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President U Win Myint meets administrative, legislative, judiciary sector officials in Kayin State

PRESIDENT U Win Myint accompanied by Union Minister for Home Affairs Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr. Aung Thu, Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung, Union Minister for Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing, Union Minister for Construction U Han Zaw, Chief of Myanmar Police Force Lt-Gen Aung Win Oo and officials met and gave guidance to officials from Kayin State government; (Pyithu, Amyotha, State) Hluttaw representatives; State High Court; and state, districts, townships departmental officials at the Zwegabin Hall, Hpa-An, Kayin State yesterday.

Speaking at the meeting the President said the main reason for meeting Kayin State government, Hluttaw representatives, judicial and departmental officials was to increase the momentum of the transition to democracy. All those with responsibilities have pledged to establish a democratic federal union in this country. The reason we are establishing a democratic country is for every citizen and everyone to be free, safe, happy and equal. In addition to this, our martyred leader, father of the Tatmadaw and independence architect Bogyoke Aung San had provided us guidance to practice



President U Win Myint greets representatives from administrative, legislative, judiciary sector officials in Hpa-An, Kayin State yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

democracy once independence has been gained.

A democratic system strengthens the federal union and a federal union also strengthens the democratic pro-

cesses. In doing this, it would be successful only when all cooperate and participate. The three pillars and departmental organizations should not worry in conducting a transition. There

will be difficulties in some places when transitioning from an old era and system to a new one. When such difficulties are encountered, should be seen as an opportunity to show our abilities.

Some may worry, become weary, deny and resist transition. But for development of a country transition is not something to be worried, denied or resisted.

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Senior General Min Aung Hlaing attends 71st Anniversary of Myanmar Air Force

The Myanmar Tatmadaw (Air Force) was formed on 15 December 1947 and yesterday was the 71st anniversary of the Myanmar Air Force.

A ceremony to commemorate the day and inaugurate a total of 7 aircrafts was held yesterday morning at the flight training base Meiktila.

The ceremony was attended by Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Admiral Tin Aung San, Commander-in-Chief (Air Force) General Maung Maung Kyaw, retired commander-in-chief (Navy), retired commander-in-chief (Air

Force), senior Tatmadaw officers from commander-in-chief office of Defence Services, central command commander, air base commander, officers and other ranks and families from Meiktila cantonment, retired Tatmadaw (Air Force) personnel and invited guests. At the ceremony Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief delivered a speech and Chief of Staff (Air Force) Maj-Gen Tun Aung announced the inauguration of the new aircrafts into the force.

Afterwards Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing was presented with new aircraft inauguration commemorative gifts by Commander-in-Chief (Air Force) General



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing sprinkling the scented water onto the helicopter in commemoration of 71st Anniversary of Myanmar Air Force. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE C-IN-C OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

Maung Maung Kyaw.

The aircrafts and helicopters then conducted a demonstration fly-by and aerobatic display. The

Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief and party released 70 birds as merit making and then inspected the inaugurated aircrafts, accord-

ing to the news released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. —MNA ■ (Translated by Zaw Min)



The Christmas Celebration being held at the Believers Church in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon Region, yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

MECA holds thanksgiving ceremony, dinner for Christmas

THE Myanmar Evangelical Christian Alliance-MECA organized a thanksgiving event and pre-dinner to celebrate the Christmas at a church in Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon Region, yesterday.

Also at the dinner, officials from MECA read from the bible,

sang, prayed and extended greeting at the ceremony. Afterwards, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko delivered greetings and General Secretary of Myanmar Council of Churches Mahn Parmar Stan presented a sermon.

Additionally, the congrega-

tion sang hymns and Bishop Dr. Ral Buai delivered a sermon.

Rev. Dr Aung Min offered special prayers, and Chairman of MECA Rev. Dr. Aye Min delivered a Christmas sermon, while Rev. Dr Nyunt Hla sang hymns. —MNA ■ (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

Deputy Minister U Maung Maung Win, CBM Deputy Governor U Soe Thein attend AFCDM+3

DEPUTY Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win and Central Bank of Myanmar (CBM) Deputy Governor U Soe Thein attended the ASEAN+3 Finance and Central Bank Deputies' Meeting (AFCDM+3) held in Busan, Republic of Korea, from 13 to 14 December.

Prior to the meeting, the ASEAN+3 Financial Forum was held under the theme "Voyage In Growing Uncertainties" on 12 December. The forum included two parts, with the first part discussing "Asia Sustaining Growth

and Stability in the face of Uncertainties" and the second part focused on "Managing Financial Globalization: Policy Responses and Strengthening of Regional Financial Safety Nets."

At the AFCDM+3 held on 13 and 14 December, Myanmar discussed its economic development status, challenges faced, and participation in ASEAN+3 work processes. AFCDM+3 meetings are held once every six months and are hosted alternatively by member countries. —MNA ■ (Translated by Zaw Min)



Officials posing for a documentary photo at the ASEAN+3 Finance and Central Bank Deputies' Meeting. **PHOTO: MNA**

42nd ceremony to honour outstanding blood donors held in Yangon



42nd ceremony being convened to honour outstanding blood donors at University of Nursing, Yangon, yesterday. **PHOTO: MYAT SANDI**

The Ministry of Health and Sports organized a 42nd ceremony honouring outstanding blood donors at University of Nursing, Yangon, yesterday. At the ceremony, Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Health and Sports, Dr. Tha Tun Kyaw, delivered an opening speech, accepted cash donated to blood donors by well-wishers, presented certificates of honour, in return, to the well-wishers, and presented gifts to those who had

donated more than 100 times.

U Aung Min, a top donor who had donated 152 times said, "I donated three times a month for 50 years. I intend to continue donating as long as I live."

Blood donors play an important role in the blood transfusion treatment process, so 14 December was chosen beginning in 2014 as a day to honor blood donors. The government also allocated some K 650 million annually for

the costs of blood testing, drawing blood, distribution, and more. The percentage of blood transfusion patients receiving blood at the National Blood Center from donors was 35 per cent in 2013. It had reached 96.9 per cent by 2017. Some 519 attendees were present at the ceremony, including the top blood donors for this year, with 152 donations, and blood donors with over 40 donations. —Myat Sandi ■ (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Myanmar now on path to democracy: President U Win Myint

Myanmar is now on the path to democracy. The nascent democracy may be compared to a toddler learning to walk; we have to be very careful not to falter at this stage and we need to be vigilant and mindful not to lose balance. If we wish democracy to survive, we have to respect the rule of law and at the same time abide by the existing rules and regulations.

(Excerpt from the message sent by President U Win Myint on the occasion of the International Day of Democracy on 15 September 2018.)



Ancient Heritage Yoke Soun Kyaung and Nuns.
PHOTO: ZAW ZAW WEI (SINBYUKYUN)

President U Win Myint meets administrative, legislative, judiciary ...

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Success will be achieved only when we do things the way it is done by going down the path that is in line with the time and era. We could not avoid change and transition if we want our country to develop. Those in attendance today need to reform and straighten the mindsets and morals of those who are working under them. All need to be managed and administered so that all participate in the reform and transition process. In administration, we would like to change and establish political, economic and social fairness. At the same time arrangements must be made so that there is equal opportunity, equality and equality in the face of the law. The administration much be one that supports rule of law. It must be an administration and machinery that provide safe, secure and peaceful life to the people. It should serve the people and do what the people asked them to do instead of being a machine that oppresses the people.

As per the norm of democracy we accept the fact that the people are like our parents, father and mother. It should be noted that history had shown many examples of democracy failing because the governments of the states and regions are bad in management and wrong in administration. Without changing the laws to be in accord with democratic norms, a government can change the administration as much as they want but the administrative machinery will not be a democratic machinery but a bureaucratic machinery. Laws that are in accord with our country, our region and our situation are required to be enacted.

Our aim in the judiciary sector is to have an un-biased judiciary. Efforts must be made towards having justice. Everything must be in accordance with the law. All are equal in the face of the law. Law officers also need to stand on the side of the people ac-



President U Win Myint delivers the speech at the meeting with administrative, legislative and judiciary sector officials in Hpa-An, Kayin State. PHOTO: MNA

cording to the law so that courts can judge and decide correctly.

When I was sworn in as President, I delivered a speech. The essence of the speech was the requirement to change the rigid mindset and habits of the people, government servants and public servants to have a successful and smooth changing process during the democratic transition period. Departmental organizations slow in reforming were to be given tighter management. The Judicial sector needed to be

More needed to be done to eradicate corruption. Human rights violations were to be prevented. Drugs were to be eliminated.

true and correct. More needed to be done to eradicate corruption. Human rights violations were to be prevented. Drugs were to be eliminated. Wastage and loss of public funds were to be managed. Farmlands confiscated unlawfully needed to be returned or compensation paid according to the law. The state government is to implement and follow the Union Government's policies and instructions. It must not implement in any other way. It is the duty and responsibility of

the state government to implement the policies of the Union Government. Departments and organizations in the state are to be effectively managed. Departments and organizations are to be checked and monitored so that they are doing what they are assigned to do. Only when this is done can there be an increase in the momentum of the administrative machinery reform.

A department was formed in the President Office to fight against drugs more forcefully. Drugs are a huge menace to the future generation of the country. Severe action will be taken against public servants regardless of their position if they are connected in any way with drug production and trade. All need to part take in drug eradication work. Anti-corruption works were being conducted effectively. Corruption is becoming established as a practice and habit in our country. If it could not be handled, the country would not develop. Works are organized and conducted down to some states and regions level and depending upon availability of funds, it will be expanded and continued to remaining states and regions. Arrangements are made to form ministry wise Corruption Prevention Units (CPUs). The country will develop and investments will come only when corruption is eradicated. All need to participate in this. We understand the

livelihood problems faced by the public servants. But do not do things for your temporary relief and instead work towards the benefit of the people and the country.

Wastage and loss of public funds were to be managed. Projects are to be correctly calculated and presented. Works are to be conducted following tender rules, regulations and transparently. Unfinished projects are to be correctly reported. Project surpluses are to be returned. The State Advocate and the State Auditor need to advise properly to relevant authorities.

The momentum to protect human rights needed to be increased. Human rights is a birth right. Myanmar was one of the earliest signatories of the human rights declaration. As the future generation will assess whether we have done our duties properly let us perform our historical duties well, said the President.

