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National Conference on Combating Leprosy held in Nay Pyi Taw

State Counsellor calls for right attitude towards leprosy patients to end discrimination against them

THE National Leprosy Conference was held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday, with the motto 'join hands to stop discrimination'. State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi gave the opening speech at the conference.

DawAung San SuuKyie said efforts to eradicate discrimination against leprosy patients and their families should be given a top priority in combating the disease in Myanmar.

She stressed the need to step up efforts for dissemination of knowledge on leprosy among the people so that people have the right attitude towards leprosy patients, as the country is seeing discrimination against patients and their families and wrong attitudes have impacted the daily life of patients.

Efforts should be made to integrate leprosy patients and their families into the community by disseminating knowledge about how leprosy spreads, said the State Counsellor.

Having the right attitude towards leprosy patients is very important because discrimination against patients has led to hindrances in new patients coming forward, patients' completing their full course of treatment, and prevention of



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi views documentary photos on fighting leprosy at the National Leprosy Conference at Myanmar International Convention Centre-II in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

infection, she added.

The State Counsellor has called on officials responsible for fighting leprosy to work together with the Ministry of Health and Sports, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettle-

ment to integrate the leprosy patients and their families towards the community and to be treated without discrimination by the public.

She also stressed the need to include the knowledge on leprosy in the civic courses to

help the people have the right attitude to the patients.

In conclusion, the State Counsellor expressed thanks to officials concerned, Sasakawa Foundation, Nippon Foundation and local and foreign organizations for their towards holding

the conference.

Afterwards, the State Counsellor and attendees of the conference had documentary photos taken and viewed the documentary photos displayed at the ceremony.

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Pyithu Hluttaw

Pyithu Hluttaw discusses confiscated lands, puts motion for union-level policy on record

By Aye Aye Thant

THE 13th-day of the tenth regular session of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw was held at the Pyithu Hluttaw assembly hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. Deputy Minister for Home Affairs, Maj-Gen Aung Thu responded to asterisk-marked questions raised by MPs.

Progress of pre-1988 confiscated lands cases

U Aung Soe of Yinmabin constituency raised a question asking the progress of cases of lands confiscated prior to 1988 submitted to regional-level committees for scrutinizing confiscated lands.

Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Aung Thu replied that the Central Committee for Scrutinizing Confiscated Farmlands and Other Lands announced in their 17 July 2018 statement that pre-1988 cases of confiscated lands are to be handled as a separate individual case and were thus relayed to the



Maj-Gen Aung Thu. PHOTO: MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Council-level and regional level committees who in turn will further submit the cases to the union-level committee.

Proposing additional residential buildings in Tangyan Tsp police compound

U Sai Maung Pwint from



U Aung Soe. PHOTO: MNA

Tangyan constituency asked whether 5 police residential buildings in Tangyan Township police compound can be rebuilt into RC concrete buildings.

Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Aung Thu replied that three buildings within the Tangyan Township police compound are too old and unsafe for habitation



U Sai Maung Pwint. PHOTO: MNA

but there are 33 other rooms fit for occupancy within the compound. He said the number of rooms is suitable for housing the current number of officers and their families but more buildings will be needed if the police force were to be expanded. He said they will submit a budget proposal for constructing 2 additional

4-room 2-storey buildings in the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Kyauktan Tsp police property not leased to any businesses

Daw Aye Mya Mya Myo of Kyauktan constituency asked how the report on losses of confiscated land in Shwe Pyauk Village-tract in Kyauktan Tsp were handled. The mentioned lands were confiscated for police encampments and used for breeding chickens and storing and maintaining auctioned cars.

Deputy Minister Maj-Gen Aung Thu replied that an area of land from the Security Police Force Subdivision No. 7 compound was previously used for joint-ventures with external businesses but eventually converted to 2 chicken farms in April 2016 and handled solely by the officers stationed there.

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Amyotha Hluttaw

Second Amyotha Hluttaw's tenth regular session holds its 13th-day meeting

By Aung Ye Thwin

THE tenth regular session of the Second Amyotha Hluttaw held its 13th-day meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the session, asterisk-marked questions were asked and answered, an amendment bill was discussed, a bill was submitted and a report was read out.

Q&A session

During the Q&A session, U Hla Oo of Sagaing Region constituency 4 asked the Union Government if it plans to set up branch offices of the Anti-Corruption Commission in states/regions/self-administered divisions and zones across the country, with the aim of achieving a more effective implementation of the law.

Anti-Corruption Commission Secretary U San Win replied that arrangements were being made to open branch offices in Yangon and Mandalay regions, and submissions to open other sub-commission offices would be made yearly in accordance with the allotment of State Fund.

Daw Khin Swe Lwin of Chin State constituency 9 asked the Union Government if it plans to



U Hla Oo. PHOTO: MNA

construct maternity and child healthcare unit, including a multi-purpose hall, in Kanpetlet Township, Chin State in the 2019-2020 Fiscal Year.

Deputy Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Mya Lay Sein replied that plans are underway to construct a new two-storey healthcare unit in the 2019-2010 Fiscal Year.

U Soe Moe of Ayeyawady Region constituency 1 asked the Union Government if it plans to construct sub rural healthcare center in Jadelat Village, Bawmi village-tract, Patheingyi Township, Ayeyawady Region.

Regarding this query, Deputy Minister for Health and



U San Win. PHOTO: MNA

Sports Dr. Mya Lay Sein replied that the Ministry of Health and Sports would submit the recommendation or remarks to the Office of the Union Government; and the necessary procedures would be carried out after gaining approval.

MPs propose cyber security measures

U Pe Tin of Mon State constituency 6 asked the Government if it plans to curb the misuse of Facebook in terms of the authority concerned while taking legal action against it.

Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Thar Oo replied that they are collaborating with local and



Daw Khin Swe Lwin. PHOTO: MNA

international legal experts to enact a Cyber Law

He said they are working to disseminate information and some advice on social media, aiming for comprehensive public awareness, in addition to conducting educational talks on the uses of mobile telephones and technologies, cyber security shows and campaigns.

Similarly Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Thar Oo and Deputy Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Mya Lay Sein replied to questions raised by Dr. Zaw Lin Htut of Mon State constituency 9, U Hla Myint alias U Hla Myint Than of Mon State constituency 11, and Daw Nwe

Nwe Aung of Mon State constituency 2.

Myanmar Accountancy Council law with amendments

U Soe Thein (a) U Maung Soe of Thaninthayi Region constituency 10 discussed the Bill to amend the Myanmar Accountancy Council Law sent back with amendments by the Pyithu Hluttaw.

Submitting and reading out Myanmar Telecommunication Corporation bill

Next, Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Thar Oo submitted Myanmar Telecommunication Corporation Bill, and following this, Dr. Myat Nyarna Soe, Secretary of Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee read out and explained the bill.

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than announced for the Hluttaw representatives interested in discussing the bill to register their names.

The Second Amyotha Hluttaw's tenth regular session will hold its fourteenth-day meeting on 14 December.

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

State Counsellor receives UNSG's Special Envoy on Myanmar

STATE Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received United Nations Secretary-General's Special Envoy on Myanmar Ms. Christine Schraner Burgener at 11am on 12 December 2018 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

During the meeting, the State Counsellor and the Special Envoy exchanged views on the matters relating to cooperation between Myanmar and

the office of the Special Envoy of the United Nations Secretary-General including the opening of office of Special Envoy in Nay Pyi Taw and the ongoing inter-communal dialogue and public awareness-raising activities in building a harmonious society in Rakhine State.

Also present at the meeting were U Kyaw Tint Swe, Union Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA ■



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi shakes hands with UNSG's Special Envoy on Myanmar Ms. Christine Schraner Burgener in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

Myanmar moves to implement child labour eradication program

MYANMAR is taking steps to implement its child labour eradication program as part of efforts to secure a better future for the children in the country, which has 1.1 million children below 18 years of age engaged in labour and more than 600,000 children working in vulnerable situations.

At the second meeting of the Myanmar National Committee on Child Labour Eradication, Vice President U Myint Swe said, "Approval for the national-level work program (draft) of the Myanmar Child Labour Eradication Project will be sought in this meeting and the project will be implemented."

The Vice President made the remarks in his capacity as the Chairman of the committee at the meeting held at the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, and Population in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

He also urged the members of the committee to discuss the work program against child labour, which is relevant to the situation in Myanmar and can bring about vocational training and educational opportunities,



Vice President U Myint Swe addresses the Myanmar National Committee on Child Labour Eradication of its second meeting in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

and help alleviate poverty.

According to the Labour Force Survey 2015, there are over 12 million children below 18 years of age in Myanmar. Of these, over 1.1 million are working as child labourers, while over 600,000 are working in a vulnerable situation.

"To provide protection to our children working in dangerous situations, we need to implement the national-level child labour eradication project," said the

Vice President.

