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State Counsellor: If people trust public servants, they remain calm and contented even when governments change

A CEREMONY commemorating the second anniversary of the Ministry of the State Counsellor's Office was held at the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre (NRPC) yesterday at 11:30am. State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended the ceremony and presented awards to outstanding public service personnel and outstanding students.

Present at the ceremony were Union Minister for the Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister for the Ministry of the Office of the Union Government U Thaung Tun, Deputy Minister from the Office of the President U Min Thu, Dr. Aung Tun Thet and U Toe Oung from the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD) committee, heads of department, staff, award-winning outstanding staff, outstanding students and family members of the staff of the Office of the President, the Office of the Union Government and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In her speech at the ceremony, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said, "As our ministry is new, there can be some



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi addresses the ceremony commemorating the second anniversary of the Ministry of the State Counsellor's Office at the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre (NRPC) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

difficulties. But I hope that all will be satisfied with the fact that all of you are performing an important duty for the country. As staff in this ministry are personnel coming from various ministries and have come to know one another,

I hope that they will learn from one another and learn how to work.

The work of the State Counsellor's Office is to implement the main aim of our government. For example, rule of law, internal

peace, amending the Constitution and striving towards a true federal democratic union are the aims of our government, and the Ministry of State Counsellor's Office will have many opportunities to implement these aims. The opportunity to work for your country

(in such a way) is not something that everyone will get this kind of chance. It will be a valuable opportunity if those who have this chance put it into a good use.

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Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Second-day meeting of 9th regular session of 2nd Pyidaungsu Hluttaw held

THE 2nd Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 9th regular session held its second-day meeting at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday.

Ministers explain use of emergency funds

Deputy Minister for Defence Rear-Admiral Myint Nwe and Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint explained and submitted to the assembly the usage of Ks8,175.272 million from the emergency funds, in accordance with the 2018 Union Budget Law, sent by the President.

Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Myint Nwe said the Inspection Board has approved the withdrawal of Ks4,989.694 million from the fiscal year 2017-2018 emergency funds to rebuild 882 of the 1,009 buildings, within the same fiscal year, destroyed as a result of Cyclone Mora.

He said they are aiming to finish rebuilding the remaining 127 buildings between April and September 2018 (six months of the interim fiscal year). The Office of the Director of Military Engineering has estimated the costs to be around Ks1,897.160 million.

Cyclone Mora was an immediate natural disaster that occurred with no prior warning, and as such, no funds could have been prepared in advance, said the deputy minister. He said the costs for rebuilding the remaining buildings were already submitted to and approved during Union Government meeting No. 11/2018 held on 21 June 2018, and requested that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw should put this on record.

Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint said Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) received support from the Japanese government to carry out the Project for Expansion of Broadcasting Equipment of Myanmar Radio and Television, worth Japanese Yen (JPY) 2,263 million. He said the Exchange of Notes was carried out on 3 March 2017 and the Grant Agreement was signed on 29 March 2017. He said the costs for broadcasting equipment could not be estimated at the time and were not included in his ministry's budget proposal for April to September 2018, submitted on 20 November 2017.

The union minister said a



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw being convened in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: AYE THAN (MNA)

tender was requested for the broadcasting equipment on 4 February 2018 and the bid was won by Sumitomo Corporation at JPY1,969 million. A contract was signed between MRTV and Sumitomo Corporation on 9 February. The contract states MRTV has to pay in advance 30 per cent of the equipment costs (JPY469.917 million) and 40 per cent of the building renovation costs (JPY46.8 million), a total of JPY516.717 million, between April and September 2018.

The union minister said neither the Ministry of Information nor the MRTV's budget could cover the cost of the advance payment since it was not calculated beforehand. Therefore, his ministry followed protocol and negotiated with the Ministry of Planning and Finance, and after multiple levels of negotiations with financial committees and union-level organisations, received permission to withdraw the amount for advance payment (JPY516.717 million, approx. Ks6,278.112 million) from the emergency fund at the Union Government meeting No. 11/2018 on 21 June 2018. He requested the assembly to put the matter on record.

Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than then announced that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw had put both matters on record.

Joining inter-governmental rubber organisation

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw explained the executive order to join the Association of Natural Rubber Producing Countries (ANRPC) and

to make annual payments for membership. He said membership will allow the exchange of information, technical and technological assistance, and other opportunities for Myanmar's rubber industry. The Speaker then announced that MPs who wanted to discuss the matter should enroll their names.

Deputy Speaker, ministers explain union budgets

The Pyithu Hluttaw deputy speaker, union ministers and deputy ministers explained to the assembly their respective sector's budget proposal concerning the FY 2018-2019 National Planning Bill and the Union Budget Bill.

Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin explained the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' budget proposal for the FY 2018-2019. He said the main receipts in the proposal are for services and Ks1,930 million included in the proposal is for the sale of old assets, requests for tenders, bank interest payments and overdue receipts. Collected receipts, such as for visa payments, are proceeds for other respective ministries and not included in the Ministry of International Cooperation's receipts.

The union minister said the expenditure budget of Ks52,538.262 million included in the budget proposal for common expenditures is the permitted amount in the policy framework. Similarly, the budget for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was at first considered for proposal at Ks14,199.415 million but after reviews made by committees

from the Planning Department, Ministry of Construction and Industrial Supervision, the proposed amount was modified to Ks13,552.993 million.

Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint said the Budget Commission has approved of his ministry's receipt proposal for Ks80,439.48 million (over Ks80 billion) for the FY 2018-2019.

He said the budget proposal included costs for common expenditure at Ks83,450.847 million and primary budget expenses at Ks35,794.200 million; totalling Ks119,245.047 million (over Ks119 billion).

He said the budget commission has reduced the overall proposal amount by Ks10,585.004 million (over Ks10 billion) and set the amount for common expenditures at Ks80,657.020 million and primary budget expenses at Ks28,003.023 million; totalling Ks108,660.043 million.

Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko said his ministry has submitted receipt proposals for common expenditures at Ks9,500 million and primary expenses at Ks20,231.064 million for October 2018 to September 2019, and as for expenditure budget proposals, the ministry submitted proposals of Ks241,81.900 million for common expenditures and Ks128,14.403 million for primary expenditures. Union Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Ohn Win said his ministry has submitted receipt proposals for the FY 2018-2019 at Ks530.550 billion for common expendi-

tures, Ks9.804 billion for primary budget expenditures and Ks30 million as debt receipts, totalling Ks540.384 billion.

Deputy Minister for Defence Rear-Admiral Myint Nwe compared three fiscal year budget proposals at the assembly. Concerning common expenditures, the revised estimate for the FY 2016-2017 is Ks1,653.164 billion, Ks1,765.941 billion for the FY 2017-2018, and Ks1,818.146 billion for the FY 2014-2019.

Concerning primary budget expenditures, the revised estimate for the FY 2016-2017 is Ks1,337.398 billion, Ks1,427.010 billion for the FY 2017-2018, and Ks1,431.919 billion for the FY 2018-2019 (an increase of Ks4.909 billion from the FY 2017-2018).

The deputy minister explained that the increase in the budget proposal is due to the increase in civil servants' salaries in 2018. He said the actual amount needed is Ks127.517 billion but the ministry only included the absolute necessities in the proposal, which amounted to Ks57.114 billion.

Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Than Htut said his ministry has submitted receipt proposals for the FY 2018-2019 at Ks32,352.956 million for common expenditures, Ks101,949.368 million for primary budget expenditures; totalling Ks134,302.324 million.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw said his ministry has calculated based on current GDP rates in their budget proposal for the FY 2018-2019. He said Ks11,630.046 billion has been proposed for the farming sector with a projected 2.4 per cent development, and Ks5,362.974 billion for the livestock and fishery sector with a projected 4 per cent development. He said his ministry has submitted receipt proposals (including foreign aid receipts) for the FY 2018-2019 at Ks576.586 billion, with Ks141.242 billion for common expenditures, Ks43.878 billion for primary budget expenditures and Ks391.466 billion as debt receipts.

The third-day meeting of the 9th regular session of the 2nd Pyidaungsu Hluttaw will continue today. —Thura Zaw/MNA ■

State Counsellor: If people trust public servants, they remain calm and contented even when governments change

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Some may think that their fate (kamma) is not good because they have to take up this huge and heavy responsibility. I have mentioned this frequently. I want to define kamma. Kamma is, in fact, an action. Most see kamma as the outcome result of past deeds. If the present outcome is not good, we think it was because our kamma is not good. But I don't want to think of kamma this way. The present kamma is the main one. I want all personnel who have come here (to serve) to consider themselves as having good kamma.

Working under the leadership of a Union Minister, having the chance to work with well-experienced persons in politics and public service sector is good. But more work has to be done, and it is important that this work is done with a higher standard. One of the weaknesses of our country is the decline in our education system. Decline in education system is not the same as declining in other matters. For example, if an economy is in decline, a country with citizens who are highly educated can speedily correct it.

It is said that it takes about twenty years to become a human being. What it means is that only when a person reaches about the age of 20, can they become a full grown human being. This is the time when they become ready to enter into life and ready to face challenges. At this age, our citizens would have become university graduates. As this is a time when we are encouraging vocational education, we can say that is the age when we complete our education and use it to face life.

But due to the weakness of our education system, two generations of our people did not have good kamma. Their past kamma was not good. But we will have to overcome the bad kamma of our past with good kamma of the present. We didn't know what to do because the education system was not good. But this is not a good excuse. We will have to put in more effort. If we really try, we can succeed. But we must persevere. When it is time to go home and rest in the evening, we like to rest. But to develop and progress, we will have to lessen some of this leisure time and try to improve our ability. Staff members who are young need to



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi poses for a photo together with attendees and staff from Department of Policy Affairs at the ceremony commemorating the second anniversary of the Ministry of the State Counsellor's Office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

take more time to study advanced skills and knowledge. Nothing will happen if nothing is done. Nothing becomes something on its own. Leave it as it is, and it will remain as it is. If you leave it as it is, it will become something that you don't like.

We all need to strive together towards becoming something that we like. Government servants, led by the government, must work more for the rule of law, amending the Constitution, achieving internal peace and national reconciliation. The roles of public servants are very important.

Public servants have dignity. If the people trust the public servants, they remain calm and contented even when governments change. They feel secure. We need to accept the fact that governments change if we want a democratic system. If the thinking is that there is no government change, this is not how to think in a democracy. Democracy is a smooth transition of a government. There'll be changes as everything is always changing. As things change, groups and people leading a country should also change. Only then can we be on parity with everything. Despite changes in governments, the capacity and the integrity of the public servants should give stability and security to the people.

The Ministry of State Counsellor's Office is unique. I want our staff to be unique too. They must develop themselves to be unique. I want all of you to do things in unity. Our ministry



State Counsellor presents award to an outstanding staff who attended and passed the Union Civil Service Board course. **PHOTO: MNA**

needs to set the standard. Because you have leaders who will teach and guide you, you will have the opportunity to become model staff. Don't miss this opportunity. Our ministry knows more than others that our country has to face many difficulties.

