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## Challenges, development in Rakhine discussed

State Counsellor holds talks with Advisory Board of Committee for Implementation of Recommendations on Rakhine State



Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meeting with Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai, Chairman of the Advisory Board of Committee for Implementation of Recommendations on Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

STATE COUNSELLOR and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai, Chairman of the Advisory Board of the Committee for Implementation of Recommendations on Rakhine State, and its members at the

Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw, at 11 a.m. on 2 April. Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai was accompanied by Advisory Board members Urban Ahlin, U Win Mra, U Tun Myat, U Khin Maung Lay, U Hla Myint and Dr. Khin Nyo.

During the meeting, the Chairman explained about the activities and the work plan of the Advisory Board. They exchanged views on matters related to the implementation of the preliminary recommendations of the Advisory Board, the

ways and means to address the challenges and development in Rakhine State.

This was the second meeting between the State Counsellor and the Advisory Board since its inception.

Also present at the meeting

were Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government U Thaung Tun, Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye, and Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin. — Myanmar News Agency ■

## Race-oriented political dialogue to be held in Mon State

A COORDINATION meeting to hold race-oriented political dialogues at the national level in Mon State, by New Mon State Party (NMSP) was held in the Mon State government office in Mawlamyine, yesterday.

The meeting was attended by National Reconciliation and Peace Centre (NRPC) Vice Chairman and Union Minister for the Office of the State Coun-

sellor U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Peace Commission Chairman Dr. Tin Myo Win, Mon State Chief Minister Dr. Aye Zan, state ministers, Peace Commission Vice Chairman U Thein Zaw, Secretary Lt-Gen (Retd.) Khin Zaw Oo, Ministry of State Counsellor's Office Director-General U Zaw Htay, Peace Commission advisor U Hla Maung Shwe and support

group member U Kyaw Lin Oo, Union Peace Dialogue Joint Committee (UPDJC) Ethnic Armed Organization (EAO) Group representative U Khun Myint Htun, UPDJC Political Party Group Vice Chairman U Thu Wai, members of political dialogues supervision committee at the national level for Mon State, Naing Aung Ma Ngae from NMSP, and NMSP

members.

At the meeting, Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe said State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi had sent them, as she had a keen interest in Mon State's national-level political dialogue.

On their part, they were present with due respect to the people of Mon State and NMSP. NMSP has agreed in the

14<sup>th</sup> UPDJC meeting to hold national-level political dialogues in Ye Township, and a supervision committee was formed to successfully hold the national-level political dialogues.

The NMSP will have the opportunity to reveal the wishes of the Mon State nationals, said the Union Minister.

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NRPC Vice Chairman U Kyaw Tint Swe attends the coordination meeting to hold race-oriented political dialogues at the national level in Mawlamyine, Mon State yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Race-oriented political dialogue to be held in Mon State

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The Union Minister maintained that the outcomes and proposals made during this national-level political dialogue would be discussed and confirmed at the Union Peace Conference—21<sup>st</sup> Century Panglong third session, which was agreed at the 7<sup>th</sup> Joint Implementation and Coordination Meeting (JICM) to be held in Nay Pyi Taw by the end of April or early May. The UPDJC meeting had designated five main topics to be discussed at the Union Peace Conference—21<sup>st</sup> Century Panglong third session, namely, politics, economics, social environment, security, and land and environmental policy. Matters that were not submitted in the Union Peace Conference—21<sup>st</sup> Century Panglong

second session were agreed to be discussed as priority matters in this session. The aim was to ensure NMSP's race-oriented political dialogue at the national level in Mon State was successful, as it has signed the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA). It was the responsibility of the government to assist the NMSP in holding this dialogue, as it had signed the NCA with full trust and understanding. If there were additional requirements, the NRPC would coordinate and provide assistance, said the Union Minister.

At the meeting, Union Peace Commission Secretary Lt-Gen (retired) Khin Zaw Oo explained the ToR and SOPs related to the national-level political dialogue; UPDJC EAO Group representative U Khun

Myint Htun discussed achieving good outcomes from the Mon national-level political dialogue through an open and frank discussion, and UPDJC political party group representative U Thu Wai suggested working with a single mind and body to uphold the national-level political dialogue.

Also, NMSP Secretary General Nai Aung Min explained the arrangements made to successfully hold the race-oriented political dialogues at the national level, while Mon State Chief Minister Dr. Aye Zan commented on providing the necessary support and assistance. A member of the supervision committee for political dialogue at the national level for Mon State explained the follow-up works of the committee. — State IPRD ■

Myanmar Gazette

## Heads of Service Organizations confirmed and appointed

1. The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed Professor Dr Khin Zaw, University of Medicine, Magway under the Ministry of Health and Sports as Rector of the same department on the expiry of one-year probationary period from the date he assumes charge of his duties.
2. The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has appointed the following persons as Heads of Service Organizations shown against each of their names on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(1) U Khin Maung Oo Head of Office (Deputy Director-General) Union Election Commission Chairman's Office Union Election Commission	Director-General Office of the Union Election Commission Union Election Commission
(2) U Thet Oo Deputy Director-General Survey Department Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation	Director-General Survey Department Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation

## Union Supreme Court sits to pass judgment, hear civil cases

CHIEF Justice of the Union U Htun Htun Oo, and Supreme Court judges U Mya Thein and U Myo Tint of the special appellate bench sat in Union Supreme Court room number 1 yesterday morning and passed judgment on three (Certiorari) civil cases and heard five other (Certiorari) civil cases. — Myanmar News Agency ■

# Establishment of movie studio, film school mulled

A coordination meeting on arrangements to establish a movie studio and skills training school for the development of the Myanmar motion picture sector was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

In his opening remarks, Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint urged all to discuss what would be necessary together to establish a movie studio and training school.

Myanma Radio and Television Director General U Myint Htway suggested requirements for establishing a movie studio and training school.

Information and Public Relations Department Director General U Ye Naing explained the status of upgrading, maintaining and follow-up works on



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint delivers the speech at the meeting to establish a movie studio and skill training in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

the Studio (1) building in the Myanmar Motion Picture Organisation at No. 50, Golden Valley Road in Bahan Township, Yangon. The Director General also explained follow-up works on Studio (2) and outdoor settings in the compound, movie-related

training courses conducted in cooperation with local and foreign entities as well as private persons, arrangements made to conduct more such training courses and the status of government and private local movie training schools.

Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Ohn Muang, Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Aung Myint Tun, Ministry of Religious Affairs and Cultures Permanent Secretary U Htun Ohn and officials of the Ministry of Construction then discussed

the status of support and assistance to establish a movie studio and training school.

Meeting attendees also provided discussion and suggestions in connection with their respective sectors.

In his concluding speech, Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint announced another meeting with experts from the motion picture sector as well as inviting others who ought to participate for the establishment of a movie studio and training school in Nay Pyi Taw.

Present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun, Permanent Secretary, directors general, managing directors, deputy permanent secretary and officials from related ministerial departments. — Myanmar News Agency ■



“ We have much to carry on fulfilling the hopes and needs of the people of the country. We must press on until our citizens have their dignity raised and our country can retain its former glory on the global stage.

(Excerpt from the speech by President U Win Myint at the ceremony to take oath of office at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30 March 2018)

“ Collective strength is vital to build peace and stability which we need. We need to have mutual understanding and mutual respect as the basic foundation to bring to an end the armed conflicts which have existed for many years among the ethnic nationalities. We can make this foundation strong with our collective strength.

(Excerpt from the speech by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of NLD Government on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018)

## Vice President U Myint Swe attends 16<sup>th</sup> regular meeting with Myanmar entrepreneurs

THE 16<sup>th</sup> regular meeting of the Private Sector Development Committee (PSDC) and Myanmar entrepreneurs was held at the meeting hall of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) in Lanmadaw Township, Yangon, yesterday morning. Vice President U Myint Swe, Chairman of PSDC, attended the meeting and delivered a speech.

Present at the meeting were PSDC Vice Chairman and Union Minister for Commerce Dr. Than Myint, Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Kyaw Win, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, deputy ministers U Aung Htoo and U Win Maw Tun, Yangon Region ministers, officials from the five work committees, the UMFCCI president and members, permanent secretaries and directors-general, and the chairmen and secretaries of the Myanmar Rice Federation, Myanmar Sugar and Sugar Related Products Merchants and Manufacturers Association, Yangon Region Commodity Exchange, Myanmar Fisheries Federation and Myanmar Seafarer Employment Services Federation.

In his speech, U Myint Swe said the day's meeting was the 16<sup>th</sup> between the PSDC and Myanmar entrepreneurs. The PSDC was formed with 20 members on 24 October 2016 and has five main components that are being successfully implemented by its five work committees.

