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Promote Human Rights

The Myanmar National Human Rights Commission is ensuring greater knowledge and understanding, promotion of awareness and protection. In prisons, prison camps, police cells and court detention cells, significant improvements in food and accommodation can be seen.

(Excerpt from the report on the current work of the Union Government, delivered at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 19 September 2018)

Vice President U Henry Van Thio inspects development works in Sagaing Region



Vice President U Henry Van Thio inspects Tamu border bridge in Tamu, Sagaing Region, 28 September. PHOTO: MNA

VICE President U Henry Van Thio toured the Sagaing Region on Thursday and Friday, inspecting road upgrading projects, dams and border checkpoints.

At a meeting at Chindwin Guest House in Monywa on Thursday, the Vice President met with Sagaing Region Chief Minister Dr. Myint Naing and region government ministers. At the meeting, Chief Minister Dr. Myint Naing explained the

road, bridge and regional development works, with Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin providing additional explanations.

After listening to the presentations, the Vice President gave comments and provided instructions for proper coordination for successful implementation of the works.

Mu River Bridge (YeU) project needs transparency for local people

On Friday, U Henry Van Thio, accompanied by Sagaing Region Chief Minister Dr. Myint Naing and deputy ministers, left Monywa by car and arrived in the town of YeU to inspect the project site where the Mu River Bridge (YeU) will be constructed.

Deputy Minister U Kyaw Lin gave a briefing about the project, and the Vice President remarked on the importance of transparency and informing

local people so that the project could be understood.

Upgrading of Yargyi-Kalewa Road and its 69 bridges

The Vice President and party then inspected the upgrading of YeU-Kalewa road. The Vice President inspected the construction of a rock-lined retaining wall between YeU-Kalewa road mile post 53/0 and 53/6 and provided necessary instructions.

The Vice President and party then arrived at the Special Road (7) guesthouse, where officials from Punj Lloyd-Varaha Infra Ltd (JV) Company and NCSL-MTDCL JV Company briefed him about the upgrading of the 75-mile, 5-furlong section of Yargyi-Kalewa Road and the upgrading of 69 bridges on Kalewa-Tamu road with the support of the Government of India.

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Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker leaves for Germany

AT the invitation of Hanns Seidal Foundation, a delegation led by Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein left for Germany from Yangon International Airport yesterday evening.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Yangon Region Hluttaw Speaker U Tin Maung Tun, Deputy Speaker U Lin Naing Myint and responsible officials from the Hluttaw office.

The Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker was accompanied by Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Aung Kyi Nyunt, Pyithu Hluttaw representative Dr. Daw Than Ngwe and officials from the Hluttaw office.—MNA ■



Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein being seen off at Yangon International airport. PHOTO: MNA

Guidelines on EMP discussed for factories in nine sectors

GUIDELINES on Environmental Management Plan (EMP), law and bylaws of the Environmental Conservation Law were discussed at Yangon University's Diamond Jubilee Hall on 26 September.

Officials from the related ministries, organizations, industrial management committee members, industrial employers and experts were present at the discussion.

Daw Khin Thida Tin, director of the Environmental Conservation Department, presented guidelines on EMP drawing for those factories engaged in nine

particular sectors which can cause the environmental impact.

"The government is carrying out to reduce environmental problems while implementing development activities, screening Environmental Impact Assessment on the projects and businesses in line with the existing law and bylaws. The EMP report must be put forward to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation. Therefore, this event was held to explain guidelines on EMP in accordance with rules and regulations.

The Environmental Con-

servation Law was enacted on 30 March 2012 and bylaws was issued on 5 June 2014.

The Ministry has already issued a directive on 10 January 2018 that the existing industries in particular nine sectors need to draw up EMP report. Those nine sectors are manufacturing of alcohol and beer, food and beverage, pesticide production including processing and packaging, textile dyeing and printing and distilleries, cement, smelting and moulding business (metal work), leather work, pulp and paper mills and sugar refinery businesses.

—Myint Maung Soe ■



Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo discusses "Role of Courts in the Fight Against International Money Laundering" at 10th Asia-Pacific International Legal Forum in Russia on 25 September. PHOTO: MNA

Union Chief Justice arrives back after attending Int'l legal forum

UNION Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo arrived back in Yangon by air on the evening of 27 September after attending the 10th Asia-Pacific International Legal Forum in Vladivostok, Russian Federation from 25 to 27 September.

At the opening ceremony of the conference, Union Chief Justice U Htun Htun Oo delivered an opening speech together with Chief Justice of the Russian Federation H.E. Mr. Vyacheslav Lebedev, Chief Justices of Asia-Pacific region countries, leaders of representative groups. Af-

terwards in the first day program, discussion under the title "Role of Courts in the Fight Against International Money Laundering" was conducted.

At the forum discussions were held for development of fairness in the court system of Asia and Pacific region countries and acquiring support.

The forum hosted by Russian Federation was attended by chief justices of Asia and Pacific region countries, rectors and professor from universities, legal experts and observers.—MNA ■

2nd MWA Congress CEC meeting held in Yangon

2nd Myanmar Writers Association (MWA) Congress Central Executive Committee (CEC) meeting was held at Printing and Publishing Department, Their Phyu Road, Yangon yesterday morning.

First, MWA Chairman U Kyaw Win explained about the works conducted by the association.

Next, money and books were donated to MWA which was accepted by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, MWA Chairman U Kyaw Win and responsible persons.

Afterwards, second part of the meeting was continued where MWA Chairman delivered an opening speech.

Submissions and discussions of Central Executive Committee and its financial and statistical reports were conducted during the second part of the meeting.

MWA joint secretary U Myo Tun then read a paper titled "Value of Myanmar Poem" and officials discussed the paper.

Following the discussions, a condolence messages for late 31 doyen writers and 63 committee members who passed away



MWA Chairman U Kyaw Win delivers the speech at the 2nd MWA Congress CEC meeting. PHOTO: MNA

was read. The meeting came to a close after MWA chairman delivered a closing speech.

MWA congress is held once every four years while CEC meet-

ing is held once every two years. A total of 237 officials attended the meeting where two decisions were made and four were put on record.

The Myanmar Writer Association was led by Sayagyi Min Thu Wun for ten years from 1966 to 1976 and had been in existence for 53 years by now.—MNA ■

Vice President U Henry Van Thio inspects ...

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Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa road is 115 miles, 5 furlong long. A 40-mile section from Monywa will be upgraded by the Myanmar Government under a BOT system and the remaining 75-mile, 5-furlong section will be upgraded with US\$181 million supported by the Government of India. The 69 bridges on Kalewa-Tamu road will be upgraded with US\$54 million from the Government of India. The project will commence in 2018 and will be completed in 2020.

The Tamu-Kalewa-Monywa road section is on the main road that connects India, Myanmar and Thailand, and will greatly benefit the flow of goods in the region.

Afterwards, the Vice President presented Ks10 million for regional development works in Kalewa Township, which was accepted by Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Ko Ko Naing.

Following this, the Vice President and party inspected the bridges on Kalewa-Tamu road.

Silt to be dredged out of Yazagyo Dam

In the afternoon, the Vice



Vice President U Henry Van Thio greets with local people in Khampat, Tamu District, Sagaing Region, on 28th September. PHOTO: MNA

President arrived at the Yazagyo Dam multi-purpose project, where Irrigation and Water Utilization Management Department Director General U Kyaw Myint Hlaing gave a brief about electricity generation, water distribution, silt entry into the dam, the status of water overflowing the spillway, works conducted to increase water storage capacity and maintenance of the dam. In response to the explanations, the Vice President spoke of removing silt from the dam to achieve full storage capacity, conducting

systematic reviews before the actual silt removal work, using the best methods, coordinating the use of the silt in agriculture, preparing to increase the water supply for agriculture works and taking special care in maintaining the dam because severe weather occurs in the region every year.

The Vice President inspected the spillway and then went on to Khampat town, where he met with the local populace.

Border Trade with India

After the meeting, the Vice

President and party went to the Tamu-Moreh border trade post on the India-Myanmar border, where Department of Trade Deputy Director U Moe Zaw Oo explained the yearly trade situation, export of new items, works conducted to speed up trade and requirements.

The Vice President said Manipur State has a population of more than 2.5 million, who depend upon goods from mainland India and exports from the Myanmar side. As such there is an opportunity to increase exports, all need to work together toward increasing the amount of exports. The market requirement of the other side needs to be continuously observed and, in addition to trade, travel business needs to be considered. Departments from the two countries are to coordinate changes that would result in ease of obtaining visas, said the Vice President.

Afterwards, the Vice President inspected the site where the Tamu border crossing gate building will be constructed.

From there, the Vice President met with local authorities and people at the Tamu District

General Administrative Department.

Opportunity for tourism

At this meeting, the Vice President said a Myanmar-India agreement on border crossing was signed on 11 May, and Tamu and Rihkhawdar exit/entry border gates were opened on 8 August. Previously, there were four international exit/entry border gates at Kawthoung, Myawady, Tachilek and Tiki. With the addition of Tamu and Rihkhawdar, there are now six. Border gates support not only trade but also travel business. Starting from 1 October, Macao, Hong Kong, Japan and Republic of Korea will be permitted visa free travel and more international travellers are expected. Through travel business, much income can be earned with minimal investment, so this business needs to be developed, he said. International border gates are beneficial not only to the state/region and its people but also the country. Roads and bridges are being upgraded so trade and travel business will develop. The Vice President urged the people to use this opportunity. — MNA ■

Union Minister U Kyaw Tin attends IAMM, AUMM in NY

Myanmar's Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin attended the Informal ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting — IAMM in New York, where he is attending the 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA).

The participants at the meeting discussed implementation of ASEAN Vision (2025), promoting relations with ASEAN and its dialogue partners and preparations for the 33rd ASEAN Summit and related meetings to be held in November in Singapore.

Following the meeting, Union Minister U Kyaw Tin attended the ASEAN Foreign Ministers'

Meeting with the UN Secretary-General and the President of the 73rd United Nations General Assembly-AUMM at the UN Headquarters at 6 pm local time.

The meeting was attended by UN Secretary-General Mr. Antonio Guterres, president of 73rd UNGA Ms. Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces and foreign ministers of ASEAN member countries.

At the meeting, they exchanged views on promoting the relations between ASEAN and UN, stability and security, sustainable development and disaster management in ASEAN region.—MNA ■



Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe meets with US Secretary of State Mr. Michael R. Pompeo in New York. PHOTO: MNA

Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe meets US Secretary of State

UNION Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe met United States Secretary of State Mr. Michael R. Pompeo at Lotte New York Palace Hotel in New York, United States on 27 September. During the meeting, they

exchanged views on resolving the Rakhine issues, bilateral diplomatic relation and future cooperation processes.

Also present at the meeting were Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin, Myanmar Ambas-

sador to the United States U Aung Lin, Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Mr. T.H. David Hale and Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for East Asia and Pacific Affairs Mr. Patrick Murphy. —MNA ■



Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin attends Informal ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Meeting in New York. PHOTO: MNA

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**Buddha Museum in Sittway to be modernized**Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko gave a green light to modernize the Buddha Museum in Sittway, Rakhine State, with a creative display of ancient antiques in modern settings. The museum houses Buddha statues in successive eras in Rakhine State. **PHOTO: TIN TUN (IRPD)****World Bank-financed Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Management Project continues**

By Nyein Nyein

SOUTHEAST Asia Disaster Risk Management Project is now being implemented with the use of loans from World Bank, Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe said at the 11th day of the seventh regular session of the second Yangon Region Hluttaw held on 27 September.

At the session, Daw Kyi Pyar, an MP from Kyauktada Constituency No. 1, raised a question relating to the progress of the World Bank-financed Southeast Asia Disaster Risk Management Project during the current 6-month interim fiscal period and future implementation of the project in 2018-2019 fiscal year.

In his reply to the query, U Maung Maung Soe said that the project has been implemented since April this year, going through four phases. The first phase is implemented by the Union government, and the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC) has been vested with the authority to implement the second, third and fourth phases of the project.

The YCDC has implemented the project in the six-month period with the use of Ks750.589 million budgets, targeting to spend additional Ks6.631 billion for the project to be continued in the 2018-2019 FY, he added.

The phase II of the project is currently implemented by the YCDC's Engineering Depart-

ment (Roads and Bridges), with the allocation of Ks248.4 million budget during the six-month period, targeting to spend Ks 3.760 billion to continue the project in the 2018-19 FY.

During the six-month period, an international consulting company was hired through a tender process in line with the WB's rules to supervise the implementation of the project planning and designs. Now, arrangements are being made to ink with the selected consulting body.

In the 2018-2019 FY, the department will carry out choosing companies after making an agreement with the consulting company to implement designing and building the project, establishing guidelines for maintenance of structures with the support of the consulting company, purchasing machinery in accord with the WB's rules and drafting terms of reference (TOR) to hire consulting company to develop rules and regulations with the WB's technical assistance.

The phase III of the project is being implemented by the YCDC's Engineering Department (Buildings) with the allocation of Ks 250.856 million budgets for the six-month period, targeting to spend Ks1.928 billion to carry on the project in the 2018-19 FY. The department's efforts during the six-month period went into attempting to hire an interna-

tional consulting company from the six shortlisted candidates to draft detail design for the project and supervise it, submitting a report relating to scrutinizing technical proposals to the WB and implementation of Multi-hazard Preliminary Risk Assessment or Critical Lifeline Structures that has initiated by Arcadis Design & Consultancy Firm since 5 June this year, with technical supports of the WB. In the 2018-2019 FY, the department will carry out recruitment of a consultant for the Multi-hazard Preliminary Risk Assessment as well as implementation of establishment and maintenance of information relating to buildings in the city area in partnership with Building Regulatory Capacity Assessment (BRCA) with the WB's technical support.

The phase IV of the project has been implementing by the YCDC's Budget and Accounts Department with the allocation of Ks 251.33 million in the present six-month interim fiscal period, targeting additional Ks543.118 million to get under way the project in the 2018-2019 FY. During the period, the department made a contract with an international procurement specialist for the project that has been implementing since 7 September this year. In the 2018-2019 FY, the project will be continued to advance under the supervision of international technicians. ■

6th Myanmar Phar-Med Expo on 14-16 December in Yangon

By May Thet Hnin

THE Myanmar Phar-Med Expo 2018, the international exhibition and conference of the medical and pharmaceutical industry, will be held in December in Yangon, according to organisers.

The 6th International Exhibition and Conference on Pharmaceutical Medical Laboratory and Dental Industry in Myanmar, is due to take place on 14-16 December in Yangon's Rose Garden Hotel. The event is led by VEAS Co. Ltd. in cooperation with Myanmar Pharmaceutical and Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs Association (MPMEEA), Myanmar Private Hospitals' Association (MPHA), Dental Healthcare Foundation, German Industry and Commerce in Myanmar.

Over 100 varieties of medical products will be showcased during the three-day event, including accident and emergency equipment, dental equipment and supplies, laboratory and clinical equipment, diagnostics, disinfection and disposal systems, electro medical equipment, hospital furniture and equipment, medical consum, ophthalmic supplies, medical nutritious food chemical, drug materials and pharmaceutical.

Exhibitors from 13 countries, including the U.S, Switzerland, Italy, China, India, Thailand and North Korea, will feature their products in 50 booths.

Dr Thin Nwe Win, vice chairman of the MPMEEA, said that business to business matching programme is part of the trade fair, where visitors will have good opportunities to network with international counties so as to develop the country's medical industry, provide a platform to discover state-of-the-art technologies and market, and exchange of information.

The trade fair is expected to attract over 3,000 visitors at home and abroad. A press conference was held at the Rose Garden Hotel on Friday, 28 September, prior to the event, where technicians gave talks over the current situation and future opportunities of private hospital and clinics in the country and quality of pharmaceutical and medical products. ■

MPTA calls on business persons to sell fuel at above purchase prices

By May Thet Hnin

THE Myanmar Petroleum Trade Association (MPTA) has requested businesspersons not to sell fuel at the rate less than purchase prices to avoid the possible risks like financial fraud, said its secretary Dr Win Myint.

This came from the meeting of the association held on Saturday, 28 September.