Next, Kayin State Chief Minister Daw Nang Khin Htwe Myint, Kayin State Hluttaw Speaker U Saw Chit Khin and State Chief Justice U Saw San Lin explained about state government's regional development works, legislative works and judiciary works respectively. Afterwards President U Win Myint explained about the strengths and weaknesses of the administrative, legislative and judicial sectors, conducting trials correctly and speedily, providing

to the people the rights accorded by the laws, requirement to correctly handle evidences in cases, requirement of legislating Hluttaw representatives to conduct according to the laws and rules, the Union Government's policy being balanced development of states and regions and the country's development being directly linked to the correct and speedy decision and conduct of the state government.

The state government is to follow exactly the policies set by the Union Government in returning confiscated farm lands. State government must not interpret the policies set by the Union Government in the way they wanted. Released lands are to be returned to the original owners quickly and officially. It was very important for judgment in farmland matters to be true and correct. Departmental organizations providing reports to the state need to ensure that the data and information are correct. The Union Government was striving towards becoming a clean government with good administration. For this to happen, we need to assess in advance whether public servants would take responsibility and accept accountability. We need to work with transparency and cooperation.

After the meeting the President cordially greeted the meeting attendees and then inspected along the Strand Road of Hpa-An town. — MNA ■

UCSB Chairman inspects preliminary examination of entry level gazetted officers

PRELIMINARY examinations for 188 entry level gazetted officer positions at six ministries under the Union Civil Service Board (UCSB) announcement 3/2018 were being held at five examination centers in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon, Mandalay, Magway and Mawlamyine, starting yesterday morning.

UCSB Chairman Dr. Win Thein visited the two examination centers in Yangon at Basic Education High School No. 4 Ahlon and Basic Education High School No. 7 Ahlon yesterday morning,

where he inspected and encouraged candidates sitting for the English and general knowledge subject examinations.

UCSB is upgrading the selection process to fill positions in the ministries. A preliminary examination is first conducted and those who pass the first test will have to sit for Intermediate Level to Upper Intermediate Level written tests, as a second step. A psychological test and an interview are then conducted on those who passed the second step. Today's examinations are



Union Civil Service Board (UCSB) Chairman Dr. Win Thein inspects the examinations for 188 entry level gazetted officer positions in Yangon. **PHOTO: MNA**

a preliminary examination, this being the third time it has been

held. To date, 4,020 candidates have sat for the preliminary ex-

amination. — MNA / (Translated by Zaw Min) ■

'All Who Can Read Should Read' campaign to be held in Nay Pyi Taw on 20-21 Dec



Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun inspects machines to be displayed at 'All Who Can Read Should Read' campaign. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE 'All Who Can Read Should Read' campaign will be held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-2 (MICC-2), Nay Pyi Taw, from 20 to 21 December.

A press conference to provide updates on the preparation work for organizing it was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information, Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday. Speaking at the press conference, Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun said the ministry is holding children's literature festivals, all round youth development festivals and

book sale festivals throughout the country, in cooperation with other ministries and state/region governments, for the people to acquire and expand the habit of reading.

"The main aims of the 'All Who Can Read Should Read' campaign is to encourage and stimulate the development of reading among all people in Myanmar who can read, and to continue and extend the campaign to cover the entire country", he pointed out.

"During this campaign, priz-

es will be awarded to the 20 libraries among the libraries throughout the country that are the most innovative. Five talk shows will be held and three papers will be read on the school library works and on increasing the reading rate of the people, and there will also be 26 exhibitions. In addition, a book sales festival will be held. Furthermore, the media is requested to cooperate in successfully holding the campaign", said the Deputy Minister.

At the press conference, Information and Public Relations Department (IPRD) Director-General U Ye Naing, Printing and Publishing Department Director-General U Aung Myo Myint, National Archives Department Director General U San Myint, Department of Historical Research and National Library Director Daw Mya Oo and Basic Education Department Deputy Director Daw Thit Thit Khaing explained about departmental exhibits taking part in the campaign.

For the campaign activities, Ministry of Information exhibits

will display public information programs broadcast by Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV), public information educational works conducted by IPRD, the bicycle library program conducted by the governmental entity namely the Information and Broadcasting Division before renaming as MRTV and IPRD, records of documentary films, machinery and equipment used, photographs of famous writers, published books and magazines, and a list of books published by Sarpay Beikman since 1947, as well as rare books.

The Department of Historical Research and National Library exhibit will exhibit five types of palm leaf writings, palm leaf writing bundles, palm and palm leaves, parabaiks, writing materials to produce palm leaf writings, cabinets where parabaiks are stored, inked copies of stone inscriptions, 94 books about Myanmar, the transformation of Myanmar's alphabet, demonstration on palm leaf writings, video recordings of the Golden Letter

of King Alaungpaya, and historical records related to writings of various ages.

The Basic Education Department will display a model library for children, movements aimed at children, activities conducted in children's libraries, and more.

The Department of Historical Research and National Library exhibit will display old historical collections, such as Maha Bandoola palm leaf writing, agreements and treaties, the 1826 Treaty of Yandabo, which ended the first Anglo-Myanmar war, the 1883 Treaty between France and Myanmar, Aung San-Attlee Agreement, Nu-Attlee Agreement, Pinlon Agreement, Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement (NCA) signed in 2015, annexes to the NCA signed in 2017, NCA signed in 2018, original hand writings of Kinwunmingyi, a British era 1886 Myanmar Gazette, 1947 Constitution, Independence Declaration 1948, Pyidawtha Project (1954), five Shan white parabaiks, among other things. — MNA / (Translated by Zaw Min) ■

10 vehicles donated to JMC

THE Embassy of India in Yangon donated 10 vehicles to the Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) yesterday, to be used in monitoring ceasefire operations in Myanmar.

At the ceremony, held at the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre in Yangon yesterday, Ambassador of India to Myanmar Mr. Vikram Misri handed over 10 cars to JMC Chairman Lt-Gen Yar Pyai and

Vice Chairman-2 Thura U Bo Ni.

India is one of the countries that witnessed the signing of the ceasefire agreement between the Tatmadaw and eight ethnic armed organizations on 15 October, 2015.

Lt-Gen Yar Pyai and Thura U Bo Ni expressed thanks to the government of India for its support of JMC. — Ye Khaung Nyunt ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



TATA Xenon vehicles donated by the Government of India to JMC are seen. **PHOTO: PHOE HTAUNG**

MR to invite tender for upgrading of Yangon-Pyay railway

MYANMA Railway (MR) will issue a tender for upgrading the Yangon-Pyay railway section early next year, said an official from MR.

The tender will be sought from international companies, for the work to begin in 2020. MR will also receive loans from the Asia Development Bank and European Investment Bank to be used for upgrading the railway line.

The Yangon-Pyay railway is one of the five most important railway sections in Myanmar, and carries some 75 per cent of all rail passengers. Throughout the world, governments invested some 6 per cent of their national GDP in rail systems, while in Myanmar the investment is just 1.5 per cent of its national GDP.

“Currently, we are conducting feasibility studies. We are planning to use US\$ 200 million to upgrade the railway,

and the project will be implemented within three years,” said the official from MR.

“Myanmar’s expenditure on railway systems is less, compared to other countries. There is a need to invest more in the rail sector to assist the economic development in the country,” he added.

The MR is giving priority to upgrading the Yangon-Mandalay railway, Mandalay-Myitkyina railway, Yangon-Pyay railway, Yangon-Mawlamyine railway and Yangon circular railway stations.

The upgrading of the Yangon circular railway section will be completed by 2030.

Upon completion of the project, there will be improved transportation for cargo transport, as well as an increase in the number of passengers.—GNLM ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Onion growers face high cost of production this season

ONION growers in Kyaukpadaung Township, NyaungU District, Mandalay Region, said they are facing a higher production cost this season of over K200,000 per acre.

“The challenge facing onion growers in our village is the increased cost of production. We bought one Pyi of onion seeds for K100,000 this growing season. The price of onion saplings has also increased this year,” said U Soe Min, an onion grower from Nyaungphyupin Village.

“Growers are spending an average of over K200,000 for cultivating one acre of onion crop. The figure includes rental of farming equipment,

purchase of fertilizers, labour wages, and other charges for irrigation,” he added.

Onion is a popular staple used in cooking. Rainy-season onions are planted in July and August. The crop is harvested in November and December. The winter onion is normally cultivated in November and December and harvested in March and April.

In Kyaukpadaung Township, commercial plantations of onion are concentrated in Nyaungphyupin, Mokegon, Legwa, Konte, and Hsatpyakyin villages.—Ko Htain (Ngathayauk) ■

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

Myanma, Thailand border trade reaches \$702 mln

THE value of border trade between Myanmar and Thailand has reached US\$702 million, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Trade coming across the Myanmar-Thailand border totaled \$702.328 million, between 1 October and 7 December 2018, which included \$521.758 million in exports and \$180.57 million in imports.

Bilateral border trade between Myanmar and Thailand during the same period of last year was worth \$ 237.813 million.

Myanmar-Thailand border trade comes across at the Tachilek border trade camp in Shan state, Myawady border trade camp in Kayin state, Kawthaung border camp, Myeik border trade camp, HteeKhee border trade camp, Mawtaung border trade camp in Taninthayi region and the Maese border camp in Kayah state.

Border trade volume reached US\$10.8 million in Tachilk, US\$154.4 million in Myawaddy, US\$ 45.7 million in Kawthaung, US\$51.73million

in Myeik, US\$434.6 million in HteeKhee, US\$ 4.75 million in Mawtaung and US\$0.27 million in Maese.

Myanmar primarily exports fishery products, such as crab, fish and shrimp, as well as onions, sesame, dry tea leaves, coconut and turmeric along with consumer goods, including cosmetic machinery, and food products. Agricultural equipment and track cars, are imported into the country from Thailand.—Zwe ■ *(Translated by Hay Mar)*

Magway Region minister urges growers to plant cotton instead of pigeon peas

AS the market for pigeon peas has shown little potential for growth, it will be better for growers to plant quick-growing cotton, which can be harvested every three months, said the Magway Region’s Minister for Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation, U Win Maw Htay.

“Pigeon peas are prioritized as tropical crops. But their market has sunk. Therefore, growers must replace peas with more marketable crops. An acre of cottonseed can yield 1,000 viss. Growers can reap a minimum profit of K300,000 per acre by switching to cotton,” he said.

The regional minister made the remarks during a capacity building course on 13-14 December. With the market situation changing, the Agriculture Department is planning to distribute 5,000 viss of cottonseeds.

