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Wife of Capt. Phyo Maung Maung,

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## State Counsellor calls for overcoming challenges with collective strength at UEHRD's first anniversary

THE first anniversary of the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine State (UEHRD) was held at the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, where UEHRD Chairperson State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivered a speech.

In her address, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi expressed her delight for achievements gained by UEHRD in a year and called for correcting weakness for moving the UEHRD forward.

"Now we've done this for a year. We achieved success in some areas. There were some that were not up to our expectation. We have to see this weakness truthfully. I hope and expect that we find where we were weak and correct that weakness," said the State Counsellor.

She also expressed thanks to those who physically and mental-

ly supported UEHRD's efforts to achieve sustainable peace and stability in Rakhine State, to provide humanitarian assistance to the displaced people, to promote economic development of Rakhine State in cooperation with local businessmen.

Attending the event were Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than, UEHRD Vice-chair Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye, other Union Ministers, State and Region Chief Ministers, Deputy Ministers, UEHRD Chief Coordinator Dr. Aung Tun Thet and officials, Ambassadors and Chargé d'affaires from foreign embassies, representatives of UN subordinate agencies, officials from the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), donors for development in Rakhine State and leaders of currently operating task forces.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivers the speech. PHOTO: MNA

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Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat meets with Finnish Ambassador Ms. Riikka Laatu. PHOTO: MNA

## Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker receives Finnish Ambassador

PYITHU Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat received Ambassador of the Republic of Finland to Myanmar Ms. Riikka Laatu at the Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed promoting the friendship be-

tween the two countries' parliaments, cooperation in education, health and forestry sectors plus democratic development, technical and other aids to be supplied in the peace process and exchanged views over legislation processes of the Hluttaw.—MNA ■



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than meets with Finnish Ambassador Ms. Riikka Laatu in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

## Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker receives Finnish Ambassador

AMYOTHA Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than received Ambassador of the Republic of Finland to Myanmar Ms. Riikka Laatu at the guest hall of the Hluttaw building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, legislation processes of the Hluttaw, education programmes of Myanmar and Finland, economic cooperation of the two countries and democracy developmental processes were cordially discussed.—MNA ■

## P&F Ministry clarifies role of Project Bank in MSDP



Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Soe Win speaks at a ceremony to clarify role of the Project Bank in Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan. PHOTO: MNA

THE Ministry of Planning and Finance clarified the role of the Project Bank in Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan – MSDP in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Soe Win spoke at the event saying that the various ministries are clearly working towards national development. However, in walking towards a common objective, it is important for all endeavors to be synchronized so that the challenges can be swiftly overcome, he said. He added that the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan – MSDP was designed to select and implement projects strategically.

The Union Minister said the MSDP and the Project Bank was implemented with an aim to increase the financial capital in mind.

He said the most effective and publicly-beneficial projects will be placed into the Project Bank, where they will be reviewed and implemented in accordance with the MSDP while drawing funding from government funds and from the private sector and other sectors as well.

The Union Minister concluded by

saying it is important for everyone to actively participate in implementing the Project Bank to ensure its success.

Next, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Set Aung explained about the MSDP (2018-2030) and Project Bank while U Min Ye Paing Hein, member of the National Economic Coordination Committee (NECC) gave a detailed explanation of Project Bank's compilation process and performances.

This was followed by the union ministers and departmental heads in attendance asking questions concerning the Project Bank with officials responding to them.

Also present at the event were Union Ministers, the Union Auditor-General, the Chairman of the Union Civil Service Board (UCSB), Chief Ministers from states and regions, the Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar, deputy ministers, the Deputy Union Attorney General, members of the UCSB, Ministers of Finance from states and regions, Permanent Secretaries, Directors-General and departmental officials.—MNA ■

## Notification on announcement for election results

1. The announcement for results will be declared in accord with Hluttaw Election Law Section 49(b) at the Region/State Election sub-commission for the by-election, which will be held on 3 November 2018.

2. It was announced that concerning the election result, political parties, Hluttaw candidates, international and domestic election observers groups, members of the media and other organizations can get the information at the following contacts of the respective Region/State Election sub-commission.

Sr.	Region/State	Office Phone	Hand Phone
1.	Kachin State	074-21678	09-699637995
2.	Chin State	070-21599	09-894465220
3.	Sagaing Region	071-22774	09-420687868
4.	Bago Region	052-2221024	09-255066061
5.	Magway Region	065-21562	09-695429468
6.	Mandalay Region	02-4069042	09-894666740
7.	Rakhine State	043-22887	09-899119229
8.	Yangon Region	01-2306293	09-899038800
9.	Shan State	081-2125567	09-899333055

3. Regarding to the Union Election Commission, the announcement for the results will be declared again in the evening programs of State-owned Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV) by collecting daily. Then, the results will also be expressed in the state-owned newspapers in the following next day.

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## Depreciation of Myanmar Kyat

Analyzing the depreciation of Myanmar Kyat, although it started with the external impacts, the domestic factors that include, but are not limited to, weak economic fundamentals and structural issues have significant impacts on the exchange rate. Looking at trade, the trade deficit was US\$3.8 billion in 2017-18 and it is actually lower than previous years.

In 2016-2017, trade deficit was US\$5.2 billion and it was US\$5.4 billion in 2015-2016. It is evident that these deficits have had a lot of pressure on the domestic currency.

Second, changes in seasonal foreign currency demands have also had impacts on the exchange rate. Especially during the period from July to December, demands for foreign currency had been usually high.

In order to reduce the trade deficit, to strengthen the domestic economy and to be resilient, and to withstand various impacts, the Union government has been going through various reform processes in cooperation with the private sector stakeholders.

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

## ... overcoming challenges with collective strength at UEHRD's first anniversary



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and UEHRD members pose for documentary photo with ambassadors and diplomats from foreign embassies during the 1<sup>st</sup> anniversary event of the establishment of the UEHRD held in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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The State Counsellor also called for reviewing the works of the UEHRD done in a year as part of efforts to overcome the weaknesses and to turn strengths into empowerment to itself.

“On the first anniversary day, I hope that all can find answers for the UEHRD after looking back at what we’ve done in last year to see gaps, weaknesses and strengths of UEHRD through negotiation and discussion between all of you,” said the State Counsellor.

She also expressed her belief that the answers on UEHRD would support the country’s development, saying the strengths and weaknesses in first year is not only a lesson but also a practice for the country.

“Today is the first anniversary of the day on which the Union decided to participate in the stability and development of Rakhine State. Today is the day Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and

Development in Rakhine State (UEHRD) was formed,” she said.

“The important word here is Union. The people in the Union with the spirit of unity has give support where it is required. We established UEHRD to show that we are united when the need arises,” she said.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi also stressed the important role of UEHRD not only for Rakhine State but also for the entire Union, explaining why the Union Government put its all efforts and energy into the work of UEHRD.

“Now a full year has been reached after the establishment of UEHRD. The main reason we were able to do this was because of the support of our people. From ordinary people to business persons, they all donated with much generosity. They donated because they can and we appreciate much for this. We received some thousands (Kyat) from ordinary people which we appreciate and value. The main thing here is the good will (cetana). I think this

shows the people doing whatever they can in any small way. I don’t think I need to say much about the capability of UEHRD,” she said.

“Donating to UEHRD is the first stage. To use these funds effectively is more important. Here too, I want all to help in whatever way they can,” she added.

There are many works that needs to be done. This is not a work that can be done in a month or two. However, don’t be disappointed as this is something we are doing together. There’ll be many challenges. Challenges in economy, challenges in development and many more.

To overcome these challenges, we must start well in order to ensure that it ends well. UEHRD started very well. Everyone provided support when the requirements were mentioned. As soon as a request was made, support came in overnight. This work that had started well will encounter many obstacles and difficulties. This is natural. We strongly believe that in the end

we will succeed.

That is why businesses and people stand together and around us with trust. Moral support by itself wouldn’t be strong enough but as the support progresses from moral to verbal and on to physical support, that will be a great support for us. Our country is a developing country. For a developing country to face a huge challenge is not a small thing. But we can face it with a united force. I don’t think I need to say much here.

There are many types of works that UEHRD is doing. Construction work is a physical work. For the different groups to be in harmony and peace with one another, social works are also very important. In providing support for these works to succeed, health and education is important. As it is important in many ways, one way or another, people with goodwill will provide support and help. They are many ways to help. That is why do help. I think it is important for us to face the problem with courage and resolve it. I

say this repeatedly. If the way we are solving the problem is wrong, we can correct it. The first step is for all of us to have the determination that we can overcome this. This is the will. I say this repeatedly. This is the way to success. If we are willing, persistent, have morality and wisdom, we will be successful. I take it that we are all here because we have the will.

The great people in this hall have participated in the UEHRD since last year and the majority of them are persistent. I can see this clearly. They are also full of moral strength and I’m confident that they will continue in this way. Their wisdoms and thoughts become better and better as they continue with the work. As they do the work day by day they’ll know more and more on what are the difficulties in the UEHRD work and how to overcome it. Wisdom and knowledge don’t stay idle. It is growing and increasing day by day. It becomes more and more mature.