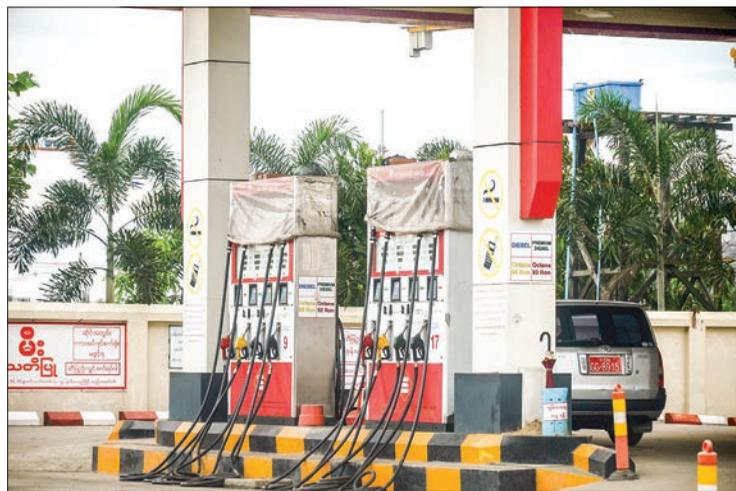
Currently, some filling stations are selling fuels at prices which are lower than their purchase prices in the domestic market.

Dr Win Myint added that selling of fuels at less than purchase prices can impact the market in the long run. Financial problems may arise in the future. At present, some filling stations in the countryside discontinued their business. Internationally, this is an unfair competition arising due to the stiff competition of big companies. Therefore, the association called on entrepreneurs

to sell fuel at above purchase prices.

He went on to say that sellers, who previously sold fuels at the rate equivalent to purchase prices, are able to immediately reduce fuel selling prices, when there is dollar depreciation in the market. However, those who sold fuels at lower than purchase prices are difficult to reduce their selling prices at that time. Financial fraud may occur as a consequence of stiff market competition. The MPTA's new arrangements will control retailers not to sell fuel at the rate less than purchase prices and generate a profit of no more than 4% while wholesalers have to make a profit of no more than 2%.

The domestic fuel prices mainly depend on dollar values and MOPS prices. Local fuel prices will remain unchanged despite dollar depreciation when fuel prices are high in the global market. That is why domestic



A filling station in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

fuel prices are still high in the market owing to unstable world fuel prices and some entrepreneurs who sell fuel at less than purchase prices.

U Kyin Sein, a taxi driver, said that the fuel prices are still high in the local market despite dollar depreciation that forced some taxi drivers to discontinue their services.

“Some colleagues of mine stopped their taxi service business while some others are doing business with different approaches. They stopped finding passengers, waiting for them from the stopped car on roadsides in an attempt to reduce fuel costs. Currently, the expenses and profits are unbalanced. Cab drivers are trying

to earn Ks40,000 a day to cover the costs.”

The MPTA's secretary said that the current fuel selling prices are based on dollar prices and MOPS prices, earning unhealthy profits this year.

The sale of fuel may diversify in the market as importers bought the product at a different time and different rate. For the time being, there are two retailers involved in fraud cases.

In the market, there are some consumers who criticize that the quality and measurement of fuels are unsatisfactory.

According to the market data, there are over 50 petroleum companies and over 2,000 filling stations nationwide. In the market, octane 92 petrol was sold for Ks1,035 per litre on 29 September whereas filling stations sold a litre of octane 95 petrol for Ks1,085, a litre of diesel for 1,065 and premium diesel for Ks1,075. ■

Myanmar-India border trade increases by over \$27 million

MYANMAR-India border trade between 1 April and 21 September this year totalled \$87 million which saw a significant increase in value by \$54 million from this time last year, according to the Ministry of Commerce's latest trade report.

Myanmar's exports to the Republic of India are greater than its imports. When compared with the same period in the last year, the current value of bilateral border exports went up by \$52.3 million, while the bilateral border imports slightly increased by nearly \$2 million.

At this time last year, the bilateral border trade between the two countries was \$32.9 million, in total, including \$25.9 million in exports and \$6.9 million in imports.

The two countries conduct border trade through Tamu and Reed stations. Over the 174 days

in the current fiscal period, the bilateral trade value through the Tamu gate handled goods valued at \$71 million, whereas the Reed border point handled goods amounting to \$15.77 million. This year saw an increase in bilateral border exports only from the Tamu gate.

At Myanmar-India borders, a wide variety of commodities, consisting of human hair, medicines, oil cakes, electronic devices, motorbikes, cotton yarn, non-alloy steel, areca nuts, ginger, saffron, turmeric, bay leaves and other herbal plants, fruits and vegetables are marketable.

According to the ministry, the total value of trade from all border points exceeded \$4 billion, increasing by \$592 million compared with figure for last year. — Shwe Khine ■

Agreement of SPS Protocol for China-Myanmar rice trade extended to 2020

May Thet Hnin

AN agreement of exercising Sanitary and Phytosanitary protocol in Myanmar's rice export to China was due on 24 September and extended to 2020, according to Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

According to this agreement, rice trade is continued to flow regularly. Broken rice export is being scrutinized by China.

MRF submitted request for agreement extension to the

Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation (MOALI). MRF expressed its sincere gratitude and appreciation toward MOALI, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Myanmar Embassy to China, according to the 27 September announcement of MRF.

“This agreement is ensuring only for quality, not for legal rice export. China's quality standard on rice is quite high, causing the suppliers to face difficulties”, said Dr. Soe Tun, vice chair of MRF.

Myanmar signed the agreement of SPS with Minister for the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine of the People's Republic of China (AQSIQ) and also agreed with the Ministry of Agriculture of the People's Republic of China in order for cooperation in agriculture sector and crop production four years ago. At that time, the two ministers mentioned that border trade would be prioritized and Yunnan market was regarded as Myanmar's export market. ■

YRIC approves 92 businesses from ten countries so far

YANGON Region Investment Committee (YRIC) has approved 92 businesses in the manufacturing, hotel services and other services sectors from ten countries so far, with a total pledge amount of US\$ 129.13 million (Ks39.78 billion), according to a latest news issued by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

Those approved businesses are expected to create 43,624 jobs, according to the Yangon Region Investment Commit-

tee's meeting 13/2018 held on 26 September at Yangon Region Government Office.

Manufacturing sector attracted the most foreign investments in Yangon Region. Those enterprises are engaged in manufacturing of pharmaceuticals, vehicle, container boxes and garment on Cutting, Making and Packing (CMP) basis.

The main investors in Yangon Region are China, Singapore, Japan, Hong Kong, South Korea and Viet Nam.

At present, Yangon Region absorbed 60 per cent of foreign investments. Mandalay attracts 30 per cent of investments. Other regions and states attain only small portion of investments, according to the statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

Region and state investment committees are allowed to grant permission for investment proposals worth up to US\$ 5 million (Ks 6 billion). — GNLM ■

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Myanmar delegation leader, Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe delivers a general debate statement at 73rd Session of United Nations General Assembly

The 73rd Session of the United Nations General Assembly continues its fourth day meeting on 28 September 2018 in the United Nations Headquarters, New York. Myanmar delegation leader U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor, delivered a general debate statement at 2000 hrs. local time.

In his statement, the Union Minister stressed the need for the United Nations to take constructive and peaceful approaches to create a better organization which is relevant to all nations. He apprised the Assembly of the Government's efforts on democratic transition, bringing about sustainable development, and building a society where stability, peace and harmony prevail, and finding a long-lasting solution on the issue of Rakhine State including repatriation of displaced persons from Rakhine State.

He also explained Myanmar's position on the recent report of Human Rights Council's Fact-Finding Mission on Myanmar, the International Criminal Court's ruling in connection with Rakhine State, the Government's commitment to address the issue of accountability through the establishment of the Independent Commission of Enquiry on its own initiative.

The Myanmar delegation leader's full statement is as follows:

Mr. President,

WE live in challenging times. This year's theme, "Making the United Nations relevant to all people: global leadership and shared responsibilities for peaceful, equitable and sustainable societies" is, therefore, most appropriate. It serves to remind us of the need to strengthen the role of this important organization to overcome the complex challenges we face today. In



Union Minister for Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe.
PHOTO: MNA

this process, we must not forget the core principles of the UN Charter, including the principle of sovereign equality. It is also important to remember that, the promotion of economic, social, cultural and humanitarian interests, as well as the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, are to be attained through international cooperation. Nor should we forget the international character of the United Nations.

It is only through constructive and peaceful approaches that we will be able to create a better United Nations—one that is relevant to all nations. Only then can our hopes for global leadership of shared responsibilities become a reality.

Here, I wish to stress that Myanmar's view on the role of the United Nations remains unchanged. There are no suitable multilateral platform other than the United Nations for countries of the world to work together to find solutions to overcome global challenges.

Mr. President,

Let me apprise this august assembly of our efforts to transform Myanmar from an authoritarian system to a democratic

the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) but also with those that have yet to come on board.

During the past year, two more ethnic armed groups, namely the New Mon State Party and the Lahu Democratic Union, joined the peace process by signing the NCA. We will continue our endeavours to bring all ethnic armed organizations under the NCA umbrella and to the conference table.

Mr. President,

Essential to our endeavours to bring peace and prosperity to the nation is the need to ensure balanced development in the

and the fostering of vibrant civil society. All these are essential for the emergence of a democratic federal Union in which the security and prosperity of all citizens are assured. It is a supremely challenging task, particularly for a fledgling democracy. However, Myanmar is strong in its resolution to build the democratic society to which our people aspire.

Mr. President,

Resolving the issue in Rakhine is an important component of our democratic process. Our government has consistently exerted all efforts to bring peace and development to Rakhine. Within weeks of the assumption of the responsibilities of the state, the Government set up the Central Committee for Implementation of Peace, Stability, and Development of Rakhine State in May 2016 under the chairmanship of the State Counsellor, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. This was followed by the establishment of the Advisory Commission on Rakhine in September 2016, headed by the late Dr. Kofi Annan, former Secretary-General of the United Nations, to provide recommendations for bringing peace, stability, and development to Rakhine State.

I wish at this point to pay tribute to Dr. Kofi Annan who with his immense wisdom had provided us with recommendations in his desire for us to reach our goal of peace, prosperity, and security in Rakhine State.

Barely a month after the Advisory Commission was established, an extremist terrorist group, called AqaMul Mujahidin (later renamed the Arakan Rohingya Salvation Army – ARSA) launched attacks on three Border Police posts in Northern Rakhine State. The attacks were premeditated, well-organized and designed to invoke fear among the inhabitants, to incite violence and to attract international attention.

The Government, despite the attacks, continued with its efforts to seek sustainable solutions for Rakhine State. The Advisory Commission presented its final report to the Government of Myanmar in August 2017. It contains 88 recommendations towards achieving lasting peace and stability in Rakhine.

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one; our effort to bring about sustainable development and to build a society where stability, peace, and harmony prevail.

A country without peace and stability cannot achieve economic development. This is our conviction. Accordingly, our democratically-elected government has given priority to national reconciliation and peace since we assumed office.

Mr. President,

We are convinced that ethnic strife and armed conflicts in Myanmar can only be ended through political means. Lasting peace will become a reality only when the democratic federal union to which our people aspired is established.

We are, therefore, conducting negotiations at the Union Peace Conference – the 21st Century Panglong to reach agreement on the fundamental principles for a democratic federal union. The three Sessions of the conference held so far have adopted fifty-one fundamental principles which will become part of the Union Peace Accord. To ensure that the process is inclusive, we continue negotiations not only with the eight ethnic armed groups that have signed

economic, social and environmental spheres. To this end, the Government has laid down the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan – MSDP 2018-2030 which is in accord with the United Nations' 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda. The MSDP recognizes three pillars—peace and stability, prosperity and partnership, and people and the planet. Among its important goals are peace, national reconciliation, security, and good governance. Sustainability in all its forms is considered cross-cutting and will be mainstreamed into all aspects of the MSDP implementation. The success of MSDP requires not only national endeavours but also the involvement and commitment of development partners and international organizations.

Mr. President,

Human rights and inclusiveness are fundamental to the successful transformation of Myanmar into a democratic society. The Government has spared no effort in nurturing democratic norms and practices among all its citizens. These efforts include the promotion of the rule of law, good governance and protection of human rights,

... we are fully committed to ensuring accountability where there is concrete evidence of human rights violations committed in Rakhine State.

Only way to resolve the issue swiftly and peacefully is through the implementation of the bilateral agreements, working together in the spirit of good neighbourliness, refraining from activities that might be inimical to the national interests of either Myanmar or Bangladesh

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We have set up an Implementation Committee, and I am happy to report that we are now implementing 81 out of 88 recommendations made by the Commission.

Within hours of the release of the Advisory Commission's final report, ARSA terrorists carried out simultaneous attacks on 30 police outposts and one army battalion headquarters. Here, it must be stressed that the ARSA attacks of 2017 were not only against the security forces but also against various communities inhabiting Rakhine State. The attacks opened a chapter of fear and instability that led to a large outflow of refugees to Bangladesh. International attention has been focussed on the outflow overlooked the broader picture of the various reasons, immediate as well as longstanding, that brought about the displacement. Nevertheless, the Government has persisted in its sincere efforts to address as a whole, the need for stability, reconciliation, and development to all communities in Rakhine.

Mr. President,

We sympathize deeply with these displaced persons especially women and children and have taken steps to effect the early repatriation of all displaced persons from Rakhine, who are verified as residents of the State.

To this end, we have signed with Bangladesh three bilateral agreements, the Arrangement on Return of Displaced Persons from Rakhine State, Terms of Reference for the implementation, and its Physical Arrangement.

We have made necessary preparations in line with these bilateral agreements and have been ready to receive verified re-

turnees from Bangladesh since 23 January of this year. We call on Bangladesh to fulfill its commitments in accordance with the bilateral agreements, to allow, without delay the return of verified persons under voluntary, safe and dignified conditions. A number of people had returned of their own volition and under their own arrangement. They have been systematically registered, processed and are now with their own relatives and families in their own homes. However, not even a single displaced person has been repatriated by Bangladesh as part of the implementation of the bilateral agreement.

Mr. President,

The only way to resolve the issue swiftly and peacefully is through the implementation of the bilateral agreements, working together in the spirit of good neighbourliness, refraining from activities that might be inimical to the national interests of either Myanmar or Bangladesh.

We recognize the crucial role of the United Nations in addressing the issue of Rakhine and the present humanitarian crisis in particular. Accordingly, the Government of Myanmar signed a MoU with the UNDP and the UNHCR for assisting the speedy and efficient resettlement and rehabilitation of returnees. Under the MOU, the implementation process begins with an assessment that will be conducted by the UNDP and UNHCR in the potential project areas. The UN Team has started this process, and we are looking forward to their feedback.

Mr. President,

The Myanmar government has expressed its serious concerns over the report published on 27 August 2018 by the Human



Union Minister for Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe addresses the General Debate of 73rd Session of UNGA in New York on 28 September 2018. PHOTO: MNA

Rights Council's Fact Finding Mission on Myanmar. From the very beginning, Myanmar objected to the formation of the Fact-Finding Mission, due to our government's serious and genuine concerns about the advisability of its establishment,

of 6 September 2018 in connection with Rakhine State. Our position here is clear: Myanmar is not a party to the Rome Statute, and the Court has no jurisdiction over Myanmar whatsoever. The ICC decision was made on dubious legal grounds and applied to a

crete evidence of human rights violations committed in Rakhine State. We have recently established an Independent Commission of Enquiry. The Commission will investigate all violations of human rights and atrocities committed in Rakhine State as part of our efforts to address the issues of accountability, reconciliation, peace, stability, and development in our country. The Independent Commission of Enquiry is chaired by Mr. Rosario Manalo, Former Deputy Foreign Minister of the Philippines, and comprises Ambassador Kenzo Oshima, former Japanese PR to the UN and Under-Secretary-General of the UN, and two Myanmar nationals, one of whom is the former Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal and the other a former Senior Official of UNICEF.

We hope that, alongside the Rakhine Advisory Commission's recommendations, the work of the Independent Commission of Enquiry will become an important guiding light for the resolution of long out reached problems in the Rakhine State.

