by hotels and tourism-related businesses.

> When the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism implements the CBT, they take into account the conservation of historical heritage, intangible culture, natural environment and regional traditions.

Believing that Community based tourism-CBT could be one way of creating a more sustainable tourism industry, the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism decided to develop Community Based Tourism on the islands where Salon minority are living, but at the same time it has prepared to give protection to the islands from being occupied by hotels and tourism businesses. Salons are mainly living on the Makyongalat, Nyaungwi, Jarlan, Jarohn and Langan islands.

Hotels and tourism-related business were allowed on the islands with the permission of the Myanmar Investment Commission, under the land-lease contracts with the regional government and the ministry. This way the things that local people worry would not be happen.

But, the most important is that the minority Salon people have the duty to conserve their tangible and intangible culture.

When the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism implements the CBT, they take into account the conservation of historical heritage, intangible culture, natural environment and regional traditions.

On the other side, most of the local communities especially in the third world countries are not knowledgeable concerning CBT and it has become one of the challenges of the Community Based Tourism.

It is the duty of authorities concerned to educate the local people in order to be able to understand the nature of community-based tourism and to enforce rules for conservation of local culture and environment by tourism-related businesses.

Another point is that responsible travel from the side of the tourists is also important for the long term sustainability and conservation of the tourist regions.

As tourism is wide ranging and affecting many sectors, cooperation is required among the three actors, the government sector, the private sector and the visitors.

Fourth Industrial Revolution and Digital Economy

By Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing (SMART)

PROFESSOR Klaus Schwab, Founder and Executive Chairman of the World Economic Forum, has been at the center of global affairs for many years. He is convinced that we are at the beginning of a revolution that is fundamentally changing the way we live, work and relate to one another, which he explores in his new book, "The Fourth Industrial Revolution".

The word 'transform' is different from the word 'change'. To better understand 'change', we can take an example from the chameleons that can change the structural arrangement of their upper cell layer, leading to a change in color, from green to red, or vice versa, from red to green. For 'transformation', we can take an example from the caterpillars that can turn into butterflies.To become a butterfly, a caterpillar first digests itself. Within its protective casing, the caterpillar radically transforms its body, eventually emerging as a butterfly that can fly in the air by virtue of transformation.

Early transformation

Google Cloud CEO once mentioned that he had made an attempt to change the way people worked, but after ten years, he found out that it is more important to know how to transform the business enterprises.

The First Industrial Revolution

After the invention of the steam engine in 1760, this transition included transforming from manual to mechanical production, using water and steam power.The transportation sector became one of the major beneficiaries of this revolution.

The Second Industrial Revolution

The First Industrial Revolution evolved into the Second Industrial Revolution in the transition years after 1870, when technological and economic progress was witnessed with an increased use of electricity.

The Third Industrial Revolution

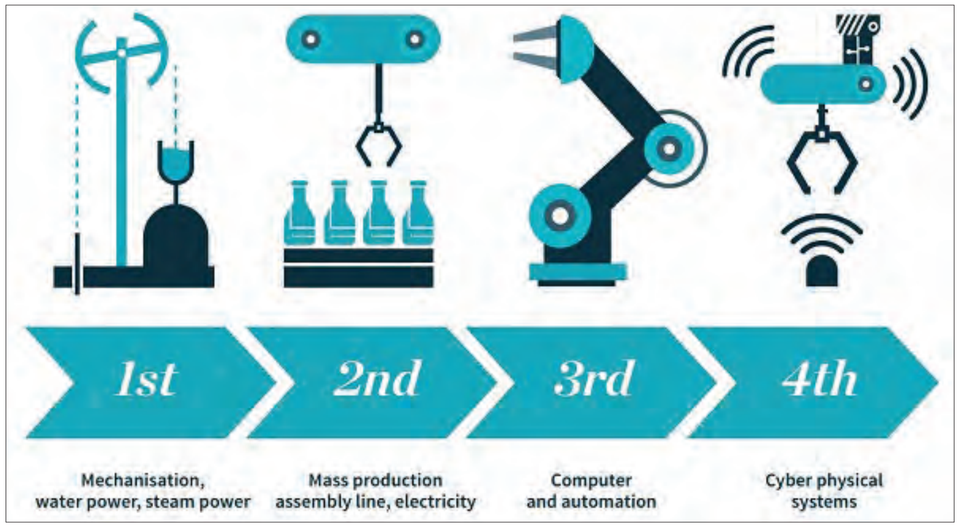
The Third Industrial Revolution, sometimes called the Digital Revolution, involved the development of computers and IT (information technology), and began in the 1960s. The first two industrial revolutions caused humans to become wealthier and more urban.

The Fourth Industrial Revolution

The Fourth Industrial Revolution is still in its evolving stage, but its cyber physical systems are already considered a new era rather than a continuation because of its phenomenal development and a disruptive nature to all that was conventional.

Unfortunately, our country still hasn't fully enjoyed the benefits of the Second Industrial Revolution. According to a report released by the World Bank, only 38.6 per cent of the Myanmar population have access to electricity. According to the 2014 census, out of about 11 million households in Myanmar, only 4.2 million were fully connected to an electricity grid. The index shows Myanmar scores 105 per cent of mobile density rate and 80 per cent for smart phone usage. Thanks to the Fourth Industrial Revolution, Digital Economyis thriving in Myanmar.

Digital Economyencompasses worldwide network of economic activities, commercial transactions and professional interactions that are enabled by information and communication technologies (ICT). It can be succinctly summed up as an economy that is based on digital computing technologies, although we increasingly perceive this as conducting business through markets based on the Internet and the World Wide Web.Digital Economy is also sometimes called the Internet Economy, New Economy, or Web Economy.



The global economy is undergoing a digital transformation as well, and it's happening at a breakneck speed. It is an economic activity that results from billions of everyday online connections among people, businesses, devices, data and other processes. The backbone of the Digital Economy is hyper connectivity, which means growing interconnectedness of people, organizations, and machines that results from the Internet, mobile technology and the Internet of Things (IoT). Digital Economy is taking shape and undermining conventional notions about how businesses are structured, how firms interact, and how consumers obtain services, information and goods.

The Internet of Things (IoT)

As sensor prices continue to drop, we are on the cusp of an era where everything can be connected — people, businesses, devices, and processes — to each other. The melding of the physical and digital world brings every asset into a digital domain where software dominates. When an organization can understand its physical and digital asset inventory at any given moment, it can operate with precision previously unimaginable, paving the way for the ultimate lean enterprise. The global Internet of Things (IoT) market is expected to consume US$75 billion and the value of IoT would be $6.2 trillion in 2025.

Digital Economy

As Digital Economy improves dramatically, more and more people around the world are participating in it. For digital technologies to impact economic development, however, appropriate policies have to be in place to remove the obstacles that prevent emerging economies from fully engaging in the Digital Economy, while minimizing the risks. With the rise of digital cameras, the 130-year-old Kodak film company is almost obsolete.

The markets ofNikon, Canon, Sony and Fuji cameras are facing decline because smartphone cameras are now amazingly good. Many telephone operating companies are finding it difficult to operate their services because of some mobile applications, such as WeChat, Viber, What'sApp and Messenger.Newsweek, the 79-year-old US current affairs magazine, has transformed itself to an online-only publication, ending its print edition. A disruptive technology is one that displaces an established technology and shakes up the industry or a ground-breaking product that creates a completely new industry.

ASEAN countries and Digital Economy

We are living in an era of technological revolution that is disrupting and transforming businesses, governments and societies alike. All are being challenged to adapt and keep up with the change. This is especially true of governments, which have struggled to deliver growth and prosperity and are trapped in inefficient and obsolete development models, as they now have a responsibility to lead the digital transformation.