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... overcoming challenges with collective strength at UEHRD's first anniversary



State Counsellor and UEHRD Chairperson Daw Aung San Suu Kyi cordially greets attendees to the UEHRD anniversary event in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

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Dr. Aung Tun Thet, Dr. Win Myat Aye and all the government members seated in front of us all know much about the challenges in Rakhine State. I've lost count of how many times Dr. Win Myat Aye has gone to Rakhine State. There are many who went there repeatedly and do whatever they can to help. We may notice ministers but there are also many junior staffs that we didn't notice. From here, I want to thank them and the people for what they've done.

A country that has good public servants are very lucky. For a minister to do his/her job well, he/she needs many good public servants. That is why I

want to take this opportunity to thank the staff from NRPC (National Reconciliation and Peace Center). NRPC is a very young government department. U Kyaw Tint Swe always said that during its short time of existence it has fulfilled its responsibility effectively. They can all be proud and it is a huge inspiration for us. If we carry on this way, I'm sure we'll reach our destination without fail.

**Thank goes to chief ministers, youth volunteers**

While all the Chief Ministers of states and regions are here, I want to thank all of them for the support and help they have provided. One thing that I like most about UEHRD is how youths are participating in it.

Youths are on our side. I have much hope and expectation for our country because youths are participating to overcome this challenge.

**Value contribution of ICRC**

While the diplomats are here I want to thank ICRC. The work of ICRC was of much support for our country. Without the participation and support of ICRC, our efforts in Rakhine State wouldn't be this effective. We also value the support provided by the international community. We also thank our youth for working together in this and for being a force that our country can rely on for many years to come."

Next, UEHRD Chief Coordinator Dr. Aung Tun Thet

explained about the UEHRD's processes over the one-year term and then played a video clip showing those processes.

Afterwards, the State Counsellor, Hluttaw Speakers, Union Ministers and officials separately took documentary photos with the State and Region Chief Ministers and Deputy Ministers, with the ambassadors, Chargé d'affaires and UN subordinate agency representatives, with the donors to the UEHRD, and with the leaders of currently operating task forces.

The UEHRD has formed the Construction and Basic Infrastructure Establishment Working Group, Agriculture, Livestock and Waterworks Working Group, Economic Zone

Development Group, News and Communication Working Group, Working Group for Creating Employment and Facilitating and Opening Vocational Training Classes, Health Security Working Group, Small Loans Support Working Group, Finance Accumulation Group, Tourism Development Working Group and the International Relations Working Group.

These aforementioned groups are working for the development of Rakhine State by constructing resettlement camps, paving roads, rebuilding houses, conducting various training classes for local people, promoting employment opportunities, and endeavoring for all-round development of the region. —MNA ■

Anti-Corruption Commission hands over 40,000 books to MoE

The Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC) has published 40,000 copies of the teacher's handbook on "Education Program for Promoting Integrity (Primary Level)" and has handed them over to the Ministry of Education (MOE) in a ceremony held at the MOE Office at 12 noon yesterday.

The ACC hopes to have the books distributed in time during the current academic year.

During the ceremony, the ACC Chairperson said the commission operates along three methods that are similar to other countries. He explained that the first method is investigation and prosecution,



Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi delivers an address at the handover ceremony of 40,000 books to Ministry of Education in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

the second is corruption prevention and protection, and the third is raising awareness and education.

The three methods are simultaneously undertaken with

the education process being the most important, effective, fastest, least negatively impactful, and readjusts the complete morality of people during the anti-corruption processes.

The handbook is especially targeted towards primary students and emphasizes two facts, which are to accept and value the truth and to be responsible and accountable. There are plans to compile advanced education programs from the foundational to higher levels.

The ACC Chairperson thanked the Ministry of Education, other organizations, especially UNODC, and officials from respective organizations for assisting in bringing about the handbook. He hopes the handbook will be the most effective and historically significant book used in the national anti-corruption movement as it is the

first book of its kind to be published.

Next, Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi said the MOE is happy to collaborate in the education program for promotion on integrity, starting from primary education and that this is necessary for promoting anti-corruption. He added that the 40,000 handbooks from the commission will be distributed in the education seminar.

Present at the ceremony were Union Ministers, Commission Chairperson, Secretary and members of commission, government officials from respective departments and government employees. —MNA ■

## Mung bean price climbs up due to India's demand, yet below current market price

By May Thet Hnin

INDIA'S demand on mung bean increases the price but it is now selling lower than actual market price, said U Min Ko Oo, secretary of Myanmar Pulses, Beans and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association.

In mid-June, India announced to import quota of 150,000 tons of mung beans and green gram each and 200,000 tons of pigeon peas by August. India purchased 150,000 tons of Myanmar's mung bean in the end of August. At that time, mung bean price plunged to Ks470,000 per ton owing to a large number of suppliers. India allowed three or four companies to import the mung bean by issuing special licences and thereafter, nearly 80,000 tons were sold in September and October. A ton of mung bean this month fetches Ks600,000 for fair average quality (FAQ) and Ks800,000 per Special Quality (SQ).

The prevailing market price of mung bean is higher than pre-

vious one. However, it fetched US\$500 per ton in India's market while Myanmar's mung beans are offered only around \$380 per ton. This being so, the price is lower than actual market price, said U Min Ko Oo.

"Quota limit and its period has completed but there still has market's requirement. India's production in September and October cannot fulfill their market demand and so, they allowed some companies to purchase the mung beans by issuing licences. Those companies offered lower price to reap benefits. The suppliers from Myanmar side suffers from this but they cannot help selling them", he added.

"Previously, export price of mung beans was \$420-450 per ton when it fetched \$500 per ton in India. The quota limit period has ended and so, we have to sell the beans with the price they offer. We must be happy even with purchase price of \$380. That shows no balance of payment", he maintained.

Myanmar is the sole market

to fulfill India's market demand of mung beans whereas they can import pigeon peas from other countries. At present, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Malaysia, Indonesia and China also purchase Myanmar's mung bean besides India. This being so, there is no steep drop in export volume compared to last year. With demand from other foreign countries, only 150,000 to 200,000 tons of mung beans will be in stock in the end of this month. Currently, only mung bean and pigeon peas fetch lower price while other pulses are getting good price with a regular demand.

Over 700,000 tons of various pulses were exported from 1 April to mid-October this year. This year does not witness significant export volume compared to the similar period of last year. Nevertheless, export value cannot keep up with last year's income. Myanmar shipped 1.2 to 1.4 million tons of various pulses to international market. This year's export volume is expected to reach relatively similar to last year. ■

## MRIC permits 67 foreign enterprises, 158 domestic businesses so far

MANDALAY Region Investment Committee has approved 67 foreign projects from 16 countries and 158 domestic businesses so far.

Those foreign projects brought capitals of US\$3.4 billion, mostly into manufacturing, power and other services sectors while domestic businesses put over Ks4,800 billion, especially in infrastructure building, manufacturing and other service sectors, said U Myo Thit, Mandalay Region Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation.

"According to the new Myanmar Investment Law enacted in 2017, MIC delegates power to region and state authorities, in an attempt to facilitating the businesses. Therefore, Mandalay Region Investment Committee was formed to allow the local and foreign investors to invest in the region", he said.

According to Myanmar Companies Law which came into effect on 1 August 2018, the foreigners can hold 35 per cent of stock in domestic companies. Therefore, local businesspersons can team up with foreign entities which can bring about fi-

ancial support, technical sharing and more market access.

Mandalay Business Forum 2018 will be held from 9 to 11 November at Mandalay Convention Center, which is jointly organized by Myanmar Investment Commission, Ministry of Commerce, Mandalay Region Government, Mandalay Region Investment Committee and New Starlight Group of Companies. That event will showcase investment opportunities and local products, including a study tour to industrial zone and potential investment sites in Mandalay.

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 to investment proposals worth up to US\$5 million (Ks6 billion).—Min Htet Aung (Mandalay Sub-printing House)/ Ko Htet ■

## S'pore topped list of foreign investors in past interim period

SINGAPORE listed enterprises brought into capital of \$724.4 million in the past mini-budget period from April to September, which tops the country with the highest foreign direct investment line-up, according to data released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

Myanmar Investment Commission and the respective investment committees of regions

and states gave a green light to 10 Singapore businesses.

Singapore is followed by China with estimated capital of \$302.3 million in 28 projects. The UK is the third largest investor with three projects pulling in FDIs of \$174.7 million.

During six-month mini-budget period, a total of \$1.76 billion including expansion of capital flowed into the country and 85 businesses from Austral-

ia, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, South Korea, Switzerland, Thailand, the USA, Viet Nam, China (Taipei), Seychelles and Cambodia entered Myanmar.

Additionally, Singapore topped the list of countries with largest FDI inflow in Thilawa Special Economic Zone with investments of \$598 million so far, followed by Japan and Thailand respectively. —GNLM■

## MIC grants endorsements for six foreign enterprises at recent meeting

By Nyein Nyein

SIX foreign enterprises received endorsements with capitals of US\$17.92 million at the Myanmar Investment Commission meeting (17/2018) held on 12 October.

