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State Counsellor receives Ambassadors of Denmark, Sri Lanka separately

DAW AUNG SAN SUU KYI, State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, received Mr. John Nielsen, Ambassador of Denmark to Myanmar, at 2:00 pm on 2 November at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on matters pertaining to the promotion of bilateral relations and co-operation between Myanmar and Denmark.

State Counsellor receives Sri Lankan Ambassador

Similarly, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs, received Mr. Nandimithra Ekanayake, Ambassador of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka to Myanmar at Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw on 2 November at 2:45 pm.

During the meeting, they discussed the matters pertaining to the promotion of bilateral relations and co-operation.—MNA ■



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi shakes hands with Sri Lankan Ambassador Mr. Nandimithra Ekanayake in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Vice President U Henry Van Thio delivers opening address at Myanmar Statistic Forum 2018

VICE President U Henry Van Thio, Chairman of the Central Committee for Accurate and High Quality Statistics addressed the Myanmar Statistics Forum 2018 held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-II yesterday.

The forum was attended by Union Ministers, Deputy Ministers, Hluttaw representative, Nay Pyi Taw Council members,

states/regions planning and finance ministers, Permanent Secretaries, representatives of statistics related departments, experts, researchers, and officials from development partner organizations.

In addressing the forum, the Vice President said the world's countries designated and celebrated World Statistics Day on 20 October and celebrat-

ed it once every five years and Myanmar held it in 2015. The day's forum is held under the theme "Better Data, Better Statistics, Better Lives: Transforming Data Culture in Myanmar" with an aim towards raising Statistics Literacy, spreading of Data Culture, raise the statistics discipline according to the Statistics Law enacted in January 2018, connect statistics

publishers and users, know the requirements of statistics users, conduct paper reading sessions on statistics, and raise the role of statistics among young students through Statistics Quiz.

It is very important for both developing and developed countries to have accurate statistics. Only when a country's national statistics quality is good can the policy makers, project

planners, and socio-economic researchers have good sources to consider in creating development policy and good economic environment as well as to conduct effective division of scarce resources. In addition to this, projects can be monitored and if policies are required to be amended, better amendments can be made.

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Businesses can also consider investments based on statistics enabling a better risk management.

Not having true and reliable statistics could result in erroneous division of resources as well as making wrong policy decisions that affect the people's socio-economic development. Therefore, investments such as developing human resources, establishing networks, emphasis on cooperation mechanisms and statistics literacy as a policy and ensuring the effectiveness of the enacted Statistics Law need to be made.

On the matter of developing the role of the statistics sector, the Statistics Law was enacted on 22 January 2018 as Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law 1/2018. The Central Statistical Organization is also working towards issuing the rules soon.

To draw up and implement Statistical Policy Brief and National Strategy for Development of Statistics (NSDS) in accordance with the Statistics Law, NSDS Core Strategies was approved and submitted to the economic affairs committee in 2016. State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi has discussed and provided guidelines at the economic affairs committee meeting that accurate and qualified statistics are important for our country and implementation of NSDS is to be supported.

In working towards the development of the statistics sector, ministries are required to do



Vice President U Henry Van Thio delivers the opening speech at the Myanmar Statistics Forum 2018 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



both horizontal cooperation and vertical cooperation. As horizontal cooperation, ten work groups were formed according to statistics sectors to cooperate and implement NSDS. At the moment relevant work groups and NSDS Action Plan is placed as Living Document and each were being implemented. Relevant Stakeholders are also invited to cooperate and participate for further development of the statistics sector. Development partner organizations are thanked for helping in the development of the statistics sector.

For the development of the statistics sector it is required to nurture and develop Data Culture among the relevant departments. In addition to this it is also learnt that at the relevant state/region levels among the relevant statistics departments, committees led by states/regions chief ministers as patron and states/regions plan-

ning and finance ministers as chairpersons were formed for accuracy of statistics, having proper administrative records, statistics forms, and a uniform and correct storage in coordination with the center as vertical cooperation. The Central Statistical Organization is also working towards establishing a One Stop Data Hub.

People's lives improve as statistics become better, so relevant ministries, statistics publishers and users need to cooperate and work together towards publishing effective and accurate statistics. There is a need to connect and work to have an improved and good Statistics User-Provider Relations.

Statistics that are the basis for a country's development is required to be consistent, timely, trustworthy and firm. Only then can the statistics that reflect the country's current economic and social conditions will be

produced. Quality statistics are essential in strengthening practical policies that fulfill people's requirements and statistics is important in identifying priority sectors and regions for development. As per the saying "Better Data, Better Statistics, Better Lives" only when the quality of statistics is high can the people's lives rise.

Efforts must be made toward having complete socio-economic information to have accurate statistics. The processes of collecting, collating, analyzing and reporting of information need to be conducted effectively to have complete information.

Having accurate and quality statistics increases trust between the government and the people and the trust of the international community. Surveys need to be conducted for the development of the statistics sector. It is important to have correct and complete administrative records of departments and records that include details.

In order to conduct reviews and assessments with statistics, Statistic Literacy needs to penetrate and spread not only to departments but also to the people and private sector organizations. Our country is a developing country and despite having limitation in investing resources such as time, money and human resources in statistics, it is important to invest and use it in the most effective way. As data can be converted into policy according to the saying "From Data to Policy" if properly utilized, investments in statistics bring forth huge returns. Central committee members, development part-

ner organizations, work groups and stakeholders are urged to participate enthusiastically towards acquiring accurate and quality statistics according to the theme "Better Data, Better Statistics, Better Lives: Transforming Data Culture in Myanmar", said the Vice President.

Next, Central Committee for Accurate and High Quality Statistics Vice Chairman Union Minister U Soe Win and Ms. Janet Jackson of United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) delivered messages of greetings and Ms. Gemma of United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) explained about the main points related to statistics.

Afterwards, the Vice President presented awards to a student group from Yangon University of Economics who won the first prize in the World Statistics Day contest.

This was followed by Union Minister U Kyaw Tin and Ms. Janet Jackson presenting awards to second and third prize winning students.

A video clip recording the development of Myanmar's statistics sector was then shown after which the Vice President and attendees took a commemorative group photo.

After the ceremony, the Vice President inspected the exhibition exhibiting photographic record of works on statistics and books.

The Myanmar Statistics Forum was then continued where round table discussions, reading of 15 papers and presentation of Myanmar Statistical Information Service were conducted. —MNA (Translated by Zaw Min)



Vice President U Henry Van Thio looks around the exhibition on Myanmar Statistics Forum 2018. **PHOTO: MNA**

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)



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi receives Mr. John Nielsen, Ambassador of Denmark to Myanmar, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Second day of 12th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime, related meetings continue

The 12th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Transnational Crime and its Related Meetings (12th AMMTC) continued for the second day on Thursday in Nay Pyi Taw. The 9th AMMTC+3 involving dialogues partners China, Japan and South Korea, the 6th AMMTC+ China and the 4th AMMTC+ Japan were also held at Myanmar International Convention Centre II (MICC-II) in Nay Pyi Taw.

The 9th AMMTC+3 was held at 8.30 am and was attended by Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe chaired the meeting and ministers and ministerial level delegates from 10 ASEAN countries and dialogues partners China, Japan and South Korea, the Secretary-General of ASEAN and officials, senior



Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe and Ministers from ASEAN Countries join hands as they pose during the 2nd day of the 12th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

officials and representatives from respective countries. Simultaneously, Vice Minister of the Department of Home

Affairs of the Philippines Mr. Bernardo C. Florece, Jr. co-chaired the 6th AMMTC+ China and Deputy Minister of Public

Security of Viet Nam Senior Lieutenant General Le Quy Vuong also co-chaired the 4th AMMTC+Japan.

During the 12th AMMTC and its related meetings, officials confirmed four approvals and made two decisions concerning with programme works and implementation program for prevention and suppression of terrorism, trafficking and other crimes. Officials confirmed three approvals and made one decision in the 9th AMMTC+3.

Following the meeting, a press release on the meetings was issued and the ceremony was attended by Union Minister Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Aung Thu and officials, Secretary-General of ASEAN Dato Lim Jock Hoi and executive director. — MNA ■
(Translated by Myat Thandar Aung)

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Labeling rules for imported medical devices discussed

By May Thet Hnin

FOOD and Drug Administration Department under the Department of Consumer Affairs held a conference regarding labeling rules and regulations for imported medical devices and apparatuses in cooperation with Myanmar Pharmaceuticals & Medical Equipment Entrepreneurs' Association on 2 November at UMFCCEI, Yangon.

The Consumer Affairs Department announced on 26 October that the products which are being distributed in the local market will be required to use the Myanmar language on their labels along or with other languages. The new regulations cover instructions for use, storage, advice on poisonous ingredients and precautions against possible side effects.

Items covered include food, household appliances, children's facilities, communications equipment, medicines and food supplements, chemicals, cosmetics, consumer products, and professional equipment.

"Businesses will have six months to comply with the official notification, once it is released. But now, we conducted this conference for the medical equipment importers because they are worried about their procedures," said U Zaw Moe Khine, chairman of the Myanmar Pharmaceutical & Medical Equipment



A conference for labeling rules and regulations for imported medical devices and apparatuses being held at UMFCCEI in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MAY THET HNIN**

Entrepreneurs' Association.