Mr. President,

The challenges facing Myanmar are complex and multifaceted. However, the people of Myanmar are resilient. We stand united to face all obstacles and to meet all challenges as we strive to bring peace, development and national harmony to our country that has suffered from decades of conflict, underdevelopment, and disharmony.

Thank You. ■

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composition, and mandate. At a time when we are working hard to build harmony on the ground, we are concerned that the release of this report based on narratives and not on hard evidence will only serve to inflame tensions further and potentially hinder our efforts to create the much needed social cohesion in Rakhine State.

Here, I would like to stress what accountability should mean to all of us. Accountability should mean taking responsibility for one's actions. Accountability must apply equally to all. Individuals, organizations, national governments as well as multilateral organizations, must be held responsible for the consequences of their words and actions.

Mr. President,

As you will also be aware, the government of Myanmar has resolutely rejected the ICC's ruling

situation where domestic remedies have not yet been exhausted.

I speak to all Representatives here today when I say that we, the members of the international community, should be deeply concerned by the recent decision of the International Criminal Court and the various precedents that the Court may be setting by this recent ruling as well as by the way in which it was made. Such action can only erode the moral and legal authority of the Court. We are heartened that we are not alone in having grave misgiving about the ICC.

Mr. President,

Please also let me make it clear, whilst the government is unable to accept this legally dubious intervention by the International Criminal Court, we are fully committed to ensuring accountability where there is con-

... report (published by UNHRC's FFM) based on narratives and not on hard evidence will only serve to inflame tensions further and potentially hinder our efforts to create the much needed social cohesion in Rakhine State.

Lifting the socio-economic status of the people

TODAY, consumers have become much more discriminating about food quality and the safety of the food they eat. For safety and sufficient nutrition in Myanmar, the Union Government is committed to promoting organic farming. Meanwhile, organic farming is considered being essential for the production of safe high-quality food products, which would in turn lead to increased imports; a notion discerned from a report read at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw, concerning the state of the Union.

Not only is this notion important for elevating the social status of people and their socio-economic development, it is also a monumental support for the economic development of the nation. The current reality is that we are relying heavily on imports of food products and some of these imports have been found not to be safe for consumption. Additionally, these imports eventually become a major factor in the national budget deficit as well.



The Union Government's commitment to entrepreneurship and innovation in Myanmar can significantly raise the living standards of the people, as is becoming evident in India.

for agricultural and micro, small and medium-sized enterprises - (MSMEs), technology and assistance, and accessible export markets.

To ensure that MSME find an enabling environment to thrive, the Union Government is committed to providing greater financial support to the MSMEs with loans. Loans amounting to 60 billion kyats went to MSMEs in three years. Besides, the Union Government has planned to grant over 200 billion kyats to MSMEs this fiscal year. The Myanma Economic Bank has targeted to grant 250 billion kyats to MSMEs.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation has invited the people to receive skills for producing value-added food from palm, coconuts, mangoes, tomatoes, rice, peas and pulses at its free-of-charge training courses.

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MSMEs in Myanmar are transforming from traditional businesses to innovative MSMEs due to their innovation and they should try hard to become entrepreneurs.

The Union Government's efforts will aid the entrepreneurial zeal at the grassroots level. For Myanmar, it is never too late to move in that direction.

Glimpsing at the Libraries in Singapore

By Dr. Thant Zin (Physics)

IT'S heartening to learn that some suggestions are being made for the young people to make effective use of libraries and to provide continuously readers with publications such as tabloids, magazines, journals and periodicals published daily, weekly and monthly at the libraries. Periodicals prices for young adults are so high that they cannot afford it; as a result, they have to lend some books at the nearby libraries, where they have access to my library resources.

When I was in my childhood in 1969s, televisions and hand phones were not available, therefore I had to spend most of my time listening to radio and reading books a lot at home. At that time, I had to take refuge in the library where everyone could be able to enjoy the learning, knowledge and escapism that books offer.

Thanks to technological advancement and information technology, people are taking a liking to read daily news and updates by watching television, surfing the internet, using Facebook and Viber, running some applications, etc. rather than listening to radio. It's found out that book reading habits have decreased dramatically nowadays; consequently, people are more active on Facebook be-

cause they thought that Facebook is more desirable networking in their real life that is superior to reading pleasure.

A library is a place that is a repository of information and gives people access to knowledge, and people from developed countries make effective use of library that includes health information. During my visit to Singapore, I happened to make a glance at some libraries, including the National Library, the YISHUN Public Library and the Orchard Library where many people make use of their many learning resources.

The Singapore National Library covers 13 floors where books are arranged on the shelf according to the classification system. For instance, there are Business Collection and Science Technology Collection (Economy, Science and Technology) on the seventh floor. It also houses many rooms for reading, audiovisual, surfing internet and reference library etc.

Nowadays library culture has made a crucial changed, and public libraries are redefining their role in the face of a rapidly changing digital culture using ILMs (Integrated Library Management System) that is a computer-based system used to manage internal and external resources including tangible assets, financial resources, materials, and



human resources. It performs library automation and collection development tasks broken down into different modules that are focused on simplifying tasks such as acquisition, cataloguing, and circulation commonly done in any library.

Many libraries have utilized RFID (Radio Frequency Identification) that is a device that can receive and transmit a radio signal. It is built to encode data stored in the tag's microprocessor. Because of the higher cost, active and semi-passive RFID tags are used for valuable asset tracking. The passive RFID tags are used

in RFID library management systems.

For the convenience of the readers, 24-hr Book drops have been installed at the library using Book Drop Machine that can operate the process of returning library's books is becoming more convenient lately. This library has provided 2 units of Book-Drop Machines that are operated 24 hours a day. The latest technology facilitates users to return book at any time and their record will be updated automatically.

The Singapore National Library (SNL) is a national knowledge institution empowering

individuals and businesses with knowledge and information as it continuously expands its vast array of reference collections and services. It's learnt that there were totaling 2.4 million members in 2017 and 28.7 million readers, together with 25.5 million visitors at the SNL, according to the resources. Therefore the SNL is the premier resource center for the readers, researchers, professionals, the general public and their alike.

I have already noticed that there are some libraries at the top of the supermarkets where the shoppers can grant easy access

to the libraries while doing their shopping. I had witnessed that there were some students studying their homework by searching for library books on the shelves, and another incident is that woman who brought her baby in the trolley. She could lend her books using collected reservation and mobile phones.

As time goes by, library culture has been changing all the time. School libraries play an important role in the process of reforming the new education system and help to improve teaching and raise academic excellence. Libraries have become a place not only for reading pleasure but also for multi-purpose libraries with a wide range of public room for events and activities such as music shows, talk shows, paintings, learning, research, culture, creativity and so on. As for the authority concerned, efforts are being made to open the public libraries across the country, aiming to keep pace with new technology development and adopt suitable technologies for the efficiency and effectiveness of library functions and services, and to keep pace with new technology development and adopt suitable technologies for the efficiency and effectiveness of library functions and services.

Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung

The International Translation Day 2018

By Arakan Sein

INTERNATIONAL Translation Day is a relatively recent entry into the calendar of world events. On May 24, 2017 the United Nations General Assembly adopted a resolution declaring September 30 to be International Translation Day, thanks to the longstanding work of the International Federation of Translators (FIT) and its member associations including American Translators Association. The International Translation Day 2018 highlighted "Translation: promoting cultural heritage in changing times." American Translators Association celebrated International Translation Day on Friday, September 28, but not on September 30. It was for translators,

interpreters and others in the language service industry. Their goal was to use the platform of International Translation Day 2018 and to raise awareness for the profession within our personal networks. They had an incredible opportunity to change the ways and the world views of translators and interpreters by being bold and sharing more about their jobs.

Debunking the unfortunate myths and misunderstandings about translation and interpreting helped pave the way to a better future for their profession, and it can start right here in their backyards.

ATA celebrated the Day in a big way on September 28 for a social media blitz on Facebook, Twitter, Linked In and Instagram

to promote the professions. The posts, tweets and downloadable infographics were put up for us to share with our family, friends and clients. This annual celebration is an opportunity to pay tribute to the work of translators and interpreters who endeavor to make the world a slightly smaller place by breaking down language barriers. The day is marked with a series of dedicated events, seminars and symposiums across the world.

In preparation for 2019, which has been declared the International Year of Indigenous Languages by the United Nations, the FIT council has selected: "Translation: Promoting Cultural Heritage in Changing Times" as the theme for International Translation Day 2018.

As defined by the UNESCO, the posts, tweets and downloadable infographics were put up for us to share with our family, friends and clients. This annual celebration is an opportunity to pay tribute to the work of translators and interpreters who endeavor to make the world a slightly smaller place by breaking down language barriers. The day is marked with a series of dedicated events, seminars and symposiums across the world.

As a global community, we are seeing changes that bring previously separated cultures into face-to-face contact. As further pointed out by the UNESCO, "An understanding of intangible cultural heritage of different communities helps with intercultural dialogues and encourages mutual respect for other ways of life."

Sarpay Beikman—Myanmar Translation Society was founded on August 26, 1947 with its first President as Prime Minister U

Nu; its purpose was to translate world culture, literature and education for the Myanmar public. The booklet on translation was published in 1950s daily and famous writers such as Thakin Ba Thaug, U Pe Maung Tin, U Thant (former Secretary-General of the UN), U E Maung and U Wun (Minthuwun) contributed more on translation. Their views are common in one thing: fluency in both languages.

Translation seminars in 1969 in Gandhi Hall and Taw Win Garden Hotel in 2015 on Pyay Road

Being a candidate in both seminars, I had a golden opportunity of listening to speeches by famous writers such as Dagon Shwemyar, Thein Pe Myint

and Khin Myo Chit and other leading translators and journalists. The symposium at the Taw Win Garden Hotel which was sponsored by Taw Win foundation together with the British Council under the supervision of Pen Myanmar, the candidates were given a chance of meeting with original writers and editors of British and American people.

In conclusion, this is an enormous task which the government should take it seriously for translators and writers who will endeavour to write things Myanmar in order send out a vivid description of our culture and traditions to the outside world.

Ref: Wikipedia, Google and Media English.



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Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Saturday 29th September, 2018)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is weak over the Andaman Sea and South Bay of Bengal. Weather is partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 30th September, 2018: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon regions, (Southern and Eastern) Shan, Kayin and Mon states, scattered Magway, Ayeyarwady and Taninthayi regions, Kayah State and isolated in the remaining regions and states with isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay regions. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (1 - 4) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

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

FORECAST FOR NAYPYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 30th September, 2018: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 30th September, 2018: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 30th September, 2018: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

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 work 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.).—
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Mawlamyine District IPRD library upgraded to Community Centre

INFORMATION Ministry's Information and Public Relations Department (IPRD) and Daw Khin Kyi Foundation jointly upgraded the Mawlamyine District IPRD's library to the Community Centre. The ceremony to launch the community centre was held in conjunction with launching a mobile library yesterday in Mawlamyine.

First, Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint, Mon State Chief Minister Dr. Aye Zan, Mon State minister for social affairs Dr. Htein Lin, IPRD Director-General U Ye Naing, U Tun Hla Soe of Daw Khin Kyi Foundation cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the Community Centre.

The Union Minister, Chief Minister and officials then sprinkled scented waters onto the Community Centre signboard and the mobile library.

The second part of the opening ceremony was then continued at the pandal in front of the Community Centre where Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint, Chief Minister Dr. Aye Zan and U Tun Hla Soe of Daw Khin Kyi Foundation delivered speeches.

Speaking at the ceremony,



Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint and officials cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the Community Centre in Mawlamyine yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint said the Ministry of Information has been upgrading the libraries of the IPRDs to the community centres where local people can gather and exchange information and hold discussion about social welfare activities, and organizations and associations can hold

meetings as well as learning by young people new skills there.

Plans are underway to construct new buildings in remaining towns and cities in the country and the ministry, in cooperation with Daw Khin Kyi Foundation, has upgraded libraries of IPRDs to communities centres with mo-

bile libraries, computer training rooms, child reading rooms and museums.

In his concluding remarks, the Union Minister urged the local people to make the best use of the opportunity to gain benefits from the community centres, calling for their cooperation in

establishing community centres nationwide.

Afterwards, Mon State Chief Minister Dr. Aye Zan delivered an address, pledging that the regional government would support the development the first ever community centre of Mon State.

Afterwards, U Tun Hla Soe of Daw Khin Kyi Foundation explained about the activities of the foundation including its purposes, extending computer training courses and running of mobile libraries.

Ministry of Information has upgraded 12 libraries of IPRD in 12 cities to community centres so far.

After the ceremony a literary talk was held to spread reading habit among youths and to exchange literary knowledge. Well-known authors Moe Pan Mon (Yama Nya), Hnin Wai Nyein and Pone Nya Khin led the literary talk taken part by resident literary fans Mg Kyi Zaw Lwin, Ma Thin Htet Soe, Mg Phone Myat Han, Ma Pan Ei Thazin, Mg Phone Myat Myat Moe and Ma Wai Zin Oo. —MNA ■

Actions to be taken against teachers who failed to do duties in their posted schools: Yangon Region Gov't

By Nyein Nyein

TEACHERS who failed to serve in their posted areas would face fine and an official green card for their career would be denied, said Karen Ethnic Affairs Minister Daw Naw Pan Thinzar Myo.

She made the remark in her response to questions raised by Daw Sandar Min of Seikkyi Khanaungto Township constituency-1 at the Yangon Region Hluttaw on 28th September.

Asked which actions would be taken by the authorities against the teachers who failed to serve their duties in their posted schools after they

completed the five-year B-Ed Course, Naw Pan Thinzar Myo said those who failed to do their duties in their posted schools would pay the amount of cash they signed in their bonds with the ministry concerned and an official green card for their career would be denied.

Yangon Region Government built staff quarters in areas which are not accessible easily in Yangon Region for the teachers who are posted there.

A total 28 buildings have been built so far in several townships in Yangon Region in the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 fiscal year, she added. ■

Amb U Aung Lin attends Asia Cooperation Dialogue Foreign Minister level meeting

Members of the Myanmar delegation to the 73rd United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) Myanmar Ambassador to United States of America U Aung Lin and International Organisations and Economic Department Deputy Director-General U Min Thein, attended the sideline event of UNGA, Asia Cooperation Dialogue Foreign Minister's level meeting's working lunch in St. Regis Hotel, Penthouse, New York.

At the working lunch Iran hand over the chair of ACD for 2018-2019 to Qatar and ACD

secretary general explained about progress of member countries' cooperation on six main pillars of ACD in 2017-2018.

Out of the six pillars of cooperation, representatives from China, Pakistan, Iran and Thailand who are the Prime Mover explained about progress in the food, water and energy security pillar; connectivity pillar; culture and tourism pillar; and promoting approaches to inclusiveness and sustainable development pillar.

Next, postponing of the

2018 3rd ACD Summit meeting in Teheran, Iran and 3rd ACD ministerial meeting on tourism in Dhaka, Bangladesh was explained and member countries are urged to participate actively to hold the meetings. Representatives from Qatar, Bangladesh, Malaysia, Kuwait, Kazakhstan and Russia also join in the discussion.

It is learnt that Turkey will take up the chairmanship of ACD for 2020-2021, while ACD meetings will be held in Tehran, Iran and Doha, Qatar in 2019. —MNA ■



Myanmar Ambassador to the United States U Aung Lin Asia Cooperation Dialogue Foreign Minister's level meeting's working lunch in St. Regis Hotel, Penthouse, New York, in Penthouse, New York. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Lavrov says US should abide by principle of sovereignty, not meddle in their affairs

UNITED NATIONS—US should not meddle in the affairs of other countries if it really abides by the principle of sovereignty, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said on Friday at a news conference on the results of his participation in the week of high-level meetings as part of the 73rd session of the UN General Assembly.

When a reporter asked him whose speech -- US President Donald Trump's or UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres's -- he liked more, Lavrov answered he supported the Secretary General "who firmly stands for the sovereignty of every country in the world". "I support this [stance] very strongly," he said.

He mentioned Trump's speech, too. "The US speaks not only with the words of its President," he said. "It says, sovereignty is the main thing and all the multilateral things are of secondary importance."

"The US Constitution and



Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov. PHOTO: TASS

the laws on joining the UN stipulate that the country gives priority to national legislation but none of the previous Administrations has pursued this line so openly and toughly," he said.