Those foreign enterprises were approved endorsements by Myanmar Investment Commission and the respective investment committees of Yan-

gon and Taninthayi regions and Kachin State. They will be engaged in manufacturing, agriculture and other service sectors, creating 2,829 jobs. The existing foreign investments also recruited 122 new employees.

Meanwhile, 13 domestic enterprises with capitals of over Ks36 billion were approved by MIC and the respective investment committees of Yangon and Taninthayi regions and

Shan, Kayin and Rakhine states. The businesses are to create 1,275 jobs for local residents.

According to the Myanmar Investment Law, region and state investment committees are authorised to grant endorsements of an investment proposal with a capital of not more than \$5 million (Ks6,000 million), with an aim to facilitate the verification process of investment projects. ■

## Maritime trade totals \$484.6 million in the first week of October



MYANMAR'S trade value by sea from 1 to 5 October in the current fiscal year 2018-2019 was estimated at US\$484.69 million, which is up by over \$264 million compared to the same period of last fiscal year 2017-2018, according to the data of the Ministry of Commerce. Import through sea routes outperformed export, with export worth \$176.7 million and imports valued \$307.9 million. In the same period, the value of trade through border camps was over \$80.7 million.

External trade amounted to over \$565.4 million, which

shows an increase of \$277 million than that of last FY.

The country exports agricultural products, fishery products, minerals, livestock, forest products, finished industrial goods and other products while capital goods, personal goods and raw industrial materials are imported into Myanmar.

Myanmar currently has nine ports to facilitate sea trade. However, the Yangon Port is the main gateway for sea trade, which consists of the Yangon inner terminals and outer Thilawa Port. —Mon Mon■



Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe meets with Air Chief Marshal Prajin Juntong, Deputy Prime Minister cum Minister of Justice of Thailand in Thailand. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Union Minister for Home Affairs arrives back from Thailand

THE Delegation led by Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe together with Minister Counsellor Mr. Thanwa Phudphong from the Embassy of Thailand in Myanmar, arrived back in Yangon International Airport from Thailand yesterday where they were

welcomed by officials.

During the trip, the Union Minister and delegation met with Air Chief Marshal Prajin Juntong, the Deputy Prime Minister cum Minister of Justice of Thailand, and discussed ways to improve friendship between the two countries, combating drugs in

the ways of collaboration, rule of law, exchange of information, arranging observation trips, and to get smoother communications between the border communications offices.

After the ministerial meeting, Police Brig-Gen Win Naing also met with a delegation led by

Secretary General Mr. Ni-yom Termsrisuk from the Narcotics Control Board (NCB) of Thailand at the NCB office and discussed issues about drug control and the two countries' cooperation processes in combating drugs in the Myanmar-Thailand border region.—MNA ■

## U Thaung Tun meets with Chief Executive HK Special Administrative Region

Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for the Office of the Union Government and the Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission U Thaung Tun, who will attend the 23<sup>rd</sup> Macao International Trade and Investment Fair (IMF) in Macao, called on Chief Executive of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, Mrs. Carrie Lam

Cheng Yuet-ngor on 16 October, 2018 in Hong Kong and discussed matters relating to promotion of investment and tourism sector, social rescue expertise and experiences on natural disaster, civil servant training on administration and city management, infrastructure development, capacity building and vocational education.—MNA ■



Union Minister U Thaung Tun shakes hands with Chief Executive Mrs. Carrie Lam Cheng Yuet-ngor. **PHOTO: MNA**

## UNSG Special Envoy on Myanmar visits IDP camps in Myitkyina, Waingmaw tsps.

A DELEGATION led by United Nations Secretary General's Special Envoy on Myanmar Ms. Christine Schraner Burgener observed Internally Displaced persons Camps (IDPs) and met with local people in Myitkyina and Waingmaw tsps, Kachin State, together with Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement U Soe Aung and Kachin State Minister for Social Affairs Dr. Thin Lwin yesterday.

The delegation went to an IDP camp in Jar Mei Kaung Ward in Myitkyina and met with responsible officials and later observed the family houses and a preschool built within the premises.

Next, the delegation visited IDP Camps in Naung Nann Ward and met with officials and discussed over the ac-



UNSG's Special Envoy Ms. Christine Schraner Burgener observes traditional weaving farm in Waingmaw Township yesterday. **PHOTO: KACHIN STATE IPRD**

commodation and job opportunities of people in the camp before touring around. In the afternoon, the delegation visited an RC IDP camp in Mine-nar, Waingmaw Township and observed the family

weaving businesses for livelihood and inspected the infrastructure for the people in the camp.

Later, the delegation also visited the IDP camp in Mine-nar KBC all-round development

area and the Katcho IDP camp. During their visit, they observed amber polishing sites for family businesses and children entertainment areas in the camp.—Kachin State (IPRD) ■

## Commerce Ministry holds press conference on trade

THE press conference concerned with trade conducted within the interim fiscal year (April-September 2018) of the Ministry of Commerce, was held at the ministry's meeting room at 2pm yesterday.

Permanent Secretary U Yan Naing Tun explained about the export and import processes, the situation on increasing trade, border trade, private trading, trade deficit cuts, negotiations to engage for border trade

and upgrading in trades of private sector.

Director-General of Consumers Affairs Department, U Myint Lwin, explained about consumer protection processes and Director-General of Myanmar Trade Promotion Organization, U Aung Soe, explained about trade promotion processes. The Permanent Secretary, Directors-General and officials then replied to questions raised by journalists.—MNA ■

## Myanmar, Bangladesh conduct coordinated patrol

A COORDINATED patrol between Myanmar and Bangladesh was conducted at the border posts 40 to 41 from 11:10 am to 12:45 pm on 17 October, according to the Information Department of the Myanmar Police Force.

The Myanmar patrol

was led by Police Captain Aung Kyaw Kyaw from No.1 Border Police sub-division (Ngayant Chaung), Area 2, Maungtaung Township, and the Bangladesh patrol was led by Naib Subedar Md. Abdul Hakim of No. 34 Border Guards Bangladesh (BGB).—MPF ■



## Modern farming technologies panacea to development of Myanmar's fishery sector

**A**QUACULTURE production in Myanmar was hit hard by the Cyclone Nargis in 2008 and a lack of preservation of fishery resources. We need a proper aquaculture development plan in Myanmar to put the country's fish production and exports on the right track to development.

As part of the plan, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation is striving to establish a fishery university following the Hluttaw's green light for such move.

But, we still need to seek fund, modern farming technology and researchers to bring about the emergence of the university.

With higher aquaculture and fisheries production, Myanmar, which lagged behind in aquaculture education compared to its neighbouring countries, needs specialized experts for producers and marketers to apply advanced technology.

“Aquaculture production in Myanmar has been increasing year by year; providing protein-rich food, income and employment as well as export earnings. In 2017-18, over 560,000 tonnes of aquaculture and fishery products, worth US\$ 711 million were exported, breaking the 20-year fishery export record.

Fish farming is the key to food security and can be a significant contributor towards our economy if managed correctly and supported by all the stakeholders.

Due to its growth potential, the Union Government has set aquaculture intensification as a national priority. To meet the high private sector demand for specialized professionals, the parliament approved the establishment of the

Fishery University, where professionals will be educated to preserve aquatic resources and to promote the aquaculture industry.

The Department of Fisheries is actively supporting the establishment of the Fishery University as well as focusing on the promotion of the B.Sc. Fisheries and Aquaculture course for all students at University of Yangon.

The Myanmar Sustainable Aquaculture Programme (MYSAP), funded by the European Union and the German Government, is working with the Department of Fisheries to support the sustainable intensification of the aquaculture sector; and to realize its potential for food security, nutrition and livelihoods. To achieve these objectives, MYSAP is working to improve aquaculture education and vocational training.

To develop the fishery sector, the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation has also encouraged fish farmers to seek help from the ministry if they wish to receive assistance from the ministry to overcome their challenges for the fish farming in accordance with the existing laws as the government is committed to development of private sector.

The ministry is also striving to promote the quality and quantity of fishery products in cooperation with local and foreign organizations. Fish farming is the key to food security and can be a significant contributor towards our economy if managed correctly and supported by all the stakeholders.

# Roundtable discussion on Rule of Law and Public Security

By Zin Oo and Khin Yadana, Photo: Thiha Sithu

**D**ETERRENCE of attacks and pulling down the crime rates are important factors in conjunction with the crime prevention: Deputy Attorney General U Win Myint.

The second part of round table discussions on public justice and rule of law was conversed by panelists U Myo Tint, Judge of Supreme Court of Union; U Win Myint, Deputy Attorney General of Union Attorney General's Office; U Han Nyunt, Member of Anti-Corruption Commission of Myanmar; Police Major General Aung Naing Thu, Deputy Chief of Myanmar Police Force; and U Aung Soe, Member of the Joint Coordination Committee for Rule of Law and Justice Affairs of Yangon Region, Notary Public, Advocate being conducted at the Studio Hall of Myanmar Radio and Television (Tat Kon) in Nay Pyi Taw on 4 October 2018.