“The number of cotton growers has increased. They are no longer choosing pigeon peas as their market has not recovered for so long. This being so, growers are turning to cotton plants, which yield a minimum of 500 viss per acre,” said



The cotton plantation in Magway Region. **PHOTO: AY YATU (MAGWAY)**

Daw Pyone Yee, a cotton grower.

The prevailing price of cotton is K1,400 per viss. “As an acre yields over 500 viss, income from cotton can be placed at par with paddy. This year, cotton has been cultivated on 187,419 acres in Magway Region. The region’s

Agriculture Department is planning to expand the acreage up to 300,000 acres in the upcoming early, mid, and late monsoon periods,” said the head of the Agriculture Department.—Zay Yatu (Magway) ■ *(Translated by Khaing Ei Myat Mon)*

Myanmar’s external trade up 5.9% since October

MYANMAR’S overseas trade between October and early December this year exceeded US\$6 billion, up \$342 million, or 5.9 per cent, from the same period last year, reported the Commerce Ministry on Friday.

The ministry’s latest data showed that the country exported goods worth \$2.67 billion and imported goods valued at \$3.43 billion during the period. The trade deficit this fiscal year stood at \$755 million, down \$180 million,

or 19 per cent, from \$936 million in the same period last year.

Compared with the same period last year, the export value has risen by 10.8 per cent, while imports have increased by 2.2 per cent. Over the first 68 days of the

2018-2019 fiscal year, Myanmar’s maritime exports hit \$1.589 billion, while imports through the normal trade routes exceeded \$2.931 billion, with trade totalling nearly \$4.52 billion. The country exported domestic goods worth

\$1.088 billion via land border points and imported products worth over \$500 million from neighbouring countries during the period.—Swe Nyein ■

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

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Over 2.84 mln tourists visited Myanmar in first 10 months of 2018

OVER 2.84 million tourists visited Myanmar during the first 10 months of 2018, according to official statistics from the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

Over one million tourists visited Myanmar through airports and over 7,000 tourists came on cruise liners, while over 35,000 tourists entered Myanmar through the nation's border gates.

Although most tourists came from Europe and North America in recent years, increasing numbers of tourists from China, Thailand and some Asian countries are visiting Myanmar.

About 58,820 tourists came

from North America, 138,545 visitors from Western Europe, 13,160 visitors from Eastern Europe, 3,509 visitors from Africa, 4,317 visitors from Middle-East countries, 834,712 tourists from Asia and 24,259 visitors from Oceania areas.

Of Asian travellers, over 236,441 visitors came from Thailand, 227,048 tourists from China, 82,327 tourists from Japan, and 53,693 tourists from South Korea. France topped the list of western European travellers with 32,597, followed by travellers from the United Kingdom, Germany, and Italy.

With the increase in the number of tourist, authorities



A tourist guide explaining the history of the Shwedagon Pagoda to tourists. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

are conducting promotions, marketing and awareness campaigns in the tourism

marketing. —GNLM ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

44th Rakhine State Day celebrated in Sittway, Mrauk U



A student sings a song with performances in 44th Rakhine State Day celebration in Mrauk U, Rakhin State yesterday. **PHOTO: TIN TUN (IPRD)**

THE Rakhine State Government observed the 44th Rakhine State Day at U Ottama Hall in Sittway

and the Information and Public Relations Department in Mrauk U yesterday.

The ceremony was opened with a song, "Ngayoe Rakhine Thar" (Our Rakhine People), performed by students from Basic Education Post-primary School in Pyitawthar Ward, Sittway Town.

Also, Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu read a message sent by President U Win Myint to mark the 44th Rakhine State Day, and town elder U Maung Thein Phyu (writer Gwayar Myay Saw Win) delivered a message about how Rakhine State came into existence and its current state of development.

Afterwards, following a per-

formance of a song by students from Shwepin private school, the Chief Minister, State Hluttaw Speaker, State Chief Justice, State Hluttaw Deputy Speaker and state ministers presented awards to public servants and winners of Rakhine State Day competitions.

Earlier in the morning, Rakhine State Government offered breakfast and offerings on the platform at Atula Marethane Pylone Chantha Pagoda to the Members of Sangha in Sittway and listened to a sermon. — Tin Tun (IPRD) / (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Customs Dept to launch two schemes to develop private sector, says Union Minister for P&F

By Nyein Nyein

MYANMAR Customs Department will implement two schemes to drive private sector development, said U Soe Win, the Union Minister for Planning and Finance, during a meeting with Vice President U Myint Swe and businesspersons in Yangon on Friday.

The schemes will involve bringing customs warehousing procedures in line with international standards, and reducing import duty on raw materials and raising duty on finished products.

"Practicing customs warehousing procedures will help free Myanmar's exports from international import restrictions. The move will also ensure

self-sufficiency. It will allow for goods to be stored without payment of Value Added Tax. It will reduce the advanced income tax burden, without time delay. It will also simplify processes in manufacturing, trading, and transportation sectors, creating more jobs," said U Soe Win.

"Customs warehousing can help simplify export/import processes. Warehouses can provide a steady supply of material when it is needed, which can help control high commodity prices. Additionally, it will support legitimate trading and minimize illegal trade," he said.

"Under the second scheme, import duties on raw materials will be reduced and duties on finished products will be increased. This will save manufacturing

costs for local production. The scheme will help improve market competitiveness, attract more investors, and create more jobs. It will also bridge the gap between import and export businesses," he added.

"The Ministry of Planning and Finance is also working to provide better financial access to businesspersons to boost the private sector," the minister said. "The Myanmar Economic Bank (MEB) is providing loans to entrepreneurs engaged in manufacturing, services, transport, trading, and construction," he added.

"The bank has set an 11-per cent interest rate on overdraft loans, while the interest rate for term loans not exceeding three years is 12.5 per cent. Me-

dium-term loans (three to five years) attract a 12.5-per-cent interest rate, while the interest on long-term loans (five to ten years) is 12.25 per cent. The MEB offers other types of loans, too. The MEB grants loans of up to Ks300 million upon approval of the Board of Directors. Loans exceeding Ks300 million need approval from the ministry," said the Union Minister. MEB manages JICA's two-step loans and ODA loans for SME sector development. To improve small and medium enterprises' access to markets, Myanmar Citizens Bank, Kanbawza Bank, CB, Ayeyawady Bank, First Private Bank, and United Amara Bank are also offering two-step loans. ■

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

German railway reaches pay deal with main union

BERLIN (Germany) — German railway operator Deutsche Bahn and its main union said Saturday they had reached a pay deal after strikes disrupted services earlier this week.

The EVG union, which represents most of the 160,000 DB workers, agreed a 6.1 per cent pay rise in all – 3.5 per cent payable from July 2019 and 2.6 per cent from July 2020.

EVG originally demanded

a 7.5 per cent pay hike while DB offered 5.1 per cent.

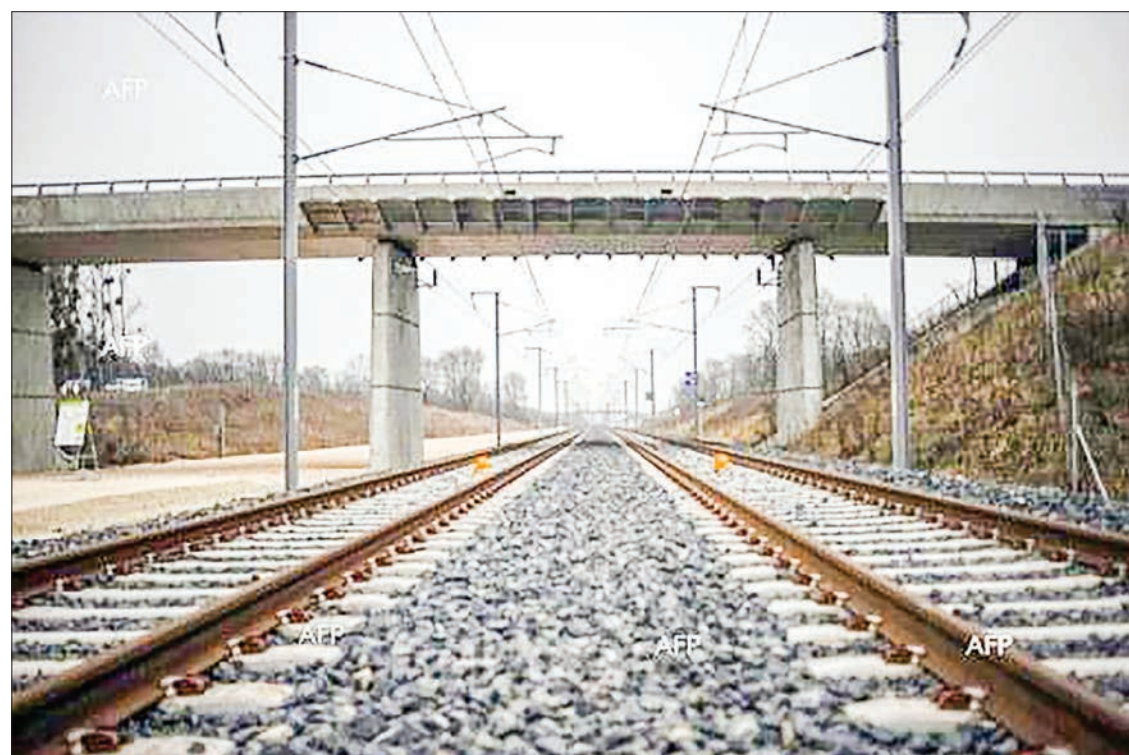
Employees will also get a one-off payment of 1,000 euros (\$1,130) just before the first phase salary increase, EVG and DB said.

EVG negotiator Regina Rusch-Ziembra said the union had won comprehensively after strike action had “sent a clear sign” to the company of workers’ determination.

The agreement “is an important sign of (DB’s) esteem for its workers,” DB human resources head Martin Seiler said in a statement.

DB will now be able to focus on improving its services, especially on punctuality, he said.

The much smaller GDL train drivers union remains in dispute with DB, announcing Friday that talks with management had failed. —AFP ■



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Spanish policemen walk in front of a Madrid court, on 22 August 2017, before the arrival of four men suspected of involvement in the terror cell that carried out twin attacks in Spain. **PHOTO: AFP**

Spanish police arrest three behind neo-nazi website

MADRID (Spain) — Spanish police on Saturday announced the arrest of three men they said ran the Spanish section of “one of the most influential neo-nazi websites” in the world.