Increasing levels of Internet penetration in ASEAN nations provide a strong basis for Digital Economy. Thailand has established the Ministry of Digital Economy since 2016. Singapore has made significant progress in its digital infrastructure, with the Ministry of Communications and Information making concerted efforts to prepare Singaporeans for a more vibrant, innovation-driven Digital Economy, as well as create new jobs in the info communications, media and design (ICMD) sectors. In Malaysia, Digital Economy has been supervised by the Ministry of Science and Technology.

Youths and digital world

Generation Y is the generation of people born during the 1980s and early 1990s. The name is based on Generation X, which preceded them. Members of Generation Y are often referred to as "echo boomers" because they are the children of parents, who are known as the "baby boomers". Because children born during this time period have had constant access to technology, including computers and cell phones, they have required many employers to update their hiring strategy in order to incorporate updated forms of technology. Generation Z kids will grow up with a highly sophisticated media and computer environment and will be more Internet savvy and expert than their Generation Y forerunners.

These advances will likely give rise to many opportunities for economic and social development in developing countries in the world. As for Myanmar, it is of vital importance to transform the Fourth Industrial Revolution with the cooperation of Y, Z and Alpha (born since the year 2010 and until the year 2025) generations. Young people use technology for catching up with friends, educating themselves, playing games, watching movies and listening to music. There's nothing new about the activities this generation is seeking out — it's just the technology they're using to do it.

Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung

MYANMAR GAZETTE

Appointment of Head of Department confirmed

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of U Maung Maung Kyaw as Director-General of the Department of Labour Relations, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, starting from 12 September 2018.

Cyclone News

Tuesday, September 18, 2018 - 17:30

According to the observations at (17:30) hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed over the East central Bay of Bengal and adjoining Myanmar coast. It is likely to further intensify into a depression during next 36 hrs.

Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued on Tuesday 18 September 2018)

SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS RECORDED AT 09:30 hrs MST: During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers has been isolated in Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago regions, Rakhine and Kayin states, scattered in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions, Northern Shan, Chin and Mon states, fairly widespread in Kachin State and widespread in the remaining regions and states with regionally heavy falls in Taninthayi Region. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Launglon (8.54)inches, Dawei (7.79)inches, Kawthoung (1.85)inches, Myeik (1.78)inches, Machanbaw (1.73)inches, Coco-Island (0.94) inch, Putao (0.91)inch, Ye (0.86)inch, Shan-Ywar-Thit (0.80)inch and Labutta (0.79)inch.

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is strong to vigorous over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and moderate elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF 19 September 2018: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in lower-Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway regions, Chin and Rakhine states, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Upper- Sagaing, Kachin and Northern Shan states and widespread in the remaining regions and states with isolated heavy falls in Mandalay, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi regions, Kayin and Mon states. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40)mph. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (9-12)feet in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts and about (4-7)feet in off and along Rakhine Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Thundery conditions in Central Myanmar areas.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 19 September 2018: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 19th September, 2018: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 19th September, 2018: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

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Office of the President
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(17 September 2018)

Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
2. With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offenses up to 15 September 2018 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

No	Nature of report	Details on seizure and legal action taken
1	Information received of Ko Moe selling illegal drugs from his house next to the Myat Theingi cotton fiber factory in Monywa industrial zone ward, Monywa Tsp, Sagaing Region.	On 15-9-2018, police searched Ko Aung Kyaw Moe (a) Ko Moe, 41,'s house near the Myat Theingi cotton fiber factory in Monywa Tsp's industrial zone and arrested him after discovering '88/1' psychotropic tablets and opium in his possession. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (2) (Monywa) MaYa(Pa) 11/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2	Information received of groups of people selling illegal drugs daily on the hilltop in Group 10, Ward 4, Kutkai Tsp, Shan State (North).	Police have opened 20 cases and arrested 20 men and 1 woman together with heroin and psychotropic tablets in the past six weeks. On 15-9-2018, investigations into related cases led police to search Ma Maw Kaing Sin, 36,'s house in Htannaung Village, Kutkai Tsp, where she was arrested with heroin and '88/1' psychotropic tablets in her possession. A case has been opened with MaMaSa (Kutkai) MaYa(Pa) 103/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3	Information received of Daw Zee Kwat and U Ohn Myint from Inngyi Village, Katha Tsp, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs on a large scale.	On 11-9-2018, police searched U Ohn Myint, 42,'s house in Inngyi Village, Katha Tsp, but could not find him. Instead, police arrested his wife Daw Moe Shwe, 40, with WY psychotropic tablets in her possession. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Innywar) MaYa(Pa) 11/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Further investigation led police to search Soe Pay (a) Myo Min Tun, 37,'s house in the same village. He and his wife, Ma Moe Moe Thu, 31, were arrested with WY psychotropic tablets in their possession. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Innywar) MaYa(Pa) 12/2018 under Section 19-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Police also searched Daw Zee Kwat, 67,'s house in the same village, but could not find her. Police arrested her son, Zaw Lin, 35, together with WY psychotropic tablets in his possession. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Innywar) MaYa(Pa) 13/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4	Information received of Eden from Ward 2 of Kawzar Town, Ye Tsp, Mon State, selling illegal drugs.	On 14-9-2018, police searched Eden (a) Shwe Thein, 42,'s house in No. 21, Ward 2, Kawzar Town, Ye Tsp, and arrested him with WY psychotropic tablets in his possession. A case has been opened with NaMaSa (Kawzar) MaYa(Pa) 14/2018 under Section 16-C/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5	Information received of U Awe from Kyonewam Village, Kyaikmaraw Tsp, Mon State, selling illegal drugs on a large scale.	On 10-9-2018, police en route to Kyonwam Village in Kyaikmaraw Tsp searched a field hut situated on the road to Latpan Village and discovered Thet Zaw, 30, from Zatapyin East Village, Hpa-an Tsp, together with WY psychotropic tablets. After arresting him, police discovered that the drugs were bought from Awe (a) Than Aung from Kyonewam Village and delivered by Htaik Ni, 29, from Latpan Village. Htaik Ni was soon arrested at 7:30 pm and a case was opened with MaMaSa (Kyaikmaraw) MaYa(Pa) 16/2018 under Section 16-C/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Police searched A We, 35,'s house in Kyonwam Village in Kyaikmaraw Tsp but could not find him and instead arrested his wife Ma Nwe Nwe Win, 33, together with powder heroin in her possession. A case was opened with MaMaSa (Kyaikmaraw) MaYa(Pa) 17/2018 under Section 16-C/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law
6	Information received of Maung Ni from Thitpone Village, Indaw Tsp, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs on a large scale.	On 12-9-2018, police searched U Maung Ni, 47,'s house in Thitpone Village, Indaw Tsp, and arrested him with heroin and WY psychotropic tablets in his possession. A case was opened with MaMaSa (Indaw) MaYa(Pa) 97/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law
7	Information received of Daw San San Wai (grocery shop owner) from No. 41, Ward 4, Hnitkayin Village, Ye Tsp, Mon State, and Paing Paing from No. 168, Ward 5, selling illegal drugs.	On 9-9-2018, police investigating around Hnitkayin Village, Lamaing Town, Ye Tsp, received information and searched No.101 in Area 12 on Bogyoke Street, and arrested Nyi Lin Aung (a) Nyi Nyi, 27, and Pyae Phyo Aung (a) Pyae Pyae, 19, together with ICE and WY psychotropic tablets in their possession. A case was opened with NaMaSa (Lamaing) MaYa(Pa) 10/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Police also searched Daw San Wai, 49, mother of Paing Paing (a) Htoo Thet Paing's store in No. 41, Area 4 of the same village, and her house in No. 168, Area 5, and arrested them with ICE and WY psychotropic tablets. A case was opened with NaMaSa (Lamaing) MaYa(Pa) 11/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
8	Information received of U Htein Lin from Area 1, Pyinmana Tsp, Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, selling illegal drugs.	On 14-9-2018, undercover police stopped and searched Htein Lin, 41, from Area 1, Bawgawadi Ward, Pyinmana Tsp, on his motorbike near Zizawarpan roundabout, Pyinmana Tsp, and arrested him together with '88/1' psychotropic tablets and a sword in his possession. A case was opened with MaMaSa (Zabuthiri) MaYa(Pa) 5/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A/22-B of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Police also searched his home in Bawgawadi Ward and discovered additional '88/1' psychotropic tablets. A case was opened with MaMaSa (Pyinmana) MaYa(Pa) 25/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
9	Information received of U Tun Win's sons Maung Zaw Myo Aung and Kyaw Gyi from Aungthitsar Street (Thapyaychan squatter ward), Ward 51, North Dagon Tsp, Yangon Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 9-9-2018, police searched Kyaw Gyi (a) Kaung Myat Tar, 20,'s house in No. 18/B, Aungthitsar Street, Ward 51, North Dagon Tsp, and arrested him together with WY psychotropic tablets in his possession. A case was opened with MaMaSa (North Dagon) MaYa(Pa) 45/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. On 10-9-2018, police on stake out near Bo Hmue Ba Htoo housing on Bayinnaung Road, Ward 47, North Dagon Tsp, stopped and searched Zaw Myo Aung, 24, from Tharaphi Street, Ward 50, North Dagon Tsp, and Kyaw Min, 21, from Ward 1, Dagon Myothit (East) Tsp, and discovered WY psychotropic tablets on them. They have been arrested and a case was opened with MaMaSa (North Dagon) MaYa(Pa) 46/2018 under Section 19-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
10	Information received of Soe Thu from Nyaungle Village, YeU Tsp, Shwebo District, Sagaing Region selling illegal drugs and conducting illegal underground lottery sales.	On 15-9-2018, police searched Soe Thu, 30,'s house in Nyaungle Village, YeU Tsp, but could not find him and instead arrested his mother Daw Nu, 59, together with '88/1' psychotropic tablets in her possession. A case was opened against both of them with MaMaSa (YeU) MaYa(Pa) 8/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Police also discovered illegal underground lottery documents and a stash of betting money (Ks 135,000) in Soe Thu's bedroom. An additional case was opened against both of them with MaMaSa (YeU) (Pa) 238/2018 under Section 15-A/16-A of the Gambling Law.
11	Information received of Aye Min Win (a) Min Min from No. 81, 32nd Street, Pabedan Tsp, Yangon Region, consuming and selling illegal drugs.	On 10-9-2018, police searched Aye Min Win, 30,'s house in No. 81, 32nd Street, Ward 9, Pabedan Tsp, and arrested him together with WY psychotropic tablets. A case was opened with MaMaSa (Pabedan) MaYa(Pa) 11/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
12	Information received of Daw Kayin Ma from range 901 in Ywarthit Village, Myawady Tsp, Kayin State, selling illegal WY psychotropic tablets at the rate of Ks 2,500 per tablet.	On 10-9-2018, police searched Daw Naw Moo (a) Daw Kayin Ma, 55,'s house in range 901 in Ywarthit Village, Myawady Tsp, and arrested her, her son-in-law Thet Naing, 34, and Ma Khin Pu (a) Joker, 55, together with WY psychotropic tablets in their possession. A case was opened with NaMaSa (Thingan Nyinaung) MaYa(Pa) 22/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