**Moderator:** We have heard the rise of crimes in various forms that were committed by individuals and groups. Many violent incidents involved weapons. I would like to request the panelists to share the views on that matter including the challenges.

**U Myo Tint:** I am of the view that the violence with weapons in the midst of human society is a challenge to the rule of law of that human structure. When the innocent public has lost confidence in their security of life and property, then the people started to feel lost of trust on the administrative machinery and justice mechanism. There are two ways to prevent this matter:

### Punishment that fit the crime

The first point is crime prevention and taking legal action to the wrong doers immediately according to law. At this juncture, the prosecutors must act in time and call in the witnesses to the courts. I believe that when the respective courts pronounced deserving sentences at the earliest, then the crime rates would decrease. Therefore, the administrative sector and judiciary sector must act in top gear in arresting the culprits so as to pulling down



the crime rates in the society.

**U Win Myint:** I would like to discuss on the stream and flow of news reports. The reporting of digital media is much faster and broader than the print media. When a crime is occurred, the public is being informed by the social media. There are good aspect and bad aspect. When the news is exaggerated, the public is being alarmed. When the news is directed in a wrong way, negative impacts come up to the forefront. Therefore, it is necessary to control the fake news. When we evaluate the rising crimes, it usually started with the dissatisfaction over a matter. The discontent is to be settled according to law, but some persons take the matters into their own hands. Most of the crimes are rooted on uncontrolled anger and fury while doing their own livelihood that involved small weapons. We must take deterrent actions on the crimes that involved weapons such as hard sticks, knives and small weapons. Moreover, the violence in groups must be effectively curbed. When we look into the crimes, we need to tackle on drugs, alcoholism and gambling. Analyzing over a crime, it has negative impact over the culprit, the victim and

the state, and therefore, crime prevention is very much important.

**No sentence over the innocent**

We need public awareness talks on crime prevention. On the other hand, we need to equip CCTV cameras and modern surveillance devices. Effective prosecutions of culprits and deterrent sentences on them are vital. The innocents must be spared while the culprits are to be punished. Heavy sentences should be pronounced on the crimes that breach rule of law and security of wards and villages.

**U Han Nyunt:** Allow me to share my view. The rise of violent crimes is related with bribery and corruption. The corruption could ruin the rule of law and the judi-

cial system would collapse. Any form of graft could bring negative impact. The rise of crimes is connected with the corruption. Corruption is the common enemy of the people. It is the right time for the people to consider the graft as the common enemy of the people. Time has come for the people to step forward for the rule of law through unity in the corruption free atmosphere.

### Disturbances to pull down the judicial pillar

We are witnessing many chaotic issues such as the unruly acts; the destruction of justice; the transformation of right things into wrong impression and vice versa; and making things upside down. Various means of bribery is carried out into the hands of the law enforcers with the intent to knock down the judiciary pillar. They used various methods to wreak havoc in the rule of law.

At this juncture, we could see "the rule of law" and "the terminator" in parallel. We must think and decide who will finally win. Who will be the winner? Perhaps the rule of law or may be the terminator. It is time for us to think. The people must decide. We must evaluate and decide. We must find solutions. I would like to suggest and advice to work together and

pay more attention on the rising crimes with focus on anti-corruption drive.

**Police Major General Aung Naing Thu:** Myanmar Police Force is facing two challenges with regards to the rule of law. The first category is the crimes being committed again by the ex-convicts who were freed after serving jail sentences. The other category is the crimes being pushed and catapulted by the multifaceted issues of politics, social, economic and religion.

The crimes that fall under the first category could be contained and controlled systematically by our area surveillance tasks through crime prevention.

The challenges of crimes under the second category cropped up from the politics, social, economic and religion could not be deterred by our Myanmar Police Force alone, but by all the relevant organizations through cooperation.

When we looked into the second challenge, some unfortunate people while in search of jobs were fall victims into the traps of greedy and insatiable money makers. From that stage, the victims committed illegal tasks and finally breached the law.

Some people moved to the towns and cities in search of livelihood, making the towns congested with over population. Along

with the rising population, crimes have risen due to the social problems; the illegal squatters; and the crimes committed in groups.

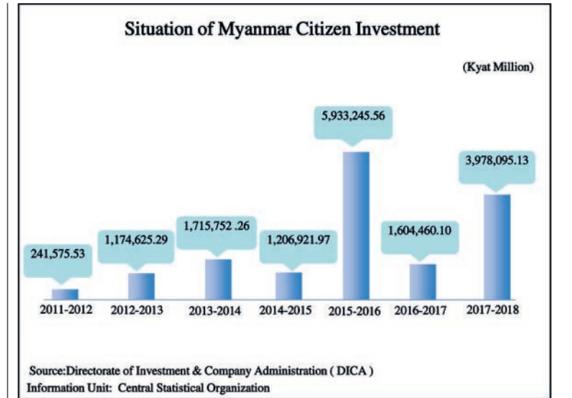
Another factor is connected with modern digital age with the broader use of Internet in towns and villages, resulting with on-line fraudulences. The crimes are compounded with the trafficking in persons; the security breach of personal privacy; the slandering of personal matters. Moreover, some people wrongly intimated the alien culture and inappropriate characteristics and committed crimes.

When the road transportations and communications are getting better, the trade and business trend is fast moving. Along with that development, business and economic crimes are on the rise such as that of cross border crimes; the illegal trades; the traffic in persons. Some young people dropped out from schools and entered into available odd jobs turning themselves into tough and rough individual. Eventually, they headed into the direction just to get hold of money by all means, and find lust in illegal business.

These are the challenges found in the ground realities in the rise of crimes. The growth and over population of towns and cities; the better transportation and communication; the better technology; the finer amenities have all supported the development of the nation. However, on the other hand, may people fall into victims of greedy people resulting with the rising crimes such as cross border offences; the cyber crimes in the international arenas; eventually challenging the rule of law.

The neighboring countries and the whole world are working for the development of their own countries, while we are also working for the development of our own. In order to avoid the hurdles and hindrances of our development, we have to face the difficulties and find solutions by working among the Myanmar People Force; the law enforcement forces; the judiciary institutions; the lawmakers; the officials of relevant government departments and the people to overcome the challenges.

Translated by UMT (Ahlon),



**Myanmar Daily Weather Report**  
(Issued on Thursday 18th October, 2018)

**SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS RECORDED AT 09:30 hrs MST:** During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region, scattered in Mon State, isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Upper Sagaing, Bago and Yangon regions, Kachin State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining regions and states. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Paung (1.50) inches, Kawthoung (0.24) inch, Pinlaebu, Thaton and Kyeikkhame (0.08) inch each.

**BAY INFERENCE:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy over the South Bay and a few cloud over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF 19 October 2018:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Taninthayi Region and Mon State, isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago and Yangon regions, Kachin and Kayin states. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining regions and states.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Sea will be slight in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (2 - 4) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Continuations of scattered rain or thundershowers in Taninthayi Region and Mon State.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 19 October 2018:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 19 October 2018:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 19 October 2018:** Partly cloudy.

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**Gunman arrested for 14 Oct. shooting in Mawlamyine**

NAI Pike Htwe was arrested by police on 17 October for allegedly shooting a traffic police officer in Mawlamyine on 14 October, according to police source in Mawlamyine.

On 14 October, Nai Pike Htwe, 52, was driving a car in Mawlamyine when he was stopped by a traffic police at Daung Za Yat traffic light.

He drove away without re-

ceiving the inspection and hit the traffic police sergeant's motorbike and a lamp post before the car stopped.

He managed to escape from the scene after opening fire at the police sergeant.

Traffic Police Sergeant Myo Zaw Oo received a bullet wound on his left cheek and Aye Min Khant (a) Sarat, 18, who was driving a motorcycle when the

incident happened, received a bullet wound on the right back of his palm.

Police found Ma Aye Mon, 32, wife of Nai Pike Htwe and 2,000 Yaba pills worth K10 million in the car. Files have been opened against the culprit at the Myatharyar Police Station for causing injury to a public servant and a man and shooting.—GNLM ■



PHOTO: MPF

**Thanlyin farmers attend Daedong harvester, tractor demo**

LOCAL farmers in Thanlyin Township were given a demonstration of a Daedong combine harvester and a tractor yesterday by the Agricultural Mechanization Department and AGM S& Eco Ltd. The ceremony was held at Pagantaung Village in the township at 9 am yesterday in the presence of Thanlyin Township constitution-2 MP U Aung Naing Tun, Head of Yangon Region Agricultural Mechanization Department U Thaug Htaik, Mr. Kim Kyeong of AGM S&Eco Ltd and local farmers. U Kyaw Soe, Deputy Director of the Agricultural Machinery Research Workshop (Kyaikkalo), explained the operations of the machinery to the farmers. Local farmers grasped the demonstration of the harvester combining the cutting and threshing operations and the tractor.—MNA ■



Officials of Agricultural Mechanization Department and MPs attend demonstration of Daedong Combine Harvester in a paddy field in Thanlyin Township. PHOTO: MNA

**Ten cases of illegal fishing reported in Yangon**

BY May Thet Hnin

WITH an increase in using electric shock fishing and illegal fishing equipment this year when compared to that of last year, Yangon Region authorities are taking legal action against those doing illegal fishing, and ten cases of illegal fishing were reported in Yangon in the first week of October, according to the Yangon Region Fisheries Department.