The arrests were in Barcelona, Tarragona and Saragossa, all in the northeast of the country, said a police statement.

The aim of the website is to “propagate anti-Semitic, homophobic and racist hate messages on the Internet among Spanish-speaking followers”, the statement added.

Police said they had tracked down to Switzerland “the leader and ideologue of this section, a Spanish citizen considered a leading international neo-Nazi, with a network of more than 50,000 subscribers”.

The suspects, aged from 21 to 23, had used false identities and servers based abroad to try to avoid detection, said the statement.

Spanish police collaborated with their Swiss counterparts and the European police agency Europol to track them down. — AFP ■

Upcoming changes in marine fuel sulfur limits to affect global oil markets: EIA

HOUSTON — International regulations limiting sulfur in fuels for ocean-going vessels will increase uncertainty for crude oil and petroleum product price formation in both the short and long term, the US Energy Information Administration (EIA) said Friday.

These rules, set to take effect in January 2020, apply across multiple countries’ jurisdictions to fuels used in the open ocean.

The International Maritime Organization (IMO), the 171-member state United Nations agency that sets standards for shipping, decided to reduce the maximum amount of sulfur content in marine fuels used on the open seas from 3.5 per cent

to 0.5 per cent by 2020. These regulations are intended to reduce sulfur dioxide, nitrogen oxides and other pollutants from global ship exhaust.

EIA said that the upcoming IMO regulations pose a significant challenge for global petroleum refineries, which will have to figure out how to increase the supply of low sulfur products for use in marine applications and minimize the output of high sulfur oils.

EIA said that one approach refineries could pursue is to divert more low sulfur distillate fuel into the bunker fuel market. This means that ocean-going ships would be competing with trucks, heavy equipment, trains and planes for supplies of distil-

late fuels at a time when global demand for distillate is already high. To respond to extra demand for distillate fuels, refineries can increase the rate they process crude oil or invest and build more refinery capacity to produce distillate fuels.

Refineries could also process crude oils that are lower in sulfur and yield a greater amount of distillates and lower amounts of residual oils, which currently make up the largest component of marine fuels used by large ocean-going vessels.

Vessel operators also have several choices to comply with the new sulfur limits. One option is to switch to a lower-sulfur fuel compliant with the new rules. Another option is to utilize

scrubbers to remove pollutants from ships’ exhaust, allowing them to continue to use higher-sulfur fuels. Ships have the option to switch to nonpetroleum-based fuels as well.

The decisions refineries and shippers make in response to the IMO regulations heavily influence one another, adding to uncertainty and complexity, according to EIA.

When burned, the sulfur in marine fuel produces sulfur dioxide, a precursor to acid rain. The sulfur content of transportation fuels has been declining for many years because of increasingly strict regulations implemented by individual countries or groups of countries. — Xinhua ■

Pilot killed in Su-27 fighter jet crash in Ukraine

KIEV — A Su-27 fighter jet crashed in northwestern Ukraine on Saturday, killing a pilot, the General Staff of the Ukrainian Armed Forces said on Facebook.

The plane, which was carrying out a routine flight, crashed at about 3:00 p.m. local time (1300 GMT) while landing in Zhytomyr region, it said.

The cause of the incident is under investigation.

On 16 October, two pilots were killed when a Su-27 crashed in Ukraine’s central Vinnytsya region during international exercises “Clear Sky-2018.” — Xinhua ■

Change our mindset for future prosperity of our country

TECHNOLOGICAL advancements are transforming the global economy today. The effects of this global transformation are being felt across our country, particularly our youth. We should prepare today to help our youth for their future which is paved with challenges and opportunities.

An important part of the solution is to equip today's youth with an entrepreneurial mindset and related business skills to succeed at creating new businesses.

Our young entrepreneurs need to have a creative mindset and be able to see things from a new perspective.

Speaking at the 3rd Myanmar Entrepreneurship Summit on Friday in Nay Pyi Taw, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi urged young entrepreneurs to do things that other countries haven't attempted yet and to adopt a different mindset 'that envisages not only for their benefit but also for the economic development of our country.

Businesspeople in other countries only focus on business endeavours because they think it is the main drive for economic development.

Don't think that this is not relevant to our times. Think of it as something ahead of our time. It is certainly not old-fashioned.

Businesses cannot stand by themselves. Supportive government policies and initiatives can help create a favourable environment for development of businesses.

Government investment in business and vocational education programs, tax policies that incentivize business investment and capital formation are helpful foundations.

But the real onus for success in a primarily free-market economy to develop the next generation's skills must lie with the business community.

The Union government and the business community need to work together for national development and the security and peace of mind of every citizen. Our people are urged to improve their mental capacities so that they will cooperate more with each other. This is essential in both the education sphere and the business community.

Everyone should cultivate a mindset that encourages working for the benefit of other people as it will have a reciprocal effect on your own development too.

We have to think of long-term sustainability and not just the short-term. We cannot think for the benefit of one month, one year or even one election period. Most politicians think only as far as the next election but some politicians think about the next generation. Our young entrepreneurs are urged to have a mindset of thinking about the next generation.

We do believe the future prosperity of our country and our youth is dependent on how we change our behaviour today.

"The most basic task in fighting leprosy is to seek out those persons who have contracted the disease and ensure they receive treatment to become free of the malady, and also to prevent them from becoming disabled, while supporting them through rehabilitation"

Dr. Kyaw Nyunt Sein, Deputy Director-General (Retired)

Roundtable discussions to mark the National Conference on Combating Leprosy held.

MRTV aired a live program on the "Roundtable Discussions on Myanmar National Conference on Combating Leprosy" in which Dr. Tin Shwe, Deputy Director (Retired), Department of Health of the Ministry of Health; Dr. Kyaw Nyunt Sein, Deputy Director-General (Retired), DOH of MH; Dr. Chan Tun Aung, Leprosy Elimination Project Manager and Deputy Director of Public Health of the Ministry of Health and Sports have participated in the program.

By Nandar Winn and
Mee Mee Phyto
PHOTO BY HLA MOE

Moderator: The roundtable discussion is to mark the National Conference on Combating Leprosy to be held on 12 and 13 of December 2018. Dr. Tin Shwe may kindly explain the past situation of leprosy that occurred in Myanmar.

Dr. Tin Shwe, Deputy Director (Retired), Department of Health of the Ministry of Health, Myanmar Leprosy Elimination Project Manager, American Leprosy Mission Country Representative: Please allow me to talk on the situation before I took charge of the anti-leprosy campaign. In 1891, it was recorded that (8.6) per cent of leprosy patients was among (10,000) population. In 1932, the number of leprosy patients was recorded as (11,127), and that in 1951, the experts of WHO had estimated (100,000) patients existed in Myanmar.

In 1993, we surveyed the number of leprosy patients and estimated as (242) patients among (10,000) population. Back in 1952, the countries in the world were eliminating the disease with the popular method of DDS treatment.

In 1964, the leprosy elimination project had been launched and expanded through the cooperation with the basic health care department, including research works.

In 1978, the first public health project was launched for the leprosy elimination through the cooperation of basic health staff members.

In 1981, the WHO had announced to supply Multidrug Therapy (MDT) free of cost to leprosy patients in all endemic countries and the regimen has successfully treated the leprosy patients. Therefore, in 1987, we started using MDT regimens in leprosy prone areas. As the MDT regimens found to be effective, it had been widely used.

In 1991 at the UNGA, the WHO had adopted the resolution



marking leprosy as the public health issue, and urged all nations including Myanmar to treat the disease with MDT method.

In 1994, the Hanoi Conference was held in Hanoi and urged to work out in the elimination of leprosy by the year 2000, where we participated in the resolution. After that, Myanmar held "First Donor Meeting" in 1995 in launching Leprosy Elimination Project with the assistant of the WHO and other partner nations. With the help and assistance of the partner countries, we started in launching with the MDT treatment in the whole of the country.

Moderator: Kindly explain the tasks during your period in office.

Dr. Tin Shwe: With the cooperation of the WHO and the partner countries, we started the Leprosy Elimination Campaign (LEC) by searching new patients at the villages, along with awareness raising tasks. The LEC programs were being implemented at the districts level in conjunction with the Special Action Program for Elimination of Leprosy (SAPEL).

Moderator: We would like to hear the UNDP HDI Project and the Community Based Rehabilitation.

Dr. Tin Shwe: We treated the patients with MDT method, and at the same time we looked for the

new patients, while solving the accompanying issues of the patients under the UNDP assisted HDI Project. We deployed the village health workers and the community health workers among the community in the search for new patients.

At that juncture, the tasks including the necessary exercises for their mobility and the socio-economic rehabilitation were provided through the Township Training Equipment Fund Committee. The benefits included material aids to the patients, soft loans for economic rehabilitation, and imparting relevant physical training courses through the CBR program, covering (40) townships in the country.

Moderator: Kindly explain the First Donor Meeting.

Dr. Tin Shwe: At the First Donor Meeting, we were supported by interesting partner countries in the leprosy elimination campaign, where we sought assistances. Among them, four organizations namely the American Leprosy Mission, the Netherlands Leprosy Relief, Sasakawa Health Memorial Foundation, and the Leprosy Mission International extended their assistances with the vehicles, equipments for the training courses, cash assistances, and skill trainings.

Moderator: Please explain the Leprosy Elimination Cam-

aign.

Dr. Tin Shwe: As we believed in the suggestion of the WHO, we deployed LEC field staff and the basic health workers to the villages and conducted awareness raising talks. When we found some people in the village and ward with suspected nature of leprosy, we explained them our LEC program.

Moderator: Kindly tell us on SAPEL Project.

Dr. Tin Shwe: It is Special Action Program for Elimination of Leprosy, especially eradicating the health issue of the people. These programs were mainly carried out in remote areas and far reaching places, where our health workers searched for the new patients, registered and treated them on annual basis. We termed the plan as Special Action Program.

The work programs are expanded, and that I retired on superannuation term in 1998 entrusting the task to my colleague Dr. Kyaw Nyunt Sein.

Moderator: Dr. Kyaw Nyunt Sein may kindly share your view on the most vital aspect of elimination task.

Dr. Kyaw Nyunt Sein, Deputy Director-General (Retired), Department of Health, Ministry of Health: "The most basic task in fighting leprosy is to seek out those persons who have contracted the disease and ensure they receive

treatment to become free of the malady, and also to prevent them from becoming disabled, while supporting them through rehabilitation" including the prevention in becoming disabled person.