The 37-member Myanmar National Committee on Child Labour Eradication, led by the Vice President (1), was formed by Notification No. 23/2018 dated 5 February 2018 from the Office of the President.

Youth of working age make up about 18 per cent, or about 1 billion, of the world's population. They are all facing the adverse effects of differences in the economic, social, technological, and cultural environment in countries within a region and in the society.

Globally, there are about 152 million children aged between 5 and 17 years. Of these, 7.4 per cent live in the Asia-Pacific region, and about 70.9 per cent work in the agricultural sector. About 73 million of these children are working in dangerous places.

About 85 per cent of the world's youth live in developing countries, and 60 per cent are in the Asian region. The youth and children's development sectors are important in determining the future of a country and are valuable resources for a country.

"Youth and children who support the production resources are employed in most developing countries, especially in a developing country like Myanmar. The practice is connected to poverty and many people can be seen using child labour," said the Vice President.

Children and youth who are unable to complete their education enter the workforce at a young age and end up getting exploited in most developing countries. Many take up work because of food insufficiency due to natural disasters from climate

change as well as the existence of poverty and migration due to internal conflicts and socio-economic hardships.

Like other regional ASEAN countries, Myanmar has ratified the International Labour Organisation's Convention 182 on the worst forms of child labour, and has been cooperating with the ILO and the UNICEF on this front.

A tripartite agreement under the Decent Work Country Program between the government, employers, and employees was also signed by the International Labour Organization and the Ministry of Labour, Immigration, and Population.

The program includes child labour issues under the title of job opportunities, labour rights, and social security.

Yesterday's meeting was attended by Union ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Dr. Than Myint, U Thein Swe, Dr. Win Myat Aye, U Khin Maung Cho, and Nai Thet Lwin, Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, chief ministers of the regions and states, representatives of the employers, employees, and labour unions.

The participants of the meeting discussed topics included in the work programme, child labour issues, investigations into child labour issues, providing opportunities for vocational training to children who are at risk of becoming child labourers, and rehabilitation.—MNA ■

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Also present at the opening ceremony of the conference were Union Ministers U Kyaw Tint Swe, Dr. PeMyint, U Min Thu, Dr. Myint Htwe and U Kyaw Tin, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr. Myo Aung, Chief Minister of Mandalay Region Dr. Zaw Myint Maung, Deputy Minister U Set Aung and Dr. Mya Lay Sein, Permanent Secretaries, the President of the Nippon Foundation, MPs, ministers from region and state cabinets, experts for leprosy disease, representatives of the health related organizations.

Following the opening ceremony, the conference was held with opening remarks by Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr. Myint Htwe, Ambassador of Japan to Myanmar Mr. Ichiro Maruyama and President of the Nippon Foundation Mr. Yohei Sasakawa.

Permanent Secretary Dr.

Thar Tun Kyaw and Dr. Erwin Cooreman of the World Health Organization discussed the current situation of leprosy and control of the disease and global challenges.

In the afternoon, a press conference was held and Permanent Secretary Prof. Dr Thet Khaing Win, President of the Nippon Foundation Mr. Yohei Sasakawa, Dr. Tin Shwe from the Leprosy Mission from the US, Dr. Kyaw Nyunt Sein, member of the Leprosy advisory experts group, Dr. Erwin Cooreman of the WHO, Dr. Chan Tun Aung, Manager of the Leprosy Fighting Programme, met with the press.

A panel discussion under the title “No discrimination against the leprosy patients” was led by Dr. Maung Maung Kyi, Retired Superintendent of Yenanthar Leprosy Hospital in Madaya. Daw Thida, U Soe Win, Daw Thida Myint and U Hla Htay



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi greets with attendees at National Leprosy Conference in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

participated in the discussions.

Following this, a panel discussion under the title “Join our hands to improve the control of

the leprosy” was held and Dr. Thandar Lwin, Deputy Director-General of the Public Health, and leprosy specialists partici-

pated in the discussions.

The conference continued today and it will release the Nay Pyi Taw declaration.— MNA■

Senior General Min Aung Hlaing addresses DSTA graduates

COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF of Defence Services Senior General Maha Thray Sithu Min Aung Hlaing addressed the graduation ceremony of the 20th batch of the Defence Services Technology Academy (DSTA) in PyinOoLwin yesterday.

First, the Senior General took the salute of the graduate cadet battalions and inspected them. Next, the cadet battalions saluted the Senior General with a slow-march and a quick-march.

The Senior General then presented the Best Cadet Award to Cadet Thaw Lwin Oo, Outstanding Award in Training to Cadet Yan Naing Phyto and Out-



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives the salute of graduation parade of the 20th Intake of Defence Services Technological Academy (DSTA) in PyinOoLwin yesterday. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

standing Award in Literature to Cadet Hlaing Myo Thet.

In his address, the Senior

General encouraged the graduating cadets to work hard to become outstanding engineers as the nation and the Tatmadaw are working in accord with the motto ‘Skills of engineers is strength of Tatmadaw’ to establish a modern military. He said the duty to protect the nation encompasses recognizing the threats to the nation’s sovereignty and the benefits of the citizens, government and the nation. He said the Tatmadaw was participating in a national political leadership role to ensure the path to a multi-party democracy system is not lost due to the effects of political history of the nation.

The Senior General said



there were domestic and foreign groups working to undermine the role of the Tatmadaw and it was important to be ever vigilant as they may aim to completely disintegrate the Tatmadaw. He said that by observing international examples of military disintegration, it is usually followed by the desolation of politics, the economy and society, people becoming devoid of living standards and loss of security in national sovereignty and border control.

He said the Tatmadaw was working to make itself more modernized and on par with international institutions, and to do this requires bright and outstanding people. He said it is

as important for a soldier to train and learn to handle weapons as it is to be morally upright and have true beliefs.

After reviewing the graduate cadets, the Senior General met with three outstanding cadets and their parents and praised them for their efforts.

In the evening, the Senior General and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Union Minister Lt-Gen Sein Win and wife, along with other officers and their wives, the graduating cadets and their families, and invited guests attended a graduation dinner, according to news released from the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. —MNA (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing presents award to an outstanding cadet. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE C-IN-C OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

‘Iron, steel demand growing every year’

By Nyein Nyein

DEMAND for iron and steel in Myanmar is rising every year, according to iron and steel entrepreneurs. To deal with the growing import volumes of iron and steel, suppliers and importers are planning to hold a seminar and discuss current challenges.

“The outcome of the meeting will be submitted to the government,” said Dr. Kay Thi Lwin, the chair of the Myanmar Iron and Steel Entrepreneurs Association.

“Myanmar’s steel industry has not developed to date compared with other countries. The major players in Myanmar’s iron and steel industry are the government sector (state-owned enterprises), the private sector (industrial zones), and the Myanmar Economic Corporation (MEC). The products meet international standards, but the low manufacturing volume hasn’t been able to satisfy the growing demand, making local consumers rely on imported steel,” said U Myint Swe, the managing director of Danieli Myanmar. “To meet the growing demand, Myanmar imported about 2.2 million tons of steel last year. The consumption of iron and steel has grown 12 per cent year on year,” he added.

“Demand from the construction industry is rising year on year. Infrastructure building projects and upgradation projects, such as extension

of railways, have pushed up demand for steel. The demand for steel has risen by 12 per cent every year,” said U Myint Swe.

If iron and steel imports are reduced, the outflow of US dollars will be stemmed. Investments are required to set up semi-finished product manufacturing plants and finished product steel mills. “Local production needs support. It will be good for the private and public sectors if production can substitute imports. More job opportunities will emerge. It will also help reduce the outflow of foreign currency. But there are still many impediments. All the stakeholders, including the whole supply chain, need to tackle this together,” said Dr. Kay Thi Lwin.

“At present, Myanmar imposes a 5- to 7-per-cent duty on iron and steel imports. Once the Myingyan Steel Mill resumes production, it can supply 600,000 to 800,000 tons of steel. At that time, the government should hike the import duty to protect local producers. Every country has protectionist measures. Viet Nam imposes an anti-dumping tax on imported steel and Malaysia also does the same. The Philippines also levies 25 to 38 per cent tax on imported steel,” U Myint Swe said.

Regarding taxation, the iron and steel entrepreneurs will submit their meeting’s report during their regular meeting with Vice President U Myint

Swe. “We will closely discuss taxation in the upcoming meeting and then, our report will be forwarded to the regular meeting led by Vice President,” said Dr. Kay Thi Lwin.

At present, the private sector produces around 100,000-200,000 tons of iron and steel every year, she added. China is the main supplier of iron and steel to Myanmar’s market. Myanmar also imports iron and steel from India and the Republic of Korea.