The cases of illegal fishing have occurred in Kayan, Kawhmu and Kungyangon townships. The cases were filed with the owners not knowing who the offenders are because most of them escaped from the scene. However, the boats, the illegal electric fishing equipments and the fishing

pipes were confiscated, said U Hla Win, the head of the Yangon Region fisheries department.

"If people are found to have committed illegal fishing, they will have legal action taken against them. Some people managed to escape from the scene, leaving the equipment.

Then, we have to report to the regional government authorities for confiscation of the seized materials. The illegal fishermen could be better arrested if the police participate in operations.

Water resource conservation is the major task of our department. Therefore, our department has been launching the awareness campaigns, distributing the posters and vinyls in the villages. Previ-

ously, people caught the fish by giving the electric shock. But now they are catching the fish by using the two dinamos which can cause the death of the people," he added.

The number of cases in which fish are caught by giving the electric shock and setting off the bombs has significantly increased in Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions.

These illegal electrocutions and bombing of the fish can have negative impact upon fish reproduction as well as upon the coral reefs and surrounding marine life, said Daw Toe Nanda Tin.

"The fisheries sector is under threat by the group of people who rigged to use electricity to catch fish. Concerning

this matter, we have to find out the ways and means to prevent the illegal fishing in cooperation with the government, she added.

Yangon Region Fisheries Department has conducted the awareness campaigns and organized activities for the local fishermen to reduce the electric shock fishing in cooperation with the ward administrators and Hluttaw MPs in November 2017. Also, our department has provided the fishing nets. In fiscal 2017-2018, 568,227.327 metric tonnes of the fishery products, worth US\$717.7 million, were exported to foreign trade partners, the highest bulk in 20 years, according to a press release of the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation. ■

## Ygn Region Gov't requests MPC to settle dispute with Eleven Media

YANGON Region Government sent an official letter to the Myanmar Press Council (MPC) for arbitration yesterday, urging to negotiate the dispute between the regional government and the Weekly Eleven Journal over a controversial article and to take action against the media.

The letter from U Aung Kyaw Khine, Director of the Yangon Region Government, stated that the article titled "Shutting down refilling stations which are always running at loss, school buses with unknown borrower and public shares under the name of individual" published by the Eleven Journal on 8th October

violated Sub-sections (a), (e), (g), and (i) under Section 9 of the News Media Law.

Concerning the letter, MPC member U Myint Kyaw said the Yangon Region Government sent the letter after a request from the MPC was extended in response to Eleven Media Group's letter requesting the MPC to intervene in the case. He said the regional government only then filed a complaint to the MPC and filled in all the necessary forms and submitted them late yesterday.

The council has invited Eleven Media Group to a meeting at 11:30am today. He said the lawsuit from the regional

government needed to be dropped first for the MPC to conduct the matter legally.

The Media Law states that in order to take action against journalists who broke their code of conduct, three main steps are required; to file an initial complaint about the case with the Myanmar Press Council; to deal with the issue in cooperation with the council; and, if the case is not addressed by the council, to bring the case to court.

U Myint Kyaw said, during the meeting between the four pillars of government, it was stated that the MPC is the first place to file a complaint

before opening a lawsuit against journalists. He said he wants all organizations, especially the government, Tatmadaw and Hluttaws, to follow these procedures and take any issue to court as a last resort. He said he wants issues like these to be submitted to the MPC first as a good example and way of conduct.

The Yangon Region Government sued three journalists from the Eleven Media on 10 October for writing and publishing an article with incorrect information that allegedly caused public distrust to the region government, according to the statement release by the Yangon Region

Government.

The article includes incorrect information which defame and causes distrust to the Yangon Region Government, according to the statement.

In the statement, Yangon Region Government said some facts in the article are not correct and Yangon Region Planning and Finance Minister U Myint Thaung is a representative of the Yangon Region Government to Yangon Metropolitan Development Public Co Ltd.

Yangon Region Government refuted the allegations in the article, saying that the public company did not buy shares under its name by

spending the public funds nor kept the shares under the name of U Myint Thaung.

Yangon Metropolitan Development Public Co Ltd was established on 8th March, 2017 in accordance with the 1914 Myanmar Companies Act and the 1950 Special Companies Act, with 539,500 shares by Yangon Region Government and 48,600 shares by Myanmar Construction and Development Co Ltd.

The article with incorrect information has caused panic and worries for the shareholders of the public company and has defamed the Yangon Region Government, said the statement.—MNA ■



## Three hundred thousand Yaba tablets, heroin seized in Mogok Township

POLICE officers stationed at the Lae Kyi Bridge police outpost, located between milepost 14 (1-2) along the Monglong-Mogok road, inspected an own-

erless car parked nearby their outpost on 17 October.

Police discovered 300,000 Yaba tablets and 2,012.5 g of heroin hid-

den in 175 soap trays (approx. worth Ks 801,250,000).

A case has been opened with Mogkok Myo Ma Police Station

Drug Case (Pa) 129/2018 under Section 19-A of the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Myanmar Police Force ■

## Discussions about standardization of Myanmar' rice, specification ongoing

A SERIES of discussion about standardization of Myanmar's rice is ongoing, according to Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

Officials from International Finance Corporation (IFC) (World Bank), the Department of Research and Innovation under the Ministry of Education, MRF, rice quality evaluation teams, the Ministry of Education were present at the discussions. Myanmar rice standard and specifications are drafted in order to meet them with international standard, be adaptable with current condition and bolster export promotion and increase earnings by improving rice and paddy quality. Efforts are being exerted to put forward legal advice to the National Standard Council.

The first and third draft of National Standard and Specifications were

already discussed in the early October.

"We are revising the draft in line with international standard. Local and international consumer demand for rice and paddy quality varies to a certain extent. Local consumer demand for paddy size is quite smaller than international demand. Therefore, to meet international standardization, we have to adjust specification. Additionally, measurement method is another controversial problem as there is no consistency in measurement units such as kilogram and tons", said U Nay Lin Zin, joint Secretary-General of MRF.

Weight measurement per bag varies among regions and states, with 100 pounds in Mon State, 102 pounds in Rakhine State, 105 pounds in central Myanmar, 108 pounds

in Yangon, 110.5 pounds in Pyay and so the price does. "The prices of rice differ relatively as weight measurement per bag varies among the regions and states. The consumers choose the cheaper one without knowing the fact. Actually, cheaper one has lesser weight, resulting in inequality for the customers", said a rice grower from Shwebo Township.

Upon setting Myanmar's rice standard and specifications harmonizing with international standard, exporters and rice millers will not have difficulty to follow those rules and regulations, however, local market will take a period of time to become more adaptable to change. Therefore, awareness campaigns about the prescribed rice standard and specifications are required.—MayThet Hnin ■



Cathay United Bank is one of the largest banks in Taiwan and it has been in Myanmar as representative office since September 2014. CUB has been providing scholarship program to Yangon University of Economics for 3 years already as one of its CSR activities and it held its first seminar about FOREX and Risk Management of the bank to share knowledge of know-how to the employees of Central Bank of Myanmar and all other local banks on April 2017. This time seminar is its second time and it is about Sustainable Project Financing where a number of various participants are attending it, especially officials from Ministry of Planning and Finance, Central Bank of Myanmar, Yangon Regional Government, Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, UMFCCI, some local companies and local banks as well. Cathay United Bank achieved the Best Project Finance Bank in Taiwan and has successfully closed several deals in some ASEAN countries such as Philippines, Vietnam and Indonesia.

# Economies must increase productivity, strengthen inclusive growth: APEC finance ministers

SYDNEY—A joint statement from Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) finance ministers has warned that downside risks for global economy have risen in the past six months.

“(These) risks include heightened trade and geopolitical tensions, rising financial vulnerabilities, high and growing debt levels against a background of tighter financial conditions, global imbalances, inequality and structurally



China's Vice Finance Minister Yu Weiping (C, front) attends the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Finance Ministers Meeting held in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea, 17 October 2018. PHOTO: Xinhua

weak growth,” the statement said. With concerns

global growth is becoming “less balanced,” the APEC

Finance Ministers Meeting held on Wednesday in the

Papua New Guinea (PNG) capital of Port Moresby put forward a number of recommendations to “advance financial inclusion” and bolster the economy.

“To broaden and sustain the current expansion and raise medium-term growth prospects for the benefit of all, our economies must advance policies and reforms that increase productivity and strengthen the potential for inclusive growth,” the statement said. “Financial inclusion

is a fundamental building block of inclusive growth and development.”