13	Information received of Ko Kyaw Aung selling illegal drugs on a large scale from 'Kyaw' family ice outlet in Pantaing Village, Htantabin Tsp, Yangon Region.	On 10-9-2018, police searched Kyaw Aung, 51,'s house in 'Kyaw' family ice outlet beside the Yangon-Pathein highway, Pantaing Village, Htantabin Tsp, and arrested him with WY psychotropic tablets and 2 swords in his possession. A case was opened with YaKaSa (Thetthit) MaYa(Pa) 3/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A/22-B of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
14	Information received of Daw Khin Aye Kyu and her son Aung Ko Zin living on the top floor of No. 135, Pabedan Street, Shweku Ward, Pyay Tsp, Bago Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 14-9-2018, police searched Daw Khin Aye Kyu, 54, and her son Aung Ko Zin (a) Ko Zin, 25,'s house in No. 135, Pabedan Street, Shweku Ward, Pyay Tsp, and arrested them with WY psychotropic tablets and marijuana in their possession. A case was opened with NaMaSa (1) (Pyay) MaYa(Pa) 5/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
15	Information received of thriving illegal drug sales in Thayetgone Village, Kinseik Village-tract, Toungoo Tsp, Bago Region, and drug sellers claiming they have not been arrested.	On 13-9-2018, police searched Than Htike (a) Kappali, 26,'s house in Thayetgone Village, Kinseik Village-tract, and arrested him, Myint Win (a) Aung Pe, 53, Ba Myint, 37, and Tin Naing Tun (a) Shan Pote, 23, all from the same village, together with WY psychotropic tablets in their possession. A case was opened with NaMaSa (Toungoo) MaYa(Pa) 10/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
16	Information received of Than Htike from Ward 1, Thazi Tsp, Mandalay Region selling illegal drugs.	On 13-9-2018, police entered Than Htike (a) Htike Gyi, 26,'s house in No. 419, corner of 45th Street, Ward 1 (expanded), Thazi Tsp, and arrested him, Kyaw Zin Hein, 20, and Zin Lin Phyo, 22, from the same ward, together with '88/1' psychotropic tablets. Further questioning revealed that the drugs were purchased from Chit Htwe, 50, from Kunchanyoe Village, Tarze Tsp. Police were unable to find him in his house nor discover any item related to illegal drugs. A case has been opened against all four with MaMaSa (Thazi) MaYa(Pa) 14/2018 under Section 16-C/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
17	Information received of Ko Pauk Sa, son of U Maung Kyaw and Daw Mi Nwe from Payargone Village, Thanlyin Tsp, Yangon Region, consuming and selling illegal drugs, and brandishing a sword while causing public hazards in the village.	On 12-9-2018, police en route to Pauk Sa (a) Aung Ko Ko, 17,'s house in Payargone Village, Thanlyin Tsp, sighted Pauk Sa standing on the road near his house and arrested him together with WY psychotropic tablets in his pants pocket. Police discovered additional WY tablets in his house along with 2 swords. A case was opened with MaMaSa (Pa) 32/2018 under Section 16-C/22-B of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
18	Information received of Ko Min Min and his wife Ma Khin Lay from Shwetamar Kwethit, Watpote Town, Thegon Tsp, Pyay District, Bago Region, selling illegal drugs and occasionally storing the drugs in Ko Win Aung's house in Kyunkone Village, Paungde Tsp.	On 13-9-2018, police searched U Win Aung, 55,'s house in Kyunkone Village, Paungde Tsp, and arrested him with WY psychotropic tablets in his possession. Further questioning revealed that the drugs were sent for selling by U Min Min, 40, and his wife Daw Khin Khin Lay (a) Khin Lay, 59, from Shwetamar Kwethit, Watpote Town, Thegon Tsp. Police eventually searched the married couple's house and although no drugs were found in their house, they were arrested along with U Win Aung and a case was opened with MaMaSa (Paungde) MaYa(Pa) 1/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
19	Information received of an individual selling illegal drugs around 10pm near A(1) liquor shop on 7th Street, Ward 4, Bogale Tsp, while communicating by cellphone, and Poe Thet from the same ward selling illegal drugs as well.	On 12-9-2018, police searched Kyaw Min Thaw (a) Poe Thet's house at No. 30/Nga, Meesetyone (Yar Kyaw Street), Ward 4, Bogale Tsp, and arrested him together with heroin and marijuana in his possession. Further questioning revealed that the drugs were purchased from twin brothers Saw Yan Naung (a) A Gyi Kaung, 23, and Saw Yan Naing (a) A Nge Kaung, 23, from Shwetwelyin Street in Ward 3, and from Maung Bo Bo Min Naing, 27, from 7th Street, Ward 4. The latter were eventually arrested and a case was opened against all four with MaMaSa (Bogale) MaYa(Pa) 4/2018 under Section 16-C/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
20	Information received of Daw Moe Htwe residing in Myaynigone Quarter (Veteran's housing) in Naungpakyit Ward, Homalin Tsp, Sagaing Region, selling heroin and WY psychotropic tablets.	On 10-9-2018, police arrested Daw Moe Htwe, 37, residing in Kopewa Ward, Myaynigone Quarter, Naungpakyit Ward, Homalin Tsp, together with heroin and WY psychotropic tablets in her possession. A case was opened with MaMaSa (Homalin) MaYa(Pa) 80/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
21	Information received of Daw Htay Nge (a) Daw Lei Lei Htay from Banlamut Village, Taninthayi Tsp, Taninthayi Region, and Daw San Yu from Kanto Village, selling illegal drugs on a large scale.	On 10-9-2018, police searched Daw San Yu, 39,'s house in Kanto Village, Taninthayi Tsp, and arrested her, Sithu Han, 34, from Yepone Ward, Myeik Tsp, Ma Kaytwe (a) Mi Kay, 38, from Shwepyitan Ward, Myeik Tsp, and Myat Hla (a) Tar Tay, 30, from Yepone Ward, Myeik Tsp, together with powder heroin in their possession. A case was opened with MaMaSa (Taninthayi) MaYa(Pa) 21/2018 under Section 16-C/20-A/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Similarly, police searched Daw Htay Nge (a) Daw Lei Lei Htay, 43,'s house in Banlamut Village, Taninthayi Region, and arrested her with WY psychotropic tablets in her possession. A case was opened with MaMaSa (Taninthayi) MaYa(Pa) 22/2018 under Section 16-C/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
22	Information received of illegal drugs being sold, proliferated in Ketwoe Village and surrounding villages in Lwelone Village-tract, Kengtung Tsp, Shan State (East).	On 9-9-2018, police searched Lidar, 40,'s house in Ketwoe Village, Lwelone Village-tract, Kengtung Tsp, but could not find her. Instead, police discovered raw opium from her granary. A case was opened with MaMaSa (Kengtung) MaYa(Pa) 183/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
23	Information received of U Kyaw Than (a) Nga Aye from Kangyi Village, Kalay Tsp, Sagaing Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 15-9-2018, police searched Nga Aye (a) Kyaw Than, 47,'s field hut located three miles west of Kangyi Village, Kalay Tsp, but could not find him. Instead, police arrested Nga Aye's son-in-law Nay Zin Tun, 25, son Htike Thu Aung, 19, and Shine Lin Aung, 19, from the same village, present in the field hut with heroin and four firearms in their possession. A case was opened with MaMaSa (Kalay) MaYa(Pa) 130/2018 under Section 16-C/22-B/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
24	Information received of Tarti from Ywarma West Ward, Insein Tsp, Yangon Region, selling illegal drugs.	On 13-9-2018, police staking out near Padaukmyaing Road, Ywarma East Ward, Insein Tsp, stopped and searched Pyae Phyo Aung (a) Tarti, 19, from Area 16, Ywarma West Ward, Insein Tsp, and arrested him after discovering WY psychotropic tablets in his possession. A case was opened with MaMaSa (Insein) MaYa(Pa) 118/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
25	Information received of Sai Pii from Thatanarpone Village, Thanthe Village-tract, Taunggyi Tsp, Shan State (South), selling illegal drugs.	On 14-9-2018, police searched Sai Pii, 27,'s house in Thatanarpone Village, Thanthe Village-tract, Taunggyi Tsp, and arrested him together with WY psychotropic tablets in his possession. A case was opened with NaMaSa (Shwenyaung) MaYa(Pa) 27/2018 under Section 19-A/20-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
26	Information received of former village chief Pi San from Parkhamlone Village, Tarlay Tsp, Tachilek District, Shan State, selling illegal drugs.	On 13-9-2018, police searched Pi San (a) Aik Sam, 62,'s house in Parkhamlone Village, Tarlay Tsp, and arrested him, Kyaw Win Hlaing, 42, and Ba Myint, 40, from the same village, Kyaw Sein Win, 43, from Okkyin Ward, Tarlay Sub-Tsp, and Nay Lin Oo, 27, from Aunghlaingtin Village, Tarlay Sub-Tsp, together with WY psychotropic tablets, opium blocks and raw opium in their possession. A case was opened with NaMaSa (Tarlay) MaYa(Pa) 2/2018 under Section 16-C/21 of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
27	Information received of U Myint Ko, U Aung Thu Win, and U Zaw Tun from Uyin Village, NgaOe Village-tract, Mabein Tsp, Shan State (North), and U Thet Tun from Pyachaung Village, selling illegal drugs.	On 14-9-2018, police searched U Myint Ko, 27,'s house in Uyin Village, Mabein Tsp, and arrested him together with heroin and WY psychotropic tablets in his possession. A case was opened with MaMaSa (Mabein) MaYa(Pa) 89/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Similarly, police arrested Aung Thu Win, 24, from the same village, together with WY psychotropic tablets in his possession. A case was opened with MaMaSa (Mabein) MaYa(Pa) 90/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Similarly, police arrested Zaw Tun, 36, from the same village, together with heroin in his possession. A case was opened with MaMaSa (Mabein) MaYa(Pa) 91/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. While searching Zaw Tun's house police spotted U Tin Win, 42, in the yard and arrested him after discovering heroin in his backpack. A case was opened with MaMaSa (Mabein) MaYa(Pa) 93/2018 under Section 16-C of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Investigations into related cases led police to stake out near Uyin Village on the Mabein-NgaOe road. Police stopped, searched and arrested Zaw Myo Aung, 36, from Bwet Village, Mabein Tsp, after discovering WY psychotropic tablets in his possession. A case was opened with MaMaSa (Mabein) MaYa(Pa) 94/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Similarly, police searched Thet Tun, 34,'s house in Pyachaung Village, Mabein Tsp, and arrested him with WY psychotropic tablets in his possession. A case was opened with MaMaSa (Mabein) MaYa(Pa) 92/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