“As our production is so low that it cannot meet local demand, steel has to be imported from foreign countries. If the government raises the import duty on steel, local producers will enjoy a fair competition in the market, which can also help attract investments,” said U Myint Swe. Last November, Danieli Myanmar organized a workshop on the development of the iron and steel industry.

At the workshop, private businesses had discussed raising the quality of steel products to meet international standards. “Quality policy and standard criteria were also discussed as they can affect the country’s steel production,” said U Myint Swe. Danieli Co. Ltd. provides technical solutions for iron and steel sector development. It entered the Myanmar market in 1981, and has branches in Thailand, China, and India.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Knowledge sharing workshop on rubber standards, production held in Bago

A knowledge sharing workshop was conducted at the City Hall of Bago town last Tuesday with the aim to boost rubber production and ensure quality. The workshop was jointly organized by the Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association and the International Rubber Research and Development Board.

The Bago Region’s Minister for Planning and Finance, U Nyunt Shwe, delivered the opening address at the workshop. U Aung Myint Htoo, the chairman of the Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association, and Datuk Dr. Abdul Aziz S.A Kadir, the general secretary of the International Rubber Research and Development Board also made opening remarks at the workshop.

During the workshop, entitled ‘International workshop to increase income of rubber farmers with integrated farming system and Good Agricultural Practices’, officials and experts spoke about good agriculture practices and ways to increase profit.

The workshop focused on improving rubber standards and specifications, increase foreign currency inflows into the rubber industry, and the socio-economic situation of rubber farmers.

Mon and Kayin states and Taninthayi and Bago regions are the main producers of rubber in Myanmar. There were over 1.6 million acres of rubber farms in the 2017-2018 fiscal year, about 770,000 acres of which could produce latex. About 250,000 tons of rubber is produced every year in the country, with earnings estimated at US\$200 million. Of over 118,000 acres of farms in Bago Region, 51,000 acres account for 16,000 tons of rubber produced in the Bago Region. Rubber is primarily planted in the Intakaw Rubber Special Farming Zone, the Bago Rubber Farming Zone, and the Shwekyin Rubber Farming Zone in the region. —Tin Soe (Bago)

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

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President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind, First Lady visit Shwedagon Pagoda

PRESIDENT of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind and First Lady Smt. Savita Kovind who were on a goodwill visit to Myanmar at the invitation of the President U Win Myint visited the Shwedagon Pagoda yesterday.

The delegation led by the President of India departed from Nay Pyi Taw to Yangon by flight yesterday afternoon. They were accompanied by Union Minister for Education Dr. Myo Thein Gyi and officials.

The visiting Indian President and party were welcomed by Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein and wife, Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe and wife, and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the Yangon International Airport.

First, the delegation visited the Martyrs' Mausoleum and laid wreaths there.

Afterwards, President Shri



President Shri Ram Nath Kovind and First Lady of India offer flowers to Buddha image at Shwedagon Pagoda. **PHOTO: MNA**

Ram Nath Kovind and First Lady of India visited the Shwedagon Pagoda and offered flowers, water, lights to the pagoda.

During the visit, they donated cash to the pagoda through the Pagoda Board of Trustees and officials conducted them

around the pagoda clockwise.

In the evening, the President of India and First Lady met with Indian community in

Yangon at the Sule Shangri-La Hotel in Yangon.—MNA ■

(Translated by
Zaw Htet Oo)

President of India formally opens agricultural research center, rice bio park



President Shri Ram Nath Kovind of India sprinkles scented water on commemorative plaque of the Advanced Center for Agricultural Research and Education at Yezin Agricultural University. **PHOTO: MNA**

PRESIDENT of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, and First Lady, Smt. Savita Kovind arrived at the Yezin Agricultural University (YAU) in Nay Pyi Taw and attended the opening ceremony of the India-Myanmar Advanced Center for Agricultural Research and Education (ACARE) yesterday morning.

The Indian President officially unveiled the commemorative plaque and sprinkled scented water together with his wife and Union Minister Dr. Aung Thu.

The Indian President and First Lady then toured the center's library, the production process of high-value lentil and

maize products, and practical teaching in progress. They then signed the center's guestbook and took a documentary photo with officials.

Research conducted at ACARE is intended to develop advanced agricultural methods for farmers. The center is composed of departments for genetic biology, post-harvest education, knowledge management, and post graduate courses and offers courses on biology, post-harvest education, food science, and increased plantations taught by professionals from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute and YAU.

Next, the Indian President

and First Lady formally opened the rice bio park at the university. The rice bio park is set up by the M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation and the Agricultural Research Department.

The Indian President officially unveiled the commemorative plaque and sprinkled scented water together with his wife and Union Minister Dr. Aung Thu.

The Indian President and First Lady observed the paper-making process, rice grinding, and rice-based snack production conducted at the park. They then signed the center's guestbook and took a documentary photo with officials. —MNA

■ (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



The President of India and First Lady water the memorial plant. **PHOTO: MNA**



The President of India and First Lady observe practical teaching methods at the advanced center for research and education. **PHOTO: MNA**

Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker receives Canadian diplomat from National Diplomatic Institute

PYITHU Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and Chairman of Joint Coordination Committee (JCC) on Hluttaw Development, U Tun Tun Hein, received Canadian diplomat Mr. Gerard Latulippe from National Democratic Institute (NDI) yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed cooperation processes in sustainable Hluttaw development taken over by NDI, conducting courses for promoting capacity of Hluttaw

representatives and Hluttaw staff and to hold workshops and exchanged views over Rule of Procedure.

Also present at the meeting were, Pyithu Hluttaw's Rights Committee Secretary Dr. Hla Moe and committee member Daw Nang Htwe Thu, members of the JCC Daw Aye Aye Mu and U Tin Aung Cho, and officials from Hluttaw office. —MNA ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein meets with Canadian diplomat Mr. Gerard Latulippe from National Democratic Institute (NDI) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, U Thaung Tun receives US-ASEAN Business Council



Union Minister U Thaung Tun holds talks with US-ASEAN Business Council delegation in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

ON behalf of the State Counsellor, U Thaung Tun, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, received the delegation of US-ASEAN Business Council led by its Senior Vice President Amb. Michael W. Michalak and President of Chevron Myanmar on 12 December 2018 at 10:00 am at the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Eco-

nomic Relations in Nay Pyi Taw.

Present at the meeting were U Set Aung, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance, U Soe Min, Vice Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar, Permanent Secretaries, Directors-General and representatives of Ministries of Transport and Communications, Electricity and Energy,

Industry, Commerce, Health and Sports, Investment and Foreign Economic Relations and Construction.

The Charge'd' Affairs of the U.S Embassy Mr. George Sibley and representatives of Abbot, Amazon, Chevron, Coca-Cola, Ford, Master Card and Visa companies also attended the meeting. —MNA ■

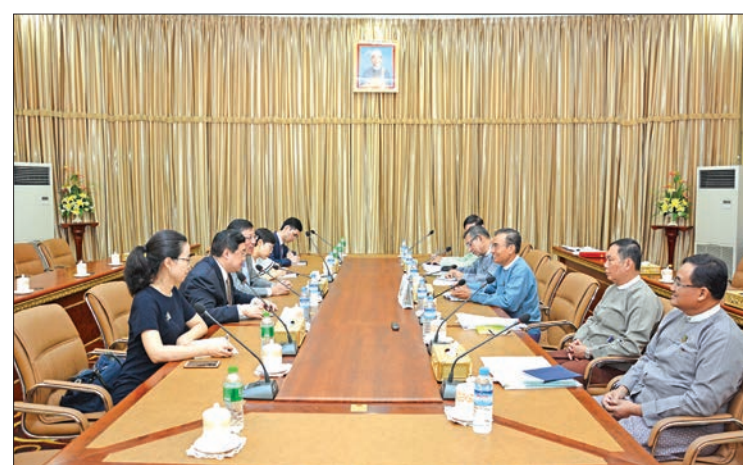
Union Minister U Ohn Win receives Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar

UNION Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation U Ohn Win held talks with Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Hong Liang yesterday morning in the meeting hall of the Ministry's Office.

During the meeting, they discussed matters pertaining to implementation of the China-Myanmar friendship Forest Plantation project, research

cooperation, carrying out mining sector to reduce impact on the environment, ensuring to bring benefits to local people while implementing the project, sharing technical assistance to produce manufacturing value added products and working in close cooperation in the future. —MNA ■

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)



Union Minister U Ohn Win holds talks with Chinese Ambassador Mr. Hong Liang in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



Deputy Minister U Kyi Min receives Korea Cultural Heritage Foundation delegation

DEPUTY Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Kyi Min received a delegation led by Mr. Kim Hyun-mo from the Korea Cultural Heritage

Foundation (KCHF) at the ministry's office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed Official De-

velopment Assistant (ODA) Project to be implemented in Myanmar with cooperation of Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture and Korea cultural Heritage Foundation (KCHF). —MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Deputy Minister U Kyi Min meets with Mr. Kim Hyun-mo from the Korea Cultural Heritage Foundation (KCHF) in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

A friend in need is a friend indeed

MYANMAR has the strongest cultural and historical linkages with India. The struggle to free ourselves from colonial rule established solid ties between us. Myanmar's geographical location makes it an important gateway to the East for India.