For medical and other supplements, those products which are bought by the doctor's prescriptions do not need to use Myanmar language. But other varieties of medicines and traditional medicines need label stickers. But some of the products are in too small and they have difficulty in sticking the label. For those products, they need to be sold together with pamphlets and leaflets. When they are conducting this process, they need to get recommendations from FDA to see whether those labels and products are matched or not, said an official.

The label stickers are needed to be put on the products which will be distributed six months later. At the end, the products must carry Myanmar

label stickers for the consumers. We will not check at the stores, but at the markets. We have already formed Post Market Surveillance for checking the products in the market six months later, said U Ye Htut Naing, director of the Consumer Affairs Department.

In doing so, although most of the drug companies can comply with the new rules and regulations, there are still some that find it difficult to comply. Therefore, they had requested to give them six more months for preparations. They are also making complaints that they cannot afford the verification fees and they requested the authorities not to charge the verification fees, said U Zaw Moe Khine.

The instructions were issued according to the 2014 Consumer Protection Law.

The businesses, that fail to follow the instructions, will be given first-time warning, serious warning, fine and finally, distribution of the products will be banned for a certain period.

The SOP which includes detailed information of the Myanmar label sticker for the goods will be issued very soon by the related Ministry with the assistance of the USAID, according to the Consumer Affairs Department under the Ministry of Commerce.

This instruction will be issued for the businesses to follow before enactment of the Labeling Law. Recently, the new consumer Protection Law is being drawn and will be enacted next year. The new law will include new rules that will require Myanmar labels on the products. ■ (Translated by Hay Mar Tin Win)

MraukU Township chief officer inspects one-home solar system installations

MRAUKU Township Chief Officer U Tun Yan Naing Thu and officials inspected

the installation progress of the National Electrification Plan (NEP) (ICB-2) solar power



MraukU Township Chief Officer U Tun Yan Naing Thu inspects installation progress of solar power system in MraukU Township, Rakhine State. **PHOTO: DISTRICT IPRD**

er systems for individual homes in the villages in MraukU Township, Rakhine State yesterday.

The costs related to the installation are covered with loans from the World Bank, procured by the Department of Rural Development and public funds and the project is slated to be completed within the 2017-2018 fiscal year.

The NEP (ICB-2) plans to install 225 small-scale and 58 large-scale systems in homes across Nat Chaung Village, Jin Chay Village, Tar Ze Haung Village, Kan Pine Chaung Village and Myauk Chaung Village.

So far, 40 small-scale and 18 large-scale have been installed in Kan Pine Chaung Village, and 59 small-scale and 28 large-scale systems have been installed in Myauk Chaung Village.

In related news, the MraukU Township's Department of Rural Development installed light bulbs and fluorescent lamps for schools and monasteries in Myauk Chaung Village and also installed 9 solar powered lampposts along the village roads. ■ (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



Chairman of Myanmar Investment Commission U Thaung Tun attends Myanmar Investment Commission (18/2018) meeting held in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Myanmar Investment Commission meeting approves 10 enterprises creating 800 jobs

YANGON—The Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) meeting (18 / 2018) was convened at the meeting room of MIC in Yangon on 2 November, 2018. The meeting approved ten enterprises, including education and health services, and creating about (800) job opportunities for local people. The meeting was attended by U Thaung Tun, Chairman of MIC, and ten members of MIC.—MNA ■

Border trade with Thailand exceeds \$73.78 million so far



Containerships dock in Yangon Port. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAH**

BILATERAL border trade between Myanmar and Thailand this fiscal year totaled US\$144.6 million, with exports worth \$84.013 million and imports worth \$60.624 million, according to the official statistics issued by the Ministry of Commerce.

Between 1 October and 26 October this year, trade between the two countries totaled \$144.6 million, while at this time last year, the bilateral trade was \$70.84 million.

Myanmar and Thailand

continue to conduct trade through seven cross-border gates at Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthoung, Myeik, Hteekhee, Maese and Mawtaung. Among these border gates, Myawady has the largest volume and value of trade.

Among all border trade camps, the Myawady gate saw the largest value of trade with \$57.4 million, followed by Hteekhee with \$48.4 million, Kawthoung with \$17.5 million and Myeik with \$15.4 million.

The trade value from all

border crossings between 1 and 26 October this fiscal year exceeded \$479.2 million, increasing by \$137 million over the same period of last fiscal year.

Myanmar primarily imports a wide range of consumer products, food, soft drinks, cooking oil, plastic ware, and cosmetics, while exporting marine products, agricultural commodities and other items to neighboring country.—Zwe ■

(Translated by Hay Mar Tin Win)

Myanmar earns over \$948 million from export sector in 2018-2019 FY

MYANMAR'S exports to overseas countries as of 26 October in the 2018-2019 fiscal year totalled US\$948 million, up by \$365 million matched against the same period last fiscal year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

The total export figures included over \$152 million by the public sector and over \$795 million by the private sector.

Between 1 October and 26 October this fiscal year, the country exported domestically produced products worth over \$618 million through maritime routes, while \$329 million worth of goods went to the partner international buyers through land borders, according to the ministry.

During the same period, the country exported its ma-

for products, covering \$168 million worth of agricultural products, \$34.3 million worth of animal products, \$64.8 million worth of marine products, \$82.5 million worth of minerals, \$15.1 million worth of forest products, \$487.4 million worth of manufactured goods and other miscellaneous items worth \$96.2 million.

Of the seven groups of commodities, the public sector exported mineral products, forest products, manufactured goods and other goods.

Compared with the last fiscal year, the public sector's export of commodities this year increased by \$96.8 million, while the private sector's exports rose by \$268.3 million.—Zwe ■ (Translated by Hay Mar Tin Win)

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Anti-Corruption Commission Chairman attends 14th Principals meeting of the SEA-PAC, workshop in Singapore

U Aung Kyi, Chairman of Anti-Corruption Commission and party attended the 14th Principals Meeting of the Southeast Asia Parties Against Corruption (SEA-PAC) and Applying Innovation Tools in the Fight Against Corruption workshop held in Singapore from 29-31 October.

The 14th Principals meeting of the Southeast Asia parties against corruption (SEA-PAC) was chaired by Singapore's Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB). During the meeting, chairman of Anti-Corruption Commission U Aung Kyi openly discussed on the preventive measures in the fight against corruption and participated in the discussion titled "Cooperation with all stakeholders to emerge a culture that has zero tolerance for corruption". At the meeting all the participants

openly discussed on-going process of the SEA-PAC (2017-2019), empowerment schemes for the SEA-PAC member countries and a proposal of changing the present term of SEA-PAC into ASEAN anti-corruption agency.

Applying Innovative Tools in the Fight Against Corruption workshop was co-organized by Singapore's Corrupt Practices Investigation Bureau (CPIB) and United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC) and members of SEA-PAC countries attended it.

At the workshop, the participants discussed the topics relating to using applications of modern techniques in the process of filing a complaint against the corruption, the benefits of using mobile technology and online-communication system, application of digital processing, the important role of getting



Anti-corruption Chairman U Aung Kyi poses for the documentary photo with participants at the 14th Principals meeting of the Southeast Asia parties against corruption in Singapore. **PHOTO: MNA**

transparency facts and the role of technology to monitor financial sectors.

Anti-Corruption Commission Chairman U Aung Kyi and party arrived back in

Yangon by flight on 1 November.—MNA ■
(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

Deputy Minister for Information inspects preparation for Children's Literature Festival in Patheingyi

Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun inspected preparation works to hold Children's Literature Festival, Children's literature Exhibition and Book Sales jointly organized by Ministry of Information, Ministry of Education and Ayeyawady Region government at Patheingyi University, Patheingyi, Ayeyawady Region, yesterday

afternoon.

The Deputy Minister observed the rehearsal of the student band, inspected the exhibits of the universities, basic education high schools and private schools from Ayeyawady Region, outstanding people of Ayeyawady Region exhibit, Ayeyawady Region police force's crime information

exhibit, books exhibit displayed by Information and Public Relations Department, children's reading room and book stalls.

Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun then visited Myanmar Radio and Television Retransmission station at Ye Kyi Oo Ward, Patheingyi.—Thi Thi Min, Min Thit (MNA) ■
(Translated by Thanda Aung)



Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun inspects the preparations for Children's Literature Festival at Patheingyi University, Patheingyi Township, Ayeyawady Region. **PHOTO: SOE MIN (IPRD)**

UEC Member U Myint Naing inspects constituencies in Yangon



UEC member U Myint Naing inspects preparations made at a polling station in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: SOE MIN (IPRD)**

MEMBER of Union Election Commission U Myint Naing (in-charge of the Yangon Region) together with Yangon Region Election Sub-Commission chairman U Kyi Myint and members yesterday inspected Tamu Township's Pyithu Hluttaw constituency and Seikkan Township Regional Hluttaw constituency 2 for today's by-election.

During the visit, they inspected readiness for holding by-election at the polling stations. He also inspected preparation made by township public health department, Myanmar Red Cross Society, and volunteer team to assist voting of handicapped people, and advance voting conducted at the ward election sub-commission offices.—MNA ■
(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

4th ASEAN Plus Three Education Ministers meeting (4th APT EMM) convenes in Nay Pyi Taw

THE 4th ASEAN Plus Three (China, Japan and ROK) Education Ministers meeting (4th APT EMM) on Education was held, under the theme of “Promoting lifelong learning for ASEAN countries through conducting qualified education and trainings”, at the Kempinski Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw, on Thursday.