"On the other hand, if the

US is committed to sovereignty as the fundamental principle, it shouldn't meddle in other countries' affairs then," Lavrov said.

He called multilateralism "a necessity of the day when all the problems turn into cross-border

ones, when technologies unite the whole world and make it possible to organize life in a totally different way by giving opportunities to those who want economic and social development to bring benefits to people." — TASS ■

Dutch terror suspects 'had 100 kg of fertiliser for car bomb'

THE HAGUE (Netherlands)—Dutch investigators said on Friday they found a large quantity of bomb-making materials including fertiliser likely to be used in a car bomb following the arrest of seven terror suspects.

The seven were seized Thursday in the cities of Arnhem and Weert by elite Dutch anti-terror units and are suspected of wanting to carry out a "major"

attack in the country. The suspects briefly appeared for the first time in the Rotterdam District court on Friday on terror-related charges, where their case was remanded until next week.

The men, who range from 21 to 34 years, were not named and will remain under maximum security conditions —which means they are only allowed to talk to their lawyers. During

Thursday's search "police confiscated a substantial amount of raw materials to make bombs at the suspects' homes," the Dutch public prosecution service said on Friday. Officers also found "100 kilogrammes (220 pounds) of fertiliser, possibly for use in a car bomb," the prosecutors added in a statement. Officers had previously placed a group of people under surveillance, including a

34-year-old Dutch man of Iraqi origin who was convicted in 2017 of attempting to reach territory controlled by the jihadist Islamic State group.

The suspects came from Arnhem, the port city of Rotterdam and villages close to those two cities. Two others in the group also had convictions related to attempts to travel to Iraq or Syria. — AFP ■

F-35 stealth fighter crashes for the first time



A US F-35 pilot was forced to eject midair after the \$100million fighter jet crashed in South Carolina. PHOTO: AFP

WASHINGTON (United States)—A US F-35 stealth fighter plane was completely destroyed in a crash during training on Friday, officials said. The pilot safely ejected. The crash is the first of its kind for the troubled F-35 programme, marking an unfortunate moment for the most expensive plane in history.

The Marine Corps said in a statement that a Marine Corps F-35 had crashed around 11:45 am (1615 GMT) outside Marine Corps Air Station Beaufort in South Carolina. "It's a total loss," one official said. Images on social media show a plume of black smoke rising above what users said was a crash site. The crashed plane was an F-35 "B" variant, used by the Marine Corps and capable of taking off from a short runway and landing vertically. The Air Force and Navy have their own models. The Beaufort County Sheriff's Office said the pilot safely ejected and was being evaluated for injuries.

Unit costs vary, but the price tag of F-35s is around \$100 million each. Future production lots of F-35s are projected to drop slightly in price. The crash comes just one day after the US military first used the F-35, which has been beset with delays and cost overruns, in combat. Multiple Marine Corps F-35s struck Taliban targets in Afghanistan. — AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

US shuts consulate in Iraq's Basra after deadly protests

NEW YORK (United States)—The United States announced that it had shut its consulate in Basra on Friday after deadly protests in the southern Iraqi city.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo ordered that all but emergency staff leave Basra, with consular duties to be taken over by the embassy in Baghdad, spokeswoman Heather Nauert said. — AFP ■

Trump orders supplemental FBI probe on court pick Kavanaugh

WASHINGTON (United States)—US President Donald Trump on Friday ordered a fresh FBI probe into sex assault allegations against his Supreme Court nominee Brett Kavanaugh, complying with a Senate request after two days of raucous confirmation hearings for the right-leaning judge.

"I've ordered the FBI to conduct a supplemental investigation to update Judge Kavanaugh's file. As the Senate has requested, this update must be limited in scope and completed in less than one week," Trump said in a statement. — AFP ■

US, Canada could reach new NAFTA deal in 48 hours: Mexico

MEXICO CITY (Mexico)—The United States and Canada have asked Mexico to give them 48 hours to reach a compromise on keeping the updated North American Free Trade Agreement a three-country deal, the Mexican economy minister said on Friday.

"There's a very serious effort under way right now to resolve the remaining differences," Ildefonso Guajardo said as he presented the text of an already sealed US-Mexican deal to the Senate in Mexico City for approval — without Canada, for now.

"For the first time, we're seeing a real effort by both sides," he said. "In the next 48 hours, we will know if we are going with a trilateral agreement." — AFP ■

Chinese FM endorses multilateralism, peace, free trade at UNGA

UNITED NATIONS — Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi on Friday delivered a speech at the General Debate of the UN General Assembly, endorsing multilateralism, world peace and free trade.

MULTILATERALISM

Wang said that the contemporary international order, which began with the founding of the United Nations, is based on the purposes and principles of the UN Charter and enhanced by the vision and practice of multilateralism.

The order has, over the past 70 years or more, brought about general peace and rapid development, he said.

“What we see today is that international rules and multilateral mechanisms are under attack, and the international landscape is filled with uncertainties and destabilizing factors,” the foreign minister said.

“China’s answer is clear-cut. All along, China has upheld the international order and pursued multilateralism,” he added.

The Chinese top diplomat suggested that to uphold multilateralism in the new era, efforts shall be made to adhere to the following principles:

Firstly, the world shall pur-

sue win-win cooperation. The sure way for a bright future of the world is to replace confrontation with cooperation and coercion with consultation; to stick together as one big family instead of forming closed circles; and to promote common development through consultation instead of taking a winner-takes-all approach.

Secondly, all nations shall act upon rules and order. Practicing multilateralism is, first and foremost, about upholding the UN Charter, observing international law and the basic norms governing international relations and honoring international agreements reached upon through negotiations.

Thirdly, the world shall uphold fairness and justice. In international affairs, fairness and justice means equality between all countries, big or small. It means responsibility for big countries to help the small and the rich to assist the poor. Fairness and justice also mean respect for other countries’ sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity, as well as their choice of development path and the right to a better life and to more development opportunities.

Fourth, all nations must act to deliver real results. “It is imperative that we work together to



Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi addresses the General Debate of the 73rd session of the United Nations General Assembly at the UN headquarters in New York, on 28 September, 2018. PHOTO: XINHUA

uphold the international system with the United Nations at its core as well as the multilateral trading system centering on the World Trade Organization,” Wang said.

WORLD PEACE

He said that as a major responsible country, China commits itself to the path of peaceful development, and China will work with other countries and contribute its share to global peace and

security.

He outlined China’s stances on a slew of hotspot issues.

On the situation of the Korean Peninsula, China encourages all sides to move along the direction of denuclearization and peace mechanism.

Regarding the Iranian nuclear issue, it is crucial for continued implementation of the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA).

The question of Palestine

must not be marginalized, Wang said, adding a new round of peace-promoting efforts need to be made to explore a new mediation mechanism.

The settlement of the issue involving Rakhine State of Myanmar shall begin by accelerating the return of the first batch of displaced persons. In addition, China supports the UN’s leading role in coordinating responses to non-traditional security challenges, Wang added. —Xinhua ■

Cambodia PM warns at UN against questioning of one-party election

UNITED NATIONS (United States) — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen warned on Friday against any questioning of the legitimacy of his controversial reelection after a top UN official doubted whether the polls could be regarded as democratic.

Hun Sen, who has been in power for more than 33 years, saw his Cambodian People’s Party win all 125 seats in July’s parliamentary elections after a shuttering of media outlets and jailing of political opponents and journalists. In a report to the UN Human Rights Council earlier this week, UN Special Rapporteur for Cambodia Rhona Smith said the elections had “consigned multiparty liberal democracy to history for the next five years.”

But speaking from the floor of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, Hun Sen warned against any outside “interference” in Cambodian politics.

“The free choice of the Cambodian people and the legitimate result of this election is not a subject for question or debate,” the veteran strongman said in his speech. “Some external circles, however, who are on a mission to interfere in the domestic affairs of Cambodia still fail to see the quality and integrity of our election process by issuing statements against or attacking the election outcome.

“Such actions are a serious assault on the will of the Cambodian people.”

A loud crowd of protesters gathered outside the UN building to denounce the Cambodian leader, some holding signs and chanting, “Hun Sun is a traitor!”

In her report, Smith said the dissolution of the main opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party and ban a large number of other senior opposition figures from all political activity “seriously calls into question the genuineness of

these elections.”

But Hun Sen said he had transformed a country “previously famous for its killing fields” when the dictator Pol Pot oversaw a reign of terror that left up to two million people dead from starvation, overwork or execution. “The Cambodian nation is enjoying the dividends of peace, stability and rapid development which had never been seen before in its modern history,” he said.

“Cambodia now enjoys full peace and has become a popular tourist destination in Southeast Asia, a food exporter, an outstanding performer in poverty reduction and has seen an improvement of all social indicators.”

The United Nations has played a key role in Cambodia’s elections since the end of the Pol Pot era and the country’s subsequent occupation by Viet Nam in the 1980s, sponsoring the first democratic polls in 1993. —AFP ■

Malaysia’s Anwar faces sodomy accuser in election

PORT DICKSON (Malaysia) — Malaysia’s leader-in-waiting Anwar Ibrahim started campaigning on Saturday for a poll set to return him to frontline politics — but faces a surprise rival in the form of an ex-aide who once accused him of sodomy.

Anwar is expected to easily win the local election on 13 October and re-enter parliament as an MP, just months after being released from jail following his alliance’s shock election win.

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, 93, has pledged to step aside within two years to hand power to Anwar, his former nemesis with whom he teamed up to oust scandal-plagued Najib Razak and his long-ruling coalition at the national polls in May.

Following the vote, Anwar, 71, received a royal pardon releasing him from prison where he was serving a sentence for sodomy in a case that his supporters said was politically motivated.

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He needs to be elected as an MP to qualify to take over from Mahathir, and earlier this month a lawmaker from his party vacated his seat in the coastal town of Port Dickson to allow Anwar’s return to parliament.

On Saturday, hundreds of flag-waving supporters of the ruling Pact of Hope alliance marched to a hall in the town as Anwar and the other candidates formally registered for the poll.

But there was shock when it emerged that one of his six rivals in the election is Mohamad Saiful Bukhari Azlan, a former volunteer in Anwar’s office whose accusations of sodomy led to him being jailed in 2015.

The ex-aide is running as an independent candidate. Ibrahim Suffian, who heads independent polling firm Merdeka Center, told AFP Anwar’s “detractors are out to embarrass him in any little way they can”. —AFP ■

Hundreds killed in Indonesia quake-tsunami

PALU (Indonesia) — Nearly 400 people were killed when a powerful quake sent a tsunami barreling into the Indonesian island of Sulawesi, officials said Saturday, as hospitals struggled to cope with hundreds of injured and rescuers scrambled to reach the stricken region.

The national disaster agency put the official death toll so far at 384, all of them in the tsunami-struck city of Palu, but warned the toll was likely to rise.

In the city — home to around 350,000 people — partially covered bodies lay on the ground near the shore, the day after tsunami waves 1.5 metres (five feet) came ashore. There were also concerns over the whereabouts of hundreds of people preparing for a beach festival due to start Friday evening, the disaster agency said.

Hospitals were overwhelmed by the influx of injured, with many people being treated in the open air, while other survivors helped to retrieve the remains of those who died.

One man was seen carrying the muddy corpse of a small child. The tsunami was triggered by a strong quake that brought down buildings and sent locals fleeing for higher ground as a churning wall of water crashed into Palu, where there were widespread power blackouts.

'I just ran'

Dramatic video foot-

age captured from the top floor of a parking ramp in Palu, nearly 80 kilometres (50 miles) from the quake's epicentre, showed waves of water bring down several buildings and inundate a large mosque.

"I just ran when I saw the waves hitting homes on the coastline," said Palu resident Rusidanto, who like many Indonesians goes by one name.

The shallow 7.5 magnitude tremor was more powerful than a series of quakes that killed hundreds on the Indonesian island of Lombok in July and August.

Indonesian president Joko Widodo said the military was being called in to the disaster-struck region to help search-and-rescue teams get to victims and find bodies.

Earlier, the head of the country's search and rescue agency Muhammad Syaugi told AFP that local staff had found "many" dead bodies.

"We're particularly concerned about the impact of the earthquake on children, who are more vulnerable to being swept away in tsunamis," said Tom Howells, NGO Save the Children's Program Implementation Director.

People living hundreds of kilometres from the epicentre reported feeling the massive shake, which came hours after a smaller jolt killed at least one person in the same part of the country. —AFP ■

Powerful typhoon batters Okinawa, churns to Japan mainland

KAGOSHIMA (Japan) — A powerful typhoon pummeled Japan's southern island of Okinawa on Saturday, injuring at least five, as weather officials warned the storm would rip through the Japanese archipelago over the weekend.

Typhoon Trami, packing maximum gusts of 216 kilometres (134 miles) per hour near its centre, was forecast to hit the mainland early Sunday and could cause extreme weather across the country into Monday.

Television footage showed branches ripped from trees by strong winds blocking a main street in Naha, with massive waves splashing on breakwaters on a remote island in the region and torrential horizontal rain.

Some 600 people evac-

uated to shelters in Okinawa and electricity was cut to more than 121,000 homes, public broadcaster NHK said.

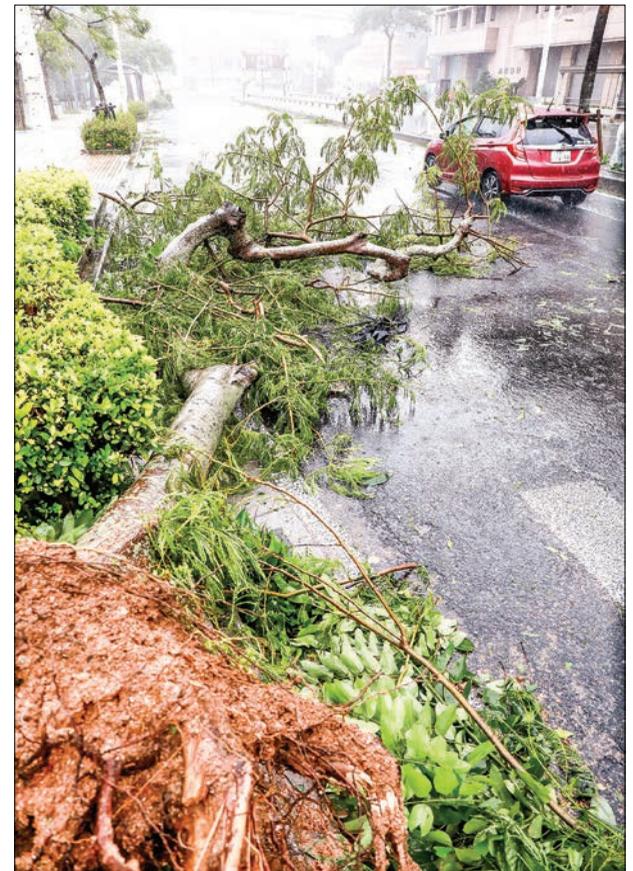
At least 386 flights were cancelled mainly in western Japan, according to public broadcaster NHK.

Five people suffered injuries in storm-related accidents in Okinawa, but no one was feared dead, local officials said.

"The number may rise as we are still collecting information," said Motoki Minei, an official at the island's disaster-management office.

"We are urging our residents to stay vigilant against the typhoon," he told AFP.

The weather agency warned people across Japan to be on alert for "violent winds, high waves, heavy rain." —AFP ■



A picture taken in the city centre of Naha, Okinawa prefecture on 29 September, 2018 shows a fallen tree as the island was the first part of Japan to face the typhoon Trami. PHOTO: AFP

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One year since #MeToo, Penelope Cruz remembers Weinstein as ‘complicated’

LOS ANGELES — In 2009, actress Penelope Cruz won an Oscar for her role in a film produced by Harvey Weinstein and directed by Woody Allen — two men now in the crosshairs of the #MeToo movement taking a stand against sexual abuse.

“Thank you, Harvey Weinstein,” the Spanish actress said that night as she accepted her golden best supporting actress statuette for “Vicky Cristina Barcelona.”

Since then, Weinstein has gone from Hollywood mogul to international pariah. He is the subject of sexual harassment and assault accusations from scores of women and is facing sex crimes charges in New York. He flatly denies all of it.