Moreover, we have communicated with the international donor countries in the course of partnership made through the First Donor Meeting. We are also cooperating with the local NGOs and relevant ministries. With a view to streamlining the tasks, such as the exploring of resource, implementation of LEC and SAPEL, we successfully formed a Leprosy Elimination Committee in April 2000.

We tried to wipe out the four stages of ignorance by adopting (10) Specific Objectives and (14) Strategies, and we are moving ahead. In these strategies, we included the vision in securing the commitment and support, and in cooperating with the partner countries on individual basis as well as collective manner through responsibility and accountability.

Furthermore, the strategies included that the appalling image of leprosy patient is to be changed into a suitable and humane nature in the eyes of the public, and that to convince the disease could be treated to full recovery among the patients.

We have included the plan for monitoring and surveillance as well as MDT service as close as possible to the public in the whole of the country without interrupted and shortage of medicine.

The role of midwives is very much instrumental in this issue as they are being imparted and equipped with the skills in examination, identifying and providing treatment to the patients. We also conducted research on some new unknown areas to fill in the gap for treatment. We pay attention for the prevention of patients from becoming disabling, and that all the strategies are put together for implementation.

(To be continued)
Translated by UMT (Ahlon)



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Saturday 15th December, 2018)

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at (06:30)hrs M.S.T today, the deep depression over the Southeast Bay of Bengal has moved North-Northwestward and now lies over Southeast Bay and adjoining Southwest Bay of Bengal. It is centered at about (420)miles Southeast of Chennai(India), about (520) miles South-Southeast of Machilipatnam and about (295) miles East of Triconmalee (Sri Lanka). Weather is partly cloudy over the North Bay and partly cloudy to cloudy over the Andaman Sea and elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL EVENING OF THE 15th December, 2018: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin and Chin State, scattered in Taninthayi Region, Kayin and Mon State, fairly widespread in Bago, Yangon and Ayeyarwady Regions, Kayah State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (30-35)m.p.h. Wave height will be about (6-9) feet in off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Fairly widespread to scattered rain or thundershowers in Naypyitaw, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyarwady Regions, Shan, Rakhine and Kayah States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15th December, 2018: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15th December, 2018: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

FORECAST FOR Mandalay and NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 15th December, 2018: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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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

US stocks close sharply lower as global growth fears spur sell-off

NEW YORK (United States)—US stocks sold off to close the week down sharply on Friday, with fears of slowing global growth pushing all three major Wall Street indices down about two per cent.

Sparked by weaker-than-expected Chinese economic data, the slump left the indices more than 10 per cent below their most recent peaks.

The benchmark Dow Jones Industrial Average fell two percent to close the session 24,100.51, its lowest level since May and down 1.2 per cent for the week.

The broader S&P 500 fell 1.9 per cent to end at 2,599.95, down 1.3 per cent for the week, while the tech-heavy Nasdaq sank the furthest, losing 2.3 per cent to finish at 6,910.66.

That left the Nasdaq up only a hair's breadth for the year while the Dow and the S&P 500



Chinese consumer spending grew at its slowest pace in 15 years. PHOTO: AFP

had already wiped out their gains for 2018.

Chinese authorities on Friday reported weaker-than-ex-

pected retail sales and industrial output, renewing long-standing fears that the global economy is slowing, leaving the current bull

market little room to continue.

"The fears around slower growth rate globally have been confirmed by the fact that the

Chinese data were weak," Nate Thooft of Manulife Asset Management told AFP.

But, he said, "I still think the market is reading way too much in it." Shares of US drug maker Johnson & Johnson also weighed on the Dow, closing down more than 10 per cent following a Reuters report that the company knowingly sold talc-based powder containing the carcinogen asbestos. Johnson & Johnson forcefully denied the report—which drew from thousands of pages of documents from the company dating back decades. Discount retailer Costco sank 8.6 per cent on disappointing first-quarter revenue.

Meanwhile, US retail sales slowed to 0.2 per cent in November, but excluding gasoline and auto sales, underlying consumer spending was more robust, the Commerce Department reported on Friday.—AFP ■



Nissan Motor Co President Carlos Ghosn. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

Nissan cries foul as Ghosn documents removed from Rio apartment

RIO DE JANEIRO—Representatives of ousted Nissan Motor Co Chairman Carlos Ghosn's family have retrieved documents from a corporate apartment in Rio de Janeiro, the carmaker said on Friday, suspecting the papers may include evidence of wrongdoing.

Along with local court officials, the representatives visited the apartment on Thursday night to remove personal belongings including items inside safes, with Nissan representatives also present, the company said. The documents, contained in two plastic folders, were removed from a wardrobe, it said. The Nissan representatives were not allowed by the court to view the contents of the safes or the documents. "We believe that these documents cannot possibly have been of a personal nature," Nissan said in a statement. The Japanese firm "is considering its next course of action."

Earlier this week, a local court granted Ghosn's family access to the apartment to remove personal belongings. The spokesperson for Ghosn has reportedly said there was nothing of significance in the documents.—Kyodo News

China says to suspend extra tariffs on US cars, parts

BEIJING (China)—China pressed on with its trade war truce with the United States on Friday, announcing it will suspend extra tariffs added to US-made cars and auto parts for three months from 1 January. The move is another sign that the ceasefire has not been derailed by the recent arrest in Canada of a top Chinese telecom executive at the behest of the United States.

Beijing raised tariffs on American-made cars and auto parts this summer by 25 per cent in retaliation for US tariffs on \$50 billion of Chinese goods. "Suspend-

sion of the tariffs is a concrete measure to implement the consensus reached by the two heads of state," said the announcement by the State Council's Tariff Commission Office, noting it applied to 211 product codes. US President Donald Trump and Chinese leader Xi Jinping agreed on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Buenos Aires on December 1 to a 90-day truce while they tried to find a solution to the escalating trade dispute.

While China and the US initially provided differing accounts of the scope of their agreement,

Beijing has recently begun to act on claims put forth by White House officials as to what steps China would take.

"We hope that both sides will, in accordance with the consensus reached by the two heads of state, on the premise of mutual respect, mutual equality, faithfulness, words and actions, and intensify consultations in the direction of cancelling all of the extra tariff increases," the State Council's statement said. Confusion and unease over what agreement the two sides reached in Argentina has roiled stock markets.—AFP ■

China's central bank injects funds into market via MLF

BEIJING—China's central bank on Friday injected 286 billion yuan (about 41.5 billion US dollars) into the market via the medium-term lending facility (MLF) to maintain liquidity. The funds will mature in one year with an interest rate of 3.3 per cent, unchanged from previous operations, the People's Bank of China (PBOC) said on its website. The operation effectively rolled over an equal amount of such loans, which matured on Friday. The MLF tool was introduced in 2014 to help commercial and policy banks maintain liquidity by allowing them to borrow from the central bank using securities as collateral. The PBOC suspended reverse repo

operations for the 36th consecutive trading day.

Friday's interbank market showed the overnight Shanghai Interbank Offered Rate (Shibor), which measures the cost at which banks lend to one another, jumped 13.6 basis points to 2.655 per cent, the highest level over the past two weeks. The Shibor rate for one-month loans also climbed 6.6 basis points to 2.966 per cent. The country vowed to maintain control over the floodgates of monetary supply and keep liquidity at a reasonable and ample level, according to a statement issued after a meeting of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee in July.—Xinhua ■

UK's May returns to face EU leaders after Brexit deal rebuff

BRUSSELS—British Prime Minister Theresa May returned to face EU leaders on Friday after they rebuffed her pleas for help to sell her Brexit plan back home and warned of the growing threat of a “no deal.” May had sought to persuade her 27 colleagues she could overcome huge opposition to the divorce deal among British MPs if they gave her some assurances over the thorny problem of the Irish border.

But they were not convinced, and European diplomats said May had been unable to explain what she wanted or how she could deliver a British parliamentary majority to endorse the deal.

“The signals we heard yesterday were not particularly reassuring on Britain’s capacity to honour the commitments that were made,” Belgian Prime Minister Charles Michael said.

“So we will make sure to prepare for all scenarios and prepare also for a no deal scenario,” he added, as he arrived for the second and final day of the EU summit. On Thursday, European Commission president Jean-Claude Juncker repeated statements made all week by European leaders that “there is no room whatsoever for renegotiation” of the deal.

May postponed a vote in the House of Commons this week on the Brexit deal to avoid a crushing defeat, but has promised it will take place next month, by 21 January at the latest.

This is uncomfortably close to Britain’s scheduled exit day on 29 March, 2019 - and Juncker said he was stepping up preparations in case it leaves with no deal in place. Austrian Chancellor Sebastian Kurz added on Friday:



British Prime Minister Theresa May arrives on 14 December, 2018 in Brussels during the second day of a European Summit aimed at discussing the Brexit deal, the long-term budget and the single market. **PHOTO: AFP**

“There is a withdrawal deal, and there is an urgent necessity to take decisions. We should avoid a no deal scenario.”

May did not speak as she arrived for the summit, where she met with French President Emmanuel Macron before EU-wide discussions on migration, Russia and climate change. She came to Brussels wounded by a confidence vote on Wednesday night, which she won but in which 117 MPs - more than one-third of her Conservative party - voted to oust her. Opposition to the Brexit deal in Britain is focused on a so-called “backstop” arrangement designed to keep open the border with Ireland if and until a new UK-EU trade deal is signed. May is seeking “legal and political assurances” that this will not keep Britain trapped indefinitely in an EU customs union. Several EU leaders have talked of offering “clarifications” and “explanations”, and a statement issued after they talked without May

late Thursday emphasised they will try to ensure the backstop is never triggered.

But, while an early draft of the conclusions said the EU “stands ready to examine whether any further assurances can be provided” on the backstop, this was removed from the final version. “Colleagues were so exasperated that she left with less than she could have got,” a European source said. May told EU leaders they must help her “change the perception that the backstop could be a trap from which the UK cannot escape”, according to a British official.

“With the right assurances, this deal can be passed. Indeed it is the only deal that is capable of getting through my parliament,” she told them.

But European sources said the room was tense, with German Chancellor Angela Merkel and other leaders repeatedly interrupting May to ask her what she wanted and how she could

deliver it.

Another source who had been in the room told AFP on Friday that May had contradicted herself and failed to say how any assurances on the backstop might work, to the consternation of fellow leaders.