Connectivity is important to promote trade and people-to-people links and Myanmar has placed the highest emphasis on infrastructure projects related to connectivity.

With Myanmar facing challenges today, India's President Shri Ram Nath Kovind has pledged that India will lend full support to Myanmar's peace making and national reconciliation efforts and projects for better connectivity.

We highly appreciate that India attaches priority to Myanmar in its foreign relations based on the 'Act East Policy' and the 'Neighbourhood First Policy'.

Myanmar's strategic proximity to India and its geographical location - as a land bridge between India and ASEAN - complements India's 'Act East Policy'.

Myanmar and India are committed to working together and to support each other at regional and international fora in the interests of our people.

The commitments made by both countries on Tuesday at the meeting of the two presidents proved the adage 'A friend in need is a friend indeed'. The countries have seen the growth of bilateral relations in various sectors with great momentum.

Similar struggles for independence, and historical and cultural affinity, have brought the two countries closer. The Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence are one of the cornerstones of our foreign policy.

As both countries share a common aspiration for peace, stability, and prosperity in the region and beyond, Myanmar will continue to work with India to fulfill this aspiration.

Sowing seeds of cooperation in various sectors will bear fruits of mutual prosperity, development and better connectivity, thereby further consolidating the friendly relations between the two countries.

It is pertinent to mention that, at present, the

Myanmar-India bilateral relationship is at its apex, due to the consistent efforts of the successive leaders and founding fathers of both countries throughout our history.

We are grateful to India for its support for Myanmar in these challenging times.

We are confident that the two countries will see a further consolidation of the traditional ties of friendship and bilateral relations.

"The Trade Unions are trying their best, while the ILO is assisting with efforts to bring everyone under the Social Security System net."

U Win Naing, Representative of the Employers

Roundtable Discussions on the reform program in connection with social security benefits

By Khin Yadana

PHOTO MAY OO MOE

(Continued from Yesterday)

MYRTV aired a live program on talks under the theme "On the Reform Program in connection with social security benefits", in which U Maung Maung Aye, Director-General of the Social Security Board; Daw Than Nu, Director of the SSB; U Win Naing, Representative of the Employers; Daw Phyo Sandar Soe, Representative of the Workers; and ILO Officer Dr. Thein Than Htay have participated in the discussions.

Moderator: As the DG and responsible persons of the Social Security Board have already explained the work programs, the Representative of the Employers may kindly discuss the view please.

Representative of the Employers: On the part of the employers, we are very much satisfied over the functioning of the Social Security Board. As the responsible person have explained, the founder of the nation had desired in uplifting the health and social security of the main workforce of the country, and therefore it has been formed the SSB. While implementing the program of employees, I am of the view that life is indeed like the daring slow walk on the tight rope of luck.

At the regular period, there is no problem at all, but if the problem of wave rolled in, then the workers may suffer illness and may sustain injury, their social security benefits covering (15) categories might bailed them out and assist them.

In such social security issues, the role and responsibility of the employers play an enormous position. The employers involved in sharing three per cent of the contribution for each employee. Regarding the financial issue, majority of the people and the workers are not fully aware of the functioning of the Social Security Board despite its implementation for (60) years. The Social Security Board is only in a position in handling the workers



U Maung Maung Aye



Daw Than Nu



U Win Naing



Daw Phyo Sandar Soe



Dr. Thein Than Htay

that they have contributed funds in percentage.

In the meanwhile, there are workers that were left behind with no benefits and entitlements whatsoever as they are not covered with the legal stipulations and prerequisite. We are all trying to accommodate them in the benefit scheme. The Trade Unions are trying their best while the ILO is facilitating to streamline the nationals as a whole in the Social Security System. Each and everyone are doing their best for the workers.

Moderator: We would like to hear from the perspective of the Representative of the workers.

Representative of the workers: Today, I would like to talk on the theme covering social security matter which has two sorts of approach. The first one is on the universal approach and the other one is life cycle approach. I would like to share on the topic such as working age population. In our country, the working age group range from (15) years to (59) years. We have labor force survey which shows that we have a workforce of (33) million. Actually, (22) million are in the employment, and therefore, we might have to explore how many of them would be covered in our scheme.

Moreover, there is Universal Declaration of Human Rights that came into force in 1948, which stipulated that all workers are entitled the social security benefits. This factor is very much vital.

Another factor is that we have a standardize approach which is based on the adopted prescription of (102) points recommendation by the ILO in 1954. It is in connection with the lowest norm on social security benefits to be provided that having ap-

peared between 1948 and 1954 at the earlier period.

In 2012, the ILO has laid down the better norm for social protection for all. Similar norm is covered in the Sustainable Development Goals. In the year 2030, Myanmar would have better and most comprehensive social security system.

When we looked back into our system, the employees are much more satisfied with the new social security system. It is also the reflection of the hard work and endeavors of all the

could take treatment at the social security hospitals, and in some cases the worker could need treatment at the general hospital. At such situation, they face a lot of complicated procedures which they could not understand. Therefore, we need to address such situation.

Hlaing Thar Yar Township in Yangon Region has good proactive response as their leaders of trade unions and the workers understand the social security scheme well enough. Such proactive town-

Currently, when an establishment employs five or more workers, it has to apply for their social security.

responsible persons and the basic staff members of the Social Security Board.

Our vision is much broader as we intend to go ahead for comprehensive social security coverage for the national as a whole. I would like to share two points in this regards.

We have covered 1.2 million workers in the scheme, which means that we also have workers left outside the social security scheme. We received some feedback from the employees on some unfortunate experiences encountered at the hospitals and clinics for not being receptive with necessary hospitality. Moreover, they wanted much easier and uncomplicated procedures and mechanism in getting social security benefits.

For example, an employee

worker left outside the social security scheme that could be termed as informal sector. Some workers are not covered with the 2012 Social Security Law, and that should not have happened. All workers must be pulled into the scheme. We need to take care of the workers who have no specific employer. This is to be considered in our future plan. **Director-General:** We are providing social security benefits direct at the door steps of the employees. At the workers hospitals, we even provided Thanakha and Kyauk Pwin (tradition facial cosmetics tools of Myanmar women) in the past, but the practise has faded away.

As more workers are involved in the scheme, the current service for them is not adequate for which we are trying to fix it.

Another factor is about the provision of cash on death compensation to a worker who met the fatal injury at the worksite. The cash compensation should be delivered at home before the dead body is being disposed at the graveyard. This has been told to the staff members handling such matters and that we are trying to provide better service. **Moderator:** We would like to hear from the view of ILO.

ILO Representative: The ILO means the International Labor Organization, one of the organizations under the United Nation, which existed even before the UN. Since 1919, it was founded with the participation of the workers, the employers, and the government. When the UN organizations are formed, the ILO took up the role for providing technical expertise for the workers, the employers and the governments.

We are to be proud of the fact

that we cooperated with the UN through the 1954 Act as well as the 2012 Law, and up till now. We involved ourselves through the social security systems, and that we worked together with the UN and overcome the difficulties and hurdles as well as the challenges. We would like to step into a developed status and period, with the social security coverage of all the nationals as a whole in the country.

When we review the situation, some aspects are not covered with the law. Some are covered in the Article 11 (a) and some are not relevant with the Article 11 (b) and some portions are not connected with the ground reality. Therefore, when we are incorporating and covering all the aspects, we need to be flexible with more concessions, with the intention to loop in more workers with more coverage of social security system.

Currently, when an establishment employs five or more workers, it has to apply for their social security. In many foreign countries, concessions are being made from five workers to three workers, and then from three workers to one worker, resulting with the status that even one employer and one worker could be covered with the broader social security system.

With the nature of social security system, when the security payments are more, then the funds would grow. It would stand strong to deal with the unexpected mishaps, injuries and fatal cases, and that compensation would be facilitated as necessary covering all eventualities. Therefore, it is necessary to provide more assistances and services to make the system strong.

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Appointment of Chief Justice of the High Court of Yangon Region

IN accordance with the provisions stated in the Article 308, sub section (b), sub-sub section (4) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, sub-section (b) under Article 82 of Union Government Law, Article 44 of Union Judiciary Law and Article 17, sub-section (D) of Region or State Government Law, U Hla Aye has been appointed as Chief Justice of the High Court of Yangon Region.