With the summit's theme centered around embracing the digital future, chair of the meeting PNG Deputy Prime Minister and Treasurer Charles Abel, said protectionist trends stemming from trade tensions and the buildup of debt are troubling and a real threat to development and prosperity right around the APEC region.—Xinhua ■

## Moon attends Vatican mass for peace on Korean Peninsula

ROME/SEOUL — South Korean President Moon Jae In attended a mass in Vatican City on Wednesday held to pray for peace on the Korean Peninsula, expressing certainty that the division of Korea will be overcome.

The mass was held in

St. Peter's Basilica by Vatican Secretary of State Cardinal Pietro Parolin, who said peace will be achieved through daily choices and serious efforts. Moon, who is on a tour of several European countries, said the prayers offered during the mass would help sustain

the hopes of people in the two Koreas as well as peace-loving people all over the world. In a meeting with Pope Francis scheduled for Thursday, Moon will convey a message from North Korean leader Kim Jong Un inviting the pope to visit Pyongyang.—Kyodo News

## Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 23<sup>rd</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> October 2018 “THIDINGYUT HOLIDAYS” under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

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## South Korea grants 339 Yemeni refugees humanitarian stay permits

SEOUL — South Korea has granted humanitarian stay permits to 339 Yemeni refugees who had fled from their country's civil war to a South Korean resort island, the Justice Ministry said on Wednesday.

Out of the 458 Yemenis that were seeking asylum while staying on Jeju Island, 339 were given the stay permits, 34 rejected and 85 deferred, the ministry said in a statement. Twenty-three others were granted permits last month.

Humanitarian stay permits are given when applicants fail to meet refugee status criteria but are allowed to stay in the country due to other acceptable reasons.

Those with the permits can stay for a year and their permits could be canceled or expire if the situation in Yemen im-

proves or if they commit a crime during their stay, the ministry said.

After a direct flight was established between Malaysia and Jeju last December, over 500 Yemenis arrived in the southern island early this year, fleeing a bloody civil war that has caused what the United Nations calls the world's worst humanitarian crisis. Yemenis had taken advantage of a visa-free program that applied to foreign visitors to Jeju.

In June, Yemen was excluded from the programme. The sudden influx of Yemeni refugees sparked concerns among island residents, while hundreds of thousands of people signed an online petition urging the government of President Moon Jae In to reject their asylum applications.—Kyodo News ■

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# Protecting nature the best way to keep planet cool: report



Deforestation — responsible for about a fifth of greenhouse gas emissions — intensifies global warming. **PHOTO: AFP**

PARIS (France) — The best — and fairest — way to cap global warming is to empower indigenous forest peoples, reduce food waste and slash meat consumption, an alliance of 38 NGOs said on Monday.

Restoring natural forest ecosystems, securing the land rights of local communities and revamping the global food system could cut greenhouse emissions 40 per cent by mid-century and help humanity avoid climate catastrophe, they argued in a 50-page report based on recent science.

Approximately half of the reduced emissions would come from boosting the capacity of forests and wetlands to absorb CO<sub>2</sub>, and the other half from curtailing carbon-intensive forms of agriculture.

On current trends, Earth is on track to warm up an unlivable three or four degrees Celsius (5.4 to 7.2 degrees Fahrenheit) above preindustrial levels, far about the 1.5°C climate-safe threshold endorsed last week by the UN in a major climate change assessment.

In the wake of the UN report, two starkly different visions are emerging on how to beat back the existential threat of global warming. One calls for geoengineering and the aggressive use of technology to draw excess carbon dioxide from the atmosphere, especially by burning biofuels and capturing the emitted CO<sub>2</sub>, a process known by its acronym, BECCS.

The other, favoured in the new “Missing Pathways to 1.5°C” report, is

based primarily on Earth’s natural capacity to absorb CO<sub>2</sub>.

## Protecting the forests

“This is a pragmatic blueprint for tackling the climate crisis while respecting human rights and protecting biodiversity,” said Kelsey Perlman, forest and climate campaigner at UK-based NGO Fern.

“Decision makers must abandon their faith in unproven technological solutions and put restoring and protecting forests at the centre of climate strategy.”

But how to do that remains a challenge: More than two decades of UN-led efforts to curb deforestation have largely failed, with the planet still losing a wooded area the size of Greece every year.

Deforestation — responsible for about a fifth of greenhouse gas emissions — intensifies global warming in two ways, reducing Earth’s capacity to absorb carbon dioxide, and releasing huge amounts of the planet-warming gas into the air.

The report highlights research showing that native forest communities should play a key role.

“People who live in, and with, forests protect those lands,” lead author Kate Dooley, a political scientist at the University of Melbourne, told AFP. “Recognising this is the greatest forest conservation success story in the last decade.”

“We have to give these peoples not just land rights, but the resources to protect those lands,” she added.

The report also tackles head-on the political hot potato of how to change human behaviour in ways that will reduce our carbon footprint — cutting back on travel, using public transportation, switching to electric vehicles.

## Too much beef

But it is revamping our diets that would have the biggest impact of all.

“Even bigger emissions can come from producing and consuming less meat,” especially beef, said Teresa Anderson, climate change policy officer for ActionAid International. A study published in Nature last week calculated that rich nations would

have to eat 90 per cent less meat by 2050 to sustainably accommodate a projected global population of 10 billion people.

The report notes that only six countries — The United States, Brazil, China, Canada, Argentina, Australia — and the European Union produce and export the lion’s share of beef, chicken and pork worldwide.

Livestock farming poses a double climate threat, driving the loss of forests to make way for grazing land and generating huge

amounts of methane, which is 25 times more potent than CO<sub>2</sub>.

Reducing food waste — estimated at more than 30 percent worldwide — by half could cut CO<sub>2</sub> pollution by half-a-billion tonnes, more than one percent of total emissions. It could also help feed some of the billion people who go to bed hungry every night, the report notes.

But hitting that target remains a deceptively difficult, especially in the developing world, experts say.—AFP ■

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Cinematographer and director Fritz Ofner, creator of documentary "Weapon of Choice" with Eva Hausberger, was threatened with legal action in the early stages of the film. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Film lifts lid on Austria's secretive Glock pistol empire

VIENNA (Austria)—From Hollywood to hip hop, it's the weapon that is wielded by cops and outlaws alike. The Glock pistol has achieved global cult status but the business is still shrouded in mystery in its native Austria.

A new documentary about the Glock, titled "Weapon of Choice", says that since it was invented in the early 1980s by a previously unknown Austrian engineer called Gaston Glock, the brand has been the object of a "cult of secrecy".

Directors Fritz Ofner and Eva Hausberger have tried to shed some light on the company, whose 89-year-old founder has always shunned publicity.

"Hundreds of press articles (on Glock) have appeared in Austria but they're almost all about the company's charitable activi-

ties or society events," Ofner told AFP. That could be because the firm is not reticent about taking action in the courts against those it deems to have unfairly damaged its reputation.

Ofner said the filmmakers were threatened with legal action when the documentary was in its early stages, followed by a letter from the company's lawyers once it was finished, "asking for a list of all the people we had worked with on the film". That "sword of Damocles" meant a year's delay to the release date, said Ofner.

### 'Steve Jobs' of the pistol

The strict secrecy around the Glock empire is of a piece with the character and background of its mould-breaking founder, said Ofner.

In the early 1980s Gaston

Glock was running a business making knives and curtain rods when he decided to answer a call for tenders put out by the Austrian army, which wanted to update its pistols.

He devised a firearm that revolutionised the field: made largely of non-metal components, "lighter, easier to take apart, more reliable, able to carry more bullets" than other brands.

"You can really compare Glock—who had no experience at all in firearms—to Steve Jobs who invented the first Apple product in his garage," says Ofner.

Once the contract with the Austrian army was in the bag, the company's worth soared when it entered the American and then the global market, being adopted by police, gangsters and even jihadists.—AFP ■

## Blooming early! Japan's famed cherry blossoms make unexpected appearance

TOKYO—The delicate blossoms of the cherry tree might be synonymous with the onset of spring in Japan — except this year they're also blooming in autumn, a weather forecasting company said on Wednesday.

Experts told local media that the rare late blooms could be the result of this year's unusual weather, including a particularly active typhoon season.

Weathernews, a meteorological firm, said more than 300 people across Japan had reported cherry blossoms were blooming in their neighbourhood, in a survey conducted last week.

Local media spotted clusters of the famous pink and white blooms at several popular cherry blossom spots.

Hiroyuki Wada, a tree doctor at the Flower Association of Japan, speculated that unusual weather patterns could be responsible for the blooms' surprise appearance.

He told public broadcaster NHK that violent storms had stripped trees of their leaves, which usually release a chemical that inhibits blooming before spring.—AFP ■



The hugely popular cherry blossom season draws tourists from around the world. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Bulgaria urged to save communist-era architectural 'masterpiece'

BUZLUDZHA PEAK (Bulgaria)—Perched like a vast flying saucer on a central Bulgarian mountainside, Buzludzha is a brutalist concrete monument that was built to glorify communism nearly 40 years ago.