Union Minister Dr. Myo Thein Gyi acted as Chair, Mr. Satoshi Ashidate, Deputy Minister of Japan for Tourism, Arts and Culture as Co-chair at the meeting.

The participants took part in the discussion and made the approval of academic criteria for student exchange programmes between the SAEAN countries and Plus Three (China, Japan and ROK) countries and promoting student exchange programmes. Other topics included academic exchange and China Scholarships for students of ASEAN countries, higher academic sector on peace and



Union Minister Dr. Myo Thein Gyi and participants join hands as they pose during the 4th ASEAN Plus Three (China, Japan and ROK) Education Ministers meeting (4th APT EMM) in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

prosperity for ROK and ASEAN countries, e-learning and vocational training sectors.

In the afternoon, the 4th

ASEAN and East Asia Summit Education Ministers (Australia, China, India, Japan and ROK) meeting continued and the

participants held discussions with matters relating to quality assurance system between ASEAN member countries and

Australia, quality assurance framework of the technological and vocational training schools in ASEAN regions, student exchange programmes for China, Japan and the US, scholarship schemes, technical and vocational education and training (TVET), establishment of a network for technological and vocational trainings for ASEAN region assisted by ROK.

At the meeting, the participants pledged to carry out the Manila Plan of Action to advance the Phnom Penh Declaration on the East Asia Summit Development Initiative (2018-2022) with the inclusion of 14 areas of cooperations through continuous joint efforts among the ASEAN member countries and its dialogue partners.

Following this, Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi presented the gifts to the attendees and concluded the meeting.—MNA ■

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

MoE holds coord meeting on TVET school curriculum higher education sector management

A coordination meeting on the curriculum of government technical and vocational education training (TVET) schools under Ministry of Education, Department of Technical and Vocational Education and Training was held at Ministry of Education office No. 21 yesterday morning.

At the meeting Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi said National Education Strategic Plan (2016-2021) was drawn up and set for Myanmar education sector development and efforts are being made toward balanced development of basic education sector, higher education sector and technical and vocational education sector. Human resources development plays a major role in socio-economic development. Having a good education system and a good curriculum is important to produce skilled technicians and experts for human resources development. Subject wise curriculums are to be drawn up according to set norms and frames and must be appropriate to the region and meet the requirement of the



Union Minister Dr. Myo Thein Gyi addresses the coordination meeting at the Ministry of Education office in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

region. Furthermore cooperation is required between TVET schools and private technical businesses. Only when efforts are made to connect and work together can there be success in vocational education. For the development of TVET, the two sides need to draw up work site practical programs and programs that can be conducted in schools and work sites while assessments and test should be appropriate for the trainings said the Union Minister.

The meeting then discussed and coordinated on school wise works conducted.

From there, the Union Minister and party attended the higher education sector management coordination meeting held at Ministry of Education office No. 13.

The meeting was attended by rectors, headmasters and officials of universities, degree colleges and colleges it is learnt. — MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Yangon celebrates ban with Voices for Wildlife Festival

VOICES for Wildlife Festival began at the Mahabandoola Park yesterday to celebrate the region-wide ban on wildlife sales in Yangon.

The Regional Government of Yangon announced the ban in September 2018, making it the first major city in Southeast Asia to move towards becoming “illegal wildlife trade free.”

Highlights of this year’s Festival include a stunning new installation by Myanmar artist Arker Kyaw; performances by over a dozen stars including Ni Ni Khin Zaw, Kyaw Thiha, Chu Sitt Han, Naw Naw, Mee No bun-

ny Phyo, and Chan Chan; and a wide range of wildlife-themed activities for the family. The Festival is open to the public, free of charge. Myanmar boasts the richest and most diverse wildlife in Southeast Asia, including riters, Asian elephants, and the most trafficked species globally-pangolins. Voices for Wildlife Festival comes a year after the launch of the VOICES FOR MOMOS campaign that united government, NGOs, corporates, and celebrities to call for an end to wildlife sales following the dramatic rise in elephant poaching and skinning.—Lin Thit ■



PHOTO: PHOE KHAWR

Save our hornbills from extinction in Chin State

IN Chin State, the population of the great hornbill (Buceros bicornis), also known as the great Indian hornbill or great pied hornbill is declining, according to environmental conservationists.

The government has urged local residents to protect Chin State's great pied hornbills, along with the Taungzalat trees, which are also in danger of becoming extinct, and are both symbols of the state.

To save the two symbols of the Chin people from extinction, conservationists are making monthly conservation efforts to protect the birds using SMART Technology.

As a national duty, all of us are obliged to conserve Chin State's hornbills and the Taungzalat trees, to ensure they do not become extinct.

Today, tourists are not able to see the great pied hornbills, which are a proud symbol of the state, as their numbers are rapidly declining due to hunting.

Thirty years ago, we could see hornbills in many areas in the southern part of Chin State. But now, we can spot them in only five areas.

Today, tourists are not able to see the great pied hornbills, which are a proud symbol of the state, as their numbers are rapidly declining due to hunting.

Conservationists have warned that hunting, which is considered part of the traditional culture of the Chin people, is driving several species of wildlife into extinction, including the hornbills, which are hunted for food.

The great hornbill, the state bird, is mostly found in the southern part of Chin State. In a survey conducted in March 2017, conservationists found the remaining birds residing in only a few locations.

Twelve hornbills were recorded by conservationists with the use of SMART technology near Nhone Village in Mindet in January this year, according to the Forest Department.

The conservationists from the department have organised committees, appointing four local youths in their camps to develop procedures to protect the birds.

But, there remain many difficulties in systematically protecting wild animals in their natural environment, as they face daily assaults by illegal hunters and poachers.

The main reasons why the hornbills are being brought to the brink of extinction is because they are hunted for food, and also for trophies.

The worst reason is because the heads of hornbills are used to decorate guest rooms in homes.

For these reasons, it is necessary to organize local residents to actively take part in conserving the natural environment, and to educate the public about conserving our priceless natural environment.

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What is Research?

One of the characteristics of research is to find new ways and means for betterment of humankind after making systematic investigation into and study of the past. Logical thinking is a part of research. Buddha's teachings also point out the logical thinking. The point is that logical and systematic search for new and useful information is the essence of research. The first and foremost objective of every research is to increase the stock of knowledge and the second is to present the cause and effect. These objectives cannot be separated from one another. Education is the main vessel of a country so do research centers in universities and colleges. Only academic affairs cannot bring achievement, but harmonization between academic affairs and research leads to excellence.

Research Works Became Obsolescent

Before Myanmar gaining her independence under British colonial rule, there was a research association in the country called Burma Research Society. It was founded by J S Furnivall who valued Myanmar's education, and Myanmar scholars. Research papers published in the Journal of Burma Research Society were great because the research works focused on numerous fields from various points of view. It was a pride of Myanmar and scholars in the international community had to refer to it.

Unfortunately, it was abolished in 1962 under Revolutionary Council under the pretext of the society being founded by foreigners. This led to ending of the publication of the journal and research works also came to a halt. But in 1966, faculties in university led the publication of Pyannya Padethar journal published by the Directorate of University Education. It was published in both arts and science disciplines. The journal brought the research work to some extent. It was also came to a halt due to misunderstanding on Sayargyi Min Thu Wun who led the university translation and publication department. Thenceforth, the department was relegated.

Research Paper Reading Sessions Prohibited

Things went from bad to worse in the education sector. Myanmar Research Congress Paper Reading Sessions were held yearly since 1966 in the university campus. The author of this article was encouraged by the sounds of these research paper reading sessions. Linguistic and cultural papers were also read in the session in addition to science and arts papers. But this was suspended in 1980 and Myanmar research paper reading session came to an end. Disappearance of research platforms in universities and colleges is the great loss for the country.

Quantitative or Qualitative Research?

During the successive gov-

ernments over 50 years of period, the future of the education sector dimmed and the research platform disappeared. Under the education ministry, there emerged hundreds of universities and colleges in states and divisions which focused mainly on academic teaching. The saying that goes "The monastery is great but with people on empty stomachs" became true as the universities and colleges are not up to the international standard. If you make universities count across Myanmar, you will find just one research center in Yangon University. This center depends mainly on a very limited fund resulting in delaying in progress. More needs to be done for meeting international standard. Effective and efficient research works cannot be carried out due to various needs such as unstandardized labs although there were laboratories, lack of equipment, power outage, lack of skilled lab assistants, lack of fulltime research, teachers are lack of interest in research and so on.

The oldest universities in the country like Yangon and Mandalay universities produced doctorates and master degree holder who have done their research works mainly focusing on a very simple and easy subjects. Some research works differ only in specimen but the theme and approach are the same. When we were students at the master classes in 1970s, our professors were mostly doctorate degree holders who got their degree at

universities abroad. They were experienced and learned persons. The number of candidate students is too small that we could do different research works. We had to spend at least four to five years on our qualifying exam and thesis. After 1988, the quality of education became low and Master degrees were conferred on those who did not write their thesis and also there emerged doctorate degree holders who have done their papers just in six months or a year. Therefore it is not strange to see that many are doctorate degree holders. Some research papers are the same as they choose the same subject leading to quantity but lack of quality. Such titular research works create no good research platforms. Other reasons why teachers are not interested in research works are that they are loaded with teaching and other duties, weakness in providing cash and kind to research fields and just focusing on promotion.

What is Good Research Environment?