But when it is time to struggle and put up our efforts, other ministries are also doing likewise. But most of the time, it is the Ministry of State Counsellor's Office that was in the midst of the heavy duties. This ministry is related to national reconciliation and peace. It is related to foreign affairs. It is also related to internal security, security matters and stability. Value this opportunity to participate in these matters. Be honoured. It is important to be happy and satisfied with our work. Only when you are satisfied with your work can you be satisfied with your life. Most part of the time of a public servant is spent in their worksite. Only when you are satisfied with

the majority of the time can you be satisfied with your life. Only when you are satisfied with your life can your offspring understand how to find satisfaction in life.

Serving the public can be considered as serving your family. As most of our staff are women, some felt like being pulled between a public servant's responsibility and the responsibility towards the family. This is natural. That is why we are trying to make the family life of our staff the best we can. We are placing much emphasis on staff housing. Our public servants have given their whole life working for the country and I want them to retire peacefully.

I don't want them to be wondering where to stay after serving the country. They should not be asking themselves whether to live with that son or this daughter. I don't want them to have this life. When they retire, they must be able to live peacefully doing

whatever they wish to do. That is why we are giving priority to housing for the staff. This is not a short-term aim to get good staff. It is a long-term aim for dutiful personnel to retire peacefully.

In order to do this as well as many other things, the country needs to develop. It must be strong financially, and the government is striving for this. When the government is striving towards supporting this, public servants also need to strive and support. What they ought to do is, if a new minister or a new staff comes in, it is honourable and dignified to help and assist the newcomers fulfil their duties and responsibilities as quickly as possible. The ability to cooperate is an important qualification.

Nowadays, conferences and workshops put much emphasis on leadership skills. I don't like this much. The ability to work in a team is more important than the desire to lead. If we have this ability, our country will surely progress. That is why all staff need to have this mindset. They must have team spirit and there'll be progress when all work together as a team. Working together gives not only progress but also satisfaction. The work burden is reduced, too, if all work together as friends, comrades and colleagues. The work is also completed faster and effectively. Two heads are better than one. Of course, it wouldn't be good if the two heads are knocking against one another. It would be more beneficial if they are united.

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First successful leg reconstructive surgery conducted at Yangon General Hospital

THE first-ever successful leg reconstructive surgery was conducted at the Yangon General Hospital in Myanmar.

A man, identified as Ko Thein Zaw Oo, from Shwe Ka Thit village near Twantay town, lost his leg when he was cutting grass with a lawn mower on 19 June. The knife from the lawn mower accidentally came out. He reached the Yangon General Hospital around noon that day.

The operation took place on the same day and it was performed by Professor Khin Maung Myint and other surgeons specialised in hand and reconstructive surgery.

"Anyone involved in an accident resulting in the loss of a hand and leg should keep the hand and leg cold and dry. If there are many muscles involved, it is not easy to reconstruct. But patients should arrive at the hospital within six



Ko Thein Zaw Oo seen at Yangon General Hospital. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

hours after the accident. Also, the patient's family should inform the doctors about the condition and blood type of the patients, said Professor Dr. Khin Maung Myint, head of the hand and reconstructive microsurgery department and professor at the University of Medicine (1).

"Our department had pre-

viously re-attached the arm of a patient. This is our first experience re-attaching the leg of a patient. This time, we re-attached the leg, using our experience from re-attaching the hand," said Dr. Thaw Zin Htoo, assistant lecturer of the hand and reconstructive microsurgery department at Yangon General Hospital.

"I want to say thank you to the doctors and nurses who treated me. The operation took nearly five hours. After the operation, I did not feel any pain. The accident happened around 9am. I don't really know what happened with the knife. I thought that it was a minor case, but my whole leg came out. Then, I rushed to the hospital and arrived at noon," said Thein Zaw Oo.

The patient is doing well and will be discharged very soon, he added.

In 1977, Dr. Myo Myint successfully re-attached the hand of a patient for the first time in Myanmar. There are some 74 specialists in the bone department at Yangon General Hospital, while there are only four or five doctors at the hand and reconstructive microsurgery department in South East Asian countries.—Htein Paw Win (Kamayut) ■

325 apartments constructed for civil service employees in 2017-2018 FY in Magway

THE Magway Region government's ministry for construction and transportation has constructed 325 apartments in seven civil staff housing projects in Magway, Yenangyoung, Taungdwingyi, Chauk, Pakokku, Minbu and Thayet towns in Magway Region in the 2017-2018 fiscal year, said U Tin Nwe Tun, Minister for Construction and Transportation.

Under a project of the Regional Urban and Housing Development Department, the department constructed eight six-storey buildings in Magway Region, spending Ks805 million in Magway, Ks1,014.19 mil-

lion in Yenangyoung, Ks911.536 million in Taungdwingyi, Ks988.274 million in Chauk, Ks1,110 million in Pakokku, Ks1,110 million in Minbu and Ks1,110 million in Thayet towns, said the minister.

"We warmly welcome the implementation of the employees' housing project to promote their standard of living, safety and convenience. The State Counsellor also said the government these days has to make arrangements to provide a sufficient salary and other facilities. This offers encouragement for our civil staff," said an employee from Magway town.

In the 2015-2016 fiscal year, the department constructed 48 apartments, spending Ks992.900 million from regional funds, 32 apartments at a cost of Ks529.500 million, 24 apartments spending Ks533.500 million from the Union funds, and 48 apartments at a cost of Ks770.640 million from the Union funds. In the 2016-2017 fiscal year, the department constructed 120 apartments at a cost of Ks2,152.800 million from the Magway Region government funds, according to records of the Urban and Housing Development Department.—Zayyatu (Magway) ■

Customs department seizes illegal goods at Yaypu, Mayanchaung checkpoints

A COMBINED team comprising officers and staff from the customs department checked for illegal goods, following the reopening of the Yaypu and Mayanchaung checkpoints on 1 March.

There were 1,254 vehicles carrying goods for export and 952 vehicles carrying goods for import along the Mandalay-Muse Pyidaungsu Road, as well as 41 vehicles carrying goods for export and 148 for import along the Yangon-Myawady Road on 22 July.

When the combined team was checking the export and import vehicles, they seized illegal goods worth Ks39.933 million in seven cases at Yaypu checkpoint and illegal goods worth Ks1.472 million in two cases at Mayanchaung checkpoint on 22 July.

On 22 July, the combined team seized 1,231 bags of charcoal worth Ks39.693 million from three vehicles, which did not possess any legal documents.—GNLM ■

Yaba tablets worth over Ks1.8 million seized in Mandalay

YABA tablets worth more than Ks1.8 million were seized two times on the same day in Mandalay Region. Acting on a tip-off, a combined team comprising officers and staff from Thazi Myoma police station waited next to Doe Nyi Naung restaurant and searched a man, identified as Thein Oo, 30, living in Hlaing Tat village.

The police found 80 yaba

tablets worth Ks240,000 with him while he was walking to Thazi from Hlaing Tat village.

When interrogated, he admitted that he had bought the Yaba tablets from Zin Myo Lwin (alias) Zin Gyi, 30, who lives in Hlaing Tat village, Thazi Township, for sale and use.

When the police searched the house of Zin Gyi, they found him outside sitting on a motor-

bike without a licence. Thein Zan, 28, was also present with Zin Gyi. However, both of them managed to escape from the scene and left the motorbike. The police also found 177 yaba tablets worth Ks1,641,000 from the motorbike box.

Police have filed charges against all suspects under the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.-Pan Hlaing Thar ■

State Counsellor: If people trust ...

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The time we work for the country is a very important time. We are laying the nation's and history's path for our next generation to take. Not all generations have this opportunity. Even if this opportunity is desired, most wouldn't get the chance. Challenges that governments and public servants of developed countries face are much less than the challenges we are facing.

In our country, people are struggling to get sufficient nutrition. Be happy that we have this opportunity. Don't be dejected. Use this opportunity fully. Don't regret afterwards. There'll be regrets when you don't do what you ought to do at a certain time. People who have good luck (karma) are those who live their last moments in life without any regrets. It depends on yourself alone whether you become such a person. No one can do this for you. Whether you have regrets or not depends on you alone.

Our staff must strive toward becoming people without regrets when they retire. This will be not only beneficial for the individual alone, but also to the whole country as well.

In conclusion, I pray that all personnel in the ministry would be able to serve the country happily and fully for the good of the country," said the State Counsellor. At the ceremony, the State Counsellor presented awards to

Daw Tin Sandar Win and Daw Khin Naychi Tun who attended and passed outstandingly in courses conducted by the Union Civil Service Board, and to Daw Hnin Hnin Wai who passed with flying colours the Linux Foundation Course conducted by the Ministry of Transport and Communications.

The State Counsellor also presented an award to Maung Aung Hmu Thet who passed the 2017-2018 matriculation examination with five distinctions. He is a family member of a staff from the ministry.

Next, Union Minister for Ministry of State Counsellor's Office U Kyaw Tint Swe presented education stipends and stationery to two family members of staff that passed the 2017-2018 matriculation examination and to offspring of staff who are attending the universities, basic education high school, middle school and primary schools in 2018-2019 which were accepted by officials. Afterwards, the State Counsellor, Union Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Dr. Aung Tun Thet, staff from the Office of the the Union Minister, Policy Department and Union Peace Making Department posed together for a commemorative group photo.

Attendees to the ceremony commemorating the second anniversary of the Ministry of the Office of the State Counsellor were then hosted to a luncheon. —Myanmar News Agency ■



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye attends the first-ever Global Disability Summit held in London on 23 July.
PHOTO: MNA

Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye participates in Global Disability Summit

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye participated in the first-ever Global Disability Summit which kicked off in London on 23 July.

The Civil Society Forum took place, 23 July, one day prior to the Global Disability Summit, discussing current issues relevant to the global disability movement, key themes, stigma and discrimination, ensuring collecting information on disabled, inclusiveness for making assessment to the disabled, effective implementation of UN Convention on the Rights of Disabled and 2030 program,

the role of civil societies in development of the disabled, education, and understanding of the sustainable goals for the disabled by the policy makers.

Speaking at the Global Disability Summit on 24 July, Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye pledged that Myanmar, regarding the Charter for Change, will make assessment to the policy and to provide inclusive education, economic empowerment, creating good job environment, assisting the disabled in using modern communication technology, carrying out survey for the disabled, adopting national

level programs for the development and safeguarding and rehabilitation of the disabled during and after the disasters.

The summit, which is taking place at Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in East London, is anchored on four key themes: Stigma and discrimination, inclusive education, economic empowerment, and innovation and technology.

It is estimated that globally about 1 billion people have some form of disability and they continue to face appalling levels of stigma, discrimination and abuse.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Working Committee for All-round Youth Development Festival (Mandalay) holds coordination meeting

THE Working Committee for holding All-round Youth Development Festival (Mandalay) met to coordinate programmes at the meeting room of the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw at 1 pm on Wednesday.