On Friday, however, Luxembourg Prime Minister Xavier Bettel on defended May, saying she “did a good job, she got the best possible deal” despite being able to deliver her own party’s lawmakers.

“The problem is the MPs in London,” he said.

“The fact is for internal political reasons in the UK some people try to gamble the relation between the EU and the UK for the future. And it’s bad.”

May has faced constant criticism to her Brexit strategy from hardline anti-Europeans in her party, while the Northern Irish party which props up her government also opposes her deal.—AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Brazil president signs extradition order for wanted Italian ex-militant

BRASÍLIA (Brazil)—Brazilian President Michel Temer on Friday signed an extradition order for an Italian ex-militant, Cesare Battisti, wanted in his homeland for murders committed in the 1970s, after a judge ordered his arrest. “The president has signed the extradition of Cesare Battisti,” an official in the presidency confirmed to AFP. Battisti—who has been in Brazil for years, most recently living in Sao Paulo state under a 2010 protective decree issued by former president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva -- has not been located since the Supreme Court judge on Thursday issued his arrest order. Brazil’s incoming far-right president Jair Bolsonaro had promised to extradite Battisti after he takes over from Temer on 1 January.—AFP ■

Macron says EU can ‘clarify’ not renegotiate Brexit deal

BRUSSELS (Belgium)—European Union member countries could find a way to “clarify” the terms of Britain’s divorce deal from the EU but cannot renegotiate them, French President Emmanuel Macron said on Friday. “There is an agreement, the only and best deal possible and we cannot renegotiate it. But we can clarify and reassure,” Macron told reporters after an EU summit. British Prime Minister Theresa May had asked EU leaders for further reassurances to help her steer the deal through a sceptical British parliament.—AFP ■

Canada FM promises ‘apolitical’ due process on Huawei executive

WASHINGTON (United States)—Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland on Friday promised “apolitical” due process on an executive detained on a US request as she held talks in Washington.

“We all agree that the most important thing we can do is uphold the rule of law and ensure Ms. Meng’s due process is respected and that the current judicial process in Canada remain apolitical,” Freeland told a joint news conference at the State Department.—AFP ■

‘No evidence’ of Huawei spying, says German IT watchdog

FRANKFURT AM MAIN (Germany)—Germany’s IT watchdog has expressed scepticism about calls for a boycott of Chinese telecoms giant Huawei, saying it has seen no evidence the firm could use its equipment to spy for Beijing, news weekly Spiegel reported on Friday.

“For such serious decisions like a ban, you need proof,” the head of Germany’s Federal Office for Information Security (BSI), Arne Schoenbohm, told Spiegel, adding that his agency had no

such evidence.

Huawei has faced increasing scrutiny over its alleged links to Chinese intelligence services, prompting countries like the United States, Australia and Japan to block it from building their next-generation, super-fast 5G internet networks.

The US has put pressure on Germany to follow suit, Spiegel wrote.

Schoenbohm said BSI experts had examined Huawei products and components from

around the world.

They had also visited Huawei’s newly opened lab in Bonn, where German clients can inspect the firm’s cyber security measures and the software behind its products.

But some observers raised eyebrows at the BSI’s apparent dismissal of cyber security risks concerning Huawei.

“I believe it’s wrong to suggest that the concerns about Chinese espionage are unfounded and easy to detect,” telecom secu-

city expert Ronja Kniep told AFP.

“Even if Huawei has no official relationship with the Chinese government, that doesn’t mean Chinese services aren’t using the company and its technology as vehicles for espionage.”

All three of Germany’s main mobile network operators use infrastructure provided by Huawei, Spiegel pointed out.

The Chinese firm is also the brand behind some of Germany’s most popular mobile phones.—AFP ■

Viet Nam probes former top policemen on fugitive spy links

HANOI (Viet Nam)—Two former senior police officials in Viet Nam were placed under investigation on Friday for their alleged role in aiding a spy, the latest development as the communist state's anti-corruption drive extends to the powerful security sector. The duo were once part of Viet Nam's Ministry of Public Security, one of the state's most protected institutions which oversees the country's vast police force, and cybersecurity and intelligence units.

But it is now the target of a crackdown that has mostly engulfed the oil and banking sectors, as analysts say the conservative leadership aims to stamp out corruption and sideline political foes. An announcement issued by the

ministry on Friday said two former MPS deputy ministers—Bui Van Thanh and Tran Viet Tan—were “put under investigation and not allowed to leave their residences”.

The order was linked to Phan Van Anh Vu, an intelligence officer whose high-profile arrest at a Singapore border crossing last December gave a hint at fissures within Viet Nam's highly secretive Communist party and state apparatus. Vu, an ex-property developer who authorities say was sought for leaking state secrets, was extradited and is now serving eight years in jail. The details of his crimes have never been made public because of national security reasons, officials say.

Thanh, one of the two officers under investigation,

was sacked from his deputy minister position in August after the state accused him of aiding Vu to travel overseas.

He had also allegedly illegally signed documents approving the sale of state properties. As for Tan, the deputy police minister chief had served five years in office until 2016, when a probe found that he had allegedly violated regulations on protecting state secrets. Viet Nam's anti-graft campaign echoes Beijing's massive corruption crackdown and is believed to be led by Nguyen Phu Trong, the head of Viet Nam's Communist Party and the country's president. The white-haired conservative leader has repeatedly vowed to stamp out mismanagement at every level. —AFP ■

China holds gala for 40th anniversary of reform, opening up



“Our 40 Years,” a grand gala in celebration of the 40th anniversary of China's reform and opening up, is held in Beijing, capital of China on 14 December, 2018. PHOTO: XINHUA

BEIJING—A grand gala was held in Beijing on Friday evening in celebration of the 40th anniversary of China's reform and opening up. Xi Jinping, Li Ke-qiang, Li Zhanshu, Wang Yang, Wang Huning, Han Zheng and Wang Qishan were among the Communist Party of China (CPC) and state leaders who

joined more than 3,000 people to watch the gala at the Great Hall of the People. On the balcony of the 2nd floor of the hall hung a banner, which read “rally closely around the CPC Central Committee with Comrade Xi Jinping at the core, hold high the banner of socialism with Chinese characteristics, follow the

guidance of Deng Xiaoping Theory, the Theory of Three Represents, the Scientific Outlook on Development and Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, and unceasingly advance reform and opening up in the new era”.

At 7:55 pm, Xi and other senior leaders walked

into the hall, shook hands with representatives of people awarded for their outstanding contributions to reform and opening up, amid warm applause throughout the venue.

Named “Our 40 Years,” the gala was divided into Overture, Part One, Part Two and Epilogue. Part One replayed the grand changes that have taken place in China since the beginning of reform and opening up. The part culminated with a poetry recital titled “The Great Awakening,” which expressed Chinese people's gratitude and admiration for reform and opening up. Part Two comprehensively showed how socialism with Chinese characteristics entered the new era under the guidance of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era. The gala ended with a song expressing the promising future for reform and opening up. —Xinhua

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Australia formally recognizes West Jerusalem as capital of Israel

SYDNEY—In a major policy shift, Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison announced on Saturday that his government recognizes West Jerusalem as the capital of Israel, while accusing the United Nations of furthering an anti-Semitic agenda. Speaking at an event in Sydney, Morrison said Australia remained committed to a two-state solution but should question conventional wisdom as to how peace between Israel and Palestine can be achieved.

“A rancid stalemate has emerged,” he said, referring to decades-long negotiations which have failed to come to fruition. “Slavish adherence to the conventional wisdom over decades appears only to be further entrenching the stalemate, providing a leave pass for continued action.” “Australia now recognizes West Jerusalem, being the seat of the Knesset and many of the institutions of government, is the capital of Israel.” At the same time, Morrison acknowledged the aspirations of the Palestinian

people to establish a future state with its capital in East Jerusalem.

“Australia believes this respects our commitment to a two-state solution and longstanding respect to Security Council resolutions,” he said, calling the move a “balanced view.” Morrison said he looked forward to moving the Australian Embassy to West Jerusalem after a final solution is reached between Israel and Palestine. In the interim, the government will establish a trade and defence office in West Jerusalem. Morrison also used his speech to accuse the United Nations General Assembly of furthering an anti-Semitic agenda “masquerading as the defense of human rights.”

The prime minister cited 17 UN General Assembly resolutions from last year critical of Israel compared to just five for all other countries, including Myanmar and North Korea. —Kyodo News ■

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M.V PACAO VOY. NO. (040 N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V PACAO VOY. NO. (040 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16-12-2018 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.

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.

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Oceans of garbage prompt war on plastics

PARIS (France)—Faced with images of turtles smothered by plastic bags, beaches carpeted with garbage and islands of trash floating in the oceans, environmentalists say the world is waking up to the need to tackle plastic pollution at the source. Stories on social media of giant seas of floating waste or a beached whale found in Indonesia with six kilos (13 pounds) of plastic in its stomach are bringing plastic pollution into the spotlight.

“There is no question

who confuse plastic bags with the jellyfish they eat, Galgani said. More than 5 billion plastic bags are used every year, and a ban step by step, country by country is underway, the first phase towards a possible general ban. Bags could be followed by bans on plastic straws and cotton swabs.

The European Union wants to ban certain single-use plastics by the end of 2021. For Galgani, that would be good news, as it would represent around 30 to 40 per cent of the plastic that ends up in the

Environment agency has already declared war on plastics in the oceans and made it the environmental theme of 2018.

“We need stop treating plastic as something that we can just throw away after we have used it, and start treating it as a material that has real value,” said Petter Malvik, campaign manager for the Clean Seas campaign launched by UN-Environment in 2017.

Already around 60 countries have joined in the campaign started in 2017 to ban non-reusable plastics.



Eight million tonnes of plastic is spilled into the oceans each year, according to a study in the Science journal. **PHOTO: AFP**

plastic is having a moment,” said George Leonard, chief scientist at Ocean Conservancy. “We are in a moment in time where we are starting to stare the problem in the face, and we’re quite optimistic and hopeful that we can solve it.” Leonard and other environmental experts are optimistic the exposure will make the problem of plastics hard to ignore and focus attention on how best to deal with such waste.

Eight million tonnes of plastic is dumped into the oceans each year, according to a study in the Science journal. But that is only what comes from the land, said Francois Galgani, researcher with the French institute Ifremer, estimating another two million tonnes could come from ships especially fishing vessels. As a consequence more than 700 species are impacted, including turtles

oceans. “Everyone is working for the good cause, even industries,” he said.