The striking circular building has been left to fall victim to vandalism and decay, as Bulgaria has been eager to forget its communist past, but now western experts want to preserve it as a heritage site. The 70-metre (230-foot) high structure—made of 70,000 tonnes of concrete, 3,000 tonnes of reinforced steel and 40 tonnes of glass—looks like it is hovering at around 1,400 metres above sea level. It has a 40-metre-wide ceremonial hall with room for 400 people and was

its brutalist style, it is a genuine architectural achievement of the 20th century," said Laurent Levi-Strauss, of Europa Nostra and a former deputy chief of UNESCO's Cultural Heritage division.

For British architect Graham Bell, Buzludzha is "an unbelievable building, unbelievably impressive and unbelievably sad in the way it is deteriorating." This monument is part of European cultural heritage, but most of Europe doesn't know it exists," Bell said. The experts are convinced that what remains of the building could—and should—be saved. Following their visit, they called for "urgent action" to stop the decay. And they proposed giving the site national protected status, which would allow EU funds to be



Buzludzha is a brutalist concrete monument built in Bulgaria to glorify communism nearly 40 years ago. **PHOTO: AFP**

covered from floor to ceiling in mosaics depicting the history of Bulgaria's communist party.

Inaugurated in 1981, it fell into disrepair following the collapse of the Iron Curtain in 1989 and now lies empty and crumbling. In recent years, only the most adventurous foreign tourists have visited the isolated spot, prompting local authorities to lock it up to prevent any accidents. Nevertheless, experts from cultural heritage organisation Europa Nostra visited the site last month and have urged the Bulgarian authorities to rescue what they believe is "a masterpiece of architecture, engineering and art".

### Endangered site

Europa Nostra listed it as one of the most endangered heritage sites in Europe this year.

During the Cold War era, the communist party claimed that the red glass stars on top of a tower that is part of the complex could be seen as far as Romania to the north and Greece to the south. "With

used for its rescue. "It is good that Europe cares about it as Bulgaria doesn't," Buzludzha's 89-year-old architect, Georgy Stoilov, told AFP. Indeed, the cash-strapped local authorities never regarded Buzludzha as much of a priority and saw little point in the upkeep of a site that had such bad connotations. It was Bulgarian architect, Dora Ivanova, born a year after the fall of the regime, who has been responsible for the revival in interest in Buzludzha.

### 'Explaining history'

She came across the monument on the internet while she was at university in Germany and started a campaign for its conservation four years ago. "It's not possible that such an amazing piece of architecture is in such bad condition. It is a part of Bulgarian history whether we like it or not," Ivanova said. She said her aim was to conserve the building, rather than restore it, "as restoring it would be to glorify communism". "I just want to explain history," she added.—AFP ■

## ‘Concrete block on your chest’: astronauts recount failed space launch

MOSCOW (Russia)—Russian cosmonaut Aleksey Ovchinin on Tuesday said the G-force during last week’s emergency landing of the Soyuz spacecraft felt like a concrete block on his chest but he and NASA astronaut Nick Hague are now in “great” health.

Ovchinin and Hague were forced to make an emergency landing after an accident on their rocket minutes after blast-off to the International Space Station, with the rapid deceleration subjecting them to a painful G-force overload. In an interview with state Rossiya-24 television, Ovchinin said that “the direction of this (G-force) overload during the descent was from the chest to the back, so imagine that somebody put a big concrete block on your chest that is seven times your weight.”

The 47-year-old cosmonaut who has already flown into space once before in 2016, nevertheless said that the G-force was “not that big, a bit less than 7G.”

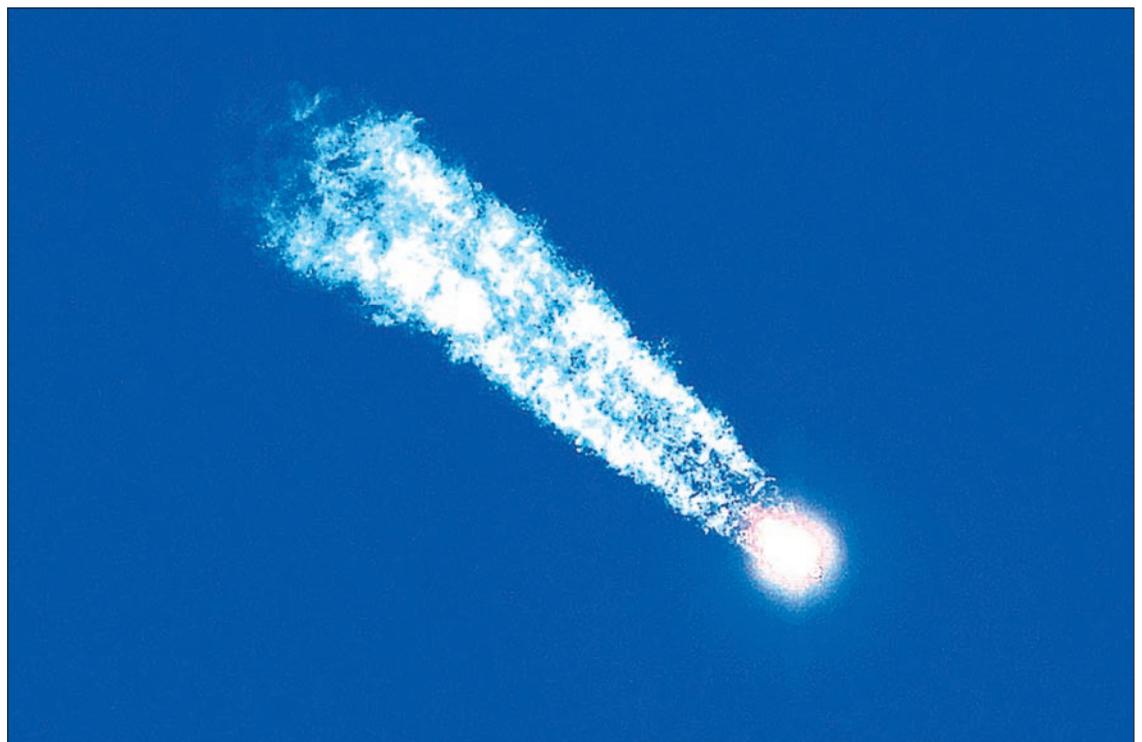
7G is below what cosmonauts have to withstand during training and has not caused long-term ill-effects.

“I am feeling well, so is my colleague, US astronaut Nick Hague,” Ovchinin said.

“The doctors concluded that our health is good, even great.”

Hague said he first noticed “being shaken fairly violently side to side as that safety system pulled us away from the rocket.”

Both are now waiting for the results of an investigation into why the Soyuz rocket malfunctioned and never made it to the International Space Station, forcing Ovchinin to command a



The Soyuz rocket failed shortly after take-off. PHOTO: AFP

ballistic descent back to Earth amid a communication breakdown with mission control.

Ovchinin said he and Hague understood something was wrong when emergency lights came on in the cabin.

“Your training really takes

over,” Hague told reporters during a Q&A streamed online by NASA.

“For the most part, the rescue system worked automatically, and we just followed the system,” according to Ovchinin.

In footage of the flight re-

leased by the Russian space agency Roscosmos Ovchinin can be heard calmly telling mission control that there has been an “accident” and even quipping about a particularly “short flight” before the feed is cut off. —AFP ■

## Facebook makes reality TV its new weapon for web supremacy

CANNES (France)—Facebook said on Wednesday it was reviving the pioneering MTV reality show “The Real World” as its secret weapon to lure viewers away from YouTube. The social media giant said it was also trying to harness the formidable online power of the “cute kitten” factor with a new show called “World’s Most Amazing Dog” on its new Facebook Watch platform. Users who think their pooch is cute enough to be a contender can enter audition videos from their phones, it told TV executives at MIPCOM in Cannes, the world’s top entertainment showcase.

The company’s head of video Pares Rajwat said Facebook Watch—which began to be rolled out in the US last year—was now available across the world, with “the time people spend on it increasing by 14 times since”.

“The Real World” was one of the first “social experiment” TV reality shows when it aired in 1992, spawning others like “Big Brother.” It turns on the moment when “seven strangers put together stop being polite and start being real,” said Facebook’s content and strategy chief Matthew Henick.

### New genre of TV

Three versions of the new

Facebook variant of the show will be launched simultaneously in the US, Mexico and Thailand.

Users will be able to “co-watch with their friends and interact with the contestants”, stealing a march on its internet rivals, Henick told the gathering in the French Riviera resort. Rajwat said Facebook Watch was “completely open” and was already being used by broadcasters, with new contestants on Germany’s “X Factor” recently being introduced to fans on the platform before they made their TV debuts. He said its interactivity means “watching videos doesn’t have to be a passive experience... with friends able to co-watch together in real time”. A new service called “Watch Party” allowing “people to watch and comment all at the same time” has already been used on celebrity chef Jamie Oliver’s “Veggie Challenge”, he added.