3. Out of the information sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, so far 698 reports have been received, 500 cases accomplished, and 271 cases have been opened as of 15-9-2018, with 352 men and 69 women arrested. Police have seized 2,626.97 g of heroin, 16.71 g of ICE, 34,860.85 g of opium, 329 g of low-quality opium, 5,802 g of powder opium, 3,973.99 g of speciosa, 144,411 stimulant tablets, 3,356.74 g of marijuana, 0.10 liters of opium tincture, 217.40 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 1.65 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 10 firearms, 179 different bullets, and 1 grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the ministry will report on further exposed cases.
4. In addition to the investigations and arrests conducted on drug related complaints mentioned above, the Tatmadaw and Myanmar Police Force have also carried out separate investigations on drug complaints, search and arrests at border gates, and searches of vehicles acting upon given information.

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Unnecessary problems, forced protests, secret manipulation prevent repatriation to Myanmar: returnee

By Hein Thu, Min Zaw

ON 4 September, a family of six voluntarily repatriated from Bangladesh to Myanmar and travelled to Taung Pyo Letwe Reception Centre, where officials helped them through the various steps of the repatriation process.

The news team interviewed one of the family members, Marmat Shawret, about his family's ordeals and their current state of affairs.

Q: Why did you leave for Bangladesh in the first place?

A: It was because of the ARSA terrorists' violent attacks on the border police outposts on 25 August 2017. They were armed with sticks, swords and weapons. All the villagers were frightened. I saw them take the administration officer in charge of Ward 1 in Taung Pyo Letwe Town away into the forests to kill him. I heard they were going to capture me next. My family and I didn't want to be killed by the terrorists, so we fled to Bangladesh.

Q: What was the situation like over in the other country?

A: For the first month, we were taking refuge in a village near Chittagong because we wanted to assess the situation and avoid getting killed by the terrorists. Only after that, did we stay in theBalukhali camp. But the terrorists continued terrorizing during our time in the camp as well. I saw a lot of people get killed with my own eyes.

The people in the camp were being terrorized every day. They [the terrorists] knew me when I was in Myanmar, so they were searching for me over on the other side, too. I didn't stay in the camp at night but hid in Bengali villages, and so we were delayed in returning to Myanmar.

Q: What did the Bangladeshi government do during your time in the camp?

A: When we were living as displaced people in Bangladesh, we heard the Myanmar government and Bangladeshi Government signed an MoU concerning the repatriation process.

This made everyone who wanted to return to Myanmar happy. But I didn't see any officials from the Bangladeshi government come to take the names of people who wanted to repatriate. We had to follow the Bangladeshi government's rules and regulations in the camp, as well as the administration of the camp's officials. We received adequate food supplies and assistance, and we stayed in tents. There were some difficulties settling there, especially from the influence of the terrorists. The terrorists were causing problems in Myanmar and in Bangladesh as well.

Q: What difficulties did you face on your way back to Myanmar from Bangladesh?

A: My family could be in danger if the people at the camp discovered we were trying to return to Myanmar. That's why I got into contact with the Taung Pyo Letwe administrator first and only then spoke out about our desire to return to Myanmar, our current difficulties and the fact that the terrorists were searching for us. The Myanmar government understood our situation and accepted my family's repatriation.

Q: Could you tell us about the current situation you're facing now that you're back in Myanmar, and a bit about the security as well.

A: The officials from the Taung Pyo Letwe Reception Centre welcomed us when we reentered Myanmar and helped with the necessities. From the reception centre, we were temporarily transported to Hla Pho Kaung Transit Centre and then to Ward 2 in Maungtaw where we currently reside. Food supplies and settling in have been convenient and security has been provided. Officials regularly contact us and provide us the necessities.

They've also helped my children attend the basic education high school 2 in Maungtaw. I, myself, attended up to 10th grade in Maungtaw. I want my children to be educated too, so that they can tell right from wrong and good from bad. I am very grateful to the officials for putting my children through school.

Q: Is there anything you want to say to the people remaining in the camp in Bangladesh?

A: There are people who want to return to Myanmar, like us. I am in contact with some of them. Our entire village is in the camp. Only my family and I have managed to come back. We've heard that both governments from Myanmar and Bangladesh have signed an MoU for repatriating displaced people but we didn't see anyone coming to the Bangladesh camps register our names for repatriation.

It is the terrorist's primary intention to drive away people from Myanmar to Bangladesh. The reason people like me are trying to remain in Bangladesh is because of the unnecessary problems, forced protests, and secret manipulation that are preventing from returning to Myanmar.

Q: Would you like to say anything else?

A: Since my family and I have returned to Myanmar, we will respect and follow the country's existing laws. We've obeyed the law before and we will continue to do so now. I've decided to operate within the legal framework while living peacefully and safely with my family. ■

Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

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During the previous week, in cooperation with border areas and checkpoints in Shan State, Loilem Tsp, near Hotep Village, police arrested one man and confiscated 450,000 stimulant tablets and 3,000 g of ICE. In Kutkai Tsp, Kutkai-Kaungkhar Road, one man was arrested with 84,000 g of ICE and 1,680,000 g of caffeine. In Nawnghkio Tsp's checkpoint, four men were arrested with 3,432 g of heroin. In Theinni Tsp's checkpoint, two men were arrested with 112,000 g of heroin. In Kengtung Tsp, Kyaingphaung investigation centre, two men were arrested with 14,100 g of opium.

In Kachin state, Lwejel Sub-Tsp, Wankham Village, three men were arrested with 7,840 stimulant tablets.

In Kayin State, Myawady Tsp, four men were arrested with 9,330 stimulant tablets.

In Rakhine State, Yanbye Tsp, two men were arrested with 116 stimulant tablets. In Kyaukpyu Tsp, two men were arrested with 253 stimulant tablets. In Maungtaw Tsp, seven arrests were made. In Pezi Village, one man was arrested with 67 stimulant tablets. In Kyein Chaung checkpoint, three arrests were made of 5 men with a total of 157,250 stimulant tablets and 3 golden items. On Meetike Village's road, a vehicle was stopped and searched and two men were arrested with 55,500 stimulant tablets and one Probox car. In Shwezarale Village, no arrests were made but police confiscated 76,000 stimulant tablets from a house. In MyoU Village, one man was arrested with 600 stimulant tablets and 7 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder.

There have been five cases of arrests involving firearms (in Kyaukme, Hpaan, Mabein, Tachilek, Kengtung Tsps) where ten men and four women were arrested with 12,348 stimulant tablets, 25 g of ICE, 0.1 g of heroin, 1,306.4 g of opium, 0.4 g of ketpone, 1 pistol, 5 bullets, 1 bullet cartridge, 5 homemade firearms, and 1 air gun.

There has been one chasing and shooting case in Lelmee Village, Htigyaing Tsp, Sagaing Region, where police acting on information went to arrest two men. One of them fled and police officers shot him. The man suffered non-lethal injuries and police confiscated 120 stimulant tablets and 3.85 g of heroin.

In Yangon City, Central Post Office, one paper box from abroad was seized containing 9,800 g of ecstasy crystals.

In Patheingyi Tsp, Thamadaw Village, two men were arrested with 290.5 g of ketamine, 1 liter of ketamine tincture, 863 ecstasy tablets, and 9.6 g of marijuana.

There have been 357 cases being opened between 9-9-2018 and 15-9-2018, and 453 men and 71 women have been arrested. Seizures of 12,230.96 g of heroin, 87,199.49 g of ICE, 130,515.5 g of opium, 112.9 g of low-quality opium, 13,080 g of powder opium, 1,027,926 stimulant tablets, 29.7 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 888.7 g of marijuana, 33.23 g of opium blocks, 865 ecstasy tablets, 9,800 ecstasy crystals, 290.53 g of ketamine, 1 liter of ketamine tincture, 1,680,000 g of caffeine, 7 different firearms, 5 bullets, and 1 bullet cartridge.