Universities need a good teaching and research environment. First, freedom of education is a must meaning freedom of thought, freedom of expression and freedom of act or freedom of choice. Philosopher Bertrand Russel said that development of knowledge depends on freedom of thought. There are many needs for emergence of good research environment. To fulfil these needs we need to take at least a decade.

As far as I am concerned, every university is equipped with labs of international standard with full equipment, IT and computer departments, e-library filled with books, papers and references, enough funds for short- and long-term research works. They also need research societies and clubs for the respective subjects, 24-hour power-supply, cooperation among universities in the country in research works, cooperation with universities abroad, win-win cooperation with domestic business companies, creating opportunities of further studies for faculty members and

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students, annual paper reading sessions and workshops on research, publishing research journals and handsome awards for excellent researcher and teachers. If these happened there will be a good research environment in the country.

Guidance on Research

At the education development implementation symposium, the State Counsellor requested the scholars to do research on matters which are in conformity with the country. She pointed out the needs of materials for doing research and also said the involvement of private business sector for the material needs. Regarding research work in developed countries, she said, tycoons contribute much to research. She exhorted them to get such contributions. She concluded saying that laying foundation of struggling for better future of the country is crucial for the higher education. Her suggestion is worthy of note.

For Research Development

Due to closed door policy since 1962, Yangon and other universities were isolated from other global universities and institutions. But now, it is encouraged to see that under the democratic government, MoUs have been signed between the government and international research institutions and universities to enhance research cooperation. Excellent teachers should be sent abroad for fur-

ther studies. They should also be sent to attend research conferences, workshops and trainings. Post-graduate students should also be sent abroad as scholars to do research work. Undergrad Students Exchange Programmes should be implemented among ASEAN countries.

The most important thing is teachers and students in every university should be crazy about research. A researcher needs perseverance, tenacity, and real sense of commitments to the job. Applied research which can meet the requirements of businessmen will surely attract them who will make investment in research work. Cooperation between the government and the private sector is essential for research development. We cannot solely rely on government. We need to follow the example of universities which become autonomous universities in the world. The government should encourage universities to do research independently and become autonomous ones.

Creating good research environment in the country will surely bring about applied research work benefitting the nation and its citizens. This will surely produce excellent researchers. Only when research works in universities develop, will the national interest be promoted. ■

Translated By Wallace

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EARTHQUAKE NEWS

(Issued at 01:00 hour MST)

A slight earthquake of magnitude (4.0) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside Myanmar (about (12) miles southeast of Myitkyina), latitude 25.24°N, longitude 97.50°E, depth (10)kilometers about (19) miles south of Myitkyina seismological observatory was recorded at (00)hr (32)min (58)sec M.S.T on 2nd November, 2018.

Myanmar her Daily WeatReport

(Issued on Friday 2 November 2018)

SUMMARY OF OBSERVATIONS RECORDED AT 09:30 hrs MST: During the past (24) hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin, Chin and Rakhine states, weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining regions and states. Night temperatures were (5°C) below November average temperature in Northern Shan State, (3°C) to (4°C) below November average temperatures in Sagaing and Taninthayi regions, Eastern Shan and Kayah states, (2°C) below November average temperatures in Mandalay, Magway and Yangon regions, Kachin, Southern Shan and Chin states and about November average temperatures in the remaining regions and states. The significant night temperatures were (8°C)each in Hsipaw, Loilin and Haka, (10°C)each in Nawnghkio, Namsam, Mongyang, Tiddim and PyinOoLwin. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mingin (0.16)inch, Haka, Matupi and Thandwe (0.04)inch each.

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF 3 November 2018: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Kachin and Chin states and isolated in Upper Sagaing and Yangon regions, Shan and Rakhine states. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining regions and states.

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4 - 7) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Continuation of likelihood of slight decrease of night temperatures in Kachin, Shan and Chin states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 November 2018: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 November 2018: Partly cloudy.

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 November 2018: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND: Weather will be partly cloudy in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay regions.

Luxury cruise ship with 486 passengers arrives in Yangon

SILVER Muse luxury cruise ship from the United State of America arrived at Thilawa Port in Yangon on 2 November morning carrying 486 passengers.

The visitors will stay until 4 November and will visit Yangon and nearby places.

Most of the passengers are British and American and there are 404 crews on the ship. It departed from Colombo Port and will proceed to Phuket beach in Thailand.

The tour of the Silver Muse was handled by Myanmar Voyages Company and the Port Agent was Wallen Shipping Company. From 2018 January to April, seven cruise ships from US, two from Germany, one from Britain and two from Japan visited Yangon Port and Silver Muse is the very first cruise ship to arrive in this opening season. — Maung Toe ■

(Translated by Myat Thandar Aung)



Silver Muse luxury cruise ship from the United State of America docks at Thilawa Port in Yangon on 2 November. **PHOTO: MNA**

Sedona Hotel (Yangon) transfer fund to Daw Khin Kyi Foundation

FUND raised through a dinner and entertainment program jointly organized by the Daw Khin Kyi Foundation and Sedona Hotel (Yangon) was transferred to the foundation yesterday.

At the fund raising event on October 5 at the Sedona Hotel in Yangon, US\$ 190,000 was raised with a dinner and entertainment event.

The fund was transferred by General Manager of the Sedona Hotel Mr. Mok Kok Meng to a member of the working committee of Daw Khin Kyi Foundation.

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The Daw Khin Kyi Foundation, founded in 2012, has already launched 14 mobile libraries for 102,000 people including 70,000 students. Moreover, the foundation helped 600 people to learn at HCTA Hotel training school for four consecutive years.

US\$ 120,000 raised at the first fund raising festival held in 2016 will be used for health and education activities for needy people. — Aung Thura ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

950 ecstasy pills found in parcel at Yangon Central Post Office

A LOCAL anti-drug squad seized 950 ecstasy pills found in a parcel at Foreign Mail Department in Central Post Office, Yangon on Thursday morning.

The parcel was sent from Germany and was addressed to Mr. Bas Dijers, No. (608), Merchant Street, Pabedan Township. The officials from the post office checked the suspicious parcel and discovered 950 MONCLER labeled ecstasy pills worth Ks 95 million. Officials then waited for

Later that morning, the parcel was picked up by Kyaw Htut and Pwa Gyi @ Zaw Ko

Naing who came with a Toyota Mark II. During the interrogation, the two suspects said the owner of the pills is Ye Min from Baukhtaw Station Road, 15 Ward, Yankin Township.

Ye Min was arrested together with a car. During the investigation, it was found out that Ye Min created an email account under the name Mr. Bas Dijers and bought the ecstasy pills online.

The police filed charges against the three under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic substances Law.—MNA ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

ASEAN SME Policy Index 2018, Myanmar National Dissemination Seminar held in Nay Pyi Taw

Myanmar National Dissemination Seminar of the ASEAN SME Policy Index 2018 jointly organized by Ministry of Industry, Directorate of Industrial Supervision & Inspection, the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) and East Asia (ERIA)

was held at M-Gallery Hotel yesterday.

Director-General of the Directorate of Industrial Supervision & Inspection Daw Aye Win delivered an opening address followed with discussion by OECD's Mr. Max Bulakovskiy and Mr. Rahmasari

ISTIANDARI on ASEAN Regional Level SME Policy Index 2018, technical matters and work processes. Officials from OECD, ERIA and invited guests were present in the seminar.—MNA ■

(Translated by Myat Thandar Aung)

25,600 companies registered in three months with MyCO registration system

OVER 25,600 companies have registered by using the MyCO Myanmar Companies Online registration system, according to Director U Myo Min of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

The MyCO registration system was launched on 1 August 2018. Within three months until 31 October, the number of new company registration with MyCo reached more than 5,600 and the number of old companies reached over 20,000.

The Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA) have announced

that the existing registered companies have to re-register by using MyCO registry on 31 January 2019 and if an existing company does not register electronically before the deadline, its registration will be canceled.

"There are 312,019 registered companies and they all need to re-register by January 31, 2019 with MyCO. They got 6 months to register and it is enough time," said Deputy Director General of DICA U Than Aung Kyaw.

"Regarding the new registration system, we can distinguish between local and foreign companies easily by looking at

the status of company," he added.

"According to the 2017 Companies Law, they are just registered. We found foreign companies that came from overseas and just registered here for share holdings. As registration period is six months, filing of any returns are waived as it is still at the beginning stage," said Director U Myo Min. Currently, there are over 60,000 local and foreign companies which have already registered, according to the statistics from DICA. — Nyein Nyein ■

(Translated by Myat Thandar Aung)

Trump, Xi eye G20 talks after ‘very good’ phone call



US President Donald Trump. PHOTO: AFP

WASHINGTON — US President Donald Trump said Thursday he had “very good” talks with Chinese leader Xi Jinping on the trade conflict between the two economic giants, and meetings were being planned at the G20 summit at the end of this month.

The phone call comes as tensions between the world’s two biggest economies are rising on several fronts, including

commerce and security.

“Just had a long and very good conversation with President Xi Jinping of China. We talked about many subjects, with a heavy emphasis on Trade,” Trump tweeted.

Trump said trade talks were “moving along nicely” and that meetings were “being scheduled” at the G20 summit in Buenos Aires. Xi said he was “very

happy” to talk to Trump again and attaches “great importance to good relations with the president”, according to China’s official Xinhua news agency.

The Chinese president also said he would like to meet Trump at the G20.

Disagreements on trade have “adversely affected” industries from both countries as well as global trade, Xi said.