The meetings between PSDC and Myanmar entrepreneurs started in December 2016 and the 15<sup>th</sup> meeting



Vice President U Myint Swe addresses the assembled Myanmar entrepreneurs at the 16<sup>th</sup> regular meeting for private sector development at UMFCCI in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

was held in March 2018. Some 230 difficulties faced by the businesses were raised at the meeting. All were answered by the relevant ministries, states/regions governments and the five work committees, through the UMFCCI.

If the responses are thought to be inadequate, arrangements are made for the matter to be raised with one of the committee's relevant ministries, the Ministry of Commerce, through the UMFCCI, and with the arrangement of the committee, the businesses that raise the matter can resolve the matter directly with the relevant ministries under a private-public dialogue programme.

The government has established and is implementing a 12-point economic policy for the development of the country's economy. It is trying its best to overcome the difficulties

faced by the businesses. As of 20 March of the 2017-2018 fiscal year (FY), the total foreign investment was US\$6.1 billion, exceeding the 2017-2018 FY target of \$6 billion. Job opportunities were created through this foreign investment.

Looking at the status of foreign trade, as of 23 March of the 2017-2018 FY, the trade value was more than \$32.5 billion, which was \$4.3 billion more than the value achieved in the same period last FY. Of this, \$26.6 billion was from the private sector, with its participation in the trade volume amounting to 82 per cent.

In the export sector, a record value of more than \$14 billion was reached through the export of rice, cereal, raw rubber and garments. Some 3.52 million tonnes of rice were exported.

The difficulties and losses faced by the pulses and bean

farmers because of India's import restrictions are being resolved through diplomatic channels and coordination at the ministry level. Farmers are advised to select and grow crops that are economically beneficial.

The company registration fee has been reduced from Ks1 million to Ks500,000 from June 2016. Starting 1 April 2018, it has been further reduced to Ks250,000.

Arrangements are also being made to enable company registration procedures to be conducted online round-the-clock. This is part of the 10 indexes in the Ease of Doing Business Report under the index "Starting a Business".

As union ministers, deputy ministers and officials were in attendance, the five organisations that attended the meeting were urged to openly discuss and submit the difficul-

ties faced, said the Vice President.

Next, Dr. Than Myint explained the implementation status of the Ministry of Commerce in the export/import and investment sectors.

Later, Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Kyaw Win explained the strengthening of the financial market, reduction of waste in budget, strengthening of the private banking sector, the small and medium enterprise development policies during the two-year period, as well as the on-going works on developing the tax, investment, agriculture and livestock sectors.

Following this, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein explained the status of increasing the flow of commodity and foreign investment, and the works conducted for the development of agriculture, fish and other livestock sectors.

Later, UMFCCI President U Zaw Min Win explained the status of sector-wise works conducted for the development of the private sector.

The Vice President, union ministers, the Yangon Region Chief Minister and officials then coordinated on the discussions and matters raised by the officials of the Myanmar Rice Federation, Myanmar Sugar and Sugar Related Products Merchants and Manufacturers Association, Yangon Region Commodity Exchange, Myanmar Fisheries Federation and Myanmar Seafarer Employment Services Federation.

The meeting came to a close after the Vice President delivered a closing speech. — Myanmar News Agency ■



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## Visitor arrivals to Kyaiktiyo Pagoda increase in five months

DOMESTIC and foreign visitors to Kyaiktiyo Pagoda, a well-known Buddhist pilgrimage site in Kyeikto Town, Mon State, have increased significantly in the past five months, according to a report in Myawady Daily.

U Soe Naung Oo, a member of the Pagoda Board of Trustees, said the number of domestic visitors to the pagoda went up by almost 200,000 between last October and this February, while international visitors increased by some 8,000, compared with the same period last fiscal year.

From 5 October last year



Kyaiktiyo pagoda is seen precariously located on a stone. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

through February this year, the Kyaiktiyo Pagoda hosted some 1.7 million local visitors, as well as 70,000 foreign travellers. The majority of tourists were from Thailand.

After being officially opened in December last year, the first-ever cable car service provides easy access to the Kyaiktiyo Pagoda. Thanks to the new service, visitors to the pagoda

increased slightly this season. The Pagoda Board of Trustees expects the number of pilgrims to the pagoda to increase this year due to better transport. —GNLM ■

## Two burglars still at large after armed robbery at Myitkyina jewelry shop

A jewelry shop owner in Kachin State's Myitkyina was robbed and attacked by armed men on 1 April morning. U Kyaw Tun, 40 years of age and the owner of a jewelry shop named "Kyaw Myanmar" in Myoma Ward, Myitkyina was threatened and locked in a restroom by two masked men while he was entering his shop. The two unidentified men then took different kinds of jewelry weighing a total of around three viss and Ks. 20 million and stabbed the jewelry shop owner with

a knife. The two men fled from the scene of the crime by driving a vehicle owned by the jewelry shop owner who is now receiving medical treatment at a public hospital in Myitkyina. The vehicle was found near a test driving ground in Cita-pu Ward in Myitkyina in the afternoon.

Local police launched an investigation into the case in order to arrest the two robbers, according to the Ministry of Home Affairs.—Myanmar Digital News

## Peace group collected more than 20,000 signatures for peace

MEMBERS of the Wheelchair Train for Peace have now collected more than 20,000 signatures for a petition for peace during their trip between Kawthoung and Mawlamyine, said U Thein Lwin, general secretary of the Myanmar Christian Fellowship of the Blind.

The group which includes 10 disabled people and 10 blind people left Kawthoung on 18 March and arrived at Hpa-An in Kayin State on Manday the group travelled about 600 miles by wheelchair. Occasionally the group would have to stop to repair something on their wheelchairs; these minor setbacks did not deter their ambition to continue their travels.

"Tomorrow we depart to Myawady after setting up a sign-

board in Kawkareik. The rest of our itinerary after Myawady is Hpa-An, Thaton, Kyaikto, Bago and Yangon," said Maung Wuntha, an organizer of the peace group.

The peace group has scheduled to travel 850 miles from the southern city of Kawthoung in Thaninthayi Region to Yangon. The itinerary of the group includes 21 towns they plan to stop in.

Their final destination is in front of the Yangon City Hall on 8 April. They have also been collecting local people's comments and opinions as well as setting up signboards during their trip. The petition signatures will be submitted for Union Peace Conference —21<sup>st</sup> Century Panglon, third session.—Myanmar Digital News ■

## Man arrested for drug trafficking in Mohnyin, Kachin State

THE township police arrested a man in connection with a drug trafficking case in Mohnyin Township in Kachin State on 1 April, the police reported.

The man was identified as Han Lin, alias Phoe Pu, 27.

After receiving a tip, members of the anti-drug squad conducted a surprise raid at Phoe Pu's home in Phayagon Ward in Hsemile Village around 9 a.m. on that day.

The police seized opium powder weighing nine grams and 140 yaba pills from his bedroom. The police have confiscated the drugs, which have an estimated value of more than Ks1 million.

The police have filed charges against three persons under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Further investigations are being conducted by the police to arrest others involved in the case.—GNLM ■



Man in Mohnyin Town arrested for possessing illegal drugs.

**PHOTO: GNLM**





A farmer walks past the harvester in a paddy field in Kangyidauk, Ayeyawady. PHOTO - PHOE KHWAR

## Agricultural exports up by \$171 million

THE export of agricultural products before the end of this fiscal year (FY) increased by US\$171 million, compared with the same period last FY, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

The export of agricultural products last FY reached \$2.758 billion, but the export of the same products this FY, from last April to 23 March of this year, increased to \$2.929 billion, the vast majority being exported by the private sector.

Among the seven export categories, the trade value of only the forestry sector decreased. The overall exports were valued at \$13.848 billion, an increase of \$2.49 billion, as against last year.

According to official figures, the country exported animal products worth \$51.091 million, marine products worth more than \$666.995 million, mineral products worth \$1.701 billion, manufactured goods worth \$6.297 billion,

forest products worth \$201 million, and miscellaneous products worth more than \$2 billion.

As part of its plan to promote the country's economy, the government is making sustained efforts to raise the exports in each sector. Myanmar conducts trade with ASEAN member states, East Asian countries, some European nations and African states, mainly via sea. —Shwe Khine ■

## Myanmar to take part in 23<sup>rd</sup> China International Nutrient and Health Industry Expo

MYANMAR companies will take part in the 23<sup>rd</sup> China International Nutrient and Health Industry Expo, an influential medical industry brand event, to be held in Beijing this month, according to a report in Myawady Daily.