5. To seize further drugs and to arrest drugs dealers, people are urged to inform the Ministry of Home Affairs, region and state governments and to inform huge cases of drug trafficking and other suspicious cases directly to the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** of the Office of the President through following contact numbers:

Contacts Auto telephone No.: 067-590200
Fax Phone No.: 067-590233
Email Address: antinarcotics@presidentoffice.gov.mm

Second Amyotha Hluttaw's ninth regular session concludes

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After the discussion, Amyotha Hluttaw Government Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee Chairman U Thein Swe tabled a motion for the Hluttaw to accept and approve the committee report on motions and questions submitted at Second Amyotha Hluttaw's eighth regular session and the Hluttaw accepted and approved the report.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker summarizes Second Amyotha Hluttaw's ninth regular session

Following this, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker summarized Second Amyotha Hluttaw's ninth regular session held from 23 July to 18 September 2018.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker said 87 asterisk-marked questions and 154 non-asterisk-marked questions were raised by Hluttaw representatives for the benefit of the people and members of union level organisations replied to the questions verbally and in writing in the Hluttaw.

Of the motions tabled, a motion by U Myo Win of Mon State constituency 8 urging the Union Government to quickly address the issue of unlawful forming and selling of gardens which contribute to the rapid decrease in agricultural lands and the potential loss of useable land left behind in urban and rural areas as a result of corrupted practices in the relevant administration committee, municipal, committee and farmland management committee, was discussed by Hluttaw representatives, discussed and explained by members of union level organisations and approved.

Motions on Major Bridge bill and Boundary Measurement and Demarcation Bill were tabled to the Hluttaw for discussion, Bill Committee reports read and submitted, Hluttaw representatives debated the bills, Hluttaw approved the bills and sent it to the Pyithu Hluttaw. A bill to amend the Myanmar Accountancy Council Law-tabled at Amyotha Hluttaw's eighth regular session, was approved as amended by the Bill Committee and sent to Pyithu Hluttaw.

Of the bills discussed, approved and sent to Pyithu Hluttaw, bill amending the Vacant, Fallow and Virgin Land Management Law (2017) was returned from Pyithu Hluttaw with amendments.

As the two Hluttaws were in disagreement on this bill, it was sent to Pyidaungsu Hluttaw for discussion. The bill was signed by the President as a law and was enacted as 2018 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law 24.

Myanmar Travel Bill sent with amendments by Pyithu Hluttaw was approved by Amyotha Hluttaw as amended. The bill was signed by the President as a law and was enacted as 2018 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law 26.

Hluttaw was informed about the receipt of 2017 Myanmar Gemstone Bill, Literature and Art Copyright Bill and second amendment bill to the Settlement of Labour Dispute Law sent by Pyithu Hluttaw, and Hluttaw representatives were asked to enroll their names to discuss the bills.

Of the bills discussed, approved and sent to Amyotha Hluttaw by Pyithu Hluttaw, the Second Bill amending the Myanma Pearl Law and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Bill were included.

Of the bills discussed, approved and sent to Amyotha Hluttaw by Pyithu Hluttaw, reports of Bill Committee were read and submitted, Hluttaw representatives discussed, decided, approved with amendments the Second Bill amending the Myanma Pearl Law and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Bill and returned to Pyithu Hluttaw.

A report on second amendment bill of Protection of the Farmers' Rights and Enhancement of their Benefits Law debated in Second Amyotha Hluttaw's eighth regular session was reread, decided, approved with amendment and sent to Pyithu Hluttaw.

Bill Committee reports on Theravada Buddhist Missionary University Bill and Traditional Medical Council Bill were read and submitted to Second Amyotha Hluttaw's eighth regular session and Hluttaw representatives who wanted to discuss the bill were asked to register their names. In this session, Hluttaw representatives discussed, decided, approved with amendments and sent to Pyithu Hluttaw.

Of the bills submitted by Hluttaw representatives, Amyotha Hluttaw bill committee report on 2017 Land Confiscation Bill tabled by U Ba Myo Thein of Yangon Region constituency 5, who is also Chairperson of the Committee for Farmers' Affairs was discussed, decided, approved with amendments by Hluttaw representatives and sent to Pyithu Hluttaw.

A second amendment bill of the Penal Code was tabled by U Aung Thein of Bago Region constituency 12, bill committee report read and discussed by Hluttaw representatives and discussions were sent to the bill committee.

U Soe Moe of Ayeyawady Region constituency 1 tabled a bill amending the Bar Council Act, bill committee report read and Hluttaw representatives who wanted to discuss the bill were asked to register their names.

With regards to rules, Myanmar Mine Rules sent with amendments by Pyithu Hluttaw was discussed, decided, approved with amendment and returned to Pyithu Hluttaw.

On reports, Amyotha Hluttaw Government Guarantees, Pledges and Undertakings Vetting Committee report on motions and questions submitted at Second Amyotha Hluttaw's eighth regular session was read and submitted to the Hluttaw and Hluttaw representatives discussed and suggested on the report, and the Hluttaw approved the report.

While the Hluttaw was in session, Amyotha Hluttaw committees conducted a total of 118 committee meetings while research, public and international relations department had published 3 short papers, responded to 86 matters raised by 73 Hluttaw representatives, with only 15 matters left to be responded.

After wishing the Hluttaw representatives a pleasant journey back to their constituencies and to serve their constituents, people, region and the country increasingly, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker announced the successful conclusion of Second Amyotha Hluttaw's ninth regular session. ■

29th NEAT Coordinators Meeting held

THE Opening Ceremony of the 29th NEAT Coordinators Meeting, jointly organized by the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies (Myanmar ISIS), Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and NEAT China, was held on the morning of 17 September at the Melia Hotel, Yangon.

The ceremony commenced at 9 am with a welcome address by U Nyunt Maung Shein, Chairman of the Myanmar Institute of Strategic and International Studies.

The meeting was attended by the NEAT Country Coordinators from ASEAN and Plus Three (APT) countries, and members of Myanmar ISIS.

The meeting was conducted in seven sessions, namely, session 1: Report of the 28th NEAT CCM, session 2: Report on Mapping EAEC Blueprint 2030: for an Open and Innovative East Asia, session 3: Report on East Asian Socio-Cultural Connectivity, session 4: Report on Enhancing the East Asia Food Security Mechanisms: APTERR's contribution to Food Security and Disaster Prevention, session 5: Report on Mainstreaming Disability in East Asia Economic Community: Breaking Barriers and Creating Inclusive Society through Mutual Collaboration, session 6: Discussion and Adoption of NEAT Memorandum No.15 for submission to SOM(ASEAN), session 7: NEAT CCM and Annual Conference in 2019 and other matters. —GNLM

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Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm to Claim's Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the Vessel.

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22 out of 42 Hpa-an jail breakers caught

FORTY-TWO convicts escaped from Hpa-an prison in Kayin State on the morning of 16 September, but 22 had been re-arrested by 5 am on 18 September, according to Kayin State Police Station. "Out of the 42 convicts who escaped, a total of 22 have been already re-arrested; 13 on 16 September, eight on 17 September and one on 18 September," said a police officer from the police station.

Twenty convicts still remain at large, and local Tatmadaw personnel, Myanmar Police Force, Border Guard forces and associate forces are jointly searching the area in cooperation with local authorities and residents. To enable local residents to identify the escaped convicts and to inform the authorities, the Police Force is sharing the photos and particulars of the escaped convicts on social media and Facebook page of Kayin State Police Force. Police are taking legal action against the 42 convicts who escaped from Hpa-An prison in Kayin State under the Penal Code and Public Property Protection Act.

At the moment, three special investigative teams, with each team led by a police officer, have started investigating the re-arrested jail breakers on 18 September to file charges. — Min Thu (Hpa-an) ■

Parcel containing ecstasy leads to charges against woman in Yangon

POLICE have charged a woman in connection with a parcel sent from Germany, containing about 9.8 kilos of ecstasy, on 13 September, according to the Myanmar Police Force.