“China does not want to see this,” he said, according to Xinhua. “The economic teams of the two countries should strengthen contact, conduct consultations on issues of mutual concern, and push for a mutually acceptable solution to China-US economic and trade issues,” Xi said.

Washington and Beijing are in an increasingly high-stakes standoff over Trump’s aggressive move to end what he says have been years of unfair trade practices by China, including rampant intellectual property

theft, forced technology transfers and market access barriers.

Trump imposed new tariffs on roughly half of Chinese imports this summer while Beijing fired back with tariffs on most US products.

Trump said he and Xi also had “a good discussion on North Korea.” The US leader wants to maintain United Nations sanctions and pressure to compel Pyongyang to abandon its nuclear programme, even as he prepares for a second summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. Xi said the situation on the Korean peninsula has “undergone positive changes.”

“It is hoped that the United States and (North Korea) will take care of each other’s concerns and further advance the denuclearization of the Korean peninsula,” he said, adding that “China will continue to play a constructive role.” — AFP ■

United Kingdom government hit by resignation over gambling stakes

LONDON (United Kingdom) — British Prime Minister Theresa May’s government lost its sport minister on Thursday in a row over slot machine stakes.

Sport and Civil Society Minister Tracey Crouch submitted her resignation after the government seemingly delayed cutting the maximum size of an electronic gambling machine bet from £100 to £2 (\$2.60, 2.30 euros).

The government is rolling the measure out in October 2019 instead of April — the date backed by Crouch — to give the treasury time to come up with a new gaming tax that could compensate for the lost budget revenues.

“It is with great sadness that I write to tender my resignation,” Crouch wrote in her letter to May.

“It is a fact of Government that ministers must adhere to collective responsibility and cannot disagree with policy.”

May argued in letter addressed to Crouch and released by Downing Street that there had “been no delay in bringing forward this important measure”.

Her government denied claims that MPs had been led to believe that the rollout had been set for April.

But May added: “Having taken the decision to make this very significant cut in the maximum stakes, we must ensure that this change can be made in an orderly and effective manner”.

Crouch wrote that not having the cut introduced next April will see an additional £1.6 billion “lost on these machines, a significant amount of which will be in our most deprived areas”.

Gambling on everything from sports to royal baby names is a British tradition stretching back decades.

But electronic gambling machines have been targeted by campaigners because they are believed to be especially heavily used by the poor.

May’s government has suffered a string of resignations linked to difficult negotiations with the European Union about the terms of Britain’s split from the bloc in March. — AFP ■

China to showcase peacekeeping role with UN Security Council visit

UNITED NATIONS (United States) — China has invited the UN Security Council for a visit this month that will showcase its growing support for peacekeeping and include a tour of the modern cities of Shenzhen and Guangzhou, the UN ambassador said on Thursday.

The visit will highlight China’s role as a global player at a time when the United States is pulling back from multilateral institutions like the United Nations.

As part of its Security Council presidency for November, China is also planning a debate on strengthening multilateralism and the role of the United Nations.

The council trip to Beijing and southern China marks a departure from the usual visits to conflict areas. China’s United Nations Ambassador Ma Zhaoxu called the trip a “side event” instead of a formal visit.

After the United States, China is the second largest financial contributor to the UN peacekeeping budget, but is the largest troop contributor of the council’s five permanent members.

About 2,500 Chinese peacekeepers are serving in complex missions in South Sudan, Mali, Sudan’s Darfur region and the

Democratic Republic of Congo.

Council ambassadors will tour a defense ministry training facility near Beijing, established for an 8,000-strong reserve force for UN peace operations.

“China is one of the major contributors to UN peacekeeping operations. We are attaching more and more importance to UN peacekeeping operations,” both financially and in terms of resources, Ma told a news conference.

The stops at Shenzhen and

Guangzhou will allow ambassadors to get a feel for China’s development and reforms, he added. The visit is expected to take place around November 22 to 25.

Next week, China will chair a debate on strengthening multilateralism that follows calls during the UN gathering of world leaders in September to defend global institutions in the face of a US retreat.

President Donald Trump’s administration has cut funding

to the United Nations, pulled out of the UN Human Rights Council and walked away from UN-backed agreements including the Paris climate accord and the Iran nuclear deal.

The November 9 debate will seek to shore up support for the United Nations.

The Chinese ambassador said “international rules and multilateral mechanisms are being undermined”, creating a world “filled with uncertainties and destabilizing factors.” — AFP ■



About 2,500 Chinese peacekeepers are serving in complex missions including in South Sudan, where these Blue Helmets from China were patrolling in Juba, in October 2016. PHOTO: AFP

Japan cabinet approves bill to accept foreign workers

TOKYO (Japan) — Japan's cabinet on Friday approved a draft bill to bring more blue-collar foreign workers into the country, in a controversial move to address chronic labour shortages.

The draft legislation, now likely to be submitted to parliament as soon as Friday, has come under attack from both the opposition and members of Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's own party, but business leaders say it is desperately needed.

The bill would allow foreign nationals with skills in sectors facing particularly severe shortages to obtain five-year visas, which would not allow them to bring their families.

Foreign workers in those fields who hold stronger qualifications and pass a more difficult Japanese language test will be able to obtain a visa that can be extended indefinitely, eventually leading to residency, and will be able to bring over family.

Abe has insisted the new policy does not represent a wholesale overhaul of the country's strict immigration policy.

Japan will only accept foreign workers "who have specific skills and can work immediately to address serious labour

shortages, only in sectors that genuinely need them", he told lawmakers on Thursday.

But the bill has nonetheless faced a raft of criticism, potentially jeopardising government hopes to pass it before the end of the year and launch the visas from April.

There have been questions about whether an influx of foreign workers will depress wages, how the workers will be incorporated into Japan's social security system, and worries about exploitation of migrant labour.

Among the sectors in most need are agriculture, construction, hospitality/tourism and nursing.

Many of Japan's low-skilled foreign workers are in the country under a so-called "technical training" programme, which has repeatedly faced allegations of abuse.

There have also been concerns about culture clashes in Japan, a relatively homogeneous society that prizes social harmony and order.

Asked how his government plans to integrate migrants, Abe pushed back against the idea.

"Please don't misunderstand," he told parliament.

"We are not thinking about a so-called immigration policy," he said, repeating that most of those coming in under the plan will stay for term-limited periods.

"It is impermissible to force foreigners to accept your country's values," he added. "It's important to prepare an environment for coexistence with mutual respect."

The bill has also been criticised as short on detail, with no word yet even on how many workers the government plans to bring in.

While Japan has visas for highly skilled foreign workers, it has traditionally been cautious about accepting blue-collar foreign labour, though it opened its doors in the nineties to South Americans of Japanese descent.

Businesses have long lobbied for looser immigration rules, saying they struggle to find workers in a country where unemployment hovers around 2.5 per cent and there are 165 job vacancies to every 100 job seekers.

The chronic labour shortages are only worsening as Japan's ageing and shrinking population means a declining pool of workers. —AFP ■



Officials display part of the ill-fated Lion Air flight JT 610's black box after it was recovered from the Java Sea during search operations on Thursday, 1 November. PHOTO: AFP

Search teams recover seats, wheels from Indonesia jet crash site

JAKARTA (Indonesia) — Seats, wheels and other parts of a crashed Indonesian Lion Air jet were hauled from the depths Friday, as authorities analysed black box data that may explain why the new plane plummeted into the Java Sea, killing 189 people.

Search teams have been scouring the seabed for the fuselage of the Boeing-737 MAX 8, which plunged into the waters off Indonesia's northern coast shortly after takeoff Monday despite only having been in service a few months.

"Today we will start diving (again) at the spot where we think the plane crashed," said Isswanto, commander of the Indonesian navy's search-and-rescue division.

"There is a lot of little debris, plane wheels, and seats — all totally destroyed and in pieces."

Divers were searching an area about 25-35 metres deep, but have been finding fewer body parts than earlier in the week, he added.

"They're scattered everywhere and some may have been washed away by the current."

Dozens of body bags containing remains have been recovered from the crash site so far.

Television images showed divers tying ropes to twisted plane parts scattered along the seafloor.

On Thursday, authorities said they had recovered one of the plane's black boxes, which airlines are required to install in jets, as well as parts of its landing gear.

The black box could offer investigators their best chance of discovering why such a new jet crashed. The devices help explain nearly 90 percent of all crashes, according to aviation experts.

The devices record information about the speed, altitude and direction of the plane as well as flight crew conversations.

Mechanical fault

The single-aisle Boeing plane, en route from Jakarta to Pangkal Pinang city, is one of the world's newest and most advanced commercial passenger jets. Boeing and US National Transportation Safety Board officials have joined the Indonesian team in sifting through twisted metal plane parts and piles of passengers' torn clothing, shoes, wallets and phones.

Passengers' remains are being sent to hospital for DNA identification, with the first funeral for one of the passengers held on Thursday. But many other victims have yet to be found and there are hopes more can be recovered in the bulk of the wreckage, including those who may still be strapped to their seats.

Lion Air's admission that the jet had a technical issue on a previous flight — as well its abrupt fatal dive — have raised questions about whether it had mechanical faults such as a speed-and-altitude system malfunction. The accident has resurrected concerns about Indonesia's poor air safety record which until recently saw its carriers facing years-long bans from entering European Union and US airspace.