Present at the meeting were Working Committee Chairman Deputy Information Minister U Aung Hla Tun, permanent secretaries and directors general, who belong to the Working Committee, and other responsible officials.

Speaking at the meeting, U Aung Hla Tun said that the Steering and Working Committees for Holding All-round Youth Development Festival (Mandalay) had been formed by the President's Office on 25 June and 4 July, 2018 respectively. On the other hand, 14 sub-committees and a



Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun delivers the speech at the meeting of Working Committee for holding All-round Youth Development Festival (Mandalay). PHOTO: MNA

secretariat were also set up to ensure smooth and successful implementation of all tasks, he said, calling on the participants to take part in the coordination discussion openly and cordially.

After that, the Committee members and responsible officials made presentations on the situation of implementation of their respective tasks. The meeting came to an end at 3 pm.

The upcoming All-round Youth Development Festival (Mandalay) will be held at Mandalay University from 11th to 13th August, 2018.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Myanmar discusses bilateral air services with New Zealand

CONSULTATIONS over the conclusion of a bilateral Air Services Agreement between Myanmar and New Zealand were held at the Department of Civil Aviation in Yangon on 24 and 25 July 2018.

During the consultations, the two delegations negotiated and agreed on the final draft of the Air Services Agreement, and also agreed to take steps over the formal signing of the agreement.

The Myanmar delegation was headed by U Min Lwin, Director General of the Department of Civil Aviation of the Ministry of Transport and Communications.—MNA ■



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat presents a souvenir to former Japanese Minister Mr. Ryu Shionoya in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives former Japanese Minister

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat received former Japanese Minister for Education, Science and Technology and current President of the Japan-Mekong Parliamentary Friendship Association Mr. Ryu Shionoya yesterday at the Pyithu Hluttaw Hall in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they exchanged views and discussed matters related to promoting parliamentary friendship and cooperation between Japan and Myanmar; promoting investment, legislation, promoting inter-friendship among Japan and Mekong countries and develop-

ment of the countries of the Mekong region.

Present at the meeting were Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein, Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman U Zaw Thein and officials from Pyithu Hluttaw Office.—Myanmar News Agency ■



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than receives former Japanese Minister Mr. Ryu Shionoya in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

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in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters related to the parliamentary friendship between Japan and Myanmar, the forming of the Hluttaw (Parliament), legislation, bilateral business investments and other areas of coop-

eration.

Present at the meeting were Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung, the Amyotha Hluttaw Myanmar-Japan inter-parliamentary Friendship Association Chairman, and officials from the Amyotha Hluttaw Office.—Myanmar News Agency ■

Central Council Meeting of Myanmar Red Cross begins in Nay Pyi Taw

THE opening ceremony of the 80th Central Council Meeting of the Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) kicked off yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw, with the opening address by Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe.

In his speech at the headquarters of the MRCS, the union minister pledged that the ministry will carry on its support of the MRCS, as it plays an important role in emergency situations in the country.

The union minister also called on the MRCS for laying down work plans and objectives with innovative visions as part of efforts for speeding up its work and for readiness for quick response to emergency situation as the society is cooperating with the ministry.

“Red Cross members are for the people and from the people. The visions, missions and performances of the Myanmar Red Cross Society should be disseminated to the people through the Red Cross roundtable talks”, said Dr. Myint Htwe.

The Union Minister also



Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe delivers the opening speech at the 80th Central Council Meeting of the Myanmar Red Cross Society (MRCS) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



lauded the members of the Myanmar Red Cross Society for their selfless contributions in providing aid and support during the current flooding. He also recounted that the State Counsellor also praised the MRCS for their help during the Htein Bin garbage dump fire in Hlinethaya Township. Prof. Dr. Mya Thu, the president of the MRCS, also delivered a speech.

Vice President of MRCS Professor Dr. Nang Htawn Hla explained the implementation

of the decisions made at the 79th Central Council Meeting of Myanmar Red Cross Society, and General Secretary U Khin Maung Hla read the report of the executive committee.

Afterwards, executive committee member U Kim Bawi read the financial report and the report of the Audit and Risk Committee, after which fellow executive committee member Dr. Amaya Maw-Naing explained the work of the headquarters of MRSC from October

2017 to June 2018, and upcoming work.

Secretary General U Khin Maung Hla then explained the programmes of MRCS being implemented in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine states, after which legal adviser Professor Dr. May Htar submitted the amendments of MRCS laws and its bill.

On behalf of the ministry and members of the central committee, Director-General Prof. Dr. Tha Tun Kyaw explained the cooperative work between the

ministries and the Red Cross Society. On behalf of the central committee, representatives of the civil service societies, one of the representatives explained the completed work of the central committee.

Yesterday afternoon, Red Cross supervision committees from Nay Pyi Taw Council Area, regions and states reported on their work. The 80th Central Council Meeting of the Myanmar Red Cross Society will be held until 26 July.—Myanmar News Agency ■

India-Myanmar humanitarian project to provide free artificial limbs

UNDER a humanitarian project of the India-Myanmar Development Cooperation Programme, 500 to 600 disabled persons from Myanmar with missing arms or legs will be provided with artificial limbs in the next five weeks free of charge.

The Jaipur Foot Artificial Limb Fitment Camp was established at the Tripitaka Nikaya Nikae Monastery, South Dagon, Yangon, with the support of Ministry of External Affairs of India and the U Nu-Daw Mya Yi Foundation.

"We got the official permission last year to provide artificial limbs to the disabled, and we are delighted to see the smiles of the disabled after they are ready to take their first steps with artificial limbs," said Daw Than Than Nu, Chairperson of the U Nu-Daw Mya Yi Foundation.

Under a similar programme of the Jaipur Foot Artificial Limb Fitment Camp organised in Yangon last year, over 330 disabled received artificial limbs.

Disabled people from Ayeyawady, Yangon and Bago regions and Kayin, Kayah, Shan, Kachin and Rakhine states were

fitted with artificial limbs. This year the majority of the patients came from Ayeyawady Region.

Since the inaugural ceremony launched on 18 July, an average of about 15 disabled people have been equipped with artificial limbs every day, according to the U Nu-Daw Mya Yi Foundation.

During the inaugural ceremony, dignitaries who were present at the ceremony handed over custom-made Jaipur limbs to four amputees. Myanmar is the first neighbouring country in which the Jaipur Foot Artificial Limb Fitment Camp is being organised under an agreement signed between the Ministry of External Affairs of India and the Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti in Jaipur, India, in November 2017.

Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (BMVSS) is the technical and implementing partner of the camp. It has sent the required materials for the camp together with a seven-member technical team, which includes master technicians, some with over 30 years of experience.

The event is being organised by the Ministry of External



Technicians assembling artificial limbs, manufactured under the India-Myanmar Development Cooperation programme, for people with disabilities in Yangon. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAH**

Affairs of India and the Embassy of India in Yangon under the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation Programme.

A number of economic, infrastructural, developmental, cultural, social and humanitarian projects are also being undertaken under the broader Indian development cooperation programme in Myanmar.

With the blessings of Venerable Tripitaka Kawida Dhama-bhandagariki, Head Priest of Pitakat Thonbon Nikae Monastery, South Dagon, Yangon, His Excellency U Myint Thauang, Minister of Planning and Finance, Government of Yangon Region and His Excellency Vikram Misri, Ambassador of India to

Myanmar, inaugurated the Jaipur Foot Artificial Limb Fitment Camp in Yangon on 18 July. A number of dignitaries, including the Honourable U Aung Min, former Minister of the President's Office, Honourable U Soe Thein, Member of Pyithu Hluttaw, former Minister of the President's Office and former Chief of Naval Staff of Myanmar Mr. D.R. Mehta, Founder and Chief Patron of Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti of Jaipur, India, and Daw Than Than Nu, Chairperson of the U Nu -Daw Mya Yi Foundation, participated at the inaugural ceremony at the Monastery. BMVSS has served more than 1.71 million persons with disabilities in India and around

the world. It is the world's largest organisation for serving persons with missing limbs. All its services are given free of cost.

The Jaipur Foot is the most used artificial Limb in the world. It permits a below-knee amputee to walk, run, climb a tree, drive and squat. Most of these functions can be performed by above knee amputees also.

In 2009, the Jaipur Knee was jointly developed with Stanford University, one of the best research universities in the US. The international news magazine *Time* rated the Jaipur Knee as one the 50 best inventions in the world in 2009. The camp in Yangon will use both the Jaipur Foot and the Jaipur Knee.—GNLM ■

Media delegation collects news on stability, security, coexistence between communities in Maungtaw

A MEDIA delegation visited Kaingyi Village of Mro ethnic people in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State, yesterday and reported the current security situation and prospects for peaceful coexistence between communities after displaced people returned from Bangladesh.

At the village, authorities also explained the relocation of villagers to a new village, construction of buildings with the assistance of the Union Government, education and health care services for the local people.

At the Maungtaw District Administration Office, journalists interviewed the local authorities about the cultivation of rice during the rainy season, security



Media delegation interviewing local authorities in Maungtaw, Rakhine State. **PHOTO: MNA**

and peace and coexistence between communities. In the afternoon, the 17-member delegation visited the Ngakhuya Reception Centre and witnessed the assistance provided to the returnees at the centre and saw the process of issuing Nation-

al Verification Cards to the returnees.

The 17-member media delegation comprised journalists from Fuji TV, Sky News TV, New York Times, Myanmar News Agency, MRTV and MITV.—Myint Maung Soe ■

Announcement

All companies registered with the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) are required to re-register by 31 January 2019 (except for companies which have commenced liquidation). Re-registration forms are available on the DICA website and can be carried out on the Myanmar Companies Online Registry (MyCO) (www.myco.dica.gov.mm) online from **9.00am on 1 August 2018**.

Companies which are re-registering with changes to the company's details must ensure that they comply with the requirements of the new Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

- A company which re-registers with new shareholders (or a single shareholder) must ensure that concerned shareholders sign share transfer form(s) and the company's register of members is updated before lodging the re-registration form.
- A company which re-registers with new directors (or a single director) must ensure that new director(s) are appointed with a shareholder resolution and keep a record of a new director's written consent.
- A company which re-registers with a new constitution or the model constitution must ensure that it has passed a special resolution of shareholders to adopt the new constitution.

All necessary director resolutions and shareholder resolutions must be approved and maintained with the company's records in accordance with the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

All companies which have commenced liquidation under the Myanmar Companies Act 1914 must continue the liquidation process under that law and are not required to re-register.

Please note that companies are not required to submit an annual return to DICA during the re-registration period.

Directorate of Investment and Company Administration

Be ready to prevent water-borne diseases in flood-hit areas

THIS is peak dengue season, and we need to remain vigilant after floods to prevent the outbreak of mosquito-borne disease.