Cruz says she was never personally harassed by the producer and was unaware of his behavior, which became public in October 2017, sending his career into free fall and bankrupting his company.

“Harvey was a complicated person, everyone knew that,” Cruz told AFP during a trip to Los Angeles earlier this month. “We had discussions on a work level but never in other situations, never.”

The list of stars leveling abuse accusations against Weinstein is long: Angelina Jol-

ie, Gwyneth Paltrow, Rose McGowan, Lea Seydoux, Rosanna Arquette, Cara Delevingne — and Salma Hayek, one of Cruz’s close friends, to name a few.

Hayek accused the magnate of threatening to “break my kneecaps” after she spurned his advances on the set of her film “Frida.” Her searing column, published last December in The New York Times, floored the 44-year-old Cruz.

“You can never blame a friend for not telling you in the moment,” Cruz said by telephone.

When the first accusations came out against Weinstein a year ago, Cruz said at the time that she was “shocked and profoundly sad.”

Weinstein always had been “respectful” towards her, she said in an Instagram post, adding that she had never “witnessed such behavior” as many women had described.

‘A long struggle’

Cruz, who catapulted to fame as a protege of Spanish filmmaker Pedro Almodovar, has shown solidarity with victims of harassment — a phenomenon she says goes far beyond the world of Hollywood.

“I feel we must also speak on behalf of women who do not

have a job in the public eye,” she said. “Housekeepers, teachers, doctors, lawyers — women no one gives a microphone to.”

“We can’t say everything is resolved,” she said, but “everything that has come to light is so important.”

Cruz — who was in Los Angeles for the Emmys and to promote “Loving Pablo,” in which she plays a journalist who was drug kingpin Pablo Escobar’s lover, ahead of its US release — said the past year marks “the beginning of change.”

But she predicted “a long struggle” ahead.

“It’s not a conflict of women against men — men and women need to fight together to reach equality,” emphasized Cruz, who was nominated for an Emmy for her portrayal of Donatella Versace in “The Assassination of Gianni Versace: American Crime Story.”

In “Loving Pablo,” Javier Bardem — her real-life husband since 2010 — plays Escobar.

Bardem — who, like Cruz, is Spanish and an Oscar winner — says he considers movements fighting violence against women, including #MeToo, important, but he cautions against the risks of “media lynching.”

“We must pay attention to

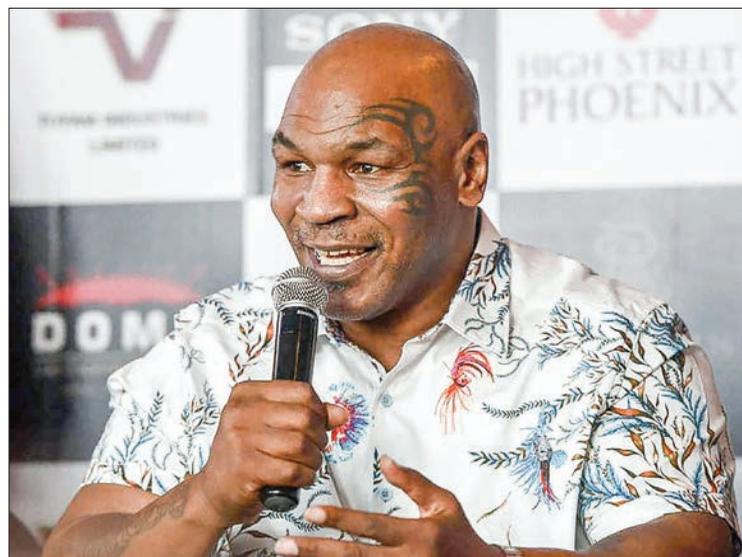


Supporting actress in a limited series or movie nominee Penelope Cruz walks on the press room stage during the 70th Emmy Awards at the Microsoft Theatre in Los Angeles, California on 17 September, 2018. PHOTO: AFP

what we do,” he told AFP, noting that many times when charges are made public, “the person is considered guilty” without “the opportunity to defend” himself

or herself. Bardem also won his Oscar in a Weinstein-produced film — “No Country for Old Men,” directed by the Coen brothers — one year before Cruz. —AFP ■

‘I’m a slumdog’, Mike Tyson says on India trip



Former boxing champion Mike Tyson declared himself a “slumdog”. PHOTO: AFP

MUMBAI (India) — Former boxing champion Mike Tyson declared himself a “slumdog” on Friday as he made his first trip to India.

The 52-year-old was in Mumbai, home to the slums that inspired Danny Boyle’s 2008 hit movie Slumdog Millionaire.

“The most successful fighters have come from slums. All the current top fighters are from the slums,” the controversial heavy-

weight great told reporters.

“I think the poorer you are the better boxer you are,” he added.

“I am a slumdog. I grew up in a slum. I had the ambition to get out of the slums and that’s why I am here,” Tyson said in quotes carried by the Press Trust of India news agency.

Around 50 per cent of Mumbai’s population of 20 million live in slums.

Many of them live in Dharavi, often described as Asia’s biggest slum and the backdrop to Boyle’s film.

The title of the movie caused controversy in India with critics claiming that the reference to dog was derogatory. Boyle insisted no offence was meant.

Tyson, in India to promote a new mixed martial arts league, said he planned to visit Dharavi.

Tyson is one of the most formidable and controversial sportsmen to date.

In 1986, at the age of 20, he became the youngest international boxing heavyweight champion in history.

He held that title from 1987 to 1990 and achieved 58 victories, including 44 by knockout.

But his career was plagued with trouble, including drug addiction and stints in prison for rape. In 1992, at the age of 25, Tyson was sentenced to six years in prison for rape, serving three years behind bars. Tyson also notoriously bit off a chunk of boxer Evander Holyfield’s ear in a 1997 match. —AFP ■

French rapper to face trial over ‘Hang Whites’ video

PARIS (France) — A little-known French rapper who caused a furore in France this week with a music video called “Hang White People” has been ordered to face trial on charges of inciting violence, legal sources said on Friday.

Nick Conrad, whose track and career had gone largely unnoticed until the video came to the public’s attention this week, was interviewed by police on Friday and ordered to stand trial on 9 January. The charge against him, of inciting deadly violence, carries a maximum five-year prison sentence and a fine of 45,000 euros (39,000 dollars).

The track, called PLB for “Pendez les Blancs” (Hang White People), was posted on YouTube on 17 September and garnered only a few thousands views before it was shared last weekend by a controversial comedian with a large online following.

After being highlighted by far-right groups in France, who regularly rail against alleged rac-

ism against white people, both the interior minister, government spokesman and politicians of all stripes condemned the video.

Conrad, who had an average 40 monthly listeners on Spotify and 186 subscribers to his YouTube channel before the controversy, has become the subject of widespread media coverage and public attention as a result.

“There will be a trial during which I hope to be received like I was today in terms of being listened to,” Conrad said after his interview with police.

“I think that a text deserves to be studied in depth, not superficially,” he added. In scenes from the PLB video, which has since been blocked by YouTube, the rapper can be seen torturing and then hanging a white victim with a noose, in between waving a gun around and smoking a cigar. The lyrics evoke the killing of adults and children with the rapper singing: “I walk into creches, I kill white babies, catch them quick and hang their parents.” —AFP ■

New catalyst may help turn water into fuel: study

CHICAGO — Researchers at the University of Illinois (UI) have developed a new catalyst that may have cleared the obstacles of abundance, stability in acid conditions and efficiency in generating hydrogen in a sustainable way.

The catalyst is an electrocatalytic material made from mixing metal compounds with substance called perchloric acid.

The researchers first experimented with the procedure for making this new material by using different acids and heating temperatures to increase the rate of the water-splitting reaction.

The researchers found that when they used perchloric acid as a catalyst and let the mixture react under heat, the physical nature of the yttrium ruthenate product changed.

“The material became more porous and also had a new crystalline structure, different from all the solid catalysts we made before,” said Jaemin Kim, the lead author and a postdoctoral researcher. The new porous material the team developed, a pyrochlore oxide of yttrium ruthenate, can split water molecules at a higher rate than the current industry standard.

The researchers looked at the structure of the new material with an electron microscope and found that it is four times more porous than the original yttrium ruthenate they developed in a previous study, and three times that of the iridium and ruthenium oxides used commercially.

“It was surprising to find that the acid we chose as a catalyst for this reaction turned out to improve the structure of the material used for the electrodes,” said Hong Yang, co-author and professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering at the University of Illinois.

In the next step, the researchers will fabricate a laboratory-scale device for further testing and to continue to improve the porous electrode stability in acidic environments.

“Stability of the electrodes in acid will always be a problem, but we feel that we have come up with something new and different when compared with other work in this area,” Yang said. “This type of research will be quite impactful regarding hydrogen generation for sustainable energy in the future.”

The study has been published in the journal *Angewandte Chemie*. —Xinhua ■

Scientists identify effective new material used in solar cells

WASHINGTON — American researchers may find a new material that allows more efficient conversion of sunlight into electricity than the traditional silicon, which can lead to next-generation solar cells in coming years.

The study published on Thursday in the journal *Chem* revealed the unique properties of these inexpensive and quick-to-produce halide perovskites.

“The construction of silicon solar cells is complex and hard to scale-up to the level that would be needed for them to generate even 10 percent of our total demand for electricity,” said John Asbury, associate professor of chemistry at Penn State and senior author of the study.

The researchers focused on materials that could be processed using a technique called roll-to-roll manufacturing, a technique similar to those used to

print newspapers that enables low-cost, high-volume production.

Halide perovskites seem to have a unique tolerance for imperfections in their structures that allow them to efficiently convert sunlight into electricity, according to Asbury.

The researchers used ultra-fast infrared imaging technology to investigate how the structure and composition of these materials influence their ability to convert sunlight into electricity.

They found that halide perovskites had a unique ability to maintain their crystalline structure even while the atoms in their crystals underwent unusually large-scale vibrational motion.

“Such large-scale atomic motions typically lead to a loss of crystalline structure in other materials, creating imperfections,” said Asbury. —Xinhua ■



A scientist says artificial intelligence will never be able to replace humans in the field of art. PHOTO: TASS

Can AI replace human creativity? ‘Robots will never create art’, hi-tech guru assures

MOSCOW — Artificial intelligence will never be able to replace humans in the field of art, Doctor Christian Kroos from the Centre for Vision, Speech and Signal Processing (CVSSP), University of Surrey, told TASS.

When asked if robots would ever create art, Dr Kroos, who is a renowned robotic art researcher and a speaker at the Culture 2.0 open lecture course at the Seventh St Petersburg International Cultural Forum, said that it “depends first and foremost on how we define art and what it means to create art.” “If we define it from the view point of production and limit it to reflecting human experience, robots do not and never will create art... In this case, the robot will always only remain a tool, not

different from e.g. a film camera, and the human artists would be the true creators,” he explained.

However, in the expert’s view, “this view is probably too restrictive.” “Posthumanism has widened our horizon to the opportunities of trans-species communication and—why not—art, including potentially AI. Maybe we only need to require agency and intentionality from a machine artist. It would be, however, still far off in the future. As ethologist and philosopher Roberto Marchesini pointed out it would mean machines very different from the current ones: They would be subjective, individual, imaginative and no longer under the control of the humans that created them,” Dr Kroos noted.

“Most robotic art focuses on the robots themselves and their encounter with humans, not the artworks robots might produce,” he pointed out.

The Seventh St Petersburg International Cultural Forum is scheduled to take place on 15-17 November, 2018. The Culture 2.0 open lecture course will also involve video game industry legend and founder of the International Game Developers’ Association Ernest Adams, President of the European Federation of Game Archives, Museums and Preservation Projects Andreas Lange, Europe’s biggest science art researcher Pier Luigi Capucci and Sorbonne University professor Olga Kiseleva, as well as other experts. —Tass ■

China’s FTC-2000G versatile aircraft conducts maiden flight

GUIYANG — China’s self-developed FTC-2000G versatile aircraft successfully conducted its maiden flight on Friday in the city of Anshun in southwest China’s Guizhou Province, according to its developer. The FTC-2000G was developed by the Guizhou Aviation Industry Corporation under the state-owned Aviation Industry Corporation of China.

The multi-functional military aircraft can be used for attacking, combat, as well as daily training.

The aircraft is flexible, reliable, cost-effective and is equipped with a variety of functions such as night vision. In addition, it has a strong capability for functional



Photo taken on 28 September, 2018 shows the FTC-2000G aircraft flying in Anshun, southwest China’s Guizhou Province. PHOTO: XINHUA

expansion. With additional equipment, the plane can perform reconnaissance, electronic warfare and other tasks to meet users’ different needs.

According to Wang Wen-

fei, the chief commander of the aircraft, they spent seven months developing the aircraft and used technological innovation to improve its flight performance. —Xinhua ■

Duda strikes again as Bayern suffer shock defeat in Berlin

BERLIN (Germany)—Hertha Berlin midfielder Ondrej Duda scored his fifth goal in as many league games on Friday as Bundesliga leaders Bayern Munich suffered a shock 2-0 away defeat.

Berlin were deservedly 2-0 up at half-time at the sold-out Olympic Stadium in front of 74,669 fans, stunning Bayern thanks to a Vedad Ibisevic penalty before Slovakia's Duda, the league's top-scorer, added a stunning second. Niko Kovac suffered his first defeat in nine games as Bayern's head coach. It also came at his old club and at the worst possible time with a Champions League game at home against Ajax taking place on Tuesday.

Hertha coach Pal Dardai celebrated his first win over Bayern—the club's first victory against Munich since 2009 at the 15th attempt. Berlin climbed to second, level on 13 points with Bayern but the Bavarian giants could be knocked off the top on Saturday if their rivals win on the road.— AFP ■



Berlin's Slovakian midfielder Ondrej Duda plays a pass during the German first division Bundesliga football match Hertha Berlin vs Borussia Moenchengladbach at the Olympic stadium in Berlin on 22 September, 2018. PHOTO: AFP

Myanmar occupies Asian top 10 in FIFA Women's Ranking

MYANMAR national women football team has already taken over top 10 in Asian level according to an announcement of FIFA Women's Football Ranking released on 28 September.

Myanmar garnered 1536 points in total and is standing in the 10th position in Asia while Thailand and Vietnam are stand-

ing in 6th and 7th position.

Australia is still standing in the first position.

I'm still proud of our Myanmar women football team. Actually, getting in the top 10 is not easy. I believe Myanmar can make it through the top 5 as the team possess many brilliant players said Myo Thet Naing, a

football fan from Yangon.

Myanmar possess many fast attackers including Captain Khin Marlar Tun, Win Theingi Tun, Nilar Moe and great midfielders Naw Ar Lo Wer Phaw, Khin Moe Wai and Nilar Myint and clever youth defenders Wai Wai Aung and Zin Mar Win.— Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Fixtures of Japan-Mekong U-17 football tournament comes out

AT the invitation of Japan Football Association (JFA), Myanmar U-17 football team will take part in Japan-Mekong U-17 Football Tournament organized by JENESYS 2018 and the full fixtures of the whole tournament has now come out.

Japan-Mekong U-17 Football Tournament will be held in Tokyo, Japan to mark the 10th Japan-Mekong Summit Meeting. Myanmar, Cambodia, Laos, Thailand, Viet Nam-17 home teams, Japan U-17, Shoshi High School team and Bellmare team will compete in the tournament.

The football tournament will be held in Fuku-

shima, Japan from 3 to 10 October. Myanmar U-17 will play against Viet Nam, Japan and Cambodia in group (B).

The group (A) is comprised of Shoshi High School, Bellmare, Thailand and Laos. Myanmar will play against Viet Nam as its debut in the group (B) on 5 October; Japan on 6 October; Cambodia on 7 October. The final will be held on 8 October.

U Sithu Win will act as manager for Myanmar U-17 and U Nyi Nyi Latt will steer it as a chief coach. There will be 25 persons including players, the manager and the coaches.— Htut Htut (Twante)



PHOTO: Supplied

Mourinho warns Pogba no one is bigger than Man Utd

MANCHESTER (United Kingdom)—Jose Mourinho warned Paul Pogba that no player is bigger than Manchester United, but praised the Frenchman's attitude in training during another week in which tensions escalated between the Portuguese coach and his star midfielder.