The event will start on 8 April and conclude on 10 April. During the three-day exhibition, some 15 local foodstuff manufacturers and agribusiness

operators will showcase their products.

Ko Nay Myo Zaw, who will take part in the expo, said he believed the event will offer technical knowledge and benefits to businesspersons through business matching and discussions.

During the event, top companies from China, Myanmar and other countries will present organic and natural nutritional supplements,

natural and functional products, enzymes and enzyme-related products, diet therapy medicinal food products and imported speciality products.

The exhibitors will be from the fields of production; sale of organic products and healthy foods; retail, restaurant and hotel businesses, as well as from sports, chemistry, logistics, research and development areas. —GNLM ■

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# Two-year Journey of the Union Civil Service Board (UCSB)

By Hmwe Kyu Kyu Han  
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As the saying goes “Only when good public servants are there, will there be good government and good nation too”.

If we are required to make political and economic reforms we need to change the administration sector, which is needed to implement those changes. In doing so, it is important to amend laws, rules and procedures.

The motto of the Union Civil Service Board (UCSB) is “Cooperation of the Civil Service and Public Creates a Nation”.

At the same time civil servants need to change their attitudes and capacities which play an important role.

In any sector, human resource of private and government sectors are very important to implement these tasks.

Following is the interview with responsible officials and trainees of the Civil Service Academy (CSA).

## Dr. Win Thein, Chairman of the Union Civil Service Board (UCSB)

The role of Civil Servant is the functional body responsible for carrying on the administration of the country. It is the function of Civil Services to implement the reformation of the state and to work out the policies of the government as well as to assist the formulation of the Government's policy.

We should perform our duties with most efficient manner and abide by the rules and regulations.

That is why our objectives of the Civil Service Board is to raise the awareness of the public, participate in the process in order to gain public trust, and to fulfill the need for civil servants in order to be more efficient in the transformation of the civil service and transformation of the administration process.

As for our department, we aimed at serving the people to become more people-centric, transparent and accountable in the country.

Our service board has

introduced new examination methods including Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) Type and Screening Test based on Civil Service Motivation for the candidates.

development require an uplift to meet international standards so as to become more effective and responsive to the needs of our staff.

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In doing so, it is important to amend laws, rules and procedures. At the same time civil servants need to change their attitudes and capacities which play an important role. In any sector, human resource of private and government sectors are very important to implement these tasks.

The UCSB has an establishment of the Civil Service Academy, review of our training approach, effective methods in the process of redefining our training and capacity building paradigm.

As we all know – the civil service training and capacity

when good public servants are there, will there be good government and good nation too”. For our nation, concerted efforts are needed to stand tall in the world's arena.

The UCSB and the Civil Service Training Institute (Phaunggyi), which is under the

supervision of UCSB, consulted about the vision, mission, duties and responsibilities of the civil servants.

In the Civil Service Academy's curricula, we have prepared to include many syllabi including management, political science, economic theories, sociology, law, English language proficiency, Information and Communication Technology (ICT).

The motto of Our UCSB is “Cooperation of the Civil Service and Public Creates a Nation”.

The UCSB has established a Civil Service Academy (Lower Myanmar) that would allow for training and development to be improved, but would also look at modernizing its training methods and trainers' skills.

We are currently working on developing the curricula of the Academy, restructuring and getting the trainers and are hopeful that many of our international partners would join us in strengthening the capacity development and teaching in Myanmar.

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Dr. Win Thein, Chairman of the Union Civil Service Board, addresses the audience at the graduation ceremony.



A sea of fresh graduates awaits their turn to receive their diplomas on stage.



A graduate shakes hands with Dr. Win Thein after receiving her Post Graduate Diploma.



# Two-year Journey of the Union Civil Service Board (UCSB)

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Under the Civil Service Academy, there is A Civil Services Academy—CSA (1) based on Education and Competency Training Approach. We are conducting the Post Graduate Diploma in Public Administration (PGDPA), Post Graduate Diploma in Civil Service Management (PGDCSM), English Language Training (ELT), Master in Public Administration (MPA), Human Resource (HR) Development classes and Blended e-Learning Lecture. We have formed Technical Working Group (TWG) and Training Needs Analysis (TNA) Task Force which can supervise necessary curriculum and syllabus with the help of expertise from Ministry for Education, EU (GOPA) and other experts from abroad.

In addition to Civil Service Training Policy and Civil Service Training Scheme, plans are under way to open Generalized Training Programme, Specialized Training Programme, and Civil Service Academy Training Centre in Nay Pyi Taw.

With the assistance of JICA, we are planning to set up e-Government system and Civil Service Core Database System very soon.

As a result, we have successfully conducted Advanced Diploma Course (ADC) on March 12, 2018.

In order to upgrade the standard of teaching and training centre, cooperation are being made to sign MoU, MoA, Minutes of Discussion and Technical Note with Akamai University from the U.S, EDS Business School in Malaysia, JICA and Chinese Academy of Governance (CAG)

respectively.

The UCSB by providing the required Civil Service frameworks, will be able to support the decentralization process and for the States and Regions to assume more human resources management functions.

As we all know – the civil service training and capacity development require an uplift to meet international standards and to become more effective and responsive to the needs of our staff.

Thus, the UCSB has established a Civil Service Academy that would allow for training and development so that we can upgrade some training methods

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Currently, the UCSB has two more subjects for the course participants to learn-English

and Information Technology which are urgently needed for Civil Service personnel to master these days.

Also they will be added to 5 conventional subjects, management, economics, social science, political science and law.

Due to our efforts, we have opened two Civil Service Academies; one in Pyin Oo Lwin and another in Phaunggyi, Hlegu Township of Yangon.



A graduate receives her Post Graduate Diploma in Public Administration from Dr. Win Thein, Chairman of the Union Civil Service Board.

## U Mya Thein, Ex-member of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union of Myanmar

I have known that Civil Service Academy — CSA was formed during the tenure of the present government. The UCSB has established two Civil Service Academies (CSAs) in Lower Myanmar and Upper Myanmar. We can witness that there have been dramatic changes for the civil servants in Myanmar. There is also Post Graduate Diploma for Civil Service Management and Advanced Diploma Course which can enhance the skills of the staff. As an academician, I give law lectures there so that they can apply in their working place. There are many teachers, professors and expertise who share their knowledge heartily. They all contribute their labours voluntarily. I am sure that civil servants will improve a lot if they study diligently.

## U Aung Pyae Soe Myaing, Staff Officer of Ministry of Construction

I am attending Post Graduate Diploma in Management Studies of Batch 3 at the CSAs. And I have to take many courses: Political Science, Social Science, ICT, Management, English, Law and Economics. Being an engineering student, I found Management and Economics very difficult to pursue, but it become easier later due to my hard-working. I want to serve my country as much as I can. All the teachers are very kind and helpful to us.

## Daw Zin Thu Thu Tun, Staff Officer of Ministry of Construction

I am attending at the Civ-

il Service Training Institute of batch 2. At the Academy, I have to learn Social Science, IT skill and English Proficiency lessons. I think I should know about politics to some extent as a civil servant. Moreover I am sure that this training course is very beneficial to me, that is why I study very hard.

## U Kyaw Thet Tun, Staff Officer of Ministry of Construction

I am attending at the Civil Service Academy of batch 2 in Lower Myanmar. I gain a lot of experiences from this academy. Fortunately, I was selected as a civil servant and have a chance to attend it. Everything is fine in the class. The main thing I have to learn from here is how to contribute our country as a dutiful citizen. Being a civil servant, it is of great importance to study these lessons so that I can apply to it in my working environment.

## Nan Zin Nyein Mon, Third Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs

I am attending Post Graduate Diploma in Civil Service Management (PGDCSM) of batch 2. It is a four-month-course and very beneficial to me. I have to study major seven subjects including political, economical, social affairs besides English lessons and IT. I believe that cooperation among our ministries will improve because of this class.

The first thing I noticed when I sat for the examination was that we had to resort to our knowledge and wisdom rather than using our memory. I want to say that this type of question is really effective for everyone. ■



The third batch of the Post Graduate Diploma in Public Administration, faculties and officials of the Union Civil Service Board pose for documentary photo.



# Better transport improves living standards of people

**T**HE transport and electricity sectors are the most important infrastructural challenges in Myanmar that must be improved to enhance the lives of the people and attract foreign investment.

There are places in the country that cannot be accessed during certain seasons.

The 587km Yangon-Mandalay Expressway runs from Yangon to Mandalay, bypassing Bago, Taungoo, Nay Pyi Taw and Meiktila.