Flooding in some parts of Myanmar has forced local people to move to temporary shelters and makeshift shelters after rising waters inundated low-lying areas.

The victims are at risk from water and mosquito-borne infectious diseases, including malaria, diarrhea, and dengue fever.

Myanmar has experienced more frequent outbreaks of dengue, especially during the rainy season, with less gaps in between cases. Instead of cases occurring mainly in the rainy season, for the past five years it has been happening year-round.

The main reasons, according to experts, are climate change and a higher breeding rate of the Aedes mosquito. Another reason for the more frequent occurrence of dengue is the habit of Myanmar

people to store water, increasing the number of places where mosquitoes can breed.

Local authorities and health officials are advised to be ready to help treat the disease and to train volunteers on how to fumigate potential breeding sites and to spread messages to communities about dengue prevention.

If required, we should be ready to deliver mosquito nets to flood victims to help prevent any potential outbreaks in flood-hit areas.

To reduce the loss of life due to water-borne infectious diseases, an immediate flood response that includes surveillance for infectious diseases, particularly dengue, is very important. Fast response to an outbreak is required.

The most effective way to prevent the disease is public participation in preventive measures against the disease.

People are urged to participate in prevention activities by keeping the homes and environment clean every day and make sure there is no water left for the insects to breed.

The Aedes mosquito is active during the day, a time when people need to protect themselves from mosquito bites.

The symptoms of dengue are high fever, headaches, joint and muscle pain, vomiting and rashes. Dengue fever victims need emergency treatment if the patient is unconscious with a body that is cool to the touch.

According to the WHO, over 100 million people are infected with dengue fever across the world each year, 500,000 of whom are ill enough to require hospitalization. The outbreak of dengue fever has increased over 30 per cent across the world between 1960 and 2010.

In 2015, there were a total of 42,913 cases of dengue fever in Myanmar, resulting in 140 deaths, but 2016 saw these figures drop to just 10,770 cases and 58 deaths, evidence that eradication and educational efforts were working.

But this year, there is evidence that further work is needed. We must remain vigilant in our efforts.

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The Full Moon Day of Waso and Dhammacakkapavattana Sutta

By Aye Mar Way (Researcher)

THE full day of Waso is a very holy day for Buddhists. In the Myanmar calendar, Waso is the fourth month, and its full moon day usually falls in July every year. This year, 2018, it will fall on 27 July. The full moon day is called Dhammacakka Day because our Lord Buddha preached his very first sermon “Dhammacakkapavattana Sutta” on the full moon day of Waso (Saturday) in the year 103 of Maha Sakarit. To commemorate the Buddha’s first sermon, Buddhists customarily perform meritorious deeds such as offering donations, observing moral precepts, reciting the Dhammacakkapavattana Sutta and paying obeisance to Buddha’s images on that full moon day.

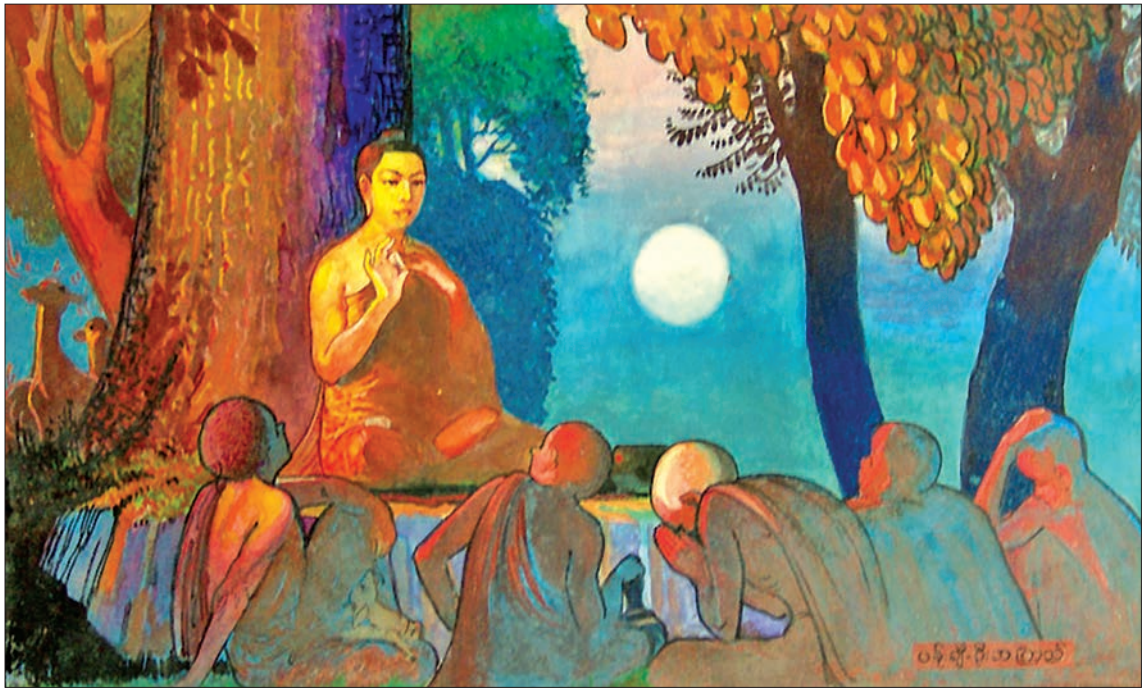
The full moon day of Waso also marks the beginning of Buddhist Lent, taking three months until Thadingyunt Full Moon Day (the Light Festival). During Buddhist Lent, monks (members of Sangha) go into rainy season retreats and avoid travel. A significant and meritorious deed for Buddhists in Waso is to offer robes to the monks for use during Lent. The robes offered to monks in the month of Waso are called Waso robes. No weddings, feasts, or festivals are celebrated during Buddhist Lent, and people try to follow the Five Precepts more conscientiously.

Moreover, the full moon day of Waso is very significant for Buddhists because it is on this day that Buddha was conceived, when he renounced worldly pleasure to search for enlightenment, preached the first sermon of Dhammacakka and performed the twin miracles.

In the year 103 of Maha Sakarit, Prince Siddhattha attained Buddhahood, or Supreme Enlightenment and Liberation, under the Bodhi Tree on the bank of the Nerañjarā river in Buddhagaya on the night of the full moon day of Kason (Wesak). Afterwards, the Buddha remained silent for 49 days (seven weeks) in the environment of the Bodhi Tree. Then the Buddha decided to teach the Dhamma he had realised to the five ascetics (his former companions) known as Pañcavaggiya, namely, Kondanna, Vappa, Bhaddiya, Mahanama and Assaji. He came to Isipatana (now called Sarnath) on foot from Buddhagaya. Sarnath is a small town near the sacred city of Varanasi in central India. He arrived at Deer Park (in which deer were given sanctuary) of Isipatana on the full moon day of Waso (Asalha), exactly two months after Kason of his enlightenment. In the early evening of the full moon day, the Buddha delivered the First Sermon to the Pañcavaggiya in the Deer Park. This first sermon of Buddha is Dhammacakkapavattana Sutta, commonly known as the Great Discourse on Turning the Wheel of Dhamma.

The Pāli word “Dhamma” means “the Buddha’s teachings” or “his truth that leads to one liberation from suffering”. Cakka is also a Pāli word which means “wheel”. Thus Dhammacakka can be translated as “Wheel of Truth”, which is a Buddhist symbol referring to Buddha’s teaching of the path to enlightenment. The meaning of Pavattana in Pāli is “turning” or “rolling” or “setting in motion”. Therefore, the meaning of Dhammacakkapavattana is “Turning the Wheel of Truth”.

The Sutta introduced the fundamental concepts of Buddhism such as the Middle Way (Majjhima Patipda), and the Four Noble Truths (Ariya Saccas). The main subject of the Sutta is the Four Noble Truths, the essence of all Buddha’s teachings. The Sutta contains



the following subjects in order –

- The two extremes to be avoided,
- The Middle Path: The Noble Eightfold Path,
- The Four Noble Truths,
- The Twelve Insights,
- Proclamation of release from rebirths,
- Arising of the Dhamma Sense to Kondañña
- Proclamation of the devas on Buddha’s setting the wheel of Dhamma in motion and
- Response of the Buddha to Kondañña.

According to the Sutta, there are two extremes we must avoid. They are (i) Kāmasukhallikanuyoga (Enjoyment of sense pleasure) and (ii) Attakillamathānuyoga (Practice of self-mortification). By avoiding these two extremes, we may find out the “Middle Path”.

The Buddha said that, by realising the mistake of both these two extremes, he followed the “Middle Path” called “Majjhima Patipada”, which gives rise to vision and knowledge, and which leads to peace, which directs enlightenment to Nibbāna. The Buddha explained that the “Middle Path” is called “Noble Eightfold Path”. The eight factors of Noble Eightfold Path are –

1. Right Understanding (Sammā-ditṭhi)
2. Right Thought (Sammā-saṅkappa)
3. Right Speech (Sammā-vācā)
4. Right Action (Sammā-kammanta)
5. Right Livelihood (Sammā-ājīva)
6. Right Effort (Sammā-vāyāma)
7. Right Mindfulness (Sammā-sati)
8. Right Concentration (Sammā-samādhī)

The Middle Path produces spiritual insight and intellectual wisdom to see things as they really are. Besides, this path leads to understanding the Fourth Noble Truth thoroughly, and finally to the realization of the Ultimate Goal to Nibbāna.

Continuously, the Buddha described the Four Noble Truths, which form the heart and nucleus of all his later teachings. The Four Noble Truths also represent the essence of Buddha’s teachings. Those who understand and realise these four kinds of truths thoroughly become noble persons called Ariyas. Since only noble persons can know and see these truths clearly, they are known as Noble Truths (Ariya Saccas).

The Four Noble Truths are –

1. The Noble Truth of Suffering (Dukkha Ariya

- Sacca)
2. The Noble Truth of the Origin of Suffering (Dukkha-samudaya Ariya Sacca)
3. The Noble Truth of the Extinction of Suffering (Dukkha-nirodha Ariya Sacca)
4. The Noble Truth of the Path leading to the Extinction of Suffering (Dukka-nirodha-gāminipatipadā Ariya Sacca)

First, the Buddha explained the Noble Truth of Suffering, which deals with “dukkha” meaning “suffering” or “misery”. All living beings are subject to birth (jāti), decay (jarā), disease (vyādhi), and finally to death (marana). No one is exempt from these four types of suffering. Moreover, unfulfilled wishes are also suffering. Association with hated persons or meeting unpleasant things and separation from loved persons or pleasant things are sufferings. Not getting what one wants is suffering. In brief, the five aggregates subject to clinging are suffering.

Second, the Noble Truth of the Origin of Suffering was expounded. It is craving called (taṇhā) which gives rise to rebirth, and bound up with pleasure and lust, now here and now there, finds ever fresh delight. There are three kinds of craving: (i) Craving for sense pleasures (kāma-taṇhā), (ii) Craving for existence or becoming (bhava-taṇhā) and, Craving for non-existence or self-annihilation (vibhava-taṇhā).