A Facebook Watch show called “Sorry For Your Loss” about a “young widow struggling to put her life back together has led to long meaningful conversations about dealing with grief”, Rajwat said, with many users “offering help to people who lost their beloveds. This is where Facebook is different,” he said. —AFP ■

## “Social learning” may be helping invasive species thrive worldwide: Aussie research

SYDNEY—The invasive Italian Wall Lizard thrives in its new home in part by observing and learning from the same and other species, major skills that may show how animals gain an edge in unfamiliar environments amid globalization, according to a latest Australian research.

The Italian Wall Lizard is the most abundant species of its kind in southern Italy and has been widely introduced to other places such as the United States and Turkey. In a statement on Wednesday, the Macquarie University researchers explained how they trained a range of lizards to find worms in colored con-

tainers, then observed whether the green-hued Italian Wall Lizards could find the worms just by watching the other lizards do it. They found the reptiles could not only learn from watching their own kind, but also other species of lizard. The research, which also involved Sydney’s University of New South Wales, showed “for the first time that a well-known invasive species... is capable of social learning from both the same and different species. We suggest that this may give invasive species an edge in novel, unfamiliar environments.”

Getting access to such “social learning” meant the inva-

sive lizards “made fewer errors” and showed that the “watch and learn” process “could be a previously underappreciated, advantageous mechanism facilitating invasions,” according to the findings published in the *Biology Letters* scientific journal.

“In an era of globalization, species are increasingly being accidentally introduced into new locations far from home,” said the researchers.

“Most unintended invasions don’t take hold, but some do. Understanding the mechanisms governing invasion success is of great benefit to managing and preventing invasions.”—Xinhua ■

## Russia’s Khrunichev Center to hold up to 10 launches of Proton-M carrier rockets in 2019

MOSCOW—The Khrunichev Space Center may hold up to 10 launches of Proton-M carrier rockets and another test-launch of the heavy Angara-A5 rocket from the Plesetsk Cosmodrome in 2019, the company said on Tuesday.

“Thanks to the measures of support from Roscosmos [State Space Corporation], the Khrunichev Center is gradually approaching the planned utilization of its production sites

- in Moscow and in Omsk,” the company said.

“In 2019, we expect greater activity in the launches of heavy-class carrier rockets: we may hold up to 10 launches of Protons and also carry out another test launch of the Angara-A5,” Khrunichev Space Center CEO Alexei Varoehko was quoted as saying.

In September 2018, the Polyot production association, which is the Khrunichev

Space Center’s Omsk branch, which is setting up the serial manufacture of Angara carrier rockets of various lifting capacity, already completed the production and the delivery to Moscow of fitting blocks for the assembly of the second heavy Angara-A5 carrier rocket. Its final assembly and tests will be carried out at the space rocket factory of the Khrunichev Center’s Moscow premises, he said.—TASS ■

## Myanmar U-19 women's football squad to play against Lao on Oct-26

MYANMAR U-19 women's football squad will play its debut against Lao in the Group-F in 2019 Asian U-19 Women's Football Qualification to be held in Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon from October 24 to 28.

Only three teams including host Myanmar have been left in the Group-F due to the resignation of Palestine. The Group-F has three teams—Myanmar, Lao and Iran.

The first round qualification will be held with six groups divided. Six top teams from each group and two best second-placed ones will advance the second round of 2019 Asian U-19 Women's Football Qualification. Myanmar will play the second match against Iran on October 28. Thailand will host AFF Women Championship 2019 from 30 April to 12 May.—Htut Htut (Twantay) ■

## Quindao Chen Xi whitewashes Myanmar 6-2 in Jimo International Friendly Futsal Cup

MYANMAR continued demonstrating its second friendly match against Quindao Chen Xi in Jimo International Friendly Futsal Cup in Zhonglaim Lohas Park Sport Center in Qingdao on October 17.

Myanmar gave retirement to 6 players including five ones played in the first friendly match. Quindao Chen Xi played against Myanmar by setting up its lineup with three foreign players including two Iranian ones and it is comprised of the best players. Myo Myint Soe and Wai Zin Oo scored two goals for Myanmar. Myanmar had to allow two penalties due to more than five fouls and an ordinary penalty to home team of Quindao Chen Xi. The match finally ended with a 6-2. —Htut Htut (Twantay) ■

## Myanmar to host Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship at Ngwehsaun Beach from Nov. 10 to 17



New Zealand team was seen at the 2018 Optimist World Championship Closing Ceremony Cyprus. PHOTO: Instagram

WITH the support of the major sponsors, MPRL E&P Pte Ltd, Bangkok Bank Ltd., and the Myanmar Yacht Federation (MYF), Myanmar will host Optimist Asian & Oceanian Championship (OAO) in Ngwehsaun Beach, Ayeyawady Region from November 10 to 17 during this year.

A total of 130 young athletes from 16 countries—Australia, Canada, China, Fiji, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Korea, Myanmar, New Zealand, Oman, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Taipei, Thailand and the USA.

The competition brings young sailors from all over Asia, Oceania, and North America to compete in the optimists, small singlehanded dinghies for youngsters under 15 years old. The Optimist Class Boat

is the gateway for young sailors to start their Olympic careers in various types of sail boats which range from singlehanded to double handed classes.

"We are humbled to host such a prestigious international regatta and very proud of the fact that this will be one of the largest international sporting events to be held in Myanmar. Our young athletes have been working extremely hard and I am confident they will make their country proud," said U Phone Kyaw Moe Myint, Vice President of the Myanmar Yachting Federation (MYF).

U Phone Kyaw Moe Myint added, "I had to travel to the Optimist World Championships in Portugal back in 2016 to bid

against Oman, Korea and the UAE but thankfully Myanmar won the bid! It has been two long years for the Myanmar Yachting Federation to prepare for this prestigious regatta and it's time to put Myanmar back on the international arena".

The Myanmar team counts 10 boys and 8 girls whose average age is 12 years old with the youngest being only 11 years of age. Myanmar hired Juan Ignacio Mazzini, the national coach from Argentina. The competition will be the third and largest international event to be held in Myanmar following the 2013 SEA Games Sailing Event and the Myanmar Wave Rider Cup in 2015.—Htut Htut (Twantay) ■

## Myanmar's white angles to test with men's football clubs in Mandalay

MYANMAR women's national football team also known as white angles will play five friendly football matches with local men's football teams starting from today according to the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF).

The white angles departed for Mandalay yesterday to camp and play friendly matches till 28 October.

MFF arranged the friendly matches for the white angles in preparation for the 2020 AFC Women's Olympic Qualifying Tournament according to the MFF.

We are welcoming Myanmar's white angles, coming and testing friendly matches here, as we can see their brilliant skills in our Mandalay said PhyoThiha Kyaw from Mandalay.

Today, Myanmar women's team will play against Dragon FC from Aung MyaeTharzan Township, Mandalay.

Myanmar team will also play against Mandalay region coaches' team on 21 October, Mandalay Youth team (A) on 23 October, Mandalay Youth team (B) on 25 October and Lucky Home FC on 26 October respectively.—Lynn Thit(Tgi)■



Chan Sung-jung says MMA can have a positive impact. PHOTO: AFP

## Asian MMA star slams 'shocking' Las Vegas brawl

SEOUL—Asia's highest-ranked mixed martial artist said fighters must remember they're idols for children as he slammed last week's "shocking" scenes after Conor McGregor's defeat to Khabib Nurmagomedov. Chan "The Korean Zombie" Sung-jung said the post-fight violence, when Nurmagomedov and his team attacked McGregor and his entourage in images beamed around the world, had set back attempts to clean up MMA's image.

"We should be inspiring kids and not shocking them," the Seoul-based featherweight said ahead of this week's Angel's Fighting MMA event in Seoul, where all profits pay medical expenses for terminally ill chil-

dren. "As martial artists we are role models," added Chan, who is ranked 10th in the world by the UFC in his weight division. "Hyping up the fight is understandable but violence outside the cage is a no-go. We are adults and should remember the impact what we do has on kids." Chan was speaking at his Korean Zombie Gym in Seoul as he prepared to fly out for his next fight, against the UFC's former champion and third-ranked featherweight Frankie "The Answer" Edgar.

The bout will headline the UFC's 25<sup>th</sup>-anniversary fight card in Denver on November 10, reflecting Chan's stature and the sport's global reach.—AFP ■

## Myanmar to compete in AFF U-22 Champs 2019

MYANMAR U-22 men's football team will compete in the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF) U-22 Championship 2019 to be held in Cambodia from 17 February to 2 March, 2019 according to the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF).

Football Federation of Cambodia (FFC) will host the AFF U-22 Championship.

Myanmar will be in Group (B) together with Malaysia, In-

donesia, Cambodia and Singapore.

In the meantime, Group A consists of Viet Nam, ASEAN powerhouse Thailand, Timor Leste, Laos, Brunei and the Philippines.

According to the MFF, Myanmar will include many fabulous young players who played in the international tournaments this year.

The AFF is an international

football competition contested by the national under-23 teams of the member nations of the ASEAN Football Federation (AFF).

The inaugural edition of the tournament was held in 2005.

The tournament is a warm-up to prepare for the upcoming qualifying round of the AFC U-23 Championship 2020 and the upcoming Southeast Asian Games.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)■