During the two-year period of the incumbent government, efforts were stepped up to improve the country's transport sector. The Ministry of Transport and Communications trained some 3,954 marine engineers and registered 38 ocean-going cargo ships, 64 coastal passenger ships, 1,544 coastal cargo ships, 6,178 inland waterway cargo ships, and 69,207 boats with engine power under 20 horsepower.

The Myanmar Coastal and Inland Water Transport Service Licence Law was amended, and the 2017 bill amending the Myanmar Merchant Shipping Act was also submitted to the President.

The government is committed to helping the public benefit from a better transport system, as well as from the parallel creation of jobs. We have seen that the living standards of people have improved because of better transport.

Me (Black Gold) Port.

In the two-year period, US\$3.6 million was used to dredge the Yangon River, so that ocean-going ships can enter the port with ease.

Meanwhile, a logistics master plan was drawn up with the assistance of JICA in 2016, and it will be completed in March 2018.

It will reduce the urban-rural gap, as well as help reduce poverty. It is being done to review the projects in the national transport master plan.

The government is committed to helping the public benefit from a better transport system, as well as from the parallel creation of jobs. We have seen that the living standards of people have improved because of better transport. ■

# Importance of microfilming in Archives

By Dr. Ohnmar Lin  
(Archives)

**I**N 1790, Archives Nationales (National Archives) are thought to have originated in France where the French Revolution was waging a war against the monarchy. As the Revolution was a period of time, the national documents were kept by the Archives Act of the government. In 1835 under the reign of Queen Victoria of England, Public Records Act was promulgated to set up the National Archives. National Archives were set up in Russia in 1918 despite the financial difficulties after the Russian Revolution. National Archives were set up in the United States in 1934 despite economic crises between 1929 to 1935.

The earliest establishment of National Archives in Asia started in the Philippines in 1892. National Archives in India were established in

1891 by sending a telegram even though national archives in the world were normally established by the respective National Archives Acts. In Myanmar, National Archives Act was promulgated on 15 March, 1972 under the Revolutionary Council Order No. 97 by the Ministry of National Planning and Finance at the Office of Ministries (Old Secretariat).

## The meaning of archives

The meaning of archives is defined as follows:

1. Organic character
2. Non-current
3. Official character
4. Creating agency
5. Official custody
6. Permanent preservation and
7. Future use

Preservation and perusal of archives With modern technological advancements in the world, National Archives in many countries have processed data electronically. Therefore Automatic Data Processing and machine-readable records are carried out for reading by means of computers. Old documents which were kept for almost a century have become faded in words, letting researchers read valuable archives by means of machine readers rather than with their naked eyes.

As the typewriters were invented in 18<sup>th</sup> century and it was

followed by the emergence of reprography. From there on, the innovations of gestetners, copying machines and Photostats have continued step-by-step. The emergence of photography in 19<sup>th</sup> century was relatively a recent innovation among other things.

## Microfilming

Microfilming, a process of photographic reproduction of documents and images to be kept in the Archives, was believed to have started during World War One. At that time, carrier pigeons were used to send messages from one place to the other; messages tied to the pigeon's leg or neck were usually sent and easily seen by enemies who intercepted these pigeons, thereby destroying the messages on the way. So, messages sent by means of microfilming came to the fore; messages in microfilms were received in full. Microfilming was thus essential for archives for security reasons.

## Reprography

The Department for National Archives in many countries has used reprography for reproduction and duplication of documents, written materials, drawings, designs and microfiches by using light rays or photographic means including offset printing, microfilming and photography. Written documents have become yellowish and rotted away gradually due to oxidation with acid oozed out from the writing paper.

In the production of wood pulp, alum and resins of pine trees are used to make smooth writing papers, thereby creating acidic conditions. Besides, when papers are exposed to light, they naturally become brittle. Therefore written words have become too faded for researchers to read. Even written words on sheets of paper have been preserved for one hundred years and storage by microfilming could last as long as 500 years.



it is hard to substitute it. The volume of archives is too big to accommodate in a place. So, microfilming for preservations of National Archives could help to create an easy accommodation of long duration, easy photocopying, preventing dangers from people, viruses and natural disasters. The sizes of the archives can be reduced on microfilms.

Microfilms, microfiches, cassettes, tapes, oral history, videos, compact discs, gramophone records, slide films and non-paper archives are normally stored in the Department of National Archives. Local and international researchers can easily download data from microfilm and microfiche machines and National Archives Information System by using database.

## Microfilms are still in need

By keeping up with advanced technologies, changing from a system of using papers to digitization, microfilming has been authentically guaranteed for many years. Therefore international archives have preserved original documents on microfilming. Some archives have changed digital formats into microfilming by using archives writer with a processing mechanism.

Information technology and photocopying are widely used in offices and private businesses whereas microfilming is rarely used. Microfilming is still widely used in the National Archives of the advanced countries. The potentials of electronic systems should be used effectively for our departments concerned and people and the country in keeping up the times.

Archives are to store original documents of political, economic, social and cultural heritage of the successive era of a country. These documents are invaluable and cannot be created either; they are genuine treasure troves of a country. Myanmar National Archives store invaluable historical records, national archives records and historical evidences of government machinery, thereby highlighting how microfilming plays an important part in preservation of the above evidences and records for our country. ■

## Advantages of microfilms

If researchers use the documents and records in National Archives repeatedly, these records get sometimes shattered. As there is the original one only and if it is accidentally damaged,

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## Collective Strength

Myo Myat Myat Myint Maung

A country's progress,  
Is built on the hands of its people,  
Brick by brick, pure as the womb,  
By collective strength,  
With iron will, to develop the nation,  
While raising her pride, to shine on.

A leader must be candid,  
Wise with the times,  
Level-headed and cautious,  
Elevates the nation's status,  
For their nation, their home, Myanmar,  
They will perform any tasks.

Ah ... strength of the nation, the people,  
Their collective strength united,  
Through hundreds, thousands of firm hands,  
Grasping together as they move forward,  
Towards a golden new nation.

Translation by GNLM

## Guidelines for the public to reduce accidents during Thingyan

1. Be responsible and don't consume alcohol heavily.
2. Avoid using psychotropic drugs.
3. Avoid the use of water balls, fire hose, and acid or similar corrosive liquid.
4. Do not carry nor conceal pointed objects, knives or other melee weapons.
5. Avoid buying and selling of sexual stimulant drugs.
6. Avoid wearing clothing inappropriate to the local culture.
7. Females should avoid travelling around with non-family members and refrain from accepting food from strangers.
8. Avoid staying out late into the night.
9. Avoid taking a rest in secluded areas throughout the day.
10. Avoid consuming alcohol and driving cars over the weight limit.
11. Avoid excessively teasing other people.
12. Avoid swimming or showering in lakes or creeks.
13. Avoid using or decorating items that are unsuitable for display to the general public.

-Myanmar Police Force

## Invitation to young writers for Sunday section

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting submissions of poetry, opinion, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their works to the **Global New Light of Myanmar** at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon or by email to [dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com](mailto:dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com) with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Real name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been submitted to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.).- Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar news office

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## Dr. Win Myat Aye holds talks with Advisory Board of Committee for Implementation of Recommendations on Rakhine State



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye holds talks with the Advisory Board of the Committee for Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye and the Advisory Board of the Committee for Implementation of the Recommendations on Rakhine State held talks yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw over several issues for Rakhine State.

The Advisory Board was led by Dr. Surakiart Sathirathai, Former Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for Foreign Affairs of Thailand.

During the meeting, which is the second meeting between the two sides after the January, 2018 meeting, they discussed matters related to inclusive

talks, humanitarian aid, access to information, repatriation, resettlement and rehabilitation.

They also reviewed pragmatic measures taken for involvement of UN agencies in rehabilitation and development issues in Rakhine State, participation of youth volunteers and providing aid to the local people through the World Food Programme and Red Cross Movement.

The meeting also highlighted the construction of infrastructures such as roads and bridges, power supply, cash assistance to mothers and children, health care programme,

education, free movement, stepped up efforts for national scrutinization process, arrangements for media coverage, closing of IDP camps opened in 2012, plans for launching a pilot project for development in Rakhine State joining hands with the ASEAN community, plans for promoting humanitarian assistance and rehabilitation and resettlement in Rakhine State joining hands with UN agencies and partner countries and contribution of expertise and businesses from Thailand in development of Rakhine State.—Myanmar News Agency ■

## Rakhine State Chief Minister meets Turkish Ambassador in Sittway

RAKHINE State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu met with Ambassador of Turkey to Myanmar Mr. Kerem Divanlioglu and party at the State Chief Minister meeting hall yesterday morning.