Third, it is the Noble Truth of the Extinction of Suffering, which states a complete cessation of suffering. It is “Nibbanā”, the ultimate goal of Buddhists. When the craving is totally uprooted and eradicated, all other defilements are already eradicated totally. Due to freedom from all defilements, the mind becomes completely pure. Consequently, total peace and supreme bliss exist in the mental stream. By this way, Nibbanā can be achieved in this very life. This Nibbanā can be realized by the sense of enlightenment by renouncing all attachment to the internal body and external world.

The fourth truth is the Noble Truth of the Path leading to the Extinction of Suffering, which is the unique path leading straight to Nibbanā. This path is the Noble Eightfold Path consisting of eight noble factors — right understanding, right thought, right speech, right action, right livelihood, right effort, right mindfulness, and right concentration.

– This sutta then states that while listening to the Buddha’s teaching, the eldest of the five ascetics, Kondañña realised the characteristic of impermanence called “anicca”, and became a stream-winner (Sotapanna).

After the Buddha had explained these Four Noble Truths, he continually described the Twelve Insights by developing the Four Noble Truths in three ways of each. Then he admitted that he had been a perfect Buddhahood who had attained the full Supreme Enlightenment in the midst of the world. Consequently, he proclaimed his liberation from rebirth.

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Afterwards, various types of devas from different realms step-by-step raised proclamation on the Wheel of Dhamma in motion set by the Buddha. At the moment, the proclamation spread as far as the Brahma world, and ten thousandfold world systems shook, quaked, and trembled and immeasurable glorious radiance appeared in the world surpassing the light of the devas.

At the end of the discourse, Kondañña acquired the name of Aññāta Kondañña: Kondañña Who Has Understood. The Buddha firstly called Venerable Aññāta Kondañña the word “ehi bhikkhū” meaning the monk, and he became the first monk (Sangha) of the Buddha Sāsana.

According to the Dhammacakkapavattana Sutta mentioned above, two gems, Dhamma Ratana (Buddha’s sermons or teachings) and Sangha Ratana (Buddhist monk) emerged on the full moon day of Waso. Besides, the Buddha said the word “ehi bhikkhū” for the first time on the day.

Therefore, the full moon day of Waso is the day when the Buddha expounded his first sermon named Dhammacakkapavattana Sutta explaining very fundamental concepts (the two extremes, the middle way called the Noble Eightfold Path, and the Four Noble Truths), that he was conceived, that he renounced worldly pleasure to search for enlightenment, the day that two gems (Dhamma and Sangha) emerged, that he called the word “ehi bhikkhū” for the first time, and that he performed the twin-miracles. These reasons show that the full Moon day of Waso called Dhammacakka Day is very significant, very holy, and very important for all of us Buddhists. Finally, I pay obeisance very respectfully to our Lord Buddha by contributing this article about the full moon day of Waso and Dhammacakkapavattana Sutta.



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Wednesday 25th July, 2018)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 26th JULY, 2018: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Lower Sagaing Region and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavy falls in Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States and isolated heavy falls in Upper Sagaing, Bago and Yangon Regions, Kachin and Chin States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35)m.p.h. Wave height will be about (6 -9)feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Continuations of increase of rain in Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States.

FORECAST FOR NAYPYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 26th JULY, 2018: Some or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 26th JULY, 2018: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 26th JULY, 2018: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

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 with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Own 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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Myanmar's exports to US outdo imports in April, May

MYANMAR'S exports to the United States surpassed imports in the first two months of the six-month interim period (April to September) prior to the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

Myanmar's trade with the United States was worth US\$172.5 million, with exports worth \$112 million and imports worth \$60.4 million, according to statistics provided by the commerce ministry.

Rice, various types of pulses, forestry products, fish, prawns, apparel, garments produced on cut-make-pack system, and other finished industrial goods were shipped to the United States. Meanwhile, Myanmar mainly imported personal goods, capital goods and industrial raw materials from the United States.

Under (former US president) Barack Obama's govern-

ment, the US reinstated Myanmar's eligibility for a generalised system of preferences benefits, after the imposition of economic sanctions against Myanmar for more than two decades.

A delegation led by Mr. McKinney, Undersecretary of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), met with officials from the commerce ministry on 20 July and discussed bilateral trade promotion and investments.

Myanmar's bilateral trade with the United States was worth \$718.3 million for the 2017-2018 FY, \$690.6 million for the 2016-2017 FY, \$196.9 million for the 2015-2016 FY, \$544.6 million for the 2014-2015 FY, \$104 million for the 2013-2014 FY, 122.7 million for the 2012-2013 FY and \$293 million for the 2011-2012 FY.

—Ko Htet ■



Containers seen at the Asia World Terminal in Yangon. PHOTO: ZAW GYI PANITA

MyCo registration system to show all data online

By May Thet Hnin

ALL Myanmar companies, old and new, are to be re-registered online, according to the Myanmar Companies Law that will come into effect on 1 August. The Myanmar Companies Online (MyCo) registration system will show a company's entire history and particulars online, said U Aung Naing Oo, Director General of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

"Through our MyCo system, anyone can find out online whether a company follows laws and procedures, who owns a particular number of shares, the company's address, when documents were filed, any penalties for no reporting or late reporting, etc. Anyone can learn about any company without requiring to visit our office," he added.

The MyCo registry will handle the registration and entries of all companies, submission of company filings to the registrar, the company's annual returns, online payment of registration and filing fees, company search, purchase of company information, notifications and alerts from the registrar (DICA) and reports

on company statistics.

The MyCo system will show companies in four categories: companies that fully comply with laws will be shown under category 1, registered state. Companies that are registered but didn't file returns or were reminded to file returns will be in category 2, suspended state. These companies will remain in the suspended state unless they pay the fine. But if these companies fail to pay the fine and file an annual return within a prescribed period, they will be moved to category 3, struck off state. Afterwards, those companies will be put under category 4, liquidated state.

Our report on a company's condition will show its weak points in red. Companies that want to work with international companies need to ensure that there are no red marks with regard to their condition, said U Aung Naing Oo.

The newly-enacted Myanmar Companies Law no longer requires testimonials and submission of the amount of invested capital. The law also permits a company with a single director and up to 35 per cent foreign share.

Moreover, companies no longer need to renew their registration or would be blacklisted. However, the companies need to keep all online registered documents in the company records.

"There wouldn't be many changes in foreign direct investment within a month of the Myanmar Companies Law coming into force. But later on, we expect more foreign direct investment to enter the country," said U Aung Naing Oo.

There will be many challenges in registering online with the MyCo system. Some remote areas with poor internet connections will face difficulties. Therefore, companies can register at the DICA branch offices.

According to the newly enacted Myanmar Companies Law, old companies have to re-register. The registration number and tax identification number will be the same.

A conference on the Myanmar Companies Law 2017 and company procedures was held at the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry office, Yangon, on 23 July and some 800 interested persons attended the conference. ■

Border trade with ITCs reaches Ks11.6 billion as of 6 July

THE value of border trade using Individual Trading Cards (ITC) amounted to Ks11.6 billion as of 6 July, during the six-month interim period prior to the next 2018-2019 fiscal year (FY), which includes an export value of Ks2.5 billion and import value of Ks9 billion, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Myawaddy border trade is reported to have the largest volume of trade with a value of more than Ks7.6 billion. According to the ministry's statistics, the export value with ITC was Ks723,677 as of 6 July in this interim period, while the import value with ITC was Ks7.6 billion.

The trade value through ITCs at border points was Ks1.6 billion at the Tamu trade camp, Ks22 million at the Muse border

gate, Ks36 million at the Tachilek trade camp, Ks247 billion at the Kanpikete trade camp, Ks321 million at Kawthaung border town, Ks216 million at the Reed border trade camp, Ks1.5 billion at the Mawtaung gate and Ks36 million at the Keng Tung border trade camp.

The total trade value with ITCs was Ks18.97 billion in the 2016-2017 FY. The Ministry of Commerce permitted 292 ITCs in the 2012-2013 FY, 261 cards in the 2013-2014 FY, 317 cards in the 2014-2015 FY, 146 cards in the 2015-2016 FY, 248 cards in the 2016-2017 FY, 168 cards in the 2017-2018 FY and 26 cards in the interim period as of 6 July.

Since its introduction to date, the ministry issued a total of 1,458 ITCs. — Zwe ■

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US senators to grill Pompeo over Trump-Putin summit, North Korea

WASHINGTON — Did Donald Trump make secret promises to Vladimir Putin? What did the American president tell his Russian counterpart at their Helsinki summit?

US senators, distressed by the Republican billionaire's recent behavior, will demand answers from his Secretary of State Mike Pompeo on Wednesday, when he provides the most closely watched

congressional testimony of his young tenure as the nation's top diplomat.

Lawmakers have been eager for Pompeo to report back about a previous critical summit on 12 June in Singapore between Trump and North Korea's Kim Jong Un.

Their demand became all the more urgent after Helsinki, in particular the joint press conference during which Trump was

seen by Republican and Democratic lawmakers alike as betraying American interests and being too conciliatory towards Putin.

"The Helsinki press conference was a sad day for our country, and everyone knows it," Senator Bob Corker, the Republican chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee and an occasional Trump critic, told reporters on Tuesday.

Russia will therefore be the primary focus of Pompeo's 3:00 pm (1900 GMT) appearance before the committee.

But Corker made it clear his panel will also grill Pompeo about his recent trip to Pyongyang, Trump's "undermining" of NATO and the alliance's principal of mutual defense, and the president's controversial tariffs which appear to be mushrooming

into a trade war.

"I will testify about a lot of things including the relationship between the United States and Russia" and the "incredibly important" Trump-Putin summit, Pompeo said.

The closed-door meeting was panned by US lawmakers and observers, but Pompeo insisted it was "one I think the world will have benefited from when history is written."

More Trump-Putin history may be made in the coming months. The White House has announced that Putin has been invited to Washington for another meeting later this year, even as Pompeo lamented that Congress was unimpressed with Trump's unprecedented determination to push back against Russia's "malign behavior around the world."—AFP ■

Trump defends trade strategy ahead of EU chief's visit

KANSAS CITY — US President Donald Trump insisted on Tuesday that imposing tariffs forces other countries to negotiate with Washington, a day before the European Union chief visits trying to prevent an all-out trade war.

"What the European Union is doing to us is incredible, how bad. They made \$151 billion last year, our trade deficit with the European Union. They sound nice, but they're rough," he told a convention of Veterans of Foreign Wars.



US President Donald Trump walks to the White House in Washington, DC on 24 July, 2018, upon his return from Kansas City, Missouri where he addressed the 119th Veterans of Foreign Wars National Convention. PHOTO: AFP

Trump claimed that after threatening the EU with tariffs on Mercedes-Benz and BMW autos, they replied: "When can we, ah, show up? When can we be there? Would tomorrow be okay?"