Indonesia has had nearly 40 fatal aviation accidents in the past 15 years, according to the Aviation Safety Network.

Lion Air, Indonesia's biggest budget carrier, has been involved in a number of incidents including a fatal 2004 crash.

In 2014, an AirAsia crash in the Java Sea during stormy weather killed 162 people. The worst disaster in Indonesia's aviation history left 234 dead in 1997 when an Airbus A-300B4 operated by national carrier Garuda Indonesia crashed in a smog-shrouded ravine in North Sumatra, just short of the airport. —AFP ■



Japan is looking to boost the number of workers in the construction industry as well as other sectors including nursing and agriculture. PHOTO: AFP

China to offer financial assistance to 80 journalists injured, died at work

BEIJING — The All-China Journalists Association this year will offer financial assistance to 80 journalists who died, were injured or fell seriously ill at work, the association announced Friday.

The journalists came from

seven centrally administered media and 51 local media.

The assistance program has run for five years, granting a total of 7.24 million yuan (1.05 million U.S. dollars) in financial aid to 157 journalists.

The program was set up

to support journalists and encourage them to be professional, ethical and socially responsible.

The association revised the program in March, allowing more journalists to receive assistance. —Xinhua ■

Oceans heating faster than previously thought: study

PARIS (France) — The world's oceans have absorbed 60 per cent more heat than previously thought over the last quarter of a century, scientists said Thursday, leaving Earth more sensitive still to the effects of climate change.

Oceans cover more than two thirds of the planet's surface and play a vital role in sustaining life on Earth.

According to their most recent assessment this month, scientists from the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) say the world's oceans have absorbed 90 per cent of the temperature rise caused by man-made carbon emissions.

But new research published in the journal Nature used a novel method of measuring ocean temperature.

It found that for each of the last 25 years, oceans had absorbed heat energy equivalent to 150 times the amount of electricity mankind produces annually.

That is 60 per cent higher than previous studies showed.

Whereas those studies relied on tallying the excess heat produced by known man-made greenhouse gas emissions, a team of US-based scientists focused on two gases found naturally in the atmosphere: Oxygen and carbon dioxide.

Both gases are soluble in water, but the rate at which water absorbs them decreases as it warms.

By measuring atmospheric oxygen and CO₂ for each year, scientists were able to more accurately estimate how much heat



A scientific expedition yacht in the waters off Groix Island, Western France, on 27 October, 2018. Scientists said the world's oceans have absorbed 90 per cent of the temperature rise caused by man-made carbon emissions. PHOTO: AFP

oceans had absorbed on a global scale.

"Imagine if the ocean was only 30 feet (10 metres) deep," said Laure Resplandy, assistant professor of geosciences at Princeton and lead study author.

"Our data show that it would have warmed by 6.5 degrees Celsius (11.7 degrees Fahrenheit) every decade since 1991."

That compares with a

IPCC estimate of a 4.0 °C rise each decade.

Resplandy said the data showed mankind must once again revise down its carbon footprint, with emissions needing to fall 25 per cent compared to previous estimates.

"The result significantly increases the confidence we can place in estimates of ocean warming and therefore helps reduce

uncertainty," said Ralph Keeling, a geophysicist at the University of California-San Diego and co-author of the study.

The IPCC warns that drastic measures need taking in order to limit global warming to 1.5 Celsius by the end of the century but the world produced a record amount of carbon emissions in 2017. —AFP ■

Australia's Northern Territory urged to prepare for active cyclone season

CANBERRA — Australia's Northern Territory (NT) has been warned to brace for hurricanes on the second day of the region's Wet Season.

The NT's Wet Season began on Thursday, the first day of November, and will run through April 2019.

The Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) said on Friday that it was expecting at least three cyclones in the NT during the season.

Todd Smith, manager of the BOM in the NT, warned Territorians not to leave their cyclone preparations until it was too late.

"Tropical cyclones bring damaging winds and storm surges, with heavy rainfall and flooding, but we also see widespread impacts including flooding and strong winds from tropical low systems and severe thunderstorms right across the NT," Smith told News Corp Australia.

Tropical Cyclone Marcus made landfall in the Northern Territory (NT)

in March, bringing with it winds exceeding 230 km per hour and causing damage that cost 75 million US dollars to repair.

The category five storm was the worst to hit Darwin, capital of the NT, since 1974's Cyclone Tracy, which killed 71 people, destroyed more than 70 per cent of the city's buildings and caused approximately 4.6 billion US dollars in damage.

NT Emergency Services Director Jason Collins joined Smith in urging residents to be prepared.

"The bureau and NT Emergency Services are ready for whatever the coming season can throw at us — it's a core part of our business. Now is the time for Territorians to make sure they're ready too," he said.

"While we have a highly capable emergency service, there is also a responsibility upon individuals to make their own preparations well in advance of any significant weather events." —Xinhua ■

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Consignees of cargo carried on M.V PACITA VOY. NO. (029 W/E) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3-11-2018 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T/A.I.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY
MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE
(INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER)
(23/ 2018)

1. Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in United States Dollars and Myanmar Kyats.

Sr.No	Tender No	Description	Remark
(a)	IFB-034(18-19)	Three Phase Separator for Production 1000 PSI (1) Set	US\$
(b)	DMP/L-132(18-19)	Spares of N-815 Swivel Main Bearing (1) Set	Ks
(c)	DMP/L-133(18-19)	Skid Mounted Water Transfer Pump with Motor (700 igpm x 700 ft head), 185 KW (2) Sets	Ks
(d)	DMP/L-134(18-19)	Skid Mounted Water Transfer Pump with Engine (200 igpm x 300 psi), (73-97) KW (1) Set	Ks
(e)	DMP/L-135(18-19)	Skid Mounted Crude Transfer Pump with Engine (100 igpm x 300 psi), 75 KW (3) Sets	Ks
(f)	DMP/L-136(18-19)	900 Series Well Head Equipment (2) Sets	Ks
(g)	DMP/L-137(18-19)	600 Series Well Head Equipment (4) Sets	Ks

2. The Open Tender forms including Description of Materials / Qtty with details specifications and Tender Terms & Conditions can be available free download at the Ministry of Electricity and Energy Website Portal (www.moee.gov.mm) as from **1 November 2018**. Tender forms will not be sold.

3. The interested Bidders should submit the **Technical Specifications with Original Bid Bond and Commercial Quotation in each separate sealed envelopes** on which to be addressed to the Managing Director, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in Tender Box of the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than **14:00 pm on 26 November 2018**.

4. Tender Closing Date & Time- 26-11-2018, 14:00 pm
Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
Ph . +95 67 - 411206

Bank Holiday

All Banks will be closed on 7th November (Wednesday)
“Deepavali National Day” 2018 being public holiday under the Negotiable Instruments Act.

Central Bank of Myanmar

Family of singer Chris Cornell sues doctor over suicide

LOS ANGELES — The family of Chris Cornell is suing a Beverly Hills doctor, alleging he over-prescribed drugs to the grunge rock singer, leading to his suicide last year.

The lawsuit filed in Los Angeles Superior Court claims that Dr. Robert Koblin “negligently and repeatedly” prescribed mind-altering controlled substances — notably 940 doses of the anti-anxiety drug Lorazepam, also known as Ativan — to the singer beginning in 2015 and until his death in May 2017.

The suit, filed on behalf of Cornell’s widow, Vicky Cornell, and their two children, says that Koblin during that period kept prescribing drugs to the singer without actually examining him.

“At no time during this period did Dr. Koblin conduct a medical examination of Mr. Cornell, perform any laboratory studies, obtain an interim history or do



Vicky Cornell (right) and family Toni, Christopher and Lilli Jean Cornell hold vigil on the anniversary of Chris Cornell’s death at the Hollywood Forever Cemetery on 18 May, 2018 in Hollywood, California. **PHOTO: AFP**

any type of clinical assessment of Mr. Cornell,” according to the suit. “He did not even physically see or speak to Mr. Cornell during this period.”

The suits claims the drugs “impaired Mr. Cornell’s cognition, clouded his judgment and caused him to engage in dangerous and impulsive behaviors that he was

unable to control, costing him his life.”

“At the time of his death, Mr. Cornell had everything to live for and was planning a future of

recordings, performances and continued work as a charitable activist,” according to the lawsuit.

Koblin could not be reached for comment.

Cornell, who had a lifelong struggle with drugs and depression, was found dead on 18 May, 2017 at his hotel in Detroit after performing with his main band, Soundgarden. He was 52.

His death was ruled a suicide by hanging. The coroner’s office said although prescription drugs were found in his system, they did not cause his death.

But the singer’s widow has maintained that the prescription drugs her husband took had made him behave strangely and there was no indication he might take his own life.

The lawsuit, which seeks unspecified damages, alleges negligence, wilful misconduct and failure to obtain informed consent.—AFP ■

Over 7 million Yemeni children face food insecurity: UN

HODEIDA (Yemen) — Over seven million children face food insecurity in Yemen and ending the country’s war will not save all of them, the UN children’s agency said.

“Today, 1.8 million children under the age of five are facing acute malnutrition, and 400,000 are affected by severe acute malnutrition,” said Geert Cappelaere, regional director of UNICEF.

On 23 October, the UN said around 14 million people — half the population — in Yemen are facing “pre-famine conditions”.

When asked by AFP how many of these people are chil-

dren, Cappelaere told AFP late on Wednesday “more than half”.