During the meeting the ambassador told of coming to help in the challenges occurring in Rakhine State and to learn of the present situation. The Chief Minister replied that after the occurrence of the conflict, works were being done for resettlement, receiving (of returnees), long term development and stability. In the matter of receiving (returnees) reception centres were prepared and readied as directed by the State Counsellor. More than six hundred houses were already constructed in Hla Pho Khaung Transit camp for more than 30,000 returnees. After temporarily staying in the

transit camp, the returnees will be settled in their original place or a place nearest to where they previously stay. This is according to the bilateral agreement. Income generation measures are arranged so that returnees earn income while building their own houses. The government has formed a committee to receive and resettle returnees and Deputy Minister for Ministry of State Counsellor's Office is organizing this by basing in Rakhine State. Arrangements are made for the long term existence of the returnees as well as for the long term existence and socio-economic development of ethnic nationals. If such development works are conducted, there wouldn't be conflicts anymore and the two societies can live for long said the Chief Minister. —Tin Tun (IPRD) ■



Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu meets with Ambassador of Turkey Mr. Kerem Divanlioglu yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Public Sector Wage Bill compares favourably with similar countries: Myanmar-WB joint report

THE size of Myanmar's public sector wage bill compares favourably with lower middle income countries, according to a report released yesterday. The Myanmar Pay, Compensation and Human Resource Management Review was jointly conducted by the Government of Myanmar and the World Bank.

The review, supported by Denmark, Australia and UK-DFID, under the Myanmar Multi Donor Trust Fund, presents a comprehensive picture of the Myanmar civil service pay, compensation and human resource management systems, and their strengths and challenges.

"Myanmar is in a good place on the public sector wage bill, and there are opportunities

to ensure compensation levels remain attractive and sustainable," said Shabih Ali Mohib, programme leader at the World Bank. "However, it is important to manage it prudently to ensure fiscal sustainability and to incentivise performance in the public sector."

The report also recommends developing better forecasting systems that take into account the trade-offs of higher pay versus more staff, and targeted compensation increases versus across-the-board adjustments; developing a centralised electronic payroll with possible linkages to financial management and human resource information systems; regularly monitoring the government's

ability to recruit, retain and deploy skilled personnel; and updating the rates of operational expenses to enable staff to do their jobs.

"It is only the first step on the long journey of evidence-based reforms to manage the wage bill and the performance of the Myanmar civil service," said U Tun Tun Naing, Myanmar's Permanent Secretary at the Ministry of Planning and Finance.

"This is the most thorough review of Myanmar's civil service so far," said Peter Lysholt Hansen, Denmark's Ambassador to Myanmar. "I encourage the World Bank to play an active role in supporting the Government of Myanmar to translate

the recommendations into reality."

The review was undertaken from 2015 to 2017, in response to the Government of Myanmar's

request for the World Bank's advice on compensation and human resource policies that reflect country-specific circumstances.—GNLM ■



Participants pose for the documentary photo at the launching ceremony of Myanmar Pay, Compensation and Human Resource Management Review in Nay Pyi Taw on 2 April. **PHOTO: GNLM**



# Foreign heads of state send congratulations messages to President U Win Myint

Mr. Milos Zeman, President of the Czech Republic, said in his message that the Czech Republic and the Republic of the Union of Myanmar have been long combining traditional friendship.

The opening of the Embassy of the Czech Republic in Yangon in 2014.

"I consider the beginning of a new stage of mutual good relations. I am pleased that the cooperation between our countries continues to develop and I firmly believe that in the coming years the bond between our peoples will be further strengthened for the benefit of both nations," said Mr. Milos Zeman.

He wished President U Win Myint a good health and many successes in his professional and personal life.

Mr. Sergio Mattarella, President of the Italy, said in his message that he sent the congratulatory message to President U Win Myint, on behalf on the Italian people and on his personal behalf the most sincere congratulations and fervent greeting for the fulfillment of the high office accorded to U Win Myint by the Parliament.

"Italy looks with greet confidence to the consolidation of the democratic progress of Myanmar. I hope that during Your mandate our Countries, bound together for a long time by friendship and fruitful forms of collaboration in various fields, may further

strengthen their bilateral relations – extending them to all the areas of mutual interest – and build more solid relations even at regional level and within the framework of multilateral fora," said Mr. Sergio Mattarella.

He also wished President U Win Myint well-being and wished Myanmar people serenity and prosperity.

Mr. Kim Yong Nam, President of the Presidium of Supreme People's Assembly of Democratic People's Republic of Korea, extended his warm congratulations to President U Win Myint on his election as the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar.

"Expressing belief that the friendly and cooperative relations between our two countries with long history and tradition will further strengthen and develop in the future, I take this opportunity to wish you great success in your responsible work for the independent development of the country and the welfare of the people," said Mr. Kim Yong Nam.

Mr. Vladimir Putin, President of the Russian Federation, said in his message that "Relations between our countries are traditionally based on the principles of friendship and cooperation. I am confident, that by joint efforts we will ensure further development of multi-faceted bilateral ties for the benefit of the peoples of Russia and Myanmar, for maintaining

stability and security in Asia-Pacific Region,"

He wished President U Win Myint good health, well-being and successes in his responsible work at the helm of the State.

Mr. Moon Jae-in, President of the Republic of Korea, expressed his warmest congratulations to President U Win Myint on his election as the President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar on behalf of the government and the people of the Republic of Korea.

"I also would like to extend my sincere congratulations on continuous economic development achieved by the Government of Myanmar since its inauguration in 2016. I hope that the government will further accelerate national unity and economic development of Myanmar under your leadership," said President Mr. Moon Jae-in.

"Furthermore, I am satisfied with the strengthening of ties between our two countries and I look forward to working closely with Your Excellency to further promote our cooperative relations," he added.

"Let me reiterate my heartfelt congratulations on your assumptions, and I avail myself of this opportunity to wish Your Excellency's continued good health and the enduring peace and prosperity of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar," he said.  
—Myanmar News Agency ■

## Public rally held in Tachilek to show support for President U Win Myint

A group of local people gathered at a rally in support of the newly elected President U Win Myint in front of Shan Yoma Field in Tachilek, Eastern Shan State on Sunday.

First, local people at the rally saluted the National Flag and listened to an inaugural speech delivered by President U Win Myint.

Afterwards, Chairman of Mizzima Social Organization U Tint Swe and Joint Secretary of the township National League for Democracy U Win Swam explained the purpose of the welcoming ceremony.



Local people rally to show support for the newly elected President U Win Myint in Tachilek, Eastern Shan State on 1 April. **PHOTO: MYANMAR DIGITAL NEWS**

A local cultural troupe also performed dance and song to the participants in the rally.

The event was jointly organized by Mizzima Social Or-

ganization and the township National League for Democracy.

U Tun Nay Oo, the owner of Hotel Tachilek and Bayint-

naung private market and his wife Daw Khin Khin Cho contributed 12,500 Thai Baht to the rally.—Myanmar Digital News ■

## Two chemicals designated as controlled precursor chemicals

ACCORDING to the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law section 16(b) and 30(b), the Ministry of Health and Sports published a list of controlled precursor chemicals that is used in the manufacture of narcotic drugs and psychoactive substances, through its notice 1/2012.

The Ministry of Health and Sports is designating 4-anilino-N-phenethylpiperidine (ANPP) and N-phenethyl-4-piperidine (NPP) as controlled precursor chemicals, and has added them as serial numbers 16 and 17 in section 1, sub-section (a) table (1) of the notice 1/2012. —Myanmar News Agency ■



# Lavrov says spy poisoning could be 'in interests' of UK govt



Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov. PHOTO: AFP

MOSCOW, Russia — Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov on Monday suggested that the poisoning of a former double agent could benefit the British government by distracting attention from problems around Brexit.

The 4 March attack on Skripal and his daughter in the English city of Salisbury has triggered a wave of tit-for-tat expulsions of diplomats between the West and Russia and sent relations plunging to new post-Cold War lows.

"This could be in the interests of the British government which found itself in an uncomfortable situation having failed to fulfil promises to its electorate about the conditions for Brexit," Lavrov said at a press conference in Moscow, referring to Britain's planned departure from

the European Union.

Lavrov also suggested that the poisoning of Sergei Skripal and his daughter "could also be in the interests of the British special forces who are known for their abilities to act with a licence to kill".

"There could be a whole number of reasons and none of them can be ruled out," Lavrov said. Britain has said it was "highly likely" that Russia was responsible for the attack using a nerve agent developed in the USSR, a view backed up by its Western allies.

But Russia denies any involvement and has called for Britain to give it access to the nerve agent used.