European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker is scheduled to meet Trump Wednesday in Washington, a last-ditch effort to convince him to hold off imposing punitive tariffs on European auto exports to the US.

The Europeans say such levies would trigger a global economic earthquake and earn a withering riposte from Brussels.

In his speech to an appreciative audience in Kansas City, Trump was re-emphasizing a theme he had addressed earlier Tuesday on Twitter, when he boasted "Tariffs are the greatest!"

"Either a country which has treated the United

States unfairly on Trade negotiates a fair deal, or it gets hit with tariffs," he tweeted, likening the US as a "piggy bank" that's being "robbed" through trade imbalances.

The threatened car tariffs, which would deal a blow to Germany's mighty automobile industry, come on top of high levies already slapped by Trump on aluminum and steel imports.

The European Commission has reacted with retaliatory tariffs, but new US levies on cars would prompt Europe to take further action.

Other US allies including Canada and Mexico have also hit back against the steel and aluminum tariffs.

"We have to think of ourselves," Trump said in Kansas City.

"We gotta fight it," he said, referring to "disaster" trade deals. But the foreign minister of Germany, Europe's biggest economy, said Tuesday that the continent "will not be threatened by President Trump. If we cede once, we will often have to deal with such behavior in the future," Heiko Maas wrote on Twitter.

"No one has an interest in having punitive tariffs, because everyone loses in the end," he said.

French Finance Minister Bruno Le Maire said over the weekend that Europeans "refuse to negotiate with a gun to the head."—AFP ■

Invitation for Bids

Date:	24 July 2018
Loan No. and Title:	Loan 3330-MYA Power Transmission Improvement Project
Contract No. and Title:	Package No (2)- 7(T) DPTSC(PTP)/(2018-2019): Design, Supply and Installation for 230kV Thaketa Substation Extension and Three New Substations at Kyaikasan, South Oakkalapa and West University
Deadline for Submission of Bids:	6 September 2018, 13:00 hours (local time)

1. The Republic of Myanmar has received financing from the Asian Development Bank (ADB) toward the cost of the **Power Transmission Improvement Project**. Part of this financing will be used for payments under the contract named above. Bidding is open to bidders from eligible source countries of ADB.
2. The **Department of Power Transmission and System Control (DPTSC)** ("the Employer") invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the **Extension of the 230kV Thaketa Substation and the Construction of three new substations at Kyaikasan, South Oakkalapa and West University Substations** (the Facilities). The Facilities are all located within Yangon region.
3. **International Competitive Bidding** will be conducted in accordance with ADB's [Single-Stage, One-Envelope](#) bidding procedure and is open to all Bidders from eligible countries as described in the Bidding Document.
4. Only eligible Bidders with the following key qualifications should participate in this bidding:
 - Experience for successful completion of at least two (2) comparable contracts (Design, supply, delivery, installation and testing & commissioning of (a) GIS substation with voltage level 220 kV or higher at least one (1) contract to prove, (b) AIS substations with voltage level 220 kV (or higher on turnkey basis) within the last ten (10) years as on the date of opening of proposals of which at least one (1) GIS substation and one (1) AIS substation shall be in successful operation for minimum of three (3) years.
 - Minimum average annual turnover of US\$ 50.0 million calculated as total certified payments received for contracts in progress or completed, for the last three (3) years.The qualification criteria are more completely described in the Bidding Document.
5. To obtain further information and inspect the bidding documents, bidders should contact:
Department of Power Transmission and System Control (DPTSC)
Address: Building No. 27, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar
Mr. Kyi San Lin, Director
Telephone: 95 67 8104286
Website: <http://www.moee.gov.mm>
Email: sedesignptp.mepe@gmail.com, kyilinn@gmail.com,
Fax: 95 67 8104286
6. To purchase the bidding documents in English, eligible bidders should write to the address above requesting the bidding documents for the Facilities. And pay a nonrefundable fee of purchase order (bank draft) with Myanmar Kyats which is equivalent to US\$ 100.
7. A Pre-bid meeting shall take place on 10 August 2018 at 14:00 hours (local time) at the address above, Meeting Room, Material Planning Department.
8. Bids must be delivered to the address above **on or before the deadline: 6 September 2018 at 13:00 hours (local time)** together with a Bid Security as described in the bidding documents.
Electronic Submission is not allowed.
9. Bids will be opened immediately after the bid submission deadline in the presence of bidders' representatives who choose to attend.

Tender Committee
Department of Power Transmission and System Control
Ministry of Electricity and Energy, office No.27, Nay Pyi Taw

German post office delivers electric car surprise

FRANKFURT AM MAIN, (Germany) — On German streets plied by hulking SUVs and roaring combustion engines, the small, toy-like electric vehicles driven by postmen stand out by their silence and their bright yellow livery.

But even more surprising to many in the car-loving nation is the Deutsche Post horn logo on the prows of the so-called “Streetscooters” — vans that are not much bigger than the iconic Volkswagen Golf.

To some analysts, the former state-owned logistics firm is showing up auto industry giants like Volkswagen, BMW or Daimler by shifting gears towards vehicle electrification even faster.

More than 6,000 Streetscooters number among the 49,300 vehicles

Deutsche Post uses for local deliveries, and the company recently opened a second factory to up production to 40 per day.

When the traditional carmakers were slow to respond to its search for a low-carbon, low-cost van, bosses snapped up a small start-up firm to build its own.

Industry expert Ferdinand Dudenhoeffer of the Center for Automotive Research calls the move “a starting gun” for electric mobility in Germany, where headlines are more often dominated by a seemingly endless diesel emissions scandal.

For 20-year veteran of the Frankfurt post office Miroslav Arapovic, the new vehicle just means he is “less noisy and better integrated into the environment” as he makes his



Deutsche Post designed its Streetscooter from scratch as a delivery vehicle for inner cities. PHOTO: AFP

rounds.

“I’ve already had compliments from passers-by, like for the fact there aren’t any oil marks” on the street, he says.

Keep it simple

Deutsche Post designed its Streetscooter from scratch as a delivery vehicle for inner cities.

Its battery offers a range of just 80 kilometres (50 miles), massively slashing the costs of production.

Given such “very specific” requirements it was unsurprising that the major manufacturers focused on mass-market models were unable to rise to the challenge, explains Stefan Reindl, director of the Institute for the Automobile Economy (IFA).

Firms like Volkswagen have inflexible production chains, discouraging them from producing at small scale, and they “tend to overengineer” vehicles rather than pursuing minimalism.

For its part, Deutsche Post “does not want to become a carmaker”, seeking only to optimise the “last kilometre” of its deliveries, Streetscooter chief Achim Kampker says.

The “last mile”, a term adopted from the telecoms industry, is a top question for delivery firms, city authorities and environmentalists, especially in crowded, polluted German city centres.

It refers to the question of how to efficiently move goods from central hubs on to their final destination in densely populated urban areas.

Numbers of delivery vehicles making the rounds have ballooned, as booming e-commerce sets ever-more packages on their way to households’ front doors.

A British study found in 2017 that light van traffic in London had increased 30 percent over 1993 levels, unlike car and taxi traffic which has been sinking since the early 2000s.

Meanwhile, German cities are scrambling to clean up their air after a court decision ruled that diesel vehicles could be banned as a measure of last resort.

Hamburg and Stuttgart are among the first local authorities to shut off parts of their territory to older cars powered by the fuel.—AFP ■

Myanma Port Authority “Notice of High Tide”

Exceptionally high spring from 20.00 feet to 20.01 feet high above the chart datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period of July 28th to July 31st, 2018. Please be noted that it is no serious level of tide because the highest tide level have reached up to 22 feet above the chart datum in year 2014 and 2015, and this notice is normally issued whenever high tide of Yangon River is expected to reach over 20 feet high above the chart datum in order to take precautionary measures to the public living near river foreshore area of Yangon City.

Transferred Distributor and Registration For Registration Pesticides

Distribution and registration processes of below pesticides produced by Zagro Singapore Pte.,Ltd. had been transferred since 16 March,2018 from Wah Wah Agricultural Chemicals Trading Co.,Ltd to JJ PUN Trading Ltd, according to Myanmar Pesticide Regulation Law.

No	Trade Name	Active Ingredient	Reg: type	Reg: No
1	BP Hopper	BPMC 50 %EC	Full Reg:	F2016-1094
2	Agromectin 1.8%EC	Abamectin 1.8%K	Full Reg:	F2014-724
3	Acetagro	Acetamiprid 20%SL	Prov Reg:	2014-1869
4	Carbensal 50 SC	Cartendasim50%SC	Full Reg:	F2014-493
5	Censor	Metalazy! 25% SL	Full Reg:	F2014-709
6	Agrothaconil	Chlorothalonil 75%WP	Full Reg:	F2014-711
7	ZaRng 25SL	Formesafen 2596S1	Prov Reg:	2014-2004
8	Progib-Z	Gibberellic Add20%TB	Prov Reg:	2014-2005
9	Zadocarb150 SC	Indoxacarb 15% SC	Exp Reg:	2015-2266
10	Zafuran 3G	Carbofuran 3% GR	Full Reg:	F2016-552
11	Goal 25 EC	Difenoconazole 25%EC	Full Reg:	2016-1098
12	Emaben	Emamectin Benzoate1.9% EC	Full Reg:	2016-1097
13	Znailmide	Nicosamide 70%WP	Prov Reg:	2016-3187

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Consignees of cargo carried on M.V KOTA HASIL VOY. NO. (KHS A 0087N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 26-7-2018 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T/AWPT where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER LINES

Phone No: 2301185

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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AGENT FOR: M/S CONTINENTAL SHIPPING LINE PTE LTD

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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.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Phone No: 2301185

Cambodian authorities ready to reinforce security during Sunday's general election

PHNOM PENH—Cambodian authorities are ready to enhance security during Sunday's general election, officials said on Wednesday.

"We are ready to ensure safety, security, and public order for the sixth general election," Gen. Chuon Sovann, deputy National Police commissioner and Phnom Penh Municipal Police chief, said during a gathering of nearly 5,000 security personnel here.

He said the security forces are obliged to prevent, thwart, and quell every attempt to spoil the election.

Phnom Penh Municipal Governor Khuong Sreng called for the people to vote in Sunday's election, saying that it is the only chance in every five years to elect national



Phnom Penh police chief Chuon Sovann (C) checks firearms as Phnom Penh governor Khuong Sreng (L) looks on during inspection ceremony of the police force at the Olympic National stadium in Phnom Penh on 25 July, 2018 in preparation for the 29 July general election. **PHOTO: AFP**

leaders they like.

National Election Committee (NEC) member Hel Sarath said last week that nearly 70,000 security personnel will be deployed at all 22,967

polling stations across the kingdom on the voting day.