Cleaning up?

But according to a study in Science Advances review, from the 8.3 billion tonnes of plastic produced between 1950 and 2015, 6.3 billion tonnes became garbage that was not very biodegradable material and only 9 per cent was recycled. For Greenpeace’s Mirjam Kopp, though, recycling is not enough. “We cannot continue this business as usual, we need to change the throw-away culture we have developed,” Kopp said. “We need to tackle the problem at the source.”

“Industries are putting the blame on the consumers, saying they should recycle more, but we don’t think it will help. They are responsible for the single-use plastics they put on the market.” The UN

“Although bans alone won’t solve the problem, they are definitely more than just a drop in the bucket,” Malvik said. Another problem is so called “ghost nets”—fishing nets lost at sea or left intentionally and which continue to catch fish for months after.

When it comes to cleaning the oceans, though, experts say the task may be far more complex. Scientists, for example, have doubts for over a giant floating clean-up device proposed by Ocean Cleanup foundation, which aims to clear half of a huge waste deposit floating in the Pacific in the next five years. Dubbed the “Great Pacific garbage patch”, the abnormal mass of floating debris caused by marine turbulence has now reached 80,000 tonnes spread over an area three times the size of France, according to a study in Scientific Reports. — AFP ■

Seeing penguins’ poop from space reveals changes in Antarctic ecosystem

WASHINGTON—A NASA-funded study used satellite to search for penguin poo in Antarctica: funny at first sight though, but it resulted in unique insights on the Adelie penguin’s diet and its future as the climate changes.

The findings published recently at the American Geophysical Union’s annual meeting unlocked the secrets about the species that can provide an early-warn-

ing of threats to Antarctica’s delicate ecosystem.

Researchers from Stony Brook University tapped into Landsat satellite imagery to see if the Adelie’s diet has been changing in response to Antarctica’s changing climate. Adelie penguin populations have declined significantly in some areas even as the global population increases.—Xinhua ■

SPECIFIC PROCUREMENT NOTICE PROCUREMENT OF WORKS

**REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR
DEPARTMENT OF HIGHWAYS UNDER THE MINISTRY OF
CONSTRUCTION
FLERP – FLOODING AND LANDSLIDE EMERGENCY RECOVERY
PROJECT
Credit No.:5889-MM**

**Contract Title: THANDWE-GWA ROAD WORKS – RAHKHINE STATE
Reference No. : NCB C1-MOC-W01 (LOT 5)**

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) toward the cost of the Flooding and Landslide Emergency Recovery Project (FLERP). The Department of Highways (DOH) under the Ministry of Construction, in its role as Implementing Agency of Component 1 of the FLERP, intends to apply part of the proceeds toward payments under the contract for the procurement of Road Works and DOH now invites sealed bid from eligible bidders for the following road work along the Thandwe-Gwa Road in the Rakhine State:

**C1-MOC-W01-LOT 5: SUPPLY AND INSTALLATION OF SAFETY STEEL
GUARD RAILS**

The works are scheduled to start on 1 February 2019 with an estimated maximum duration of 150 days.

Bids will be evaluated, taking into account discounts offered. The contract will be awarded to the lowest evaluated Bidder meeting the required qualification criteria for lot. Bidding will be conducted through the National Competitive Bidding procedures as specified in “the World Bank’s Guidelines for Procurement of Goods, Works and Non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers dated January 2011 and revised in July 2014” (the Procurement Guidelines), and is open to all eligible bidders as defined in the Procurement Guidelines. In addition, please refer to paragraphs 1.6 and 1.7 setting forth the World Bank’s policy on conflict of interest.

Interested eligible bidders may obtain further information within office hour and a complete set of electronic bidding documents in English Language may be obtained free of charge by interested eligible bidders by simple e-mail request to the address below, starting from 21 December 2018. Alternatively, a complete set of printed bidding documents in English Language may be obtained by interested eligible bidders upon submission of a written application to the address below and upon payment of a nonrefundable fee of 30,000.00 MMK. The method of payment will be cash payment or cashier’s check directly at the address mentioned below where the set of bidding documents can be collected. No printed documents will be sent.

Interested Bidders that obtained the bidding documents will be invited to attend a Pre-Bid Conference on Tuesday 8 January 2018 at address mentioned below. Bid must be delivered to the address below on or before Friday 18 January 2019, 12:00 noon local time. Electronic bidding will not be permitted. Late bid will be rejected. Bid will be publicly opened in the presence of the bidders’ designated representatives and anyone who choose to attend at the address below on Friday 18 January 2018, 1:00 pm local time.

All bids must be accompanied by a Bid Security or a Cash Deposit with a reputable Bank in Myanmar, licensed by and under the supervision of the Central Bank of Myanmar for this activity.

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Snoopy gets a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. PHOTO: AFP

Apple to roll out new Snoopy, Peanuts cartoon series

NEW YORK (United States)—Apple will produce a new animated series starring Snoopy and the Peanuts gang, created by the late American cartoonist Charles Schulz, for its video platform, a source close to the deal said on Friday, confirming press reports. The agreement was reached with Apple, “in a highly competitive environment” and at the expense of other candidates, with the Canadian group DHX Media, which holds 80% of the rights of Snoopy and Peanuts, said the source.

DHX bought this stake, as

well as rights to Peanuts gang member Peppermint Patty, for \$345 million in 2017. The commitment is for DHX to produce a new animated series, specials and short programmes around the Peanuts gang, a bunch of kids with the dog Snoopy. The Canadian group will also create educational programmes including the Peanuts gang, exclusively for Apple, around space and the conquest of space.

The agreement between Apple and DHX Media is another example of the Apple brand’s ambi-

tion, given the launch, announced by several media in 2019, of its own video-on-demand service offering exclusive content. Until now, the video content available on the iTunes platform was produced by third parties and accessible one by one, not as a subscription.

Schulz wrote and illustrated the Peanuts cartoon strip starting in 1950. The final strip ran in newspapers one day after his death in February 2000, according to the Charles M Schulz Museum.—AFP ■

Statue of suffragette Emmeline Pankhurst unveiled in Manchester

LONDON (United Kingdom)—A statue of suffragette Emmeline Pankhurst was inaugurated on Friday in the northern English city Manchester, to mark the centenary of the first election in which women—aged over 30—were allowed to vote.

Pankhurst (1858-1928), who was from Manchester, founded the Women’s Social and Political Union (WSPU) in 1903 and became the most prominent activist for female suffrage of the era.

She campaigned alongside her three daughters—Christabel, Adela and Sylvia—and was imprisoned and released eleven times. The statue, created by sculptor Hazel Reeves, depicts the activist standing on a chair making a speech, her right arm

outstretched. It has been erected in the city’s St Peter’s Square—where suffragette gatherings took place and she first agitated on the issue.

“Emmeline, I’m so sorry your statue has been a long, long time coming—exactly 100 years since you proudly first placed your ballot paper into that box,” Reeves said. “It’s been a huge privilege, it really has, and a real labour of love.” Hundreds of women dressed as suffragettes in green and purple sashes—the movement’s emblematic colours—gathered for the unveiling.

Pankhurst’s great-granddaughter Helen Pankhurst, 54, called it “a wonderful tribute” to her life, work, and the cause.

She said it rightly honoured

“the role of Manchester women who campaigned for the right to vote”. The 1918 Representation of the People Act was one of the first in Europe to allow women to vote in a national election.

However it was another decade—and a few weeks after Pankhurst’s death—for women to be able to vote at the age of 21, like men. In April, a statue of the suffragist Millicent Fawcett was unveiled in front of the British parliament in London—the first statue of a female in this highly symbolic location.

Suffragettes like Pankhurst advocated direct action, smashing shop windows or setting fire to buildings, while suffragists such as Fawcett were non-violent devotees to the cause.—AFP ■

Book Proust gave to his lover sells for world record 1.5 million euros

PARIS (France)—A copy of Marcel Proust’s “Swann’s Way” which he dedicated to his “little darling”, sold for 1.51 million euros (\$1.7 million) in Paris on Friday—a world record for a French book, auction house Sotheby’s said.

The rare copy of the first volume of the French writer’s masterpiece, “Remembrance of Things Past”, had been expected to go for between 600,000 and 800,000 euros. It smashed the previous record for a piece of French literature held by the poet Charles Baudelaire’s “Les Fleurs du mal” (“The Flowers of Evil”), a copy of which sold for 775,000 euros nine years ago.

The copy of “Swann’s Way” is the very first from a numbered luxuriously bound edition of the novel that Proust paid for himself and gave as a gift to his beloved Lucien Daudet. It came with a touching dedication from Proust to his “little darling”. “You are not in this book. You are too much in my heart that I could you never portray you objectively. You will never be (a mere) ‘character’, because you are the better half

of its author,” he wrote. The novel includes the famous “madeleine moment”, when the taste of a little almond cake dipped in tea sets off a flood of nostalgic memories for the book’s narrator. It was the star lot in the fourth part of the mammoth sale of the library of the late French fashion mogul Pierre Berge. The co-founder of the Yves Saint Laurent fashion empire put together one of the world’s greatest private collections of rare and antiquarian books.

Proust’s private passion

They are being sold off in a series of high-profile auctions which began last year and are set to continue in 2019.

Friday’s sale, which included a treasury of classic works from the Renaissance, hit a final tally of more than 8.1 million euros, double the estimate.

“I am very happy. The market has completely endorsed Pierre Berge’s taste,” antiquarian books expert Benoit Forgeot, who helped organise the sale, told AFP.—AFP ■



A Marcel Proust original edition of “Du cote de chez Swann” (Swann’s Way) is displayed at Sotheby’s auction company in Paris on 28 September, 2017, ahead of its scheduled sale on 30 October. PHOTO:AFP

Taylor Swift’s ‘Reputation’ concert film to premiere on Netflix

LOS ANGELES—Pop star Taylor Swift’s ‘Reputation’ tour is coming to Netflix this New Year’s Eve. The singer, who turned 29 on Thursday, made the announcement on Twitter and thanked her fans for the birthday wishes. She also shared a teaser for the forthcoming concert film which will be released on Netflix on 31 December.

“Thanks so much for all the birthday wishes! Today I finally get to show you something we’ve been working on for a while... The trailer for the Reputation stadium

tour! The entire concert film will premiere on Netflix at 12.01AM PT on 31 December,” Swift wrote. The teaser features footage of her shows around the world, including plenty of images of the pop star on stage as well as zooms on her fans’ excited faces.