Lavrov insisted that "serious experts" and "leaders of a whole number of countries" are questioning Britain's account of

the crime.

"Britain, I think, will not manage to evade answering these questions. Because they are already only too obvious and it's only too obvious that our British colleagues have lost their sense of reality."

Lavrov complained that the British authorities have still not give consular access to "our citizens," and that the situation had not changed despite Yulia Skripal's improved condition.

He said he hoped Sergei Skripal would "also follow this example" and get better.

Lavrov also denied the attack was "sophisticated," saying that if it had been, the victims would have died immediately.

"If I understand correctly, sophisticated attacks usually lead to instant death," he said. —AFP ■

## Russia's Tagil missile unit rearmed with advanced Yars systems — commander

MOSCOW — The Tagil unit of the Russian strategic missile forces has been completely rearmed with Yars (NATO reporting name: SS-29 Yars) ground-mobile intercontinental ballistic missile (ICBM) systems, commander of the Russian strategic missile forces Sergei Karakayev said on 29 Thursday.

"We have completed rearming of the Tagil and Novosibirsk missile units with the Yars ground-mobile ballistic missile systems," he said, adding that ongoing missile troops drills in the Sverdlovsk region

will make it possible to assess the possibilities of new arms and hardware.

According to Karakayev, rearming of the Irkutsk and Yoshkar-Ola missile units continues. Rearming of Bologoye and Barnaul units will begin in 2020.

In November 2017, Karakayev said that all missile divisions operating mobile missile systems would be rearmed with the Yars missile system by 2026.

The Yars is a mobile or stationary missile system with a solid-propellant interconti-

mental ballistic missile (ICBM) containing a multiple warhead. It was developed on the basis of the Topol-M missile system in the 2000s by the Moscow Institute of Thermal Technology under the guidance of Chief Designer Yuri Solomonov.

The first test launch was performed from the Plesetsk testing range towards the Kura ground on 29 May, 2007.

Russia started to deploy Yars missile systems in December 2009 when the system was accepted by the Strategic Missile Force for operational evaluation.—Tass ■

## Italy president to start talks on government creation

ROME, ITALY — Italian President Sergio Mattarella on Wednesday begins key talks with parties on forming a government after last month's election left a hung parliament.

The stalemate puts the spotlight on Mattarella, who has the power to name a prime minister, but it is still unclear whether rivals can find common ground for a coalition government or whether another vote will be needed.

Luigi Di Maio's anti-establishment Five Star Movement (M5S) garnered more than 32 per cent of the vote in the 4 March poll but the anti-immigration League of Matteo Salvini leads a coalition that got 37 per cent of the ballot.

The parliament is divided between the right-wing coalition, the M5S and the centre-left Democratic Party.

Late last month, the right-wing coalition and the M5S cobbled a deal on the respective positions of speaker for both the lower and upper houses of parlia-

ment but they have not come to any pact on forming a government.

Far-right leader Salvini said on Thursday that his aim was for his party to take power.

"We are open to dialogue with everybody but we are not subordinate to anyone given that the centre-right coalition got the most votes," he said on Facebook.

Di Maio meanwhile stressed that his M5S was the party with the most seats.

"The biggest challenge facing us however is forming a government while respecting the popular will," he said.

Mattarella will on Wednesday hold preliminary talks with the speakers from the two houses of parliament as well as with his predecessor Giorgio Napolitano before launching further discussions with the parties.

The consultations could last weeks.

The left has so far refused to enter into coalition talks with either the M5S or the right-wing coalition. —AFP ■

## Gull found in northeastern Japan with object lodged in head

SENDAI — A black-headed gull with what appears to be a paper dart lodged in its head has been found in a canal in the northeastern Japan prefecture of Miyagi, local officials said on Monday.

The bird continues to eat and fly, and does not appear weakened. The prefectural government is considering capturing the bird to remove the object and the local police have launched an investigation into a possible violation of the wild

birds protection act.

After police received a report from a resident on March 28 about the gull in a canal in Ishinomaki, a prefectural government official confirmed the bird had a 10-centimeter-long object lodged in the left side of its head.

"I have never seen a gull in such a state. It looks painful and I feel sorry" for the bird, 8-year-old Minkai Matsuo said. — Kyodo News ■

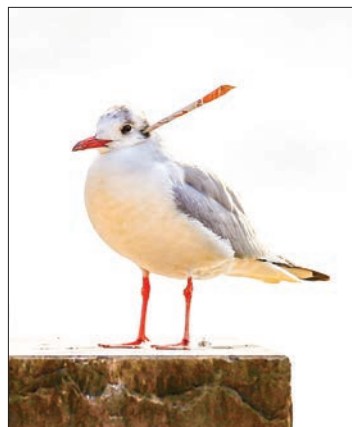


Photo shows a black-headed gull with what appears to be a paper dart lodged in its head in Ishinomaki, northeastern Japan on 2 April, 2018. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS



## Kim Jong Un 'deeply moved' by K-pop concert: KCNA

SEOUL — North Korean leader Kim Jong Un smiled, clapped and said he was "deeply moved" by a rare performance by South Korean K-pop stars in Pyongyang, state media reported on Monday.

The high profile appearance of Kim and his wife, former singer Ri Sol Ju, at the concert was unusual as his authoritarian regime typically struggles to prevent any infiltration of the South's pop culture among his isolated people.

Kim, the first North Korean leader ever to attend a show by entertainers from the South, shook hands with the performers and "expressed his deep thanks to them," the North's official KCNA news agency reported.

"He said that he was deeply moved to see our people sincerely acclaiming the performance, deepening the understanding of the popular art of the South's side," KCNA said.

The visit by the South's entertainers, seen as part of a cultural charm offensive by Seoul, comes as a diplomatic thaw gathers pace on the peninsula ahead of a landmark inter-Korean summit later this month.

Kim said he was likely to be busy "because of his complicated political program early in April," so he was glad to make it to the concert which he



The high profile appearance of Kim and his wife, former singer Ri Sol Ju, at the concert was unusual as his authoritarian regime typically struggles to prevent any infiltration of the South's pop culture among his isolated people. **PHOTO: AFP**

credited with bringing the "spring of peace".

The 120-member South Korean group — 11 musical acts as well as dancers, technicians and martial artists — gave one concert on Sunday with another set for Tuesday.

Kim and his wife were seen clapping their hands during the two-hour Sunday event, which was also attended by Kim's younger sister, Kim Yo Jong, and the North's ceremonial head of state Kim Yong Nam.

The concert at the elaborately decorated 1,500-seat East Pyong-

yang Grand Theatre ended with a standing ovation by the packed audience after a finale featuring all the stars singing a song about unification.

### 'They sang along'

One of the most closely watched acts was Red Velvet, part of the South's hugely popular K-pop phenomenon that has taken audiences in Asia and beyond by storm.

Even leader Kim acknowledged that there had been "so much interest in whether I'd come to see Red Velvet or not".

The five-member

girlband — known for its signature K-pop mix of upbeat electronic music and high-voltage choreography — performed two of their hits, "Bad Boy" and "Red Flavour".

"The North's audience applauded our performance much louder than we expected and even sang along to our songs... it was a big relief," band member Yeri told reporters.

The ongoing rapprochement was triggered by the South's Winter Olympics, to which the North's leader Kim Jong Un sent athletes, cheerleaders and his sister as

an envoy.

Kim followed up by agreeing to a summit with South Korean President Moon Jae-in, and offering a face-to-face meet with US President Donald Trump. Kim also met Chinese President Xi Jinping in Beijing last week during his first overseas trip.

The inter-Korean summit, the third such event after meetings in 2000 and 2007, will be held on 27 April.

No date has been set for the US-North Korean summit although it is expected before the end of May.—AFP ■

## China punishes local officials for environmental offences

BEIJING — China's environmental watchdog said on Monday that it has held several local officials from Hubei Province accountable for environment-related misconduct.

Officials in Huanggang, Hubei were found to have turned a deaf ear to violations of environmental protection rules, including excessive emissions and insufficient pollution control equipment at enterprises, said the Ministry of Ecology and Environment.

The officials held accountable were publicly named and given Party disciplinary or administrative punishment.

Their misconduct was discovered by a central environmental inspection team in Hubei last August.

The inspection was part of China's campaign to fight pollution and environmental damage, as decades of growth have left the country with smog, polluted water, and contaminated soil. Four rounds of inspections have been launched since 2016, covering all provincial-level regions and achieving satisfactory results. More than 20,000 Chinese have been held accountable for environment-related misconduct over the past two years.—Xinhua ■

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## Film has suddenly lost its charm as its all digital now, says Amitabh Bachchan

MUMBAI — Megastar Amitabh Bachchan has voiced his concern over the medium of film losing its importance in the digital world.