Mourinho stripped Pogba of his role as vice-captain on Tuesday and a frosty exchange between the pair was caught on camera at training the next day after United crashed out the League Cup on penalties to Championship side Derby.

Pogba was rested in midweek, but Mourinho was reportedly unhappy about an Instagram video in which Pogba appeared laughing while watching Tuesday's match at Old Trafford.

However, the club later clarified that it had been uploaded during the match, when the home side had been leading.

For his part, Pogba criticised Mourinho's tactics for being too negative in a 1-1 draw at home to Wolves on Saturday.

But Mourinho insisted Pogba will return to the starting line-up for this weekend's Premier League trip to West Ham.

"He's a player like the others. No player is bigger than the club and, if I'm happy with his work, he plays, if I'm not happy, he doesn't play.

"I'm happy with his work this week, really happy. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday especially because today was not so significant. He trained really well.

"The team needs good players, players with personality to play; he has that and he plays tomorrow."

When pressed on his relationship with Pogba, Mourinho expressed frustration that television cameras had picked up their training ground conversation.

"It is a good relationship, player and manager," he said. "I cannot tell you (what was said).

"The training session was open, you had some cameras with some potential to get some of the words. Maybe you have to change the potential if you want to know everything that is said because I'm not going to comment."

And Mourinho insisted that his decision to take the vice-captaincy away from Pogba was not made in the heat of the moment after his outspoken reaction to the draw against Wolves, but after extensive consultation with his staff.— AFP ■



Manchester United's Portuguese manager Jose Mourinho gestures on the touchline during the English Premier League football match between Manchester United and Wolverhampton Wanderers at Old Trafford in Manchester, north west England on 22 September, 2018. PHOTO: AFP

Intake and output balance



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(1)

ON a bus from Monywa to Ye-U, a young man in his twenties and a lady who seemed to be his mother were among the passengers. The young man had remained silent on the way before he produced a book out of a little bag slinging over his shoulder and started to write something. And then he signed his name below when he finished.

After that he turned a page over and wrote something down and signed again when he finished off. He was doing like this over and over again all along the journey. He seemed to live, so to speak, in a world of his own, which absolutely detached from the real world. A man sitting next to him was watching what he was doing and a sense of eccentricity in the young man's behaviour roused him to put questions.

"Are you writing poems?", asked the man.

The young man replied, "Yes".

"Which type of poem do you write?"

"There are many types of poems so one can write whichever way one likes". "You write poems of your own then. How many poems have you ever written?" The young man hesitated for a split second and then said, "About a million which I keep in wooden boxes at home". (At this point, I would say, even the renowned poet, Saya Tin Moe, who passed away at the age of 73, wrote about 2,000 poems throughout his career of six decades. Now, this young man in his twenties claimed to have written one million poems. This is too untypical, I suppose.)

The conversation went on.

"A million? That's too many. But what makes you keep your poems at home? Why don't you send them to publishing houses to share with others?" "I want to, but I haven't engaged any publisher yet. And my friends are copying my poems in their names. One day I will go to Yangon and try to get my poems published."

At this point, his mother who had made no comment from the start of this conversation waved a hand to the man and spoke under her breath. "That's why he dropped out of the university before he finished his second year. He didn't attend his classes regularly, nor did he learn the lessons well. All he did was writing poems day in day out and finally dropped out of school."

(2)

"Whilst other mammals match their water intake to their output, human beings match their output to their intake." In a classroom at the University of Traditional Medicine, Mandalay,

Lecturer Dr Myo Soe was giving a lecture on physiology to his second-year students. It was about the intake and output balance under the renal handling of water; that is to say, human beings, not like the other mammals, excrete water according to the amount of water they take, while the others take water according to their output. That means water output is directly proportional to the intake in humans, for instance, if the intake is 2500 ml per day, we should note that the output is going to be the same. In short, one may remain on typical water intake and output, in a state of fluid balance. If this mechanism is interrupted by something irregular, the intake and output regulation will lose its balance; for example, pure water deficit is seen where the intake is low.

(3)

"There are only two things you need to do if you want to write. Read and write. To write is to read and write", Stephen King said in a public lecture.

Supposing that the body fluid balance can be used as a metaphor for Stephen King's advice for young people, what we read is like intake and what we write, output. Is it also true that Stephen King is saying one cannot write unless he reads and writes? If it can be said so, output literally cannot be produced with no intake, just like the body fluid mechanism carried out in our body, where the output is directly proportional to the intake. What if there is little or no intake at all, what will happen then? As it goes in physiology, pure water deficit is said to be seen.

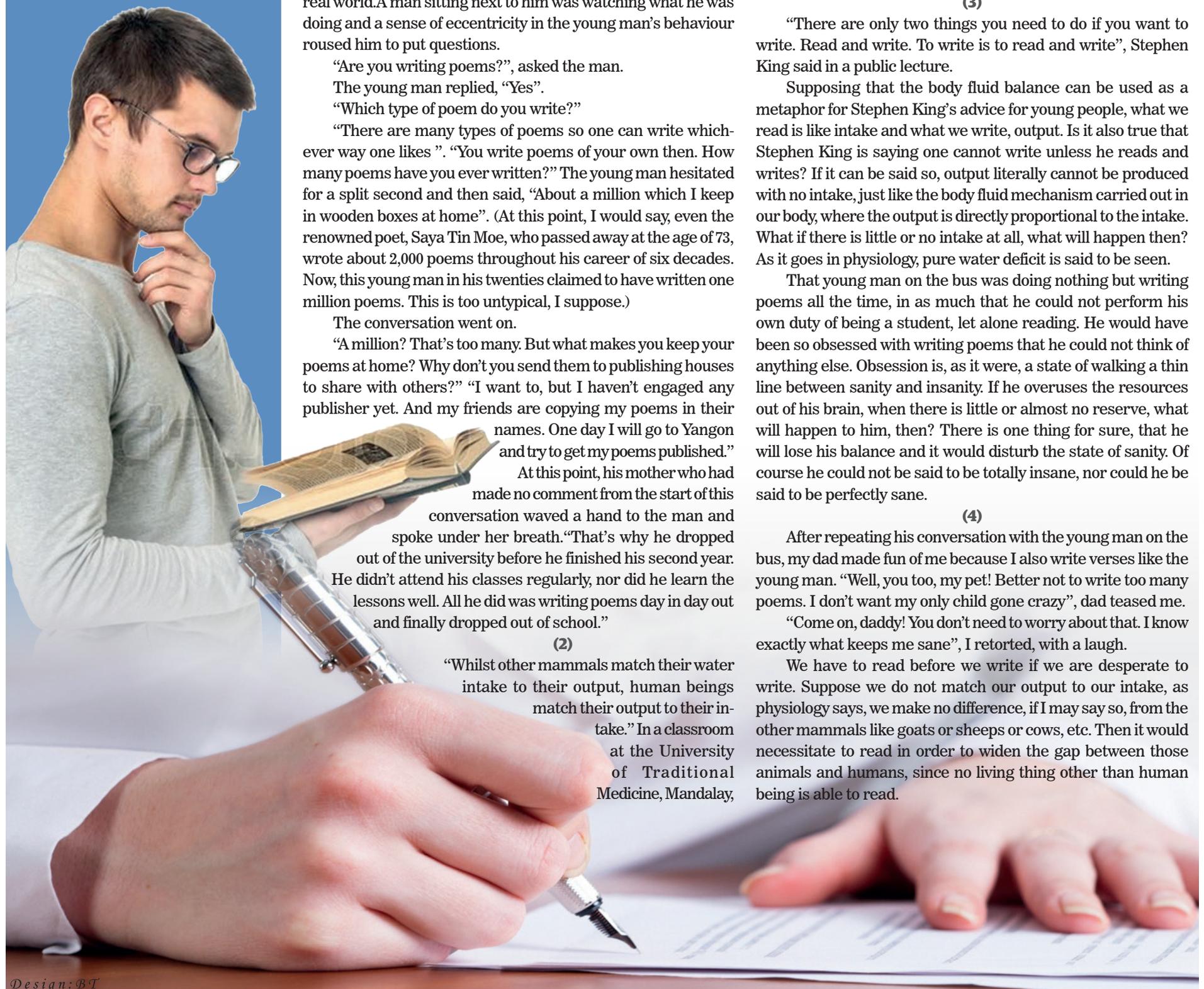
That young man on the bus was doing nothing but writing poems all the time, in as much that he could not perform his own duty of being a student, let alone reading. He would have been so obsessed with writing poems that he could not think of anything else. Obsession is, as it were, a state of walking a thin line between sanity and insanity. If he overuses the resources out of his brain, when there is little or almost no reserve, what will happen to him, then? There is one thing for sure, that he will lose his balance and it would disturb the state of sanity. Of course he could not be said to be totally insane, nor could he be said to be perfectly sane.

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After repeating his conversation with the young man on the bus, my dad made fun of me because I also write verses like the young man. "Well, you too, my pet! Better not to write too many poems. I don't want my only child gone crazy", dad teased me.

"Come on, daddy! You don't need to worry about that. I know exactly what keeps me sane", I retorted, with a laugh.

We have to read before we write if we are desperate to write. Suppose we do not match our output to our intake, as physiology says, we make no difference, if I may say so, from the other mammals like goats or sheeps or cows, etc. Then it would necessitate to read in order to widen the gap between those animals and humans, since no living thing other than human being is able to read.



Before Sunset



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“Cling... cling, cling... cling.”

“Is it the telephone?” thought Mrs. Rose. She took a quick look at the table that was across the room. Not at all. Then, she remembered. She had already passed it over to the new headmistress. So, it might definitely be the 7am school bell. She had never overslept like this. Oh, it was late in the morning already.

She turned sixty in August, and just a week ago, everyone in the school held a farewell ceremony for her. And as well, a welcoming ceremony for the new headmistress. Soon, she had to wave goodbye to this school. The place where she had fun teaching ABCs to little children. The place where she opened the door to the living world for every student. She knew it. That she would always be remembering about this school. For her, it would be so much like her home.

Two of the young school girls, maybe thirteen or fourteen, used to come early and made everything ready for her. Time flies so fast, didn't it? And now the only person in the room was just her. Nobody else.

“Sure that I was born alone”, she told herself. “But sometimes it wins over me and makes me so low”, she continued.

She thought about those days. When she was younger, she was transferred to one school after another in every city and had beautiful days, laughing, teaching and learning life lessons from those schools and from those students of every age. She had never had any problems with her accommodation. Wherever she went, she was given a house to live in as she was the headmistress.

However, she now had to think about it even though she did not want to. As soon as the next one came, she would immediately have to move out. Nobody would care where she would be. Or what she would be doing. No one would think about her anymore. And even now that she was still staying there waiting for the new one, her teachers wanted to leave her out. Once she used to shine like a precious diamond but everything had changed, after all.

While recalling about those old times, her hazel eyes became teary. Forcing the tears not to roll down onto her wrinkling cheeks, she got up from bed and got ready for an appointment to discuss about her house. Where to live?

Flashing back to many years ago, her husband used to take her to pagodas and night markets where they enjoyed their late evenings and created lots of irreplaceable memories. Those were just like yesterdays. She was not like before, after her husband's death. Loneliness was replaced in her heart but for the remaining years, her school days kept that away and made her feel contented. As the time had come now to leave, that loneliness came back again like an old friend.

There was nobody to talk about her fairytales to. There weren't any teachers or students to share her knowledge anymore. All of them were looking forward to the new one. Like a young child who kept away her old dolls and expecting for new ones. Mrs. Rose as well wanted to know how the new one would be like. “She'll be their new favorite one”, she sighed.

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A thought of a youth

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HSU wakes up early in the morning. Although she does not want to get up from bed, she will have to do it. She has to be at work at 6am sharp. Therefore, she prepares to be able to get up from bed at about 5am. As soon as she wakes up, she hears the voice of her next-door neighbor U Ba Kyaw paying homage to the Lord Buddha. It seems he is about to end up his homage. They are the words of his wishes for what he wants, after sharing the merit.

Those words of wishes are, "Due to this merit, may I have a long life, be in good health, be free from all kinds of evil things -- such as the four Apayas, the states of misfortune, the three calamities, the eight unfavorable loci, the five enemies of mankind, the four Vipattis, the laws of aberration, and the five forms of ruination."

Those words of wishes are the usual ones U Ba Kyaw recites daily whenever he says his prayers. Hsu is not an atheist. However, she has one thing to think about. It is nothing, but it is why people are always praying.

Among her friends, there are a few Christians and Muslims. Hsu also asked them whether they make words of wishes according to their faiths. They replied, 'yes'. When Hsu continues to ask them why they make words of wishes, they give her vague replies. They cannot give Hsu reasonable answers.

Hsu has accepted the fact that the fundamental requirements for human beings are food, clothing and shelter. She has also taken notice that those who continually make words of wishes are not the lacking ones in food, clothing and shelter. For instance, U Kyaw is a trader who owns three cargo ships. Hsu's friends mentioned above are also from wealthy families. Although they have completed their graduation courses, they do not need to earn their living. They do not also need to give a hand to their parents' business.

Nowadays, one can see numerous competitions in all kinds of situations. To keep one's living standard

abreast with the era, one cannot be contented just by having enough for one's food, clothing and shelter. One can even ask whether humans have countless numbers of greed? This query might be a fact that has to be thought about.

Moreover, humans are producing goods and services in competition with one another. Thus, these goods and services seem to emerge with higher and better qualities. Goods and services which are still being used seem to become outdated. Consequently, humans want to utilize higher quality products. In such circumstances, more money is needed for them

in order to keep up with the modern life styles.

However, money is limited. It cannot be gained easily. No matter how hard one tries to get it, they cannot still obtain as much as they had expected before. Thus, they have to find a dependable object. That object is their faith or a supreme being of their faith, who becomes someone to be approached and to whom the words of wishes are to be made.

Hsu thinks that it will be more appropriate if one's wishes could be limited like financial resources. She also thinks that it will be the best to raise higher and higher one's personal ability, by trying hard with their own means. She realizes that her thoughts are practical and reasonable because she regards praying or making words of wishes as an act of begging. Everyone who tries hard to raise their personal ability can minimize begging from the others.

Just before getting up from bed, Hsu remembers a line of words Martin Luther wrote shortly before he died, which was in a piece of paper in his own handwriting and found in his pocket. Among other words on the paper were these words: "This is true. We are all beggars."



The Catch

Slyly the Big Hand, close at hand, like an awesome philanthropist, offers a small treat over and over again; Gladly the little Fish takes it as if a big treat, over and over again, Unaware of what the crooked Hook is going to swipe a big Catch.

By Zaw Tun

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Later, her thoughts took her to her best and only one student who cared about her the most and who was always there for her when she faced difficulties. The one and only school girl who stood on her side always. Although they just met a year ago, they became so close. Mrs. Rose wondered what she would be doing. She remembered the days when that little girl would come and give her the articles which she had written

almost every month. Now that she was in Grade 10, they hardly ran into each other once a month. "I will have to leave her too", she thought with a sad cloud over her head.

Then, she shook her head to throw those thoughts out and focused on her previous business. About a minute later, she was ready for the appointment to find herself a place to live. A place where, maybe, it would be her last station before she said her last goodbye to the world. Or where she would have to sit and stare at those birds flying in the orange-red skies before sunset.



A bald eagle in a bird rehabilitation center in Western Canada.

cross pollination of flowers to mention only a handful. Today poultry birds like turkey, chicken, ducks, geese, quails, etc., serve as an important human and animal food sources in the form of meat and eggs. The poultry birds around the globe are an economically affordable and notable supply of protein and fats in our regular diet. Thus birds are a big component of human life as a natural component of our ecosystem, as an important food source, as both pests and pets as a source of inspiration for arts, aesthetics, sculpture, literature, legends, folklores, myths.

A number of factors have been impacting bird populations around the globe. Some of the most significant factors have been poaching, trafficking of live birds and bird trophies and body parts such as eggs and nests, chicks, heads, beaks, tails, feathers, nails, eyes, bird organs (gizzard, liver, kidney, gall bladder, etc.) through various illegal border crossings to underground

hunting of water fowls, ground nesting birds as well as migratory species moving from one country or continent to another; is getting slaughtered at unprecedented rates impacting their population dynamics significantly. Global Warming and Climate Change has also been investigated to impact global bird populations together with extensive agricultural and industrial pollution.