The General Post Office in Yangon informed the police that they discovered crystals in a parcel sent from Germany at about 3.30 pm, and the police arrested Daw Khin Thida who came to the office to accept the delivery of the parcel.

In connection with the case, the police searched the apartment of Daw Aye Thidar Tun and Myint Aung (a) Tar Kaw in Kyimyidine Township at 10.45 pm on 14 September and discovered about 10 g of suspected drug powder, two blenders, one grinding machine and other related items, police said.

Similarly, Tatmadaw troops in Kutkai, Shan State, discovered buried chemicals used for making drugs on 16 Setpember.

The seizures include ethyl ether weighing 2,520 liters, acetone weighing 1040 liters, and 400 litres of hydrochloric acid in four containers.— MNA ■

Daw Aye Thidar Tun is seen together with seizure found from the parcel and from her apartment.
PHOTO: MYANMAR POLICE FORCE

Public Announcement

THE Ministry of Commerce issued Notification No. 46/2018 yesterday which concerns the banning of multi-level marketing and its practices. The notification from the ministry carries the authority from Notification No. 94/2018 issued by the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on 31 August 2018.

This notification takes effect from the date of issue. Any operation concerning the banned multi-level marketing found will be charged with Section 5 of The Essential Supplies and Services Law. —Ministry of Commerce

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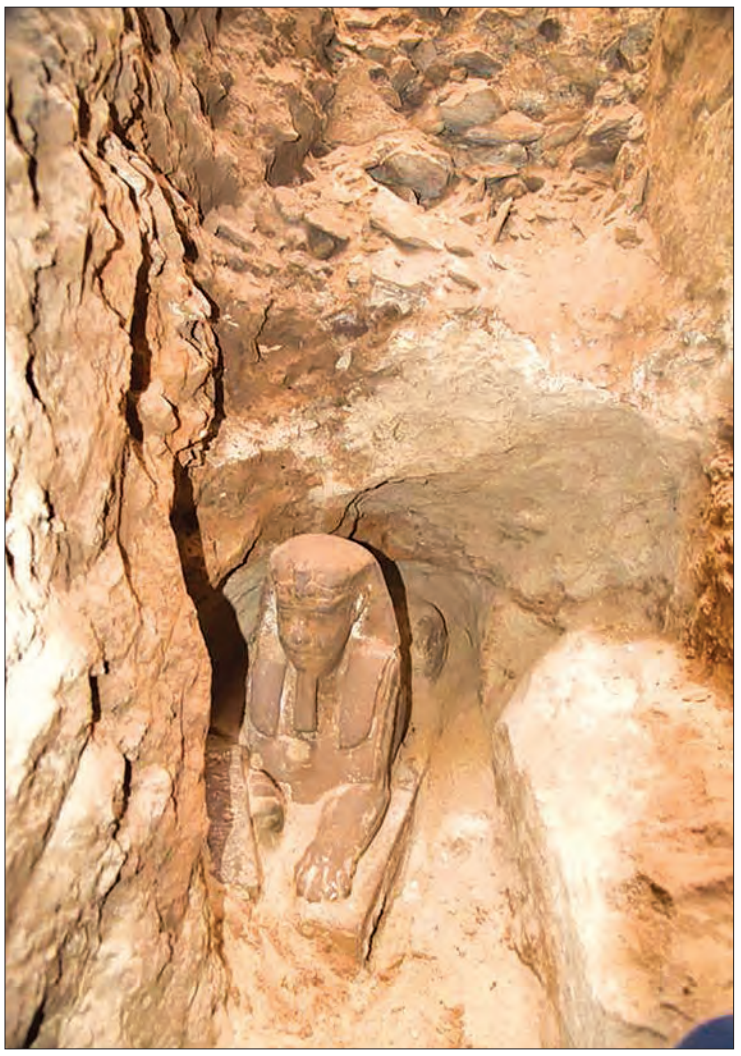
Egypt unearths sandstone Sphinx statue in Aswan



This undated photo shows a statue of Sphinx in the Temple of Kom Ombo in Aswan, Egypt. Egyptian Ministry of Antiquities said on Sunday an ancient sphinx statue was found in the Temple of Kom Ombo in Aswan, Egypt. **PHOTO: (XINHUA)**

CAIRO — Egypt's antiquities ministry said on Sunday that it has uncovered a sandstone Sphinx statue during an excavation at the Kom Ombo Temple in Upper Egypt's province of Aswan.

This unexpected discovery was made by an Egyptian archaeological mission in its excavation to reduce the ground water level, Mustafa Waziri, general secretary of the Supreme Council of Antiquities, said in a statement.

The statue dates to the Ptolemaic era as it was found on the southeastern side of the temple, where two sandstone reliefs of King Ptolemy V were digged out two months ago.

Meanwhile, Abdel Moneim Saeed, general director of the Aswan and Nubia antiquities council, said the mission will conduct more archaeological studies on the Sphinx statue for more information on its history and the king who owned it.

Egypt, one of the world's most ancient civilizations, has been working hard to preserve its archaeological heritage and discover the secrets of its antiquities in a bid to revive the country's ailing tourism sector.

The Egyptian tourism suffered an acute recession in the past few years because of political turmoil and relevant security issues. —Xinhua ■

Jean-Charles Massabuau observing oysters attached to electrodes in a specially built tank at his lab in Arcachon, southwest France. **PHOTO: AFP**

Researchers turn to oysters as pollution-tracking sentinels

ARCACHON (France) — French researchers hoping to get an early warning on pollution in the ocean have found an unlikely ally in a mollusc more often destined for the dinner table.

Their findings reveal that much like canaries in a coal mine, oysters stationed near offshore oil platforms can detect minute amounts of hydrocarbons as each one constantly filters dozens of gallons of water every day.

That could alert scientists to tiny infrastructure cracks before they become catastrophic oil spills that threaten wildlife and coastal communities.

Attached to rocks or other supports, oysters are ideal for nearly real-time analysis because "they have nothing to do except notice the surrounding noises and temperature and light variations," said Jean-Charles Massabuau, a researcher at France's CNRS scientific institute.

Working with the University of Bordeaux, he has been developing processes for measuring an oyster's reactions to exposure to oil and natural gas in the water since 2011 alongside biologists, mathematicians and computer specialists.

The bivalve "is perfectly made for sampling the quality of the water it filters all day long" as it reacts almost instantly to the slightest amount of oil, Massabuau said. —AFP ■

Japanese billionaire businessman revealed as SpaceX's first Moon traveler

HAWTHORNE — A Japanese billionaire and online fashion tycoon, Yusaku Maezawa, will be the first man to fly on a monster SpaceX rocket around the Moon as early as 2023, and he plans to bring six to eight artists along.

Maezawa, 42, will be the first lunar traveler since the last US Apollo mission in 1972. He paid an unspecified amount of money for the privilege.

"Ever since I was a kid, I have loved the Moon," Maezawa said at SpaceX headquarters and rocket factory in Hawthorne, California, in the middle of metropolitan Los Angeles, late Monday.

"This is my lifelong dream."

Maezawa is chief executive of Japan's largest online fashion mall, and is the 18th richest person in Japan with a fortune of $3 billion, according to the business magazine Forbes.

Maezawa's other hobby is amassing valuable works of modern art and last year, he announced the acquisition of a Jean-Michel Basquiat masterpiece worth $110.5 million.

His love of art led him to decide to invite artists to come along, he said.

"I would like to invite six to eight artists from around the world to join me on this mission to the Moon," Maezawa said.