UNICEF later clarified that over seven million children face food insecurity, rather than the immediate threat of famine.

“In the last couple of years, we see the number of severely acute malnourished children stabilising”, Cappelaere said.

But “ending the war is not enough,” he added, referring to a more than three year conflict that pits the government supported by a Saudi-led military coalition against Huthi rebels.

“What we need is to stop the war and (to create) a gov-

ernment mechanism that puts at the centre the people and children.

“The war is exacerbating the situation that was already bad before because of years of underdevelopment” in the Arab world’s poorest nation, Cappelaere said.

He welcomed a call by the UN on Wednesday to relaunch peace talks within a month.

He said efforts to come up with a solution in the next 30 days were “critical” to improving aid distribution and saving lives.

Cappelaere said that over 6,000 children have either been killed or sustained serious injuries since 2015.

“These are the numbers we have been able to verify, but we can safely assume that the number is higher, much higher,” he said.

Saudi Arabia and its allies entered the war to bolster Yemeni President Abedrabbo Mansour Hadi after the Iran-backed rebels took over the capital Sanaa.

Since 2015, more than 10,000 people have been killed and some 22 million — three quarters of the population — are in need of food aid, according to the UN.—AFP ■



A Yemeni man carries his child who is suffering from malnutrition into a treatment center at a hospital in Sanaa. **PHOTO: AFP**

Thai cave diver named Australian of the Year award in home state

CANBERRA — Thai cave diver Richard Harris has been named South Australia’s Australian of the Year award for his role in saving the Wild Boars soccer team in July.

Harris made international headlines after it was revealed that he was the last person to leave the flooded cave after helping rescue 12 boys and their soccer coach in northern Thailand.

The anaesthetist used his professional expertise and his cave diving skills to guide the sedated boys to safety.

The Australian of the Year Awards organization said he exhibited “character, determination and courage” during the dangerous rescue.

“Under great pressure and putting his own life at risk, he swam through the narrow cave system to assess the health of those trapped, giving the medical all-clear for each evacuee, and administering an anaesthetic to each of them within the cave to facilitate their rescue,” it said.

Accepting the award at an event in Adelaide on Thursday night, Harris said he was “overwhelmed and very, very

grateful.”

“I’m fiercely proud to be a South Australian so to get an award from the state is as good as it gets,” he said.

“I was just going about my two passions, cave diving and medicine. They have grown in parallel since my early 20s. I’ve really enjoyed that path. It seems bizarre that they combined for an event like the one in Thailand,” he said.

Harris cancelled a cave diving holiday at the last minute to join the rescue operation having been called by expert divers from Britain.

Australian of the Year winners from each of the nation’s six states and two territories form the nominees for the national Australian of the Year Awards, the winners of which will be announced on 25 January.

Harris will be up against friend and fellow cave diver Craig Challen, who was named Western Australia’s Australian of the Year on Tuesday.

“It would be much better to give him the award than I,” Harris said of his fellow diver.—Xinhua ■

NASA's Dawn asteroid mission ends as fuel runs out

WASHINGTON — Dawn, a NASA spacecraft that launched 11 years ago and studied two of the largest objects in the asteroid belt, has ended its mission after running out of fuel, officials said on Thursday.

Scientists have known for about a month that Dawn was essentially out of hydrazine, the fuel that kept the spacecraft's antennae oriented toward Earth and helped turn its solar panels to the Sun to recharge.

When the spacecraft missed scheduled communications with NASA's Deep Space Network on Wednesday and Thursday, the space agency formally declared it dead.

"The fact that my car's license plate frame proclaims, 'My other vehicle is in the main asteroid belt,' shows how much pride I take in Dawn," said mission director and chief engineer Marc Rayman at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

"The demands we put on Dawn were tremendous, but it met the challenge every time. It's hard to say goodbye to this amazing spaceship, but it's time."

"Astounding images"

Thomas Zurbuchen, associate administrator of the NASA science mission directorate in Washington, hailed Dawn's "vital science" and "incredible technical achievements."

Dawn became the only spacecraft ever to orbit a cosmic body in the main asteroid belt between Mars and Jupiter in 2011 when it began circling the asteroid Vesta.

Then it moved on to the dwarf planet Ceres in 2015, becoming the first spacecraft to visit a dwarf planet and the only spacecraft to orbit one, NASA said.

The unmanned spacecraft has traveled 4.3 billion miles (6.9 billion kilometers) since launching in 2007.

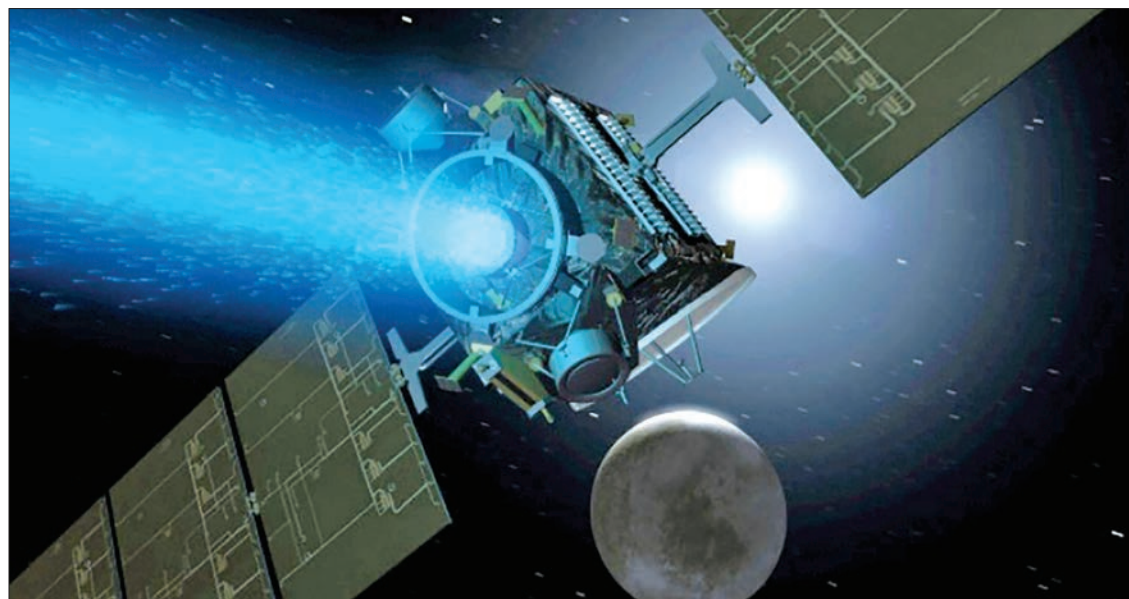
It is expected to remain in orbit around Ceres for decades, but will no longer be able to communicate with Earth. Zurbuchen said the scientific learning from Dawn's mission will go on.

"The astounding images and data that Dawn collected from Vesta and Ceres are critical to understanding the history and evolution of our solar system," he said. Dawn's demise is the latest in a series of spacecraft troubles for NASA.

The Kepler space telescope ran out of fuel earlier this week, as expected, ending its nine and a half year mission of hunting for planets outside our solar system.

NASA's Opportunity rover is stalled on the surface of Mars following a major dust storm that struck in late May and June.

The Hubble Space Telescope and Chandra X-Ray Observatory experienced technical problems last month that have since been fully repaired. —AFP ■



This artist's concept shows NASA's unmanned Dawn spacecraft - which has traveled 4.3 billion miles since it launched in 2007 - arriving at the dwarf planet Ceres. PHOTO: AFP

Researchers call for cautious, inclusive evaluations on gene editing tech

WASHINGTON — An interdisciplinary group led by Yale researchers called for global governance on gene editing to assure a neutral and informed evaluation of its potential benefits and risk on the environment.

The complex nature of gene-editing technologies requires a decision-making process on a case-by-case basis, careful and judicious review, according to the study published on Thursday in the journal Science.

Now, the Burkina Faso government looks set to the use of genetically modified mosquitoes to eradicate malaria. Some Mas-

sachusetts officials are considering gene editing as a tool in the fight against Lyme disease. Also, the technology is used to adapt coral to changing ocean conditions from Caribbean to the Great Barrier Reef.

However, there are concerns about its potential unintended consequences of releasing gene-edited organisms into the environment and little is known about its potential side effects, such as unwanted mutations and new evolutionary resistance.

"In places like Burkina Faso, for instance, it is being touted as a silver bullet to get rid of malaria.

But these technologies also have the potential to forever change the genetic makeup of species, or even drive certain species to extinction," said Natalie Kofler, an associate research scientist at the Yale School of Forestry and Environmental Studies and lead author of the paper. "Lack of global governance puts our planet at risk." The authors proposed to create a coordinating global body with the power to convene communities, developers, governmental organizations, and NGOs to assure careful and inclusive deliberation over all proposals. —Xinhua ■



Rocket Lab's Electron rocket — seen on the launch pad in Mahia, New Zealand in June 2018 — is expected to take flight sometime in November. PHOTO: AFP

Small rockets are taking off

NEW YORK — In mid-November, a company called Rocket Lab will try to send six small satellites into orbit around Earth — a fairly banal undertaking, save for the size of the launch rocket. It is only 17 meters (56 feet) tall and 1.2 meters (four feet) in diameter. And if all goes well, the US company will send up more than one of its Electron rockets every month in 2019.

Rocket Lab, which was created in 2006, completed a successful test flight in January and is expected this month to be the first of a new generation of companies to declare itself operational in the so-called "small launch industry."