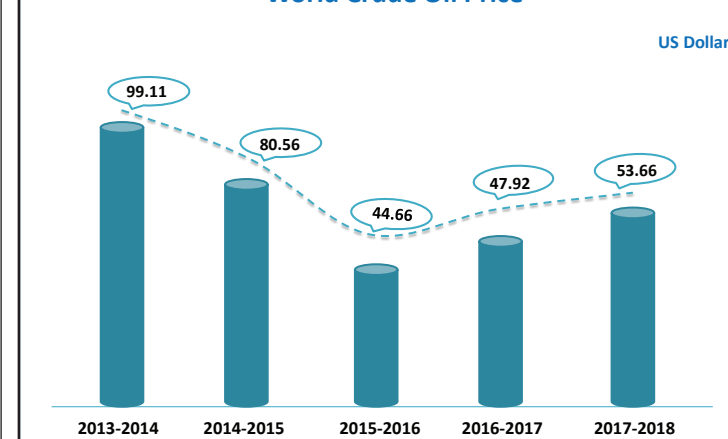
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Head of organization confirmed

THE President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of Managing Director U Saw Win Maung of Electricity Supply Enterprise, under the Ministry of Electricity and Energy on the expiry of the one-year probationary period.— MNA

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Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

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

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Migrant workers returning even after camp closure

Although the Kyauklonegyi camp in Ward 4 in Myawady in Kayin State was closed on 1 December, Myanmar migrant workers are still returning from Thailand through the Myawady 999 gate located in Ward 5 in Myawady Town, said officials with the Border Guard Force.

"Most migrant workers are returning to extend their passports so they can go back to Thailand under the MoU system, while some are returning to visit their families. We are assisting them and providing them guidance.

More than 600 migrant workers entered Myanmar through the gate between 1 and 12 December," said Lieutenant Moe Swe with Myawady 999 gate's Border Guard Force.

More than 50 migrant workers entered the country through the Myawady 999 gate from the Thailand-Myanmar border gate, after the Mae Sot Immigration office in Thailand scrutinized them.

"I am happy to work in Thailand. I earn Baht325 per day. I have received OT for Baht60 per hour. Now, I've come back to renew my passport under the MoU system.

I had to pay Baht18,000 to my boss because he contacted the company to get a passport under the MoU system," said Maung Yan Soe Naing, a migrant worker from Thayarwady town, Bago Region. After the Thai government started cracking down on illegal migrants, most of the migrant workers



Myanmar migrant workers are still returning from Thailand through the Myawady 999 gate located in Myawady. **PHOTO: MIN THU**

returned from Thailand to the Kyauklonegyi camp, beginning 29 June, 2017. A total of 119,037 migrant workers, including

85,329 men and 33,708 women, have returned to their homes in 17 months.—Min Thu (Hpa-an) ■ (Translated by Hay Mar)

Ayeyawady Dolphin Conservation and Ecotourism team wins Best Community Involvement in Tourism Award

THE Ayeyawady Dolphin Conservation and Ecotourism team has won the Best Community Involvement in Tourism Award instituted by the Myanmar Responsible Tourism Institute (MRTI).

The ceremony for the Sec-

ond Myanmar Responsible Tourism Award 2018 was held at the Chatrium Hotel in Yangon on Tuesday.

The Ayeyawady Dolphin Conservation and Ecotourism Team was formed in October 2014 with the help of local resi-

dents. The team has managed its activities with the formulation of its own regulations. The team has been implementing ecotourism, creating job opportunities for locals, and conserving the Ayeyawady dolphins.

The team's fishing show

with the use of the Ayeyawady dolphins is very popular among foreign tourists and local travellers. The Wildlife Conservation Society (Myanmar) also provides support and technical assistance to the team.—Nyi Tu ■ (Translated by Hay Mar)

Yaba pills worth K 585 mln seized in Maungtau Township

AUTHORITIES in Maungtau seized 292,500 WY/R brand psychotropic tablets worth Ks 585 million in Maungtau Township, Rakhine State on 11 December.

Acting on a tip-off, a combined team from anti-drugs squad (46) based in Maungtau Town searched a prawn breeding pond owned by Kama, 53, and discovered three gunny bags, re-filled with yaba tablets and bur-

ied under the spillway in Kanbe Village, Maungtau Township. Police confiscated 292,500 WY/R tablets with a total worth of Ks 585 million.

The local police have filed a case against the owner of the prawn breeding pond under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—Maungtau District IPRD ■ (Translated by JT)



WY/R brand psychotropic tablets worth Ks 585 million seized in Maungtau Township, Rakhine State on 11 December. **PHOTO: MNA**

Police seize 1.3 mln yaba pills in Sittway Township

POLICE seized 1,300,000 WY/R brand yaba pills in Sittway Township, Rakhine State on 11 December according to the information released by the local police force yesterday.

Acting on a tip-off, the anti-drugs squad searched a three-wheel vehicle at Yaychanpyin-jetty in Sittway Township and discovered 1,300,000 WY/R yaba

pills worth Ks 390 million in 33 cardboard boxes of Shwewah soap bars loaded on the vehicle.

An investigation into the case is underway and the local Police have filed charges against the three-wheel vehicle driver Tun Win (a) Thein Tun, 44, under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.—MNA ■ (Translated by JT)

Police confiscate over Ks 1 bln worth of drugs in Indaw Tsp

WHILE police were patrolling at the junction of Shwebo-Myitkyina road and road to Nantmakyaing Village in Indaw Tsp, a VOXY car driven by Than Zaw Lin and followed by Kyaw Lauk Aye (a) Myint Win, residents of Hsenwi Township, was stopped for investigation at 1 pm yesterday.

The two suspects were confiscated with 114,000 stimulant

tablets (worth Ks 570,000,000 / 1 tablet equal to Ks 5,000) and 4.41 kg of heroin (worth Ks 441,000,000 / 1kg equal to Ks100,000,000). A case has been opened against the two suspects with the Anti-Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law and further investigation pursued.—Police Information ■ (Translated by Myat Thandar Aung)

Pyithu Hluttaw discusses confiscated lands, puts motion for union-level policy on record

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He said a used iron dealer called U Shwe Pu rented Shwe Min Thamee yard in Addatawa Village on the Thilawa-Padagyi road to store his iron wares but, due to inadequate space, he requested help from Security Police Force Subdivision No. 7 and received permission to store his wares on their compound on 18 May 2018. He said U Shwe Pu was notified that a police guesthouse was going to be constructed in the compound and he vacated his wares to Shwe Min Thamee garden on 15 August 2018. Shwe Min Thamee yard is a 4.03-acre wide confiscated land with garden permit from 7 granted to U Tun Hla Oo, said the deputy minister. He said U Shwe Pu has been notified of storing iron wares on a yard-permitted area without permission by the village land management committee three times.

Furthermore, the Kyauktan Township Land Management

committee summoned the garden owner and notified them to vacate the iron ware from the garden within 3 months, said the deputy minister. He said the owner signed an agreement that officials would pursue legal action under the Farmland Law if he failed to comply. He said the iron ware are being removed and the compound is not used by any external businesses.

The deputy minister also responded to questions raised by U Maung Maung of Htigyaing constituency, U Oo Tun Maung of Ponnagyun constituency, Daw Nan Moe of Mantung constituency and Daw Nan Kham Aye of Namtu constituency.

Two reports read, Trademark Copyright Bill discussed

Next, a report from the Pyithu Hluttaw Ethnic Affairs and Internal Peace Implementation Committee was read by committee member Dr. Hlaing Myo Han. Speaker U T Khun Myat called

for MPs interested in discussing the report to register their names.

Similarly, a report from the Pyithu Hluttaw Public Affairs Management Committee was submitted by committee member Dr. U Lin Lin Kyaw. The Speaker gathered the deliberation of the assembly and approved the report.

Next, a report from the Pyithu Hluttaw Education Promotion Committee was discussed by 5 MPs, to which committee chair Dr. Tin Aung responded. Committee secretary U Kham Khant Htan motioned for the report to be approved. The Speaker gathered the deliberation of the Hluttaw for approval.

Next, committee member Daw Mar Mar Khine presented the Trademark Copyright Bill send back with amendments from the Amyotha Hluttaw. The Speaker gathered the deliberation of the Hluttaw for approval. The Speaker then announced the Pyithu Hluttaw has approved of

the amended bill and will proceed forward.

Motion urging Union-level policy on rural electrification

MPs then discussed a motion, tabled by U Thaung Aye of Pyawbwe constituency, urging the Union government to develop a policy for the peaceful development of uniform rural electrification.

U Sai Ngaung Sai Hein of Maukmai constituency seconded the motion saying there should be a policy to coordinate the rural electrification project to ensure all concerned areas receive the same benefits at the same time.

Tatmadaw MP Major Saw Kyaw Aung urged the ministries concerned to consider adopting a policy that will provide electricity to the concerned rural areas simultaneously so that the residents don't dispute with each other and to ensure there is no wastage of resources or budget. The motion was further

discussed by 15 MPs.

Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy, Dr. Tun Nang, said they are utilizing their allotted budget and loans from international agencies to connect viable villages with the main power grid. He said the situation has improved by 5.8 times than before. He said his ministry has definite policies to ensure 55 per cent of the National Electrification Project is completed by 2020 and thus requested that the motion be simply put on record.

The Speaker asked for the opinion of the MP who tabled the motion, who replied for the motion to be approved.

The Speaker called for an electronic vote on the matter which resulted in 150 yes-votes, 208 nay-votes, and 2 abstentions. The Speaker then announced the motion will be put on record.

The 14th day of the tenth regular session of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw will commence on 14 December. ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



Australian Foreign Minister Marise Payne meets students at the temporary basic education primary school in Baw Du Phakal Camp, Sittway yesterday. PHOTO: TIN TUN (IPRD)

Australian Foreign Minister observes development progress in Rakhine State

MINISTER for Foreign Affairs of Australia and Senator The Honourable, Marise Payne, and her delegation met with ministers of Rakhine State government and observed Baw Du Phakal Camp in Sittway yesterday.

The Foreign Minister, and her delegation arrived by flight to Sittway Township at 3 pm where they were welcomed by Rakhine State ministers at Sittway Airport.

Rakhine State Minister for Security and Border Affairs Col.

Phone Tint, Rakhine State Finance, Tax, Planning and Economic Minister U Kyaw Aye Thein, Rakhine State Minister for Social Affairs Dr. Chan Thar, Rakhine State Electric Power, Industry and Transportation Mine U Aung Kyaw Zan, Rakhine State Minister for Agriculture, Livestock, Forestry and Minerals U Kyaw Lwin, Rakhine State Advocate General U Kyaw Hla Tun and officials were present.

Afterwards, the Foreign Minister, and the party toured Baw

Du Phakal Camp and observed the status of temporary basic education primary school in the camp and the livelihood of its residents, then officials of the camp provided necessary explanations.

The Foreign Minister and her delegation then met with the female residents of the camp at the women's communal hall. The Australian Foreign Minister and delegation departed from Sittway to Yangon by flight at night. — Mawsi, Ko Min ■ (Translated by Myat Thandar Aung)

Australian Foreign Minister arrives in Myanmar

A delegation led by Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs and Senator The Honourable Marise Payne, arrived by flight in Yangon yesterday.

The delegation was welcomed at the Yangon International Airport by U Zaw Phyto Win, the Deputy Director-Gen-

eral of the Strategic Studies and Training Department, U Zaw Tun Oo, the Deputy Director-General of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and officials from Australian Embassy.— MNA ■ (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs and Senator of New South Wales, Marise Payne, welcomed by officials at the Yangon International Airport in Yangon. PHOTO: MNA

Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye receives delegation from Southeast Asia Department of Asian Development Bank

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye and the delegation led by Deputy Director-General Ms. F Cleo Kawawaki from Southeast Asia Department of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) met at Maykalar Guest Hall of the ministry yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to process of signing the MoU with Bangladesh Government to receive returnees and readiness of Myanmar to receive returnees, process of signing the MoU with UNDP and UNHCR which are United Nation Organizations, status of involvement of invited

Secretary-General of ASEAN Office and AHA Centre in resettlement processes, construction of houses after receiving returnees, management of Cash for Work, organizing projects of UEHRD to support training for livelihood, education, health, social and services, processes of the country for freedom of travel and citizenship, roundtable talks for social harmony justice between two different communities, the processing from women communal centers, cooperation with ADB to reduce climate changes and disaster risks and ability to withstand disasters. —MNA ■

(Translated by Myat Thandar Aung)



Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye holds talks with Deputy Director-General Ms. F Cleo Kawawaki from Southeast Asia Department of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



Signing ceremony for two exchange of notes between Myanmar and Japan in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Japan, Myanmar sign two exchange of notes on development assistance

A signing ceremony for two exchange of notes on rendering assistance to Myanmar by the Government of Japan was held at Ministry of Planning and Finance in Nay Pyi Taw.

Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Sett Aung, Permanent

Secretary of Ministry of Transport and Communications U Win Khant, Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr. Ichiro Maruyama and other officials from the Japanese Embassy attended the ceremony.

The two notes contain 165 million yen assistance for Japan-Myanmar Vocational Training School (Aug San) and 800

million yen for socioeconomic development and both were signed by Deputy Minister U Sett Aung and Japanese Ambassador Mr. Ichiro Maruyama.

The notes will benefit the technology, vocational education and transportation sectors in Myanmar and enhance bilateral relations. —MNA ■ (Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

ICOE invites complaints, accounts related with allegation of human rights in Rakhine

THE Independent Commission of Enquiry-ICOE has invited individuals, groups, witnesses and alleged victims to submit their complaints or accounts, with supporting data and evidence which may consist of either audio and video materials, and/or relevant documentation, and photographs related to allegations of human rights in Rakhine State.

Chairperson of the ICOE Ambassador. Ms. Rosario Manalo announced the statement yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw.

The ICOE will investigate allegations of human rights violations and related issues, following the terrorist attacks by ARSA in Rakhine State with a view to seeking accountability and formulating recommendations on steps to be taken to

ensure peace and stability in Rakhine State.

In implementation of its mandate towards fact-finding, the ICOE is seeking facts related to the incidents that were initiated on 25th August 2017, and its consequences thereafter in Rakhine State.

The ICOE said it welcomes the early submissions of these evidences and data in any of the following languages: English, Myanmar, Rakhine and Bengali, asking to send the submissions not later than 31st January, 2019, to info@icoe-myanmar-org, and to the Independent Commission of Enquiry Office at the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre, Zeyar Aung Myay Road, Wunna Theikkdi Ward, Zabuthiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw, (Ph: 09-897663189).

Individuals who submit any



Professor Dr. Aung Tun Thet, former Permanent Representative of Japan to the United Nations Ambassador Kenzo Oshima, Chairperson of the ICOE Ambassador. Ms. Rosario Manalo and commission member U Mya Thein. **PHOTO: MNA**

of the aforementioned evidence must be available for examination by the ICOE.

Those who wish to come forward to give testimony, are requested to notify their intention by any means.

ICOE's announcement stated that it will arrange a mutually convenient time and place for meeting and all submissions will

be kept confidential.

Today's ceremony was attended by ICOE Ambassador. Ms. Rosario Manalo and members of the commission U Mya Thein, former chairman of the State Constitutional Tribunal, former Under-Secretary-General for Humanitarian and Emergency Relief Coordinator and former Permanent Repre-

sentative of Japan to the United Nations, Ambassador Kenzo Oshima, and Professor Dr. Aung Tun Thet.

The Independent Commission of Enquiry was established as part of Myanmar's national initiative to address reconciliation, peace, stability and development in Rakhine. —MNA ■ (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

Nay Pyi Taw holds Christmas Opera Musical Festival

IN welcoming the upcoming Christmas holidays, a festival named Christmas Opera Musical Festival was held at Myanmar International Convention Centre II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Daw Yin May, wife of Pyithu Hluttaw speaker U T Khun Myat, Union Minister U Kyaw Tin and wife, wives of Union Ministers, Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo and wife, member of Constitutional Tribunal of the Union U Twar Kyin Paung, Deputy Minister U Kyi Min and wife, Deputy Minister Dr. Ye Myint Swe, Member of the Union Civil Service Board U Saw Valentine, Hluttaw representatives, departmental officials and invited guests attended the festival.

During the festival, U Tin Maung Aye, Reverend Priest, chairman of Nay



Dancers perform at the Christmas Opera Musical Festival at Myanmar International Convention Centre II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Pyi Taw Christ Church Council expressed his thanks and praised to God and pray for the nation and its citizens. This was

followed by Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Kyi Min delivered the welcoming speech.

Members of Union-level organizations posed a documentary photo together with Mind Education Professors.

Korean dances, South American dance and songs were performed at the festival followed by a Mind Lecture conduct-

ed by Prof. Sung Hwan Kim.—MNA ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

First Korea-Myanmar Film Festival coming to Yangon

THE very first Korea-Myanmar Film Festival will be held from 14 to 16 December in Yangon.

During the festival, 'Bittersweet Night' short film will be screened at Yangon Water Boom starting from 5 pm on 14 December.