"They will be asked to create something after they return to Earth. These masterpieces will inspire the dreamer within all of us."

Maezawa said he planned to pick "artists I love" to go along, but gave no further specifics.

Until now, Americans are the only ones who have left Earth's orbit. A total of 24 NASA astronauts — all white men — voyaged to the Moon during the Apollo era of the 1960s and '70s. Twelve walked on the lunar surface.

The first space tourist was Dennis Tito, an American businessman who in 2001 paid some $20 million to fly on a Russian spaceship to the International Space Station.

Free for artists

SpaceX CEO Elon Musk described Maezawa as the "bravest" and "best adventurer."

"He stepped forward," Musk added. "We are honored that he chose us."

Musk said he would not reveal the price Maezawa paid for the Moon trip, but said it would be "free for the artists."

"This is dangerous, to be clear. This is no walk in the park," Musk cautioned.

"When you are pushing the frontier, it is not a sure thing. There is a chance something could go wrong."

Japanese billionaire Yusaku Maezawa will be the first private passenger to fly around the Moon aboard the SpaceX BFR rocket. **PHOTO: AFP**

Still, when asked by reporters if Musk would be a passenger, he left the door open to the possibility.

"As far as me going, I'm not sure. He did suggest like maybe that I would join on this trip. I don't know," Musk said.

"Yeah, yeah, yeah," said Maezawa. "All right. Maybe we will both be on it," Musk said to cheers and applause.

The ride will take place aboard a Big Falcon Rocket (BFR), which may not be ready for human flight for five years at least, Musk said.

The BFR was first announced in 2016, and was touted as the most powerful rocket in history, even more potent than the Saturn V Moon rocket that launched the Apollo missions five decades ago.

Last year, Musk said the BFR's admittedly "ambitious" goal was to make a test flight to Mars in 2022, followed by a crewed flight to the Red Planet in 2024. —AFP ■

S Korean leader and North's Kim hold summit talks

SEOUL, (South Korea) — South Korea's president and the North's leader Kim Jong Un drove together through the streets of Pyongyang Tuesday past thousands of cheering citizens before opening a summit where Moon Jae-in will seek to reboot stalled denuclearisation talks between his hosts and the United States.

Kim and Moon embraced at Pyongyang's international airport -- where the North Korean leader had supervised missile launches last year as tensions mounted.

The North's unique brand of choreographed mass adulation was on full display as hundreds of people waved North Korean flags and another depicting an undivided peninsula -- while the South's own emblem was only visible on Moon's Boeing 747 aircraft.

Thousands of people, holding bouquets and chanting in unison "Reunification of the country!", lined the streets as Kim and Moon rode through the city in an open-topped vehicle, passing the Kumsusan Palace where Kim's predecessors -- his father and grandfather -- lie in state.

"I am acutely aware of the weight that we bear," Moon told Kim as they opened two hours of formal talks at the headquarters of the ruling Workers' Party, adding that he felt a "heavy responsibility".

South Korean President Moon Jae-in (2nd r) is welcomed by North Korean citizens as North Korean leader Kim Jong Un (r) looks on during a welcoming ceremony at Pyongyang airport on 18 September, 2018. **PHOTO: AFP**

At a banquet after the first day of the summit, Moon said the "complete denuclearisation of the Korean Peninsula and the establishment of peace" were priorities.

The South Korean leader said there would be challenges ahead but that he and Kim had "trust and friendship".

Kim hailed his relationship with Moon, and said the pair would discuss "various issues ... in a frank and open-minded manner".

The North Korean leader declared his backing for the denuclearisation of the peninsula at his Singapore summit with US President Donald Trump in June.

But no details were agreed and Washington and Pyongyang have since sparred over what that means and how it will be achieved.

The US is pressing for the North's "final, fully verified denuclearisation", while Pyongyang wants a formal declaration that the 1950-53 Korean War is over and has condemned "gangster-like" demands for it to give up its weapons unilaterally.

A commentary in the Rodong Sinmun, the mouthpiece of the North's ruling party, repeated the criticism Tuesday, saying Washington was "totally to blame" for the deadlock. "The US is stubbornly insisting on the theory of 'dismantlement of nukes first'," it added.

Moon will hold another round of formal talks with Kim on Wednesday, as he urges the North Korean leader to make substantive steps towards disarmament that he can present to Trump.

Moon is due to meet Trump later this month on the sidelines of the UN General Assembly in New York.

"I wish this will be a summit that produces abundant results as a gift to the 80 million people of this nation for Chuseok," Moon said, referring to Monday's traditional holiday.

'Rosy headlines'

The dovish South Korean president is looking to tie the inter-Korean process and the US-Northern talks closer together to reduce the threat of a devastating conflict on the peninsula.

At the same time Kim will look to secure closer inter-Korean co-operation as Seoul and Washington move at increasingly different speeds in their approaches to Pyongyang.

Analysts played down expectations.

The meeting "will probably generate rosy headlines but do little to accelerate efforts to denuclearise North Korea", Eurasia Group said in a note.

Kim would focus on "areas that promise economic benefits for the North", it added.

"Progressives inside and outside Moon's government will have strong incentives to inflate the summit's accomplishments, initially obscuring what will likely be a lack of major deliverables."

There have been many previous rounds of negotiations with the North, but deals have subsequently fallen apart -- Wednesday will mark 13 years to the day since Pyongyang agreed to abandon all of its nuclear weapons and return to the Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty.

It has since carried out six nuclear tests and launched intercontinental ballistic missiles capable of reaching anywhere on the US mainland.— AFP ■

WESG, HOG e-Sports Center hold Myanmar's first-ever team/contestants selection competition

ELECTRONIC-Sports, introduced by students at Stanford University, US, in 1972, have progressed with momentum among massive youths. With the rapid development of Information and Communication Technology (ICT), e-Sports Federations are being established in IT- advanced countries to hold electronic sports competitions using intellectual ICT skills. International federations for electronic sports exist in many countries.

Myanmar has now been approved to be a member of International e-Sports Federation (IeSF) and Myanmar e-Sports Federation (MeSF) is putting up its utmost effort to help Myanmar youths participate in the world-level competitions, concerning with e-Sports. Asian countries like South Korea, Singapore, Japan, Malaysia, Vietnam and China are top countries where the subject of e-Sports is taught up to the university level.

World Electronic Sports Game (WESG) and HOG e-Sports Center have collaborated in holding Myanmar's first-ever Team/Contestants Selection Competition in the annual WESG SEA 2018, in which Myanmar will be represented. HOG e-Sports Center, a Platinum Medal recipient, is the only and first-ever entrepreneurial e-Sports Center, and it was established by students from the Institute of Medicine 1, Yangon University for Foreign Languages and former students who completed their academic studies in the US and Thailand. It is an enterprise that pays taxes to the State.

Press conference regarding Mobile Legends: Professional League (MPL) being held at the HOG e-Sports Center.

For WESG SEA 2018 Finals, competition for the teams/contestants selection that will represent Myanmar, was held from August 14 to 16 at the HOG e-Sports Center, Yangon.

Moreover, in order to produce IT-advanced e-Sports pursuing Myanmar youths, HOG Masters 2018 Grand Final Competition was grandly held and awards granted at the HOG e-Sports Center, through the sponsorship of Ooredoo, on July 1.

The most popular e-Sports, Mobile Legends, owner of bang bang-Moonton and HOG e-Sports held a press conference regarding Mobile Legends: Professional League (MPL) that will offer a prize of over US$30,000 at the HOG e-Sports Center. The event was attended and briefed by Mr. Lius from Moonton Company and HOG Founder and CEO Mr. Kaung Htet San. — GNLM ■