The Southeast Asian country is scheduled to hold the general election for the 125-seat parlia-

ment on Sunday, July 29. Twenty political parties will contest in the election, which will see some 8.38 million people cast their ballots, according to the NEC.—Xinhua ■

Senior CPC official calls for advances in judicial reform

SHENZHEN — A senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC) has called for advances in judicial system reform.

Guo Shengkun, a member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee and head of the Commission for Political and Legal Affairs of the CPC Central Committee, made the call at a meeting on pushing judicial reform,

held in Shenzhen, Guangdong Province.

Guo spoke of the need to make progress in rule of law and building a socialist judicial system with Chinese characteristics.

He stressed the absolute leadership of the Party and a people-centered approach to reform. He also emphasized that the system needed to be well-organized, effective and pro-

fessional. Meanwhile, at the meeting, courts and procuratorates are ordered to further streamline structures to let more judicial personnel work at the forefront of case-handling. The Internet court should expand its pilot areas and a state-level system can be explored to hear appeals of intellectual property cases, according to the meeting. The public

interest litigation system should be reformed while the establishment of a prosecutor assistant system can be tested.

Police departments need to be restructured. Areas of deepening reform also include government legislation, administrative review, prisons, community correction, and compulsory isolated drug rehabilitation.—Xinhua ■

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1	X-Phos 48 EC	Chlorpyrifos 48% EC	Full Reg	F2016-1023
2	Regency 5 SC	Fipronil 5% SC	Full Reg	F2016-1095
3	Zathron 100 SL	Imidacloprid 10% SL	Full Reg	F2016-1100
4	Compete 75% SP	Acephate 75% SP	Full Reg	F2014-642
5	Zathron 200 SL	Imidacloprid 20% SL	Full Reg	F2013-1101
6	Benofos 50 EC	Profenofos 50% EC	Full Reg	F2014-720
7	Trounce 40% EC	Dimethoate 40% EC	Full Reg	F2014-308
8	Fight 505 EC	Chlorpyrifos 50% + Cypermethrin 5% EC	Prov Reg	2014-1870
9	Golden Dragon 2.5 EC	Lambda-Cyhalothrin 2.5 EC	Full Reg	F2014-721
10	Punish 10% EC	Cypermethrin 10% EC	Full Reg	F2014-324
11	Megatap 50 SP	Cartap Hydrochloride 50% SP	Prov Reg	2014-2001
12	Cupox	Copper Oxychloride 85% WP	Prov Reg	2014-2003
13	Dimorph 50 WP	Dimethomorph 50	Prov Reg	2014-1868
14	Pin Up 41 SL	Glyphosate IPA 41% SL	Full Reg	F2016-1096
15	AG 24	2,4-D Amine 72% SL	Full Reg	F2014-325
16	Imasin 10 SL	Imazethapyr 10% SL	Prov Reg	2014-2006
17	Attab33 EC	Pendimethalin 33 % EC	Prov Reg	2014-1867
18	AG-Chlor 80	Trichlorfon 80 % SP	Exp Reg	2015-2269
19	Zamelly 200 WG	Metsulfuron-methyl 20% WG	Exp Reg	2015-2267
20	Zathron 70 WP	Imidacloprid 70% WP	Prov Reg	2015-2270
21	Malamaing 57% EC	Malathion 57 % EC	Full Reg	F 2016-492
22	Metalmen	Metalaxyl 8 %	Full Reg	F 2016-710
23	Agrocin 20% EC	Fenvalerate 20 % EC	Prov Reg	2004-725
24	Zectric 5 G	Metaldelhyde 5% GR	Exp Reg	2009-1099
25	Zalam 69 EW	Fenoxaprop-p-ethyl 6.9% EW	Prov Reg	2016-3188
26	Agrirop 100 EC	Cyhalofop-butyl 10% EC	Prov Reg	2016-3189
27	Agrofuram 200 WDG	Dinotefuran 20% WG	Prov Reg	2016-3190
28	Green Star 25 SC	Azoxystrobin 25 % SC	Prov Reg	2016-3191

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The Announcement of the Myanmar Companies Regulations 2018

In exercise of the power conferred by Section 462 (1) (a) of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017, the Ministry of Planning and Finance, with the approval of the Union Government, had issued Myanmar Companies Regulations 2018. Detailed information is available on the website of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration www.dica.gov.mm and Myanmar Companies Online MyCo, www.myco.dica.gov.mm which will be launched on 1st August 2018 with the commencement of the Myanmar Companies Law 2017.

Directorate of Investment and Company Administration

The Myanmar Companies Law 2017 will commence on 1st August 2018, this guide is for the registration and re-registration of companies on Myanmar Companies Online (MyCO)

1. With the following procedures, new company registration and re-registration can be applied:

Step-1: Start with web: www.myco.dica.gov.mm

(the web will be launched on 1st August 2018, at 9:00am)

Step-2: Create a MyCO ID account with your information

Step-3: After creating an account, LOGIN with your MyCO ID

Step-4: In the system, for the new company registration select the respective prescribed form and re-registration of company select the company name, fill the form with company's information, and the submit the application.

Step-5: The system will reply to your email when the process has been done. It is available to search in HOME page > COMPANY SEARCH with the company name or the registration number.

2. For more detail information, we would to invite you to visit our web: www.dica.gov.mm.

Directorate of Investment and Company Administration



Adult film star Stormy Daniels and her husband, Glen Crain, at the 29th Adult Video News Awards Show in 2012. **PHOTO: AFP**

Stormy Daniels and husband to divorce: lawyer

WASHINGTON — Adult film star Stormy Daniels, who is battling President Donald Trump in court over their alleged sexual encounter a decade ago, and her husband plan to divorce, her lawyer announced on Monday.

Daniels, 39, whose real name is Stephanie Clifford, married Glendon Crain, 41, in 2010.

Crain is a heavy metal musician and pornographic movie actor, featuring in adult films under the name Brendon Miller.

Daniels, who was married twice previously, gave birth to a daughter in 2011.

"My client Stormy Daniels and her husband Glen have de-

cided to end their marriage," lawyer Michael Avenatti said in a statement on Twitter.

"A petition for divorce was filed last week, the accuracy of which is vehemently disputed," Daniel's attorney added.

"Stormy's daughter remains her number one priority," Avenatti said. "She kindly asks for privacy for the sake of her family."

Daniels is suing Trump to invalidate a non-disclosure agreement that prevents her from discussing their alleged 2006 sexual encounter.

"I don't need or want privacy. I want truth. And it will come out.

I'm not afraid," Daniels wrote.

Trump's personal attorney, Michael Cohen, paid Daniels \$130,000 just days before the 2016 presidential election in exchange for her silence.

Daniels told CBS's "60 Minutes" in March that she had unprotected sex with Trump once, and was threatened by a man in a parking lot in Las Vegas when she sought to sell her story five years later.

Trump denies the affair.

Daniels was arrested at an Ohio strip club this month for allegedly inappropriately touching patrons but the charges were dropped.—AFP ■

Maisie Williams gets 'Game of Thrones' tattoo

NEW YORK—Maisie Williams is getting a "Game of Thrones"-inspired tattoo as a tribute to her character in the popular fantasy epic series.

The 21-year-old actor, who essays the role of Arya Stark in the HBO series, took to her Instagram Story to reveal that she will get "No One" inked on her body, a phrase associated with the training she received under the aegis of Jaqen H'ghar.

She posted a picture of the stencil of her design, alongside the needle that would do the job. Williams captioned the image: "Guess who is getting 'No One' tattoo".

The actor got inked at tattoo parlour Bang Bang NYC, a favourite haunt for celebrities

such as Rihanna, Justin Bieber and Miley Cyrus.

This is not the first "GOT"-themed tattoo Williams has.

In 2016, she and her on-screen sister, off-screen best friend, Sophie Turner got matching "07.08.09" inks on their forearms, in honour of the date they both found out they had been cast in the show.

In May, Emilia Clarke revealed plans to get a "dragon" tattoo as a tribute to her stint as Daenerys Targaryen, Mother of Dragons, in the show. Both Williams and Clarke have officially bid adieu to "GOT", on which they have featured since its premiere in 2011. The eighth and final season of the series airs next year.—PTI ■

Tracy Letts to play Henry Ford II in Ford vs Ferrari movie

LOS ANGELES — Tracy Letts will essay the role of Henry Ford II in Fox's untitled Ford vs Ferrari movie.

According to *The Hollywood Reporter*, the 53-year-old actor will play the eldest grandson of Ford Motor Company founder, Henry Ford.

The film, based on AJ Baime's book "Go Like Hell: Ford, Ferrari, and Their Battle for Speed and Glory at Le Mans" and to be directed by "Logan" helmer James Man-

gold, will feature Matt Damon and Christian Bale in the lead.

Damon will portray automotive visionary Carroll Shelby, while Bale is playing British driver Ken Miles.

"House of Cards" actor Paul Sparks is also on board the cast. The movie is about the feud between Ford and Ferrari as they both competed to win Le Mans World Championship in France in 1966. The project will be produced by Chernin Entertainment.—PTI ■

At 85, Yoko Ono plans new album for peace

NEW YORK—Yoko Ono on Tuesday announced that she is releasing a new album at age 85, saying that her lifelong message of peace was sorely needed in 2018.

"Warzone," which will come out on 19 October, will revisit songs penned by Ono since 1970, concluding with "Imagine," her seminal pacifist anthem with her late husband John Lennon.

"The world is so messed up. Things are very difficult for everybody," she said in a statement.

A statement from her representatives added: "It is not too late to change the world. We need Yoko now more than ever."

The Japanese-born New Yorker made clear that "Warzone" was not a swan song, saying that she is working on another album.

The album's 13 tracks, produced by her son Sean Ono Lennon, are rearranged to strip back the music, bringing to the forefront Ono's voice in the vein of spoken word.

With the album announcement, she released a new take on the title track, which appeared in Ono's 1994 musical "New York Rock" about her life with Lennon.

In the 2018 version, an elephant roars and percussion kicks

in like a gun as Ono describes a scene of violence over echoing reverb.

"If you hear me, please help us!" she concludes.

Ono, who grew up in Tokyo and New York, had become a rising figure in the musical avant-garde when she met Lennon and became his second wife.

The couple famously used their honeymoon as a "bed-in" to protest the Vietnam War. She has remained active in peace causes and in preserving Lennon's legacy after he was assassinated outside their New York apartment in 1980.—AFP ■



Yoko Ono, pictured here in 2012, is releasing a new album for peace. **PHOTO: AFP**

Sky's no limit: Japan firm to fly wedding plaques into space

TOKYO — The sky is no longer the limit for lovers looking for unusual ways to commemorate their nuptials, with a Japanese company now offering to blast commemorative wedding plaques into space.

Warpspace, a start-up based in Tsukuba City outside Tokyo, is introducing the new service in partnership with a local hotel popular for wedding banquets.

For about 30,000 yen (\$270), newly-weds marrying at the hotel will be able to emboss their

names and design elements on 16-by-eight-millimetre (one-fifth of a square inch) titanium plates that will be loaded onto a tiny satellite.