Similarly, 'Pandora, The King and A Taxi Driver' from ROK and 'Cloud Bridge' from Myanmar will be shown on 15 De-

cember and 'Pandora, The King, and A Taxi Driver' from ROK and 'Nay Win Eaint Tan Tat' from Myanmar will be screened at Myanmar Motion Picture Organization on 16 December at 10 am, with 'The Listening Eye' (Myanmar Short Film) to be screened at 5 pm at Film Development Centre. — MNA ■

(Translated by Myat Thandar Aung)

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V SINAR BANDA VOY. NO. (117 N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V SINAR BANDA VOY. NO. (117 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13-12-2018 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.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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CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V KOTA HASIL VOY. NO. (KHSA 0097 N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V KOTA HASIL VOY. NO. (KHSA 0097 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13-12-2018 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V ANAN BHUM VOY. NO. (232 N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V ANAN BHUM VOY. NO. (232 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13-12-2018 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES
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CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V CHERRY VESTA VOY. NO. (003 N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V CHERRY VESTA VOY. NO. (003 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13-12-2018 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S CONTINENTAL SHIPPING LINE PTE LTD
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CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V UNI AMPLE VOY. NO. (0153-466W/E)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V UNI AMPLE VOY. NO. (0153-466W/E) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13-12-2018 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of H.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.

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S EVERGREEN SHIPPING LINES
Phone No: 2301185

102-year-old great-granny becomes 'oldest' skydiver

SYDNEY (Australia)—A 102-year-old great-grandmother is believed to have become the world's oldest skydiver after plunging 14,000 feet (4,300 metres) through the South Australian sky.

Centenarian adrenaline junkie Irene O'Shea said she "felt normal" after a 220 kilometre per hour (140 mph) dive that sent her cheeks flapping wildly.

She completed her first skydive to mark her 100th birthday in 2016, but organisers claimed it was Sunday's successful tandem dive at the age of 102 years and 194 days that earned her a place in the history books.

"It was very clear up there, and the weather was good but it was very cold," said O'Shea,



This handout taken on 9 December, 2018 and released by SA Skydiving shows 102-year-old great-grandmother Irene O'Shea during her skydive tandem jump over Wellington in South Australia. **PHOTO: AFP**

according to Australian media.

O'Shea took the plunge to raise funds for a motor neurone disease charity, after her daughter died from the illness.—AFP



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Peter Jackson plans to restore his early 'naughty' films



Filmmaker Peter Jackson. **PHOTO: PTI**

LOS ANGELES—Filmmaker Peter Jackson has shared his plans to restore his films that he directed before the "Lord of the Rings" trilogy.

The 57-year-old director whose most recent documentary "They Shall Not Grow Old" featured old footage from the World War I which he had upgraded and colourised with the help of modern tools.

Jackson has now confirmed that he will be giving the same treatment to his four old features—"Bad Taste", "Braindead" (also known as "Dead Alive"), "Meet The Feebles" and the Oscar-nominated "Heavenly Creatures".

"I've decided to go back and do this to my old films the first four I made, which I own but never re-released. I've done some tests on 'Braindead', where we

took the 16mm negative and put it through our World War I restoration pipeline and s**t, it looks fantastic!" the director told The Hollywood Reporter.

"Bad Taste", a comedy horror splatter film, was Jackson's second directorial project and it released in 1987. "Meet the Feebles" was a musical black comedy that hit the theatres in 1989.

The 1994 psychological drama "Heavenly Creatures", starring Melanie Lynskey and Kate Winslet, was the most acclaimed work of Jackson before he bagged the worldwide attention with "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy.

Jackson said he is interested in remastering them and releasing them as "a nice little box set the early years! The naughty years!"—PTI ■

James Bond is a "severe" alcoholic—study

WELLINGTON—The fictional British Secret Service agent James Bond is a "severe" alcoholic, according to a new study by public health researchers in New Zealand.

"Bond has drunk heavily and consistently across six decades ... We classified him as having severe alcohol use disorder," said the study titled "Licence to swill: James Bond's drinking over six decades," which was published on Monday in the *Medical Journal of Australia*.

Experts at the University of Otago in New Zealand analyzed a total of 24 Bond movies

from 1962 to 2015 to study his patterns of alcohol use.

The experts found that Bond was seen sipping on alcohol 109 times over the six decades, with an average of 4.5 times per movie, and his peak binge was in 2008's "Quantum of Solace," where he drank six of his signature Vesper Martinis, equal to 24 units of alcohol which could be fatal.

The British agent met more than half of the criteria for alcohol use disorder as defined by the American Psychiatric Association's DSM-5 criteria classification system

for mental disorders.

"Chronic risks for Bond include frequently drinking prior to fights, driving vehicles (including in chases), high stakes gambling, operating complex machinery or devices, contact with dangerous animals, extreme athletic performance, and sex with enemies, sometimes with guns or knives in the bed," the study said.

As Bond "has a severe chronic alcohol problem," the study suggested that he should "consider seeking professional help and find other strategies for managing on-the-job stress."—Xinhua ■

Disney again makes history with takings above \$7bn for 2018

LOS ANGELES (United States)—Walt Disney Studios is again ending the year on a high note, posting more than \$7 billion in global box office earnings, thanks to hits such as "Black Panther" and "Avengers: Infinity War."

"This is only the second time in history any studio has surpassed the \$7 billion mark, after Disney's own industry-record 2016 global gross of \$7.6 billion," the company said in a statement on Monday.

"The Studios' estimated international box office gross

through 9 December is an estimated \$4.069 billion, marking our second biggest year and the third biggest in industry history," it added. Disney's success comes as the studio is set to release "Mary Poppins Returns" on 19 December, which is expected to top the box office during the holiday season.

"To date, four of the top eight worldwide releases of the year are from The Walt Disney Studios, including the top two global and top three domestic releases," the company said.

"Avengers: Infinity War,"

made by Disney's Marvel subsidiary, led the way, earning \$2 billion alone. It is followed by superhero movie "Black Panther," which earned \$1.35 billion worldwide.

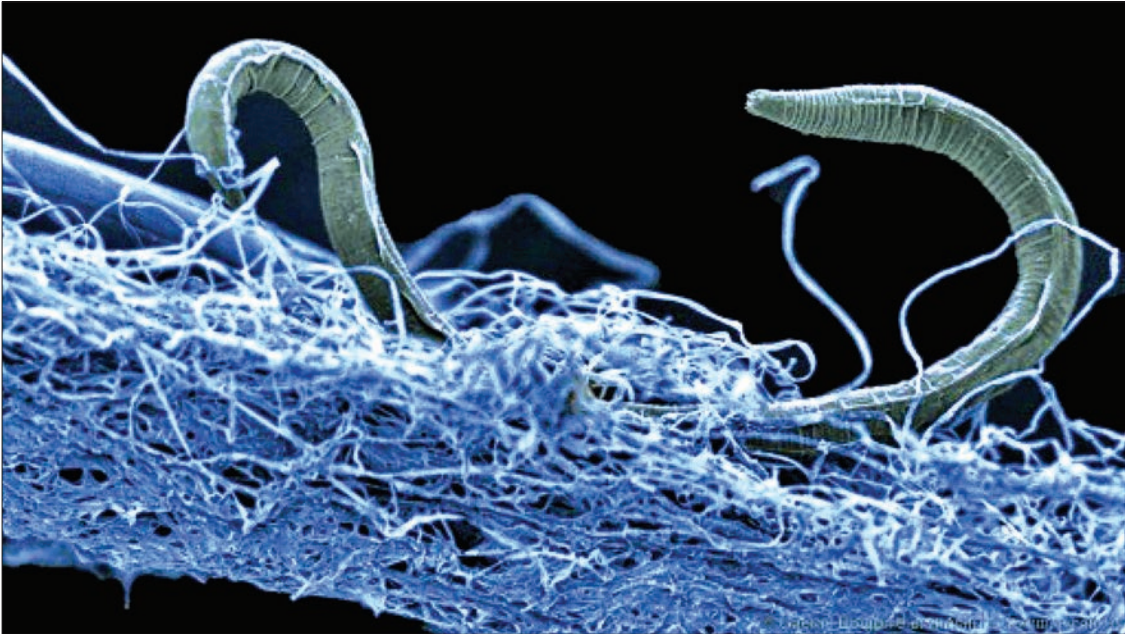
"Incredibles 2," made by Pixar, another Disney subsidiary, earned \$1.24 billion.

Other top box office earners for 2018 are "Ant-Man and The Wasp," "Solo: A Star Wars Story," and "Ralph Breaks the Internet," which has held the number one spot at the North American box office for the third consecutive week.—AFP ■

Vast, zombie-like microbial life lurks beneath seabed

TAMPA (United States)—Scientists have drilled a mile and a half (2.5 kilometres) beneath the seabed and found vast underground forests of “deep life,” including microbes that persist for thousands, maybe millions of years, researchers said on Monday. Feeding on nothing but the energy from rocks, and existing in a slow-motion, even zombie-like state, previously unknown forms of life are abundant beneath the Earth despite extreme temperatures and pressure.