The launch window opens on November 11. Barring a mishap, or another delay after a months-long technical setback, the rocket will blast off from the world's first private orbital launch range in Mahia, New Zealand. Like Rocket Lab, dozens of start-up companies are developing rockets adapted to send small, micro or nanosatellites — which weigh anything from a few kilos to a few hundred kilos (pounds) — into space. It's a whole new chapter for the "New Space Race," the latest industry revolution begun about a decade ago and based on private, not public, innovation — especially in the United States.

Rocket Lab's creation has a black carbon composite fuselage with "Electron" emblazoned on the side in white lettering.

Its engine is produced by a 3D printer in California, a move that helped cut costs, the company's chief financial officer Adam Spice told AFP. Launching from New Zealand also has its advantages over traditional sites in Florida or California: there are not nearly as many planes in the air.

"If you've got no air traffic to clear, we have the ability to launch more frequently than any other place in the planet," Spice noted.

The company has six Elec-

tron rockets in production, and is estimating it will carry out 16 launches next year.

'A lot more flexibility'

Rocket Lab's plans are not going to be cheap — relatively, its rocket is expensive on a per-kilo basis. But it's holding out the prospect of frequent launches that would help resolve the current backlog.

Nowadays, companies that want to put a small satellite into space are only offered spare space in a rocket launched by SpaceX or Arianespace, which are primarily reserved for bigger, costlier satellites.

The two-stage Falcon 9 operated by Elon Musk's SpaceX is 70 meters tall (more than four times bigger than the Electron) and can carry 23 tons of cargo into space (as opposed to a maximum of 250 kilos for the Electron). But small rockets should help reduce launch wait times from 18-24 months or more, at the bigger companies, to a mere six months.

Customers are ready to pay for the speedy service: the going rate at Rocket Lab is about \$40,000 a kilo, as compared with \$3,000 a kilo at SpaceX.

"What you have with the small launch vehicles is you get a lot more flexibility," said Rob Coneybeer, an investor in Vector, one of Rocket Lab's competitors.

Other companies in the small rocket sector include Virgin Orbit, Stratolaunch, and Australia-based Gilmour. Chad Anderson, the CEO of the Space Angels investment network, says there are about 180 companies working on small rockets.

But, he told AFP, there are only about a dozen worldwide that actually have hardware. And even fewer have the necessary funding.

"Maybe there's like half a dozen that are really credible at this moment," the investor said. —AFP ■

Myanmar weightlifters win three gold, five silver, one bronze medals in 2nd EGAT King's Cup

Myanmar youth weightlifting contingent secured three gold, five silver and one bronze medals after participated in 2nd EGAT King's Cup Invitational Weightlifting Tournament held in Thailand.

Ma Zin May Oo secured three gold medals in 48-Kilo event of Junior Women, Maung Kaung Set Naing, one silver in 62-Kilo event of Junior Men, Ma Pyae Pyae Phyto, two silver medals in 53-Kilo event of Junior Women and Maung Yan Myo Kyaw, two silver medals and one bronze in

105-Kilo and above event.

The prize awarding ceremony was held at the meeting hall of Sports and Physical Education Department in Kyaikkasan Sports Ground, attended by U Myo Hlaing, Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department, principal U Soe Aung, Director of Institute of Sports and Physical Education (Yangon) and officials, U Aung Chit, President of Myanmar Weightlifting Federation and executives, managers, coaches and

winning weightlifters.

U Myo Hlaing, Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department, gave away Ks 1 million to three-gold medalist Ma Zin May Oo, Ks 600,000 to silver medalist Mg Kaung Set Naing, Ks 600,000 to two-silver medalist Ma Pyae Pyae Phyto and Ks 600,000 to silver and bronze medalist Maung Yan Myo Kyaw respectively. Three-gold medalist Ma Zin May Oo spoke words of thanks on the occasion. —Htut Htut (Twantay) ■



U Myo Hlaing, Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department gives away Ks 1 million to three-gold medalist Ma Zin May Oo. **PHOTO: SPED**



Myanmar referee Daw Gay Pa Laung poses for a single photo before departure. **PHOTO: MFF**

Myanmar referee Daw Gay Pa Laung to be in-charge of Tokyo 2020 Qualifier

MYANMAR referee Daw Gay Pa Laung will be in-charge of the football matches of Group-A of the Women's Olympic Football Tournament Tokyo 2020.

Tajikistan will host the football matches of Group-A of the Women's Olympic Football Tournament Tokyo 2020.

The FIFA opted Myanmar

referee Daw Gay Pa Laung as an assistant referee to handle the matches of Group-A.

The matches of the Group-A will be held from 4 to 13 November. The Group-A is comprised of Chinese Taipei, Philippines, Singapore, host Tajikistan and Mongolia. —Htut Htut (Twantay) ■

Liverpool the real test for Arsenal's Emery evolution

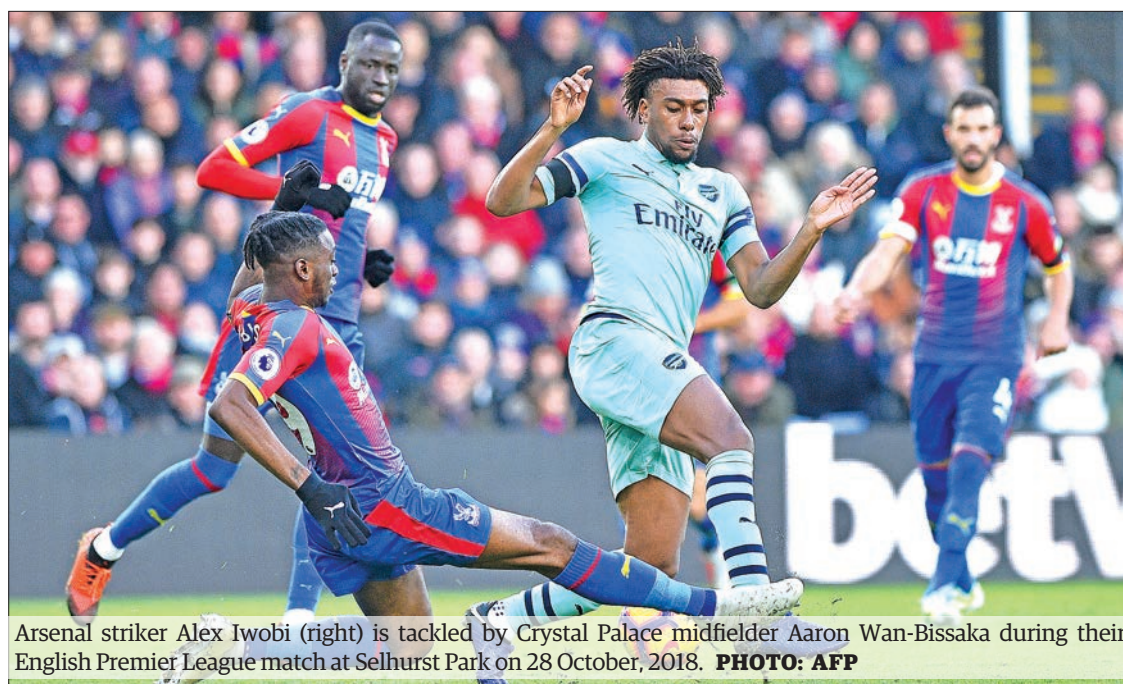
LONDON (United Kingdom) — Handed an unforgiving start as Arsenal's first new manager for nearly a quarter of a century, Unai Emery has quickly put defeats to Manchester City and Chelsea behind him with a 13-game unbeaten run to earn the respect of the Gunners' support.

However, the real test of how far Emery's Arsenal have evolved since being outclassed by City on the opening weekend of the season comes when Liverpool travel to the Emirates on Saturday.

Arsenal have won 12 of those 13 games unbeaten, the only slip coming at Crystal Palace last weekend when they conceded two penalties in a 2-2 draw.

Yet, they haven't faced any of the Premier League's top six from last season in that run, with defeats of Watford and Everton their only victories over sides in the top half of the table.

Emery still seems to be



Arsenal striker Alex Iwobi (right) is tackled by Crystal Palace midfielder Aaron Wan-Bissaka during their English Premier League match at Selhurst Park on 28 October, 2018. **PHOTO: AFP**

searching for the right balance, while also getting two star centre-forwards in Alexandre Lacazette and Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang into the side.

Lacazette and Aubameyang have already combined for 14

goals between them this season and their firepower has so far got Arsenal out of trouble, particularly late in games with Emery's men yet to enjoy a half-time lead in the Premier League.

It is to Emery's credit that

his changes have often impacted the game positively for his side, and that Arsenal only trail league leaders City and Liverpool by four points heading into this weekend.

The priority for Arsenal this season remains a top four fin-

ish and a return to the Champions League rather than a title challenge, and Emery is well on course for that goal.

Liverpool cure top six travel sickness

However, the Spaniard can look to his opponents this weekend for inspiration in what Arsenal could look like as the finished product.

Jurgen Klopp has taken almost three years to find the right blend between attack and defence despite reaching two European finals with Liverpool, one of which he lost to Emery's Sevilla in the Europa League two years ago.

Until now, a realistic tilt at the title has been undermined by defensive deficiencies. In this fixture last season, Liverpool blew a two-goal lead by conceding three times in five minutes in a thrilling 3-3 draw. —AFP ■