The satellite will be taken up to the International Space Station on a supply ship, and then released by astronauts.

Customers will receive photos of the craft carrying their plaques as it swirls among the stars, Warpspace chief executive Toshihiro Kameda told AFP.

"Space trips are not com-

mon yet but couples can send up plaques that carry their affections," Kameda said.

"I want them to spread their happiness across the sky."

The company aims to make space more accessible to ordinary people, he said.

"We want to make space enjoyable and usable."

The satellite launch is not expected until next year, but the company will soon start taking orders from couples tying the knot.



The satellite containing newlyweds' commemorative wedding plaques will be taken up to the International Space Station on a supply ship, and then released by astronauts. **PHOTO: AFP**

And while love may last forever, the commemorative plaques won't.

The satellite is expected to stay in space for one to two years, and will eventually burn up in the earth's atmosphere when it comes down.—AFP ■

Red planet and 'blood moon' pair up to dazzle skygazers

PARIS — The longest "blood moon" eclipse this century will coincide with Mars' closest approach in 15 years to offer skygazers a thrilling astronomical double bill on Friday, astronomers say.

For about half the world, the moon will be partly or fully in Earth's shadow from 1714 to 2328 GMT — six hours and 14 minutes in all.

The period of complete eclipse — known as "totality", when the moon appears darkest — will last from 1930 to 2113 GMT.

"Totality will last for 103 minutes, making it the longest eclipse of the 21st century!" said the Royal Astronomical Society in London.

At the same time, Mars will hover near the moon in the night sky, easily visible with the naked eye.

Our neighbouring planet will appear unusually large and bright, a mere 57.7 million kilometres (35.9 million miles) from Earth on its elliptical orbit around the sun.

"We have a rare and interesting conjunction of phenomena," Pascal Descamps, an astronomer with the Paris Observatory, told AFP. "We should have a coppery red tint on the moon with Mars the 'Red Planet' just next to it, very bright and with a slight orange hue itself."

Amateur astronomers in the southern hemisphere will be best-placed to enjoy the spectacle, especially those in southern Africa, Australia, India and Madagascar, though it will also be partly visible in Europe and South America.



In this file photo taken on 31 January, 2018 the "super blue blood moon" is seen over Los Angeles, California. **PHOTO: AFP**

Celestial bodies align

The parts of the world that will be able to view the total lunar eclipse on 27 July.

A total lunar eclipse happens when Earth takes position in a straight line between the moon and sun, blotting out the direct sunlight that normally makes our satellite glow whitish-yellow.

The moon travels to a similar position every month, but the tilt of its orbit means it normally passes above or below the Earth's shadow — so most months we have a full moon without an eclipse.

When the three celestial bodies are perfectly lined up, however, the Earth's atmosphere scatters blue light from the sun while refracting or bending red light onto the moon, usually giving it a rosy blush. This is what gives the phenomenon the name "blood moon", though Mark Bailey of the Armagh Observatory in Northern Ireland said the colour can vary greatly. It depends partly on "how cloudy or transparent those parts of the Earth's atmosphere are

which enable sunlight to reach the moon", he told AFP.

"During a very dark eclipse the moon may be almost invisible.

"Less dark eclipses may show the moon as dark grey or brown... as rust-coloured, brick-red, or, if very bright, copper-red or orange."

The long duration of this eclipse is partly due to the fact that the moon will make a near-central passage through Earth's umbra — the darkest, most central part of the shadow. **'Eerie and beautiful'**

Our constant companion will also be at the farthest point on its orbit from Earth, making its movement across the sky slower from our perspective, thus spending longer in the dark.

NASA, meanwhile, has called out social media hoaxers claiming that Mars will appear as big as the moon during the eclipse. "If that were true, we'd be in big trouble given the gravitational pulls on Earth, Mars, and our moon!" the NASA website states.

Mars will more likely appear as a very bright star, and viewers will need no protective eye gear.

"All you have to do is dress warmly and go outside!" the Royal Astronomical Society advises.

"If you want a close-up view of the moon as it turns red, a pair of binoculars is helpful."

"All eclipses are spectacular," the society's Robert Massey added. "In the middle of a lunar eclipse it can look as if a red planet has taken up residence near the Earth — they are both eerie and beautiful and I'll certainly be looking out for it!"—AFP ■

Aussie scientists reveal potential root cause of schizophrenia

SYDNEY — The brain connections which make human beings different and unique could be what is causing some people to develop schizophrenia, according to a paper released on Tuesday by Australian scientists.

"When we look at schizophrenia, there's been a search for decades to find underlying pathways, and it's remained a bit of a mystery," one of the papers authors and senior scientist at QIMR Berghofer Medical Research Institute, Prof. Michael Breakspear told Xinhua.

Now, researchers from QIMR, the University of Melbourne and Florey Institute of Neuroscience and Mental Health, believe they have uncovered what it is in the brain's function which leads to schizophrenia.

"Human populations require diversity, genetic and phenotypic, to respond to similar situations in different ways," Breakspear said, "as you pass through fetal development and then early childhood, your brain forms all these complex connections which give rise to your personality."

"In a lot of those connections that process is under genetic control and some of it is also influenced by what's going on in the environment and that gives you your human fingerprint, that's who you are, and it continues to

slowly change."

According to the article, schizophrenia is an accumulation, in any direction, of too much genetic diversity and the impact that has on the brain.

"It doesn't really matter what direction you go from perfectly healthy human being, you head outwards in any direction, so you can become more extroverted, you can go in another direction and become more introverted, you can get more anxious, schizophrenia is just accumulating too much of this diversity."

The team arrived at this conclusion by taking data from the brains of 75 healthy young Australians and applying mathematical techniques of randomization which they compared to data from patients with schizophrenia, with the results being remarkably similar.

While their findings may not lead to new cures for the disease, Breakspear believes it could assist in early diagnosis using brain imaging technology, as well as being an important insight generally.

"What it mainly does is telling us why we have schizophrenia; it's nothing other than too much genetic diversity which impacts on brain development," Breakspear said.

"It's an unfortunate byproduct of having a diverse human population." — Xinhua ■

Everton signs Richarlison in first move of Silva era



Richarlison celebrates scoring against Everton for Watford last November. **PHOTO: AFP**

LONDON — Everton have lured Brazilian forward Richarlison away from Premier League rivals Watford on a five-year deal worth a reported £40 million (\$53 million, 45 million euros).

The 21-year-old is Everton's first signing since Marco Silva, under whom he played at Watford, was appointed manager of the Merseyside club on 31 May in succession to Sam Allardyce, after the ex-England boss had taken the Toffees to an eighth-placed finish after a poor start to last season under Ronald Koeman.

Richarlison scored five times in his opening 12 Premier League matches for the Hornets last term but did not get another

goal for Watford after Silva was sacked in January.

Everton announced Tuesday that Richarlison had signed a deal that would keep him at Goodison Park until June 2023.

"I want to have a lot of success with Everton," Richarlison told his new club's website. "I think it is going to be important for me here to be with Marco Silva again. I will learn more because I am still learning as a player and I aim to develop and grow here."

"Everton have put their faith in me and I intend to honour this shirt and demonstrate on the pitch why I came here."

"I've known the manager for a while, obviously, so I know how

he works."

Richarlison was a regular for the Brazil Under-20 side, and hopes that the move can edge him closer to full international recognition.

"I developed really well with him while he was with me at Watford. It was really good working with him and one day I believe he can help me to be selected for Brazil in the full national team."

Meanwhile, Portuguese boss Silva said it was important to bolster his options as Everton look to challenge higher up the table after last season's disappointments following heavy investment in the transfer market.—AFP ■

Spanish defender Rico signs for Bournemouth

LONDON—Bournemouth have signed Diego Rico from Leganes, subject to the defender receiving international clearance, the English Premier League club said on Tuesday.

The 25-year-old Spaniard has joined the south coast side on a four-year contract for an undisclosed fee.

"I'm very happy to be here and would like to thank everyone at AFC Bournemouth for making me feel so welcome," Rico said in a club statement.

"This is a new step for me in my career and from my heart I can say I am truly excited to be here and looking forward to the future."

In Eddie Howe the Cherries have one of the most highly-regarded young managers in the English game and Rico said: "I've heard so much about the manager."

"I learnt he is very professional and has a great philosophy on football and I can see that is true from the short time I have met him so far."

"I am very excited to be a Bournemouth player."

Rico scored four goals in 58 appearances during two seasons with Leganes, helping them avoid relegation from La Liga with successive 17th-place finishes.—AFP ■

United face battle for early points — Mourinho

LONDON — Jose Mourinho has warned his team they will have to fight for early points in the upcoming Premier League campaign after pre-season preparations disrupted by the World Cup.

The late World Cup runs of France, Belgium and England have wreaked havoc with United's pre-season tour of the United States, with players such as Paul Pogba, Romelu Lukaku, Jesse Lingard, Phil Jones and Ashley Young all missing.

A downbeat Mourinho on Tuesday refused to comment when asked if he was confident of winning the Premier League title this week.

"I don't answer to your question," Mourinho told reporters

at United's Los Angeles training base ahead of a friendly against AC Milan on Wednesday.

Asked if he was happy at how United's pre-season had worked out, Mourinho added: "No. I got the facilities as always. I got the incredible commitment of the people that are involved in the process of preparing a good pre-season. I'm happy with the matches, the evolution of the matches."

"But I don't have the players to work with. I don't have the majority of the players that are going to be in the squad on August 9th when the market closes and we can make the squad official for the season."

"Of course I'm not happy. I'm not happy to have just a few players."

Mourinho said he does not expect to have his team's sizeable World Cup contingent available before their third game on 27 August against Tottenham.

United open their campaign at Old Trafford against Leicester City on August 10 before travelling to Brighton on 19 August for their second fixture.

Mourinho said his team would have to battle to take points out of the opening two fixtures.

"The first match of the season is against Leicester and the

second one is against Brighton," Mourinho said.

"When I look to Leicester, if I'm not wrong, only (Harry) Maguire and (Jamie) Vardy, were in the World Cup in the final phase."

"I think a team that is working for six weeks minimum, with only one central defender and one striker missing, it is clear how much better the situation is for them."

"When I look to Brighton on the second game, I don't think they have any player that is not doing a very good pre-season with lots of matches and training together."

"So of course against Leicester and Brighton the situation is not amazing for us...we will have to fight for the points with the players we have available."

While United's title rivals have also embarked on pre-season tours missing several World Cup stars, Mourinho rejected suggestions the mass absenteeism would create a "level playing field."

"If you look to the players that Chelsea and Liverpool have in the pre-season, especially these two teams, also Arsenal, you see the difference of the situation," he said.

"Man City and Tottenham in a similar situation as we are, but other clubs are in a different situation."—AFP



Jose Mourinho and Manchester United kick off the Premier League season against 2015/16 champions Leicester on 10 August. **PHOTO: AFP**