Therefore, it is important that bird conservation be given a priority for the long term security and protection of our feathered friends. The most important aspect of bird conservation is to spread credible education and awareness about the ecological and economic importance of birds in our lives among the common people through pictures and images, videos, documentaries and wildlife movies, posters and pamphlets, books and magazines, lectures and presentations. Different zoological gardens, natural history museums, aviaries, wildlife and bird rehabilitation and rein-

and young adults as they are the citizens for tomorrow and needs to be sensitized regarding conservation issues.

It will be important to provide alternative livelihood for people living in rural areas so that they are not exclusively dependent on adjoining forests for their daily sustenance that is putting heavy anthropogenic pressures on scanty forest resources and negatively impacting bird population due to human disturbances, over exploitation and illegal encroachment damaging premier bird habitats as well as bird nesting, breeding and foraging sites. Economic packages and alternate livelihoods for tribals, remote rural communities, forest residents, forest fringe dwellers, landless marginal laborers, migrants and nomadic communities, legal and illegal refugees and immigrants taking shelter in forested areas to avoid persecution, exploitation, political destabilization and economic downturns will be necessary for making any conservation programs successful, particularly for eco-

nomically backward developing and under developed nations. Unless the human factors are included in the conservation equation, it is never going to be possible to effectively protect any wildlife and forest around the globe and bird conservation is no different from that.

It will be also important to restrict or completely ban tourism or eco-tourism in sensitive ecosystems and habitats like coastal areas, cliffs and mountains, islands or aquatic ecosystems from exploitation to protect bird habitats. Continuous surveillance and monitoring for uncontrolled forest fires need to be conducted regularly. People should be encouraged to practice animal husbandry in the form of maintaining farm animals, poultry and livestock to reduce human pressure on wild bird meat. Strict legislation and monitoring by concerned government agencies and non government organizations should be regularly conducted to curb illegal seasonal hunting, poaching, live bird and bird trophy, body parts and organ trafficking to illegal,

international wildlife markets and to stop and prevent regional black markets on wild bird trade and trafficking within the boundaries of a country.

Joint Conservation Initiative (JCI) between adjacent countries can help in effective conservation and reintroduction efforts. Regular bird surveys need to be conducted by both professional and amateur organizations across the borders to identify vulnerable, endangered, critically endangered and extinct in wild status of different bird species. Such surveys will help take proper initiative in protecting birds and wildlife and their forest habitats. Habitat quality for protected habitats, reserve forests, national parks, sanctuaries and biosphere reserves need to be monitored and assessed to identify issues such as environmental pollution, illegal encroachments inside protected habitats, incidences of poaching, wildlife trafficking, stealing and over exploitation of major and minor

forest products. Holist approach, sincere efforts, comprehensive bird conservation strategies, rigid political will, collaboration and coordination between different government and non government agencies and organizations and making ordinary citizens, a major stakeholder in the conservation process are important factors that can contribute towards successful global bird conservation efforts.

Let us save our feathered friends

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Domestic goose

BIRDS constitute an important aspect of our natural ecosystem and environment and are an indispensable member of the Animal Kingdom. The avian members have successfully evolved and spread across all the continents around the globe representing different unique habitats and ecosystems. The diversity of bird species across tropical and subtropical to temperate and sub temperate ecosystems as well as in the arctic zone is quite remarkable. The distribution of different bird species from lower to higher altitudes and different forest types such as tropical and sub tropical rain forests, deciduous and evergreen forest ecosystems, freshwater, estuarine and marine habitats, river valleys, bamboo forests, mountains, deserts, islands, archipelagos, atolls and coral islands in both the hemispheres is spectacular in nature.

The diversity in bird sizes, feathers, scales, color of the plumage, beaks, feet, tail, eyes, eggs and nest are all unique and represents different distinct fields of research under ornithology (the study of birds). Modern ornithology deals with different aspects of bird research such as bird taxonomy and systematics, comparative bird anatomy and morphology, oology (study of bird eggs, nests and bird behavior), bird evolution, genetics and speciation, biogeography, ecology and conservation. Ornithology, a distinguished branch of zoology, has developed into a major subject area over few centuries of dedicated research and investigations by countless bird scientists and researchers, amateurs, bird lovers and enthusiasts who dedicated their entire life for their admirable passion for birds.

Birds in general are responsible for performing a large number of ecological services that helps in maintaining the ecological homeostasis. Bird ecological services include maintaining the predator-prey relations across different ecological trophic levels, where some species play the role of serving as protein rich food sources while others in serving the role of predators to keep natural bird populations under regulation, regulating natural insect pest populations, dissemination of seeds and fruits,



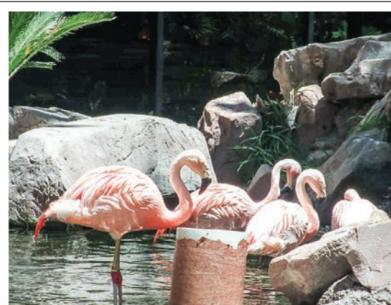
Mourning dove.



Dead black-billed magpie due to pesticide poisoning.



Canada geese



Flamingoes



Black-hooded oriole.



Northern cardinal



Penguins



A dead Asian koel. PHOTO: Sourav Ghosh

wildlife black markets with turn around in terms of millions of dollars per annum, habitat destruction, habitat loss and habitat fragmentation, natural and anthropogenic forest fires, overexploitation of forest and natural ecosystems by local human populations for their heavy dependence on scanty forest resources for the purpose of their daily sustenance, ever increasing demand for bush meat in absence of poultry and animal farm in poor developing and under developed nations. Furthermore, illegal

roduction centers, conservation societies, non government organization dedicated to the cause of bird conservation can play a vital role in educating people regarding avian life, diversity, behavior, ecology and distribution. Once people would see and identify birds in their life their interest for bird conservation will increase several folds. Educational institutions such as schools and colleges should be involved in bird awareness programs as they help in building passion for conservation among children



Canada geese family.

Magpie robin. PHOTO: Sourav Ghosh



Jungle mayna. PHOTO: Sourav Ghosh



By C. T. O

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Answers

- 1. I wish I were a famous writer.
2. He wishes he had a car.
3. She wishes she could sing like Mar Mar Aye.
4. I wish I knew how to play tennis.
5. He wishes he had been to Myitkyina.
6. I wish I had married her.
7. She wishes he had joined the Institute of Education.

Verb Form

အင်္ဂလိပ်စာတတ်မြောက်မှုတွင် Tenses များမှာ အလွန်အရေးကြီးသဖြင့် လေ့ကျင့်ခန်းလုပ်ရင်း လေ့လာပါ။

- 1. (he often take) her to the cinema?
This road (repair) every year.
2. They (make) preparations for the festival now.
Look! The chickens (feed).
3. (he visit) Maymyo last summer?
Her book (publish) last week.
4. He (make) a speech at the meeting tomorrow.
The news (announce) in a few moments.
5. He (just arrive) back.
She (not speak) to me since December.
Rice (not distribute) for a week.
(you ever be) to Putao?
6. He (study) Law since 1979.
They (buy) and (sell) used cars for 15 years.
7. She watched while sugar (weigh), Ma Ma (still study) her lessons when I went to bed.
8. He went back to his native village after he (sell) the house.
The books were returned to the students after they (correct).
9. He said that he (work) in the garden then.
10. She will buy a car when she (save) enough money.
He will come here when he (hear) the news.
He (bring) a present for me whenever he comes to Yangon.
Ko Ko came out when he (hear) the bell.
11. The girl (play) the piano is my youngest sister.
She came into the house (call) out my name.
12. This is a book (write) by Maha Swe.
The man (want) by the police has disappeared.
13. He (get) his degree by 1984.
14. He told her that he (look) for a job for two years.

Answers

- 1. Does he often take her to the cinema?
This road is repaired every year.
2. They are making preparations for the festival now.
Look! The chickens are being fed (passive).
3. Did he visit Maymyo last year?
Her book was published last week.
4. He will make a speech at the meeting tomorrow.
The news will be announced in a few moments. (Future passive)
5. He has just arrived back.

- She has not spoken to me since December.
Rice has not been distributed for a week.
Have you ever been to Putao?
6. He has been studying Law since 1979.
They have been buying and selling used cars for 15 years.
7. She watched while sugar was being weighed. (passive)
Ma Ma was still studying her lessons when I went to bed.
8. He went back to his native village after he had sold the house.
The books were returned to the students after they had been corrected. (passive)
9. He said that he was working in the garden then.
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10. She will buy a car when she has saved enough money. (ရရှိသောအခါ)
He will come here when he hears the news. (ကြားသောအခါ)
He brings a present for me whenever he comes to Yangon.
Ko Ko came out when he heard the bell.
11. The girl playing the piano is my youngest sister.
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She came into the house calling out my name. (is, are, was, were မပါဘဲ ing ကို Present Participle ပုံစံသုံးခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။)
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မဟာဆွေရေးခဲ့သော စာအုပ်ဖြစ်သည်။
The man wanted by the police has disappeared. (is, are, was, were မပါဘဲ Past Participle V3 ပုံစံသုံးခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။)
13. He will have got his degree by 1984.
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14. He told her that he had been looking for a job for two years.
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Essay-writing

အင်္ဂလိပ်စာတတ်မြောက်မှုတွင် ရေးလိုသောအကြောင်း အရာကို ရှင်းရှင်းလင်းလင်းထွေး၍ စာကြောင်းတိုများဖြင့် လွယ်လွယ်ရေးပါ။ ယခုအပတ်အတွက် Narrative essays (အတိတ်မှအဖြစ်အပျက်) များ ရေးကြည့်ကြမည်။
ဥပမာ A picnic ဟူသော ခေါင်းစဉ်ဖြင့် စာစီစာကုံးတစ်ပုဒ်ရေး ရတော့မည်ဆိုလျှင် မိမိဘာအကြောင်းရေးမည်ကို ပထမစဉ်းစားရန်လိုသည်။
ပဲခူးသို့ ပျော်ပွဲစားထွက်ခဲ့ကြသည်ကိုရေးမည်ဟု ဆုံးဖြတ်လိုက်လျှင် ဘယ်နေ့ကသွားကြသည်။ ဘယ်သူတွေပါသည် ဘယ်လိုသွားခဲ့ကြသည်။ ဘယ်နေရာ ကို လည်ပတ်ခဲ့ကြသည်။ ဘာတွေလုပ်ခဲ့သည် စသည်တို့ကို အသေးစိတ်စဉ်းစားပါ။ စာကြောင်းတစ်ကြောင်းပြီးတစ်ကြောင်းကိုလည်း သေသေချာချာစဉ်းစား ပြီးမှ ရေးပါ။
ဤစာစီစာကုံးမျိုးကို အဓိကအားဖြင့် ရိုးရိုးအတိတ်ကာလ (Simple Past Tense) ဖြင့်ရေးရသည်ကို သတိပြုပါ။
ပထမဆုံးရေးမည့်စာကြောင်းကို စဉ်းစားလိုက်သောအခါ အောက်ပါ ကဲ့သို့ရသည်ဟု ဆိုကြပါမို့။

ကျွန်တော်နှင့် သူငယ်ချင်းတစ်စုတို့သည် လွန်ခဲ့သောတနင်္ဂနွေနေ့က ပဲခူးသို့ ကားဖြင့် ပျော်ပွဲစားသွားခဲ့ကြသည်။ ဤစာကြောင်းသည် ရှည်လွန်းသည်။ အောက် ပါကဲ့သို့ စာကြောင်းကိုများရအောင် စဉ်းစားသင့်သည်။

ကျွန်တော်တို့လွန်ခဲ့သော တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့ ပျော်ပွဲစားသွားခဲ့ကြသည်။ ပဲခူးသို့ သွားကြသည်။ ကျွန်တော်တို့အဖွဲ့တွင် လူ ၁၂ ယောက်ပါသည်။ ကျွန်တော်တို့သည် တစ်တန်းတည်းသားများဖြစ်ကြသည်။ မြတ်ဦးသည် ကျွန်တော်တို့ကို ခေါင်းဆောင် ခဲ့သည်။ သူသည် ကျွန်တော်တို့အတန်းထဲတွင် အသက်အကြီးဆုံးဖြစ်သည်။ ကျွန် တော်တို့ကားဖြင့်သွားကြသည်။ ကျွန်တော်ကားမောင်းခဲ့သည်။ ဘကျောက်သည် ဝိတာတစ်လုံးယူလာသည်။ သောင်းညွန့်သည် ကင်မရာတစ်လုံးယူလာသည်။

We went on a picnic last Sunday. We went to Bago. There were 12 boys in our group. We are all class-mates. Myat Oo led us. He is the oldest boy in our class. We went in a car. I drove the car. Ba Kyauk brought a guitar and Thauung Nyunt brought a camera.

စာကိုယ်တွင်

ကျွန်တော်တို့ တစ်လမ်းလုံးသိချင်းဆိုလာကြသည်။ အံ့မောင်သည် ဝိတာတီး သည်ကျွန်တော်တို့ရွှေညောင်ပင်တွင် ခေတ္တရပ်နားခဲ့သည်။ ထိုနေရာတွင် စား သောက်ဆိုင်များစွာရှိသည်။ ကျွန်တော်တို့သည် လက်ဖက်ရည်သောက်၍ ဘူးသီး ကော်စားကြသည်။ ကျွန်တော်တို့သည် ပဲခူးသို့ နံနက် ၈ နာရီခန့်တွင်ရောက်သည်။ ကျွန်တော်တို့ ရွှေမော်စောဘုရားသို့သွားကြသည်။ ရွှေမော်စောသည် ပဲခူးတွင် အကျော် ကြားဆုံးသော ဘုရားဖြစ်သည်။ ကျွန်တော်တို့ဘုရားရင်ပြင်ပေါ်လျှောက်လည်ခဲ့သည်။

We sang all the way. Ant Maung played the guitar. We stopped at Shwenyaungbin. There are many footstalls there. We had tea and Buthigyaw. We arrived at Bago at about 8 am. We went to the Shwemawdaw Pagoda. It is the most famous pagoda in Bago. We went round the padoga platform.

ကျွန်တော်တို့ လာရောက်လည်ပတ်သူများစွာကို တွေ့ခဲ့ကြသည်။ အချို့တို့ သည် ဗုဒ္ဓ၏ ဆင်းတုများကို ရှိခိုးဦးချနေကြသည်။ အချို့တို့သည် ပန်းနှင့်ဖယောင်း တိုင်များ ဆက်ကပ်နေကြသည်။ အချို့သည် ရေပန်းများထဲတွင် ထိုင်နေကြသည်။ အချို့တို့သည် နံရံများပေါ်မှ ပန်းချီကားများကိုကြည့်နေကြသည်။ အချို့တို့သည် ခေါင်းလောင်းများတီးနေကြသည်။ အချို့တို့သည် ရေကန်ထဲမှ ငါးများနှင့်လိပ်များကို အစာကျွေးနေကြသည်။ မိန်းကလေးအချို့သည် ဘုရားအနီးတွင် တောပန်းများ ခူးနေကြသည်။ ကျွန်တော်တို့သည် ဓာတ်ပုံများရိုက်ယူကြသည်။ ကျွန်တော်တို့အခြား ဘုရားများကိုလည်း လည်ပတ်ခဲ့ကြသည်။ ပဲခူးသည် ကျွန်တော်၏ဇာတိမြို့ဖြစ် သည်။ ကျွန်တော်မှာပဲခူးတွင် ဦးလေးတစ်ယောက်ရှိသည်။ ကျွန်တော်တို့သူအိမ်တွင် နေ့လယ်ဟာစားကြသည်။

We saw many visitors there. Some were worshipping at the statues of Buddha. Some were offering flowers and candles. Some were sitting in the rest houses. Some were looking at the pictures on the walls. Some were ringing the bells. Some were feeding the fish and tortoises in a pound. Some girls were picking wild flowers near the pagoda. We took photographs. We also visited other pagodas. Bago is my native town. I have an uncle there. We had our lunch at his house.