About 70 per cent of Earth’s bacteria and archaea—single-celled organisms with no nucleus—live underground, according to the latest findings of an international collaboration involving hundreds of experts, known as the Deep Carbon Observatory, were released at the American Geophysical Union meeting in



A nematode (eukaryote) in a biofilm of microorganisms, an example of the microbial life deep below the earth’s surface, pictured in an undated handout photo courtesy of Gaetan Boronie (Extreme Life Isyensa, Belgium, Deep Carbon Observatory). **PHOTO: AFP**

Washington. This “deep life” amounts to between 15 and 23 billion tons of carbon, said the DCO, launched in 2009, as it nears the end of its 10-year mission to reveal Earth’s inner

secrets. “The deep biosphere of Earth is massive,” said Rick Colwell, who teaches astrobiology and oceanography at Oregon State University. He described the team’s findings

so far as a “very exciting, extreme ecosystem.” Among them may be Earth’s hottest living creature, *Geogemma barossii*, a single-celled organism found

in hydrothermal vents on the seafloor. Its microscopic cells grow and replicate at 250 degrees Fahrenheit (121 Celsius). “There is genetic diversity of life below the surface that is at least equal to but perhaps exceeds that which is at the surface and we don’t know much about it,” Colwell said.

‘Distinct’ from surface life

Similar types of strange, deep life microbes might be found on the subsurface of other planets, like Mars. “Most of deep life is very distinct from life on the surface,” said Fumio Inagaki, of the Japan Agency for Marine-Earth Science and Technology. Using the Japanese scientific vessel *Chikyu*, researchers have drilled far beneath the seabed and removed cores that have given scientists a detailed look at deep life.— AFP ■

Cosmonauts will use special water during long space missions



Drinking water possessing new functional properties will protect space crews from radiation during long space flights, including a mission to Mars. **PHOTO: TASS**

MOSCOW—Drinking water possessing new functional properties will protect space crews from radiation during long space flights, including a mission to Mars, as follows from a report to the 17th Conference on Space Biology and Medicine, underway in Moscow on Monday.

“Drinking water with new functional properties will hold special place in the system of increasing

cosmonauts’ resistibility to radiation. Of great interest is light isotope water and water with controlled and optimized mineral composition,” the conference’s report says.

Special attention must be paid to preventing water preservatives, including silver ions, from getting into the cosmonaut’s body. Silver is a heavy metal, and heavy metals increase the harmful effects of ionizing radiation. Also,

scientists suggest cosmonauts should sleep in special water-filled bags. “For instance, one might consider the feasibility of using sleeping bags filled with water mixed with gel or polyethylene granules. Water and polyethylene contain light elements, including hydrogen. Both provide effective protection from neutrons, both primary and secondary ones,” the report says.— Tass ■

Russian spacewalkers take sample of mystery hole at space station

MOSCOW (Russia)—Using knives and shears, a pair of Russian spacewalkers on Tuesday cut samples of material around a mysterious hole in a Soyuz spacecraft docked on the International Space Station that a Moscow official suggested could have been deliberate sabotage. Roscosmos space agency said the aim was to discover whether the “small but dangerous” hole had been made on Earth or in space. The two-millimetre cavity on the Soyuz spaceship docked at the ISS caused an air leak detected in August, two months after the craft’s last voyage. Until Tuesday, astronauts had only been able to examine the hole from inside the spacecraft. During the seven hour, 45 minute spacewalk, veteran cosmonauts Oleg Kononenko and Sergei Prokopyev struggled, but eventually succeeded, in cutting away the insulation covering the hole and taking out a sample to analyse.— AFP ■

THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE (INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER) (27/ 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)	IIFB-037(18-19)	CNG Ground Storage Cascade (3) Sets	US\$
(b)	IFB-038(18-19)	Echometer Digital Well Analyzer (1) Set	US\$
(c)	DMP/L-153(18-19)	Portable Fire Fighting Pump (1) Set	Ks
(d)	DMP/L-154(18-19)	Mobile Type Welding Machine Engine Driven 400 AMP and Accessories (7) Sets	Ks
(e)	DMP/L-155(18-19)	Spark Plug and Electronic Cards for 1.1 MW Kongsberg Gas Turbine	Ks
(f)	DMP/L-156(18-19)	Electrical Spares for 1000 KVA Transformer Installation (5) Items	Ks
(g)	DMP/L-157(18-19)	1.5 MW (1875 KVA) Gas Engine Driven Generating Set attach with Switch Gear Panel (1) Set	Ks
(h)	DMP/L-158(18-19)	Spares for GM 6V 71 Engine (46) Items	Ks

2. The Open Tender forms including Description of Materials / Qty with details specifications and Tender Terms & Conditions can be available free download at the Ministry of Electricity and Energy Website Portal (www.moe.gov.mm) as from 12 December 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 9 January 2019**.

4. Tender Closing Date & Time- 9-1-2019, 14:00 pm

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19th ASEAN University Games continue in Nay Pyi Taw



A player competes in badminton women's singles competition at the 19th ASEAN University Games in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**



Singapore vs Indonesia compete at volleyball competition of the 19th ASEAN University Games in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

WUSHU, sepak takraw, badminton, tennis, volleyball, chess, football, and swimming contests were held yesterday in Nay Pyi Taw as part of the 19th ASEAN University Games.

In the Wushu (Jian-shu-Qiangshu) Taolu Women's competition, Malaysia's Phoon

Eyin secured the gold medal, Myanmar's Sandi Oo took the silver, while Malaysia's Pamg Pul Yee grabbed the bronze medal.

In Taolu Men's Dulan competition, Thailand won gold, Myanmar got silver, and Malaysia secured the bronze

medal.

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In the Men's double sepak takraw competition, Myanmar beat Indonesia with a 3:0 score.

In Women's Singles Badminton, Thet Htar Thuzar (Myanmar) beat Grace Chua Hui Zhen (Singapore) by 2:0, while in Men's Singles Badminton, Arkar Phone Myat (Myanmar) drubbed Kettya Keohay (Laos) 2:0.

In Women's Doubles Ten-

nis, Thailand won gold, Singapore garnered silver, and Myanmar secured bronze, while in Mixed Doubles Tennis, Thailand secured gold, Singapore grabbed silver, and Myanmar grabbed the bronze medal.—Myo Thu Hein ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

MFF launches referee course in Yangon

A SHORT course for professional football referees, organised by the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) and the Myanmar Referee Committee, was

opened at the press release hall of the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon yesterday.

The ceremony was opened with speeches by the Gener-

al Secretary of the Myanmar Football Federation, U Ko Ko Thein, the CEO of Myanmar National League, U Soe Moe Kyaw, and the executive com-

mittee members of the referee committee. The ceremony was attended by officials from the MFF, the Myanmar National League, the Myanmar Referee

Committee, and trainees. The course will be conducted from 12 to 16 December, with a total of 30 participants.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Myawady trounce Gandamar in MFF Women's League 2nd week

THE Myawady F.C. scored a big 10-0 win over the Gandamar F.C. in the second week of the Myanmar Football Federation's Women's League 2018-2019 season at the Aung San Stadium in Yangon yesterday.

The Myawady club dominated the play from the beginning of the match with stable deliveries.

The opening goal for Myawady came at the 8-minute mark from Pann Ei Khaing.

The goal forced Gandamar to play hard for the equalizer with open attacks.

Instead, Myawady scored

their second goal eight minutes later, with a brilliant effort by Hla Yin Win.

Myawady kept up their attack on Gandamar, with Pann Ei Khaing scoring the third goal at 26 minutes and Khaing Thazin securing the fourth goal a few minutes later.

Just before the end of the first half, Zin Mar Tun scored the fifth goal for Myawady, which ended the first half with a 5-0 lead over Gandamar.

In the second half, with a slight change in tactic, Myawady led the play with good positioning and speedy

play.

Again, taking opportunity from an error in Gandamar's defence, Khaing Thazin from Myawady scored the sixth goal at 63 minutes.

With the confidence of their opponents shaken, Myawady continued to add to their score. Khin Than Wai scored the seventh goal at 73 minutes, while Pann Ei Khaing scored at 75 minutes, and Ei Sandar Zaw at 83 minutes. Just before the final whistle, Aye Myo Myat grabbed the final goal for Myawady and the club ended the match with a big win.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■



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Date / Time- 12.12.2018 (18:00)

Rank	Country	SEA Nations	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
1	INA	 Indonesia	14	9	8	31
2	THA	 Thailand	11	9	10	30
3	MAS	 Malaysia	9	12	10	31
4	MYA	 Myanmar	8	6	8	22
5	SGP	 Singapore	3	2	3	8
6	LAO	 Laos	2	4		6
7	BRU	 Brunei				
8	CAM	 Cambodia				
9	PHI	 Philippines				
10	TLS	 Timor Leste				
11	VIE	 Vietnam				
Total			47	42	39	128