The 75-year-old actor, who met renowned filmmaker Christopher Nolan yesterday here to discuss about film preservation and restoration, said the cause deserves serious consideration and it is important that people from the film industry across the globe come together to save the medium.

Nolan is in Indian on a three day trip along with visual artiste Tacita Dean to promote the cause of film preservation and restoration,

“Prominent dignitaries from the world of cinema gathered here in round table to debate and ascertain the importance of film heritage and its preservation. The word film has suddenly lost its charm ; for there does not seem to be any need to shoot films on film. It’s all digital now.

“It was known as the ‘film industry’, they were known as ‘film stars’. So in the complete absence of that medium

and that product, it would be quite in order to call ourselves ‘robotic genes’ or words of similar sound — ‘digi act’ or ‘digi digi’ — It would be an issue that would need consideration,” Bachchan wrote on his blog.

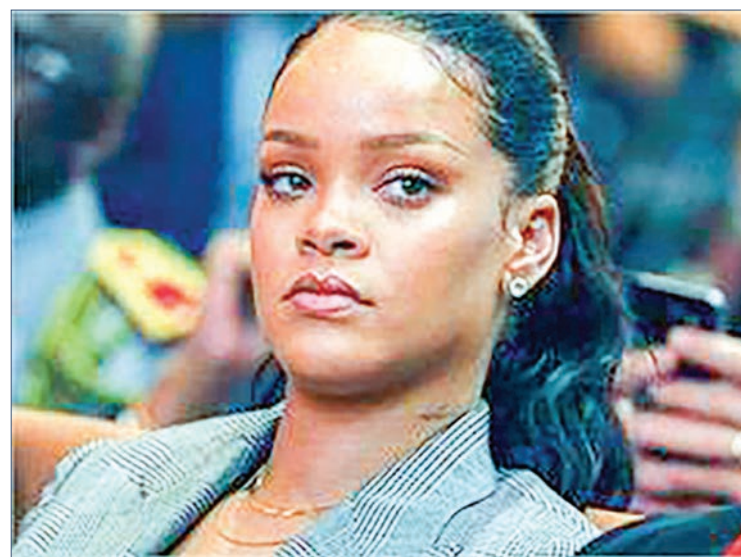
The actor said celluloid film is the “original format” and it is necessary to bring it back into business. “It (film) had greater aesthetic value , and its preservation, an essentially for posterity of having an original , than one

that has been manufactured digitally. Digital is a derivative of the original film print so how would you feel if a xerox copy of a Picasso were to be up at a museum for attention and appreciation.

Film is the original, digital format is not and in time to come this format may retire too,” he added. Bachchan also shared few pictures from the round table event, which was attended by Shah Rukh Khan and Kamal Haasan among others.—PTI ■



Megastar Amitabh Bachchan. PHOTO: PTI



Rihanna. PHOTO: PTI

## Rihanna song becomes Howard varsity’s protest anthem

LOS ANGELES — One of pop diva Rihanna’s songs became an instrument to register protest at the hands of Howard University students, who stormed a building in the premises to call out authorities on the USD 1 million stolen from the school’s financial aid.

The students, who led a demonstration on 29 March in Washington DC, chose the singer’s “B\*\*ch Better Have My Money” for their cause, Billboard reported.

Rihanna retweeted a video from the protest, which showed a massive turnout of students flooding the administrative block shouting the song’s lyrics.

She added a flexing arm and a raising hands emoji to her caption.

Six staff members of the university were found to have embezzled over USD 1 million, an amount which was intended for low-income students.—PTI ■

## ‘Rambo’ needs more prep work: Sidharth Anand

MUMBAI— Filmmaker Sidharth Anand says the Hindi remake of “Rambo” with Tiger Shroff is taking time as it requires a lot of preparation for action sequences.

There were reports that the project was shelved but Anand says it is in the pipeline.

“...while Tiger and I were working on these things, another film with YRF came into the picture. For the first lead, we felt Hrithik Roshan was an apt choice. For the second lead I bounced the idea to Tiger,” Anand told PTI.

“I told him that if we do this film now, we will have to push ‘Rambo’. And we both agreed that we give a little bit of more time to prepare (for Rambo).

As soon as the shoot of YRF film is over, Anand says, the work will begin on “Rambo”.

The initial plan is to make “Rambo” into a franchise, but that can happen only if the part one does well, he says.

“We need to bring the first film out and then see if audience wants to watch more of this character or not. It will go on floors by 2019 end and release in 2020,” he says.

Anand’s last outing was action film, “Bang Bang”. Prior to that, he directed romantic films like “Salaam Namaste”, “Ta Ra Rum Pum”, “Bachna Ae Haseeno” and “Anjaana Anjaani”.

“I have always been a romantic-comedy director. But my last film ‘Bang Bang’

was action and it changed the perception of me as a director. Now I am known as an action director and I am enjoying that. I try to push the envelope as much as I can for the action sequences and bring aesthetics,” he says.

Anand is making his TV debut as a judge on Zee TV’s popular dance reality show “DID Li’L Masters” alongside Chitrangda Singh and choreographer Marzi Pestonji.

The director says it was a ‘no brainer’ for him to give a nod to the show as ‘DID’ is the mother of all dance reality shows.

“It is the first time that a director would be judging the show. Since its inception, the show has been judged by choreographers.—PTI ■

## Taylor Swift episode last straw in ‘Deadpool’, says Stephen Glover

LOS ANGELES— Actor Donald Glover, who along with brother Stephen Glover exited the planned “Deadpool” animated series, has revealed that a proposed episode about singer Taylor Swift was the “last straw” in their departure from the show.

Glover brothers, who were writing the Marvel show, have left the animated TV series over “creative differences”.

Stephen wrote on Twitter, “There really was a Taylor Swift episode. It was HILARIOUS.

And it definitely was the last straw lol.

“Our show wasn’t too black. It wasn’t really that black at all. But we definitely wanted to give ‘Rick and Morty’ a run for their money and I think we would have. Around of the gang.”

The tweet has since been deleted.

His comments come after Donald, in a fit of rage, shared a 15-page fake script for the show after its cancellation was announced.—PTI ■



Taylor Swift. PHOTO: PTI



# ‘Fun’ floral selection for Britain’s royal wedding

LONDON, United Kingdom — Meghan Markle will walk down the aisle surrounded by peonies, foxgloves and white garden roses when the US actress marries Britain’s Prince Harry, Kensington Palace said on Sunday.

Their on 19 May wedding at Windsor Castle, west of London, will be filled with flowers that are naturally in bloom at that time of the year, Harry’s official residence said.

Floral designer Philippa Craddock said the happy couple worked closely with her on the planning.

“The process has been highly collaborative, free-flowing, creative and fun,” she said. “Working with them has been an absolute pleasure.”

The displays in St George’s Chapel will be created using locally sourced foliage, much of which will be taken from the gardens and parkland of Windsor Great

Park and the Crown Estate lands held by the monarch — Harry’s grandmother Queen Elizabeth II.

The sprays will include branches of beech, birch and hornbeam and reflect the wild and natural landscapes from which many of the plants will be drawn.

“The final designs will represent them as a couple, which I always aim to achieve in my work, with local sourcing, seasonality and sustainability being at the forefront,” Craddock said.

Former army officer Harry, 33, is fifth in line to the throne. He announced his engagement to 36-year-old Markle in November.

They have since made several public appearances together.

Some 600 people have been invited to the wedding, with 200 going on to a private evening party thrown by Harry’s father Prince Charles, the heir to the throne.—AFP ■



Tourists look at souvenirs featuring Britain’s Prince Harry and his fiancée US actress Meghan Markle in a gift shop in Windsor, west of London on April 1, 2018. Britain’s Prince Harry and US actress Meghan Markle will marry on May 19 at St George’s Chapel in Windsor Castle. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Christians mark Easter at Jerusalem’s Holy Sepulchre

JERUSALEM — Hundreds of pilgrims filed into Jerusalem’s Church of the Holy Sepulchre — believed to be the site of Jesus’s resurrection — for Easter celebrations on Sunday.

Western Christians marked Easter on Sunday, while eastern Orthodox Christians do so on 8 April.

The eastern Orthodox marked Palm Sunday on April 1 and also held mass at the church in Jerusalem’s Old City, with worshippers holding palm fronds as is tradition.

Some worshippers prostrated over a stone — where they believe Jesus’s body was anointed before his burial — near the towering wooden doors at the entrance to the church.