ဦးလေး၏ အိမ်နောက်ဘက်တွင် ဥယျာဉ်တစ်ခုရှိသည်။ ကျွန်တော်တို့သည် နေ့လယ်ခင်းကို ထိုအထဲတွင် ကုန်ဆုံးခဲ့သည်။ ကျွန်တော်တို့ ဝိတာတီး၍ သီချင်း အပူပေးစားခဲ့ကြသည်။ ကျော်ခိုင်မြိုင်နှင့် အောင်သန်းတို့က ကြသည်။ မြင့် သန်းထွန်းသည် သစ်ပင်တက်၍ သရက်သီးများခူးသည်။ ကျွန်တော် တို့အလွန် ပျော်ခဲ့ကြသည်။ ကျွန်တော်တို့ ပဲခူးမှ ညနေ ၄ နာရီခန့်တွင် ထွက်ခွာခဲ့ကြသည်။

There is a garden behind his house. We spent the afternoon in it. We played the guitar and sang many songs. Kyaw Khine Myaing and Aung Than danced. Myint Than Tun climbed up a tree and picked mangoes for us. We were very happy. We left Bago at about 4 pm.

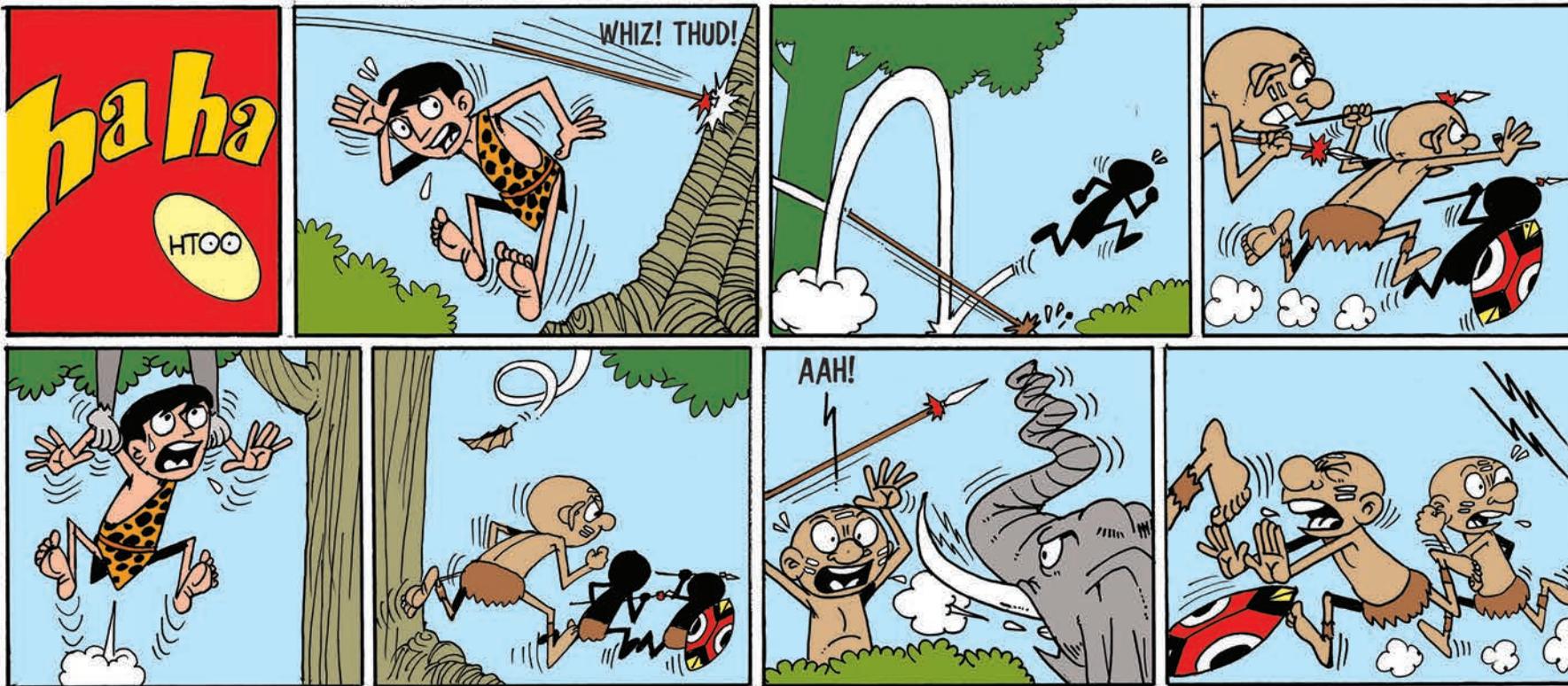
အပြန်လမ်းတွင် ကျွန်တော်တို့ ထောက်ကြန့်စစ်သင်္ချိုင်းကို ခေတ္တဝင် ရောက်ခဲ့သည်။ ကျယ်ပြန့်သော ဝင်းကြီးတစ်ခုထဲတွင် ကြီးမားသော အဆောက် အအုံတစ်ခုရှိသည်။ ကျောက်ဖြင့်လုပ်ထားသော ကျဆုံးလေပြီးသော စစ်သားများ၏ နာမည်များကို နံရံများပေါ်တွင် ရေးထားသည်။ ထိုနေရာတွင် ပန်းပင်မျိုးစုံလည်း ရှိသည်။ ကျွန်တော်တို့ဓာတ်ပုံရိုက်ကြသည်။ ကျွန်တော်တို့ရန်ကုန် ပြန်ရောက် သောအခါ ၆ နာရီထိုးပါပြီ။

One the way back we dropped in at Htauk- kyan War Cemetery. There is a hug building in a large compound. It is made of stone. The names of the fallen, soldiers are written on the walls. There are many kinds of flower plants there. We again took photographs. It was six O'clock when we arrived back in Yangon.

ပထမအပိုဒ်မှာ နိဒါန်းဖြစ်၍ နောက်ဆုံးအပိုဒ်မှာ နိဂုံးဖြစ်သည်။ အလယ် အပိုဒ်များကိုစာကိုယ်တွင် ပေါင်းထည့်ပါ။ တစ်ခုပြီးတစ်ခုလုပ်ခဲ့သည်တို့ကို ရိုးရိုး အတိတ်ကာလ (Simple Past Tense) ဖြင့် ရေးပုံ ဘုရားရင်ပြင်ပေါ်တွင် မြင်ကွင်းများကို Past Continuous Tense ဖြင့် ရေးပုံတို့ကို သတိပြုပါ။ လေ့လာပါ။

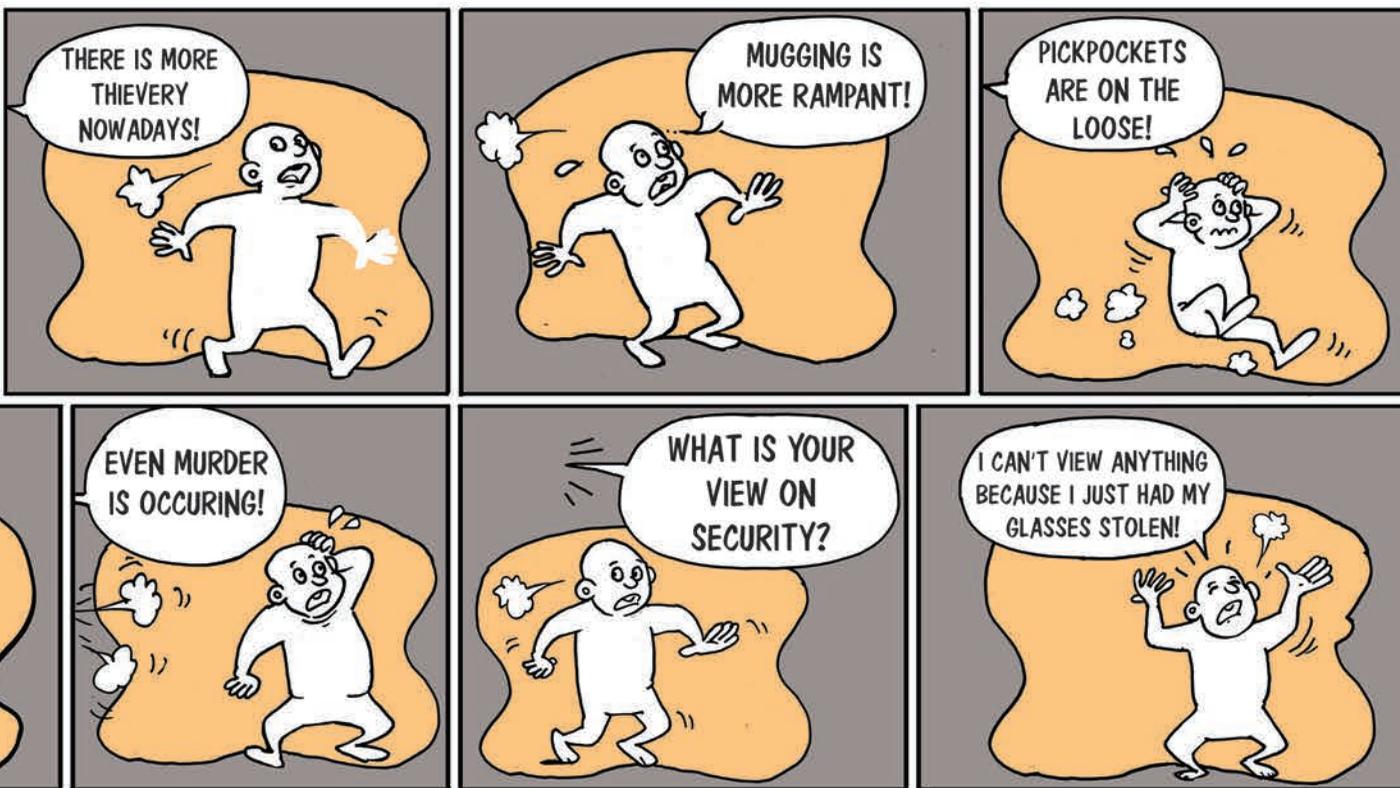
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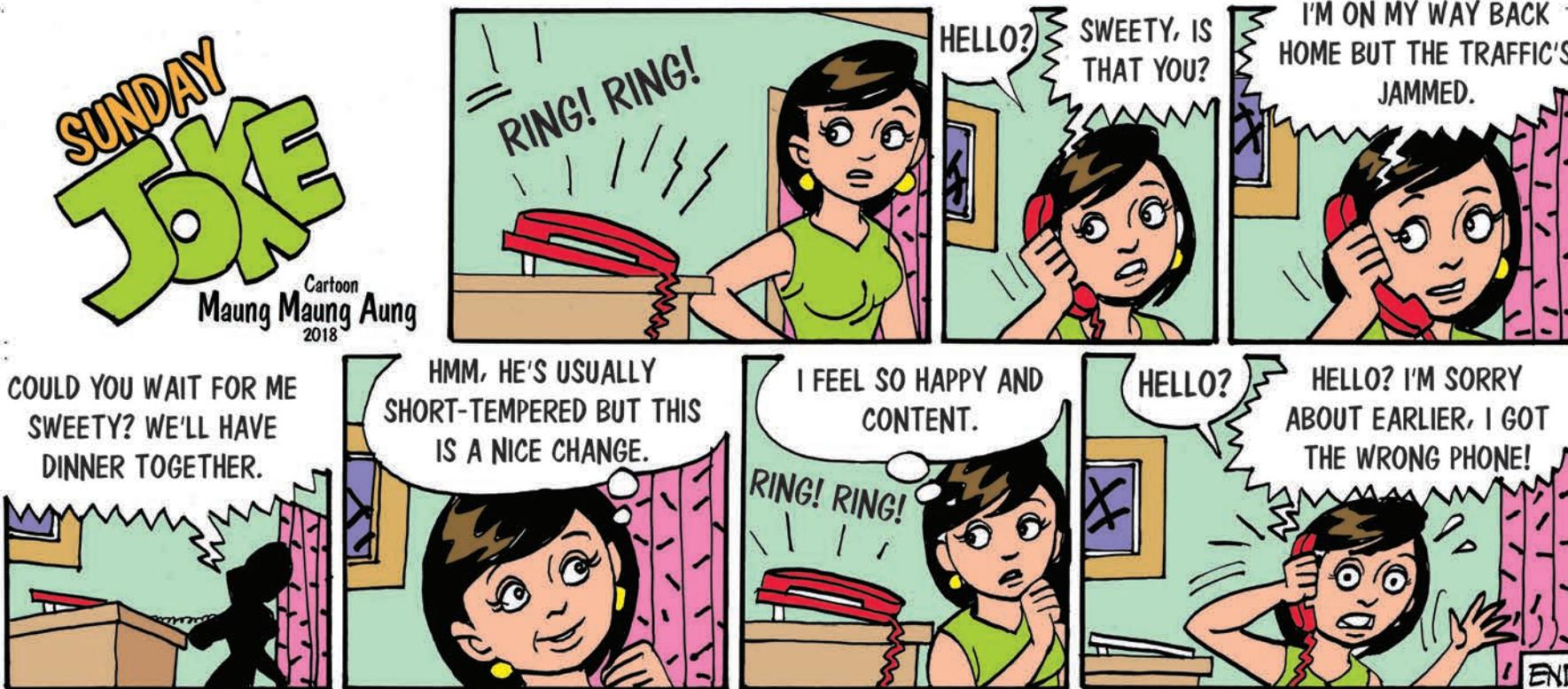
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SUNDAY JOKE

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Making your vitamins work better

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EVERYONE, young or old, cannot be in association with medicine throughout their life. The expenses on medicine is not little amount of money these days. Therefore, one needs to have knowledge how to take their medicine or tablets or pills effectively whenever they are going to have them. Here is how to get the most out of every pill:

Take them with food

The digestive process helps the body absorb vitamins and minerals. Taking supplements on a full stomach aids absorption and also helps prevent nausea, a common side effect. Of course, there are exceptions -- in this case, it's iron. Take it on an empty stomach for better absorption.

How they work with meds

Vitamins and minerals can interact with prescription and over-the-counter medications, sometimes making one or the other less effective. For example, calcium may interfere with the absorption of levothyroxine, a thyroid medication. On the other hand, supplements sometimes help drugs work better. Studies show that antidepressants are more effective when taken with omega-3- rich fish oil. The worst-case scenario: when supplements excessively amplify a medication's effects. For instance, fish oil, vitamin E, and ginkgo are natural blood thinners, so if you take any of them together with an anticoagulant, your blood may become too thin, raising the risk for internal bleeding and hemorrhagic stroke. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for guidance before starting on any supplements.

Pair them

There are vitamins and minerals that work well together. Vitamins D and K2 help calcium absorption, and vitamin C helps the body absorb iron.

Keep these apart

Some vitamins and minerals are best taken separately. For example, zinc and copper—in large doses—compete with one another, as do iron and zinc. Calcium inhibits iron

absorption, so take iron in the morning before eating, and calcium in the evenings, when it can calm your mood.

Help them work well

The live bacteria and yeasts in probiotics aid digestion and help nutrients be assimilated. Plant-based digestive enzymes help with the absorption of nutrients that may normally get destroyed by stomach acid.

How to store them

The cultures in probiotics need to be stored and shipped cold to stay active. Likewise, omega-3 fatty-fish oil tablets should be kept in a cool dark place so they stay effective. Some experts even suggest freezing them for this reason.

Go natural

While studies of vitamin E are mixed, it's a powerful antioxidant, and should be taken in its natural rather than synthetic form, if possible. This way your body will get more of the good stuff. Look for a D on the label, which indicates that it is natural; DL indicates synthetic.

Watch the caffeine

Your morning coffee may interfere with the absorption of vitamins and minerals and may also leach calcium from your bones. Minimise these risks by consuming no more than three cups a day, getting enough calcium, plus vitamin D, and waiting about 15 minutes after your coffee before you take your vitamins.

Schedule them

B vitamins tend to give people energy and are, therefore, best taken at the start of the day. Other supplements can make you drowsy, so they're best to take in the evenings. Magnesium is an example of this: it has a calming effect.

May everyone be in the pink of health.

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