The church is built at the site where Christians believe Jesus was crucified, buried and resurrected. A recently renovated ornate shrine within the church surrounds the cave where Jesus is believed to have been buried.

Easter marks the day when Christians believe the miracle of his resurrection occurred.

Catholic Archbishop Pierbattista Pizzaballa held mass at the church on Sunday

morning near the shrine over the cave, entering dressed in the traditional purple Easter robe.

He made reference to the Middle East’s numerous conflicts in his homily, saying “our times are marked by death”.

“Easter is the ability to come back and look at our history in the light of the promise of life that takes place today,” he said. “Yes, today, at Easter, we announce a life that death can no more extinguish.”

On Friday, Christians traced the route of the Stations of the Cross through the Old City, which pass through the traditional sites of Jesus’s condemnation up to his crucifixion.

In March 2017, renovations to the 19th-century shrine covering Jesus’s tomb were unveiled following a \$3.7 million project that restored its stones to their original reddish-yellow and reinforced the heavily visited site.

The Greek Orthodox, Armenian and Roman Catholic denominations share custody of the church, but disputes between the three had led to renovations being delayed for decades.—AFP ■

## Nepali Sherpa aims for record 22<sup>nd</sup> Everest summit

A Nepali Sherpa is hoping to summit Mount Everest for a record-breaking 22<sup>nd</sup> time next month, during the busy climbing season that each year sees hundreds of climbers reach the top of the world.

But to Kami Rita Sherpa, who has worked as a guide on Everest for over two decades, climbing to 8,848 metres (29,029 feet) is a job not a record-shattering feat.

“I did not start climbing to set a world record. But in the course of my work in the guiding industry this is going to be my 22<sup>nd</sup> ascent. It wasn’t for any competition,” Kami Rita told AFP in Kathmandu before setting out for the mountain.

When 48-year-old Kami Rita first summited Everest in 1994, he was one of just 49 climbers to reach the peak.

Last year, 634 people made it to the top.

Over the last two decades the booming number of climbers on Everest has created a lucrative mountaineering industry in both China and Nepal, which share the peak.

In Nepal — home to eight of the world’s highest peaks — the

climbers provide vital income: last year the impoverished country netted over \$4 million in permit fees on Everest alone.

Each year hundreds of climbers begin gathering at the foot of the world’s highest peak from early April, turning the base camp into a bustling nylon tent city.

They spend nearly two months on the mountain to acclimatise to the harsh high altitude environment before attempting to reach the summit in May.

Spring is the busiest time of year on the mountain as the winds and temperatures are

more forgiving than at other times of the year. But nonetheless each spring Everest claims a few lives: last year seven climbers died on the mountain.

The rapid growth in the climbing industry has also led to fears of deadly overcrowding on Everest, with the mountain opening up to more people as competition between expedition organisers has seen the costs plummet. The cheapest operators charge clients around \$20,000 to take them to the top of the world, a quarter of the amount demanded by the most expensive.—AFP ■



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## 'If Mourinho was made of chocolate he'd eat himself' — Docherty

LONDON — Former Manchester United manager Tommy Docherty has poked fun at Jose Mourinho's ego by claiming the Old Trafford boss would eat himself if he was made of chocolate.

Docherty knows what it takes to succeed at United after spending five years in charge in the 1970s and he doesn't believe Mourinho has the right stuff to thrive in Manchester.

Mourinho won the League Cup and Europa League with United last season and his side are currently second in the Premier League and in the FA Cup semi-finals.

But the former Chelsea and Real Madrid boss has been criticised for his side's style of play and for his treatment of certain players. Docherty is convinced Mourinho doesn't help himself with an arrogant attitude, telling

BBC Radio 5 Live's Sportsweek programme: "If he was made of chocolate he would eat himself.

"You can't argue with his record but I think he goes over the score with his criticism of players.

"He has bought those players and then he is criticising them afterwards. "I would be amazed if he lasts any length of time at Manchester United. I don't think the board will put up with his antics."

Docherty, who was speaking in an interview to mark his 90th birthday later this month, led United to promotion from the second tier in 1975 and won the FA Cup in 1977. In another dig at Mourinho, he said he prefers to watch Manchester City, who can secure the Premier League title with victory over United in next weekend's derby.—AFP ■

## Kane fit to make Spurs bench at Chelsea

LONDON—Harry Kane made a quick return from ankle ligament damage to take his place on the Tottenham Hotspur bench for Sunday's crucial Premier League clash with Chelsea.

Tottenham can take a huge step towards securing Champions League football next season should they win in the league at Stamford Bridge for the first time since 1990 to open an eight-point lead over fifth-placed Chelsea.

Kane has been sidelined for three weeks since suffering the injury in a 4-1 win at Bournemouth. However, fears the England international's place at the World Cup could even be put at risk proved unfounded with Spurs boss Mauricio Pochettino hailing his "fantastic" recovery.

Son Heung-min takes Kane's place up front hoping to continue his hot streak of seven goals in his last five games for Spurs.



Tottenham striker Harry Kane has been sidelined for three weeks since suffering an ankle injury in a 4-1 win at Bournemouth. **PHOTO: AFP**

Chelsea have injury problems of their own as goalkeeper Thibaut Courtois misses out.

He is replaced by Willy Caballero, who conceded six as Spain ran riot over Argentina in midweek. Cesc Fabregas returns

in midfield, whilst Alvaro Morata is handed the chance to net his first Premier League goal in 2018 after ending his three-month goal drought as Chelsea beat Leicester in the FA Cup quarter-finals a fortnight ago.—AFP ■

## Dele double sparks Spurs delight as wait for Chelsea win ends

LONDON— Dele Alli scored twice in four second-half minutes as Tottenham Hotspur beat Chelsea 3-1 on Sunday to end a 28-year wait for a Premier League win at Stamford Bridge.

Defeat for the hosts all but ends Chelsea's hopes of Champions League football next season as Spurs opened up an eight-point lead over their closest challengers for fourth place.

Ending their long wait for a win at their London rivals is just the latest sign of the progress made under Mauricio Pochettino as Spurs look set to seal a place in the Champions League for a third straight season.

And it was even more impressive as they came from behind as a huge error from captain Hugo Lloris gifted Alvaro Morata the opening goal.

Christian Eriksen's wonder strike levelled in first-half stoppage time, before Alli took centre stage to end a barren run by his standards with two smart finishes just after the hour mark.

Spurs could even afford the luxury of doing the damage without Harry Kane, who made his return from a three-week layoff with ankle ligament damage 16 minutes from time.

Alli was pushed into a more advanced role than his usual roving role behind Kane and had the



Tottenham Hotspur's English midfielder Dele Alli (C) shoots to score their second goal during the English Premier League football match between Chelsea and Tottenham Hotspur at Stamford Bridge in London on 1 April, 2018. **PHOTO: AFP**

first chance but couldn't direct Eriksen's cross goalwards.

Chelsea were the side far more in desperate need of the points and that began to show as the first-half developed.

Willian and Victor Moses forced Lloris into comfortable saves, whilst Marcos Alonso also saw a goal ruled out for offside.

However, the French number one was clearly at fault when the opener arrived on the half

hour mark.

Morata hadn't scored in the Premier League since Boxing Day, but no one has scored more headed goals in the league this season and he was left with the easiest of tasks to nod into an empty net as Lloris flapped at Moses's cross.

### Symbolic Spurs win

Lloris was also far from secure when he parried Alonso's

driven cross back into the danger area and relied on Jan Vertonghen to make a crucial clearance.

Eriksen's shooting ability from long range had been Spurs' only real threat before the break.

Willy Caballero, deputising for the injured Thibaut Courtois, got a strong hand to the Dane's first warning shot.

However, Caballero was helpless when Eriksen's fierce dipping effort clipped the bar

on its way past him in first-half stoppage time.

The Argentine goalkeeper was forced into a brilliant save from another long-range effort, this time from Son Heung-min, on the hour mark as Spurs started to take control.

And two minutes later they led when Alli brilliantly controlled Eric Dier's long pass before slotting inside Caballero's near post.

Alli had scored just two goals in his previous 19 games in 2018 but soon had as many in four minutes as Spurs set the seal in a hugely symbolic win.

Son was again denied by Caballero but Alli pounced on the pinball inside the Chelsea area before slotting into the bottom corner.

Chelsea manager Antonio Conte kicked a water bottle into his dugout with the frustration of a man who knows his days in charge.

Failure to make the top four is likely to seal the Italian's fate no matter what comes of Chelsea's run to the semi-finals of the FA Cup.

However, Spurs too are in the last four and on this evidence are more likely to end their wait for a trophy under Pochettino, particularly with Kane back to lead the line.—AFP ■