Swift’s seven-month long tour kicked off in Arizona in May and saw her take to the stage around the world, including cities like London, Manchester and Dublin.

Her tour came to an end in Tokyo in November.—PTI ■

Scientists create bee vaccine to fight off 'insect apocalypse'

HELSINKI (Finland)—Scientists in Finland have developed what they believe is the world's first vaccine to protect bees against disease, raising hopes for tackling the drastic decline in insect numbers which could cause a global food crisis. Bees are vital for growing the world's food as they help fertilise three out of four crops around the globe, by transferring pollen from male to female flowers. But in recent years bee populations around the world have been dying off from "colony collapse disorder", a mysterious scourge blamed on mites, pesticides, virus, fungus, or some combination of these factors.

UN-led research in 2016 found that more than 40 per cent of invertebrate pollinators, particularly bees and butterflies, are facing extinction.

The study also found that 16.5 per cent of vertebrate pollinators, such as birds and bats, are under threat. Scientists warn that the

die-off will result in higher food prices and the risk of shortages.

The vaccine, developed by a team at Helsinki University in Finland, works by giving bees resistance to fight off severe microbial diseases that can be fatal for pollinator communities.

"If we can save even a small part of the bee population with this invention, I think we have done our good deed and saved the world a little bit," lead researcher Dalial Freitak said. "Even a two-to-three percent increase in the bee population would be humongous," she told AFP. Vaccinating insects was previously thought to be impossible because the creatures lack antibodies, one of the key mechanisms humans and other animals use to fight disease.

But a breakthrough came in 2014 when Freitak, a specialist in insects and immunology, noticed that moths who are fed certain bacteria can in fact pass on immunity to their offspring. "They



Scientists warn that a predicted mass death of pollinators like bees will result in higher food prices and the risk of shortages. **PHOTO: AFP**

could actually convey something by eating. I just didn't know what the mechanism was," Freitak said. "I met with Heli Salmela, who was working on honey bees and a protein called vitellogenin. I heard her talk and I was like, 'OK, I could make a bet that it is your protein that takes my signal from one generation to another'."

The pair started to collabo-

rate and created a vaccine against American foulbrood, the most globally widespread and destructive bee bacterial disease.

The treatment is administered to the queen bee via a sugar lump, similar to the way many children are given polio vaccines. The queen then passes the immunity to her offspring, spreading it through the bee community.

As well as working on vaccines against further diseases, the team has also begun trying to raise funding to make the vaccine commercially available, with "very positive" feedback so far, according to Freitak.

"There are many regulatory hurdles. Four to five years until reaching the market is an optimistic estimate," she said.—AFP

Anti-radiation food developed for Russia's crewed lunar expedition

MOSCOW—An anti-radiation food ration has been developed for cosmonauts of the future Russian lunar expedition, Head of the ISS [International Space Station] Crew Nutrition Department at the Institute of Medical and Biological Studies Alexander Agureyev told TASS on Friday.

"The cosmonauts' food ration for the lunar programme has already been developed. These are foodstuffs with the enhanced biological activity and radio-protective properties," the researcher said.

As Doctor of Biological Sciences, Head of the Experimental Biology and Medicine Department at the Institute of Medical and Biological Problems Andrei Shtemberg told TASS on Wednesday, as soon as a spacecraft leaves the boundaries of the Earth's magnetosphere, it starts to be exposed to solar cosmic rays and galactic cosmic rays.

According to scientists' data, acute disorders of the central nervous system are observed from the impact of galactic cosmic rays, even if at very small doses: the spatial memory and



In addition, as they carry out their lunar mission, the cosmonauts will need more protein than on the International Space Station, the head of the ISS Crew Nutrition Department stressed. **PHOTO: TASS**

orientation are impaired. As a result, the cosmonaut's operational activity may be disrupted.

Considering that the flight will proceed when the cosmonauts' organism is in the process of its acute adaptation to the zero gravity (this period lasts from two to ten days, depending on the conditions and individual specifics), all the foods will be homogenized and have a bland taste. As they carry out their lunar mission, the cosmonauts will need more protein than on the International Space Station, he said.

"The protein should be in a slightly larger portion than in the

cosmonauts' present-day ration. It has to make up from 12% to 15% of total energy today whereas this share should be 15%-17% there [during the lunar mission]. Also, there should be slightly less fats in the foods," he noted.

Lunar programme

On 28 November, the Russian Academy of Sciences' Council for Outer Space held its session on the concept of exploring the Moon. The program should begin with a series of automatic probes, the first of which, the Luna-25, is scheduled to be launched in 2021.—Tass ■

American scientists develop HIV vaccine for non-human primates

WASHINGTON—American scientists have developed an experimental HIV vaccine strategy that works in non-human primates, which lends clues to identifying target and dosage for potential HIV vaccine for humans.

The new study published on Friday in the journal *Immunity* showed that rhesus macaque monkeys can be prompted to produce neutralizing antibodies against one strain of HIV that resembles the resilient viral form that most commonly infects people, called a Tier 2 virus.

"We found that neutralizing antibodies that have been induced by vaccination can protect animals against viruses that look a lot like real-world HIV," said Dennis Burton, chair of Scripps Research's Department of Immunology and Microbiology. Although the vaccine is far from human clinical trials, the study provided proof-of-concept for the HIV vaccine strategy Burton and his colleagues have been developing since the 1990s. The research also provided the first-ever estimate of vaccine-induced neutralizing antibody levels needed to protect against HIV.

An effective vaccine strategy has to expose the immune system to the virus's outer envelope protein trimer, before producing the right antibodies against it. But the protein trimers tend to be unstable and fall apart when isolated, according to the study.

The researchers genetically engineered a more stable trimer, or SOSIP, and designed an experimental HIV vaccine that contained this stable SOSIP trimer.

The team tested the vaccine in two groups of rhesus macaques. A previous study using the same vaccine had shown that some immunized monkeys naturally developed low neutralizing antibody titers or antibody levels in their bodies, while others developed high titers following vaccination. From this study, the researchers selected and re-vaccinated six low titer monkeys and six high titer monkeys. They also used 12 unimmunized primates as their control group.

The primates were then exposed to a form of the virus called SHIV, an engineered simian version of HIV that contains the same envelope trimer as the human virus.—Xinhua ■



Yadanarbon F.C. defender, Thein Than Win (Right). PHOTO:MNL

Thai club Ratchaburi F.C. sign Myanmar defender Thein Than Win

THAILAND'S premier football club, Ratchaburi Mittr Phol F.C., has signed Myanmar national football team and Yadanarbon F.C. defender, Thein Than Win, for one year, according to the Yadanarbon F.C.

The Ratchaburi F.C. and Thein Than Win have signed an agreement for his transfer from the Yadanarbon F.C. to the Thai League-1 club for a period of one year. "I will try my the best with this opportunity. I want to showcase the talent of Myanmar footballers in foreign clubs. I want

thank my home club, Yadanarbon F.C., for giving me a chance to transfer to the Thai team," said Thein Than Win.

Thein Than Win will undergo medical check-ups with the new team in January, said a source with the Yadanarbon F.C.

The Ratchaburi Mittr Phol Football Club, also known as the Dragon, is a professional football club based in Thailand's Ratchaburi Province and is currently playing in Thai League 1. The team has been placed 12th in the league.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Greatest match of Lethwei: Tun Tun Min vs Dave to be fought today

ONE of the greatest matches in Lethwei history, former openweight Lethwei World Champion Tun Tun Min and current Lethwei World Champion Dave Leduc, will fight at Thein Phyu Lethwei Stadium in Yangon today at 2pm.

After winning the Lethwei World Championship title in August this year, openweight Lethwei champion Dave Leduc made his decisions to open the competition to any lethwei fighter in Myanmar, and Tun Tun Min chose to challenge him.

Current Lethwei World Champion Dave said he must accept all challenges.

This will be their third and biggest fight in Myanmar Lethwei history. Dave Leduc said he respects Tun Tun Min. Tun Tun Min is a legend of Lethwei, and a great fighter, saying he accepted the challenge, Dave said.

Former openweight Lethwei World Champion Tun Tun Min also said he will try his best to regain the lethwei world championship title. The cham-

pion of the lethwei should be a Myanmar fighter, he added. He loves lethwei and has been involved in lethwei since he was eight years old. All his experience will be on display during the fight.

Current openweight Lethwei World Champion Dave Leduc, nicknamed "The No-

mad", is a Canadian fighter. He became the first non-Burmese fighter to win the Lethwei world title by defeating Tun Tun Min at the previous Lethwei World Championship in Yangon.

Today, both great fighters face each other again, and will make Myanmar Lethwei history.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■



Current Lethwei World Champion Dave Leduc (left) and former Lethwei World Champion Tun Tun Min (Right) seen at the press conference in Yangon. PHOTO:MLWC

Myanmar wins gold in 19th ASEAN University Games' sepak takraw

MYANMAR won the gold medal at the men's double sepak takraw competition during the 19th ASEAN University Games in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The speak takraw competition was held within a round

robin system.

The Myanmar team was awarded the gold medal after winning all matches during the group competition.

Myanmar met the Thailand and Laos teams as part

of the decisive matches.

Myanmar defeated Malaysia by 21-10 and 21-13 points, Thailand by 23-21 and 12-21 points, and Laos by scores of 21-12 and 25-23.

Following Myanmar, the

Laos team was awarded the silver medal after three wins and one loss, while Thailand received the bronze medal, with two win and two losses.

Myanmar has earned one gold and one silver medal dur-

ing sepak takraw competitions.

The men's triple sepak takraw competition will also be held on 16 December (today).—Shine Htet Zaw

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin) ■



Myanmar team (white) competes with Laos team (black) in yesterday's men's double sepak takraw competition in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO:SOE NYUNT



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Rank	Country	SEA Nations	Gold	Silver	Bronze	Total
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2	INA		37	22	22	81
3	MAS		22	34	30	86
4	MYA		11	14	16	41
5	VIE		9	3	2	14
6	SGP		4	8	15	27
7	LAO		4	6	6	16
8	TLS		2			2
9	PHI		1			1
10	CAM			2	1	3
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The Piano

THE piano, it has white keys and black keys. White keys make the major sounds. The black ones make the minor sounds. Some say that the white keys play the best role. But still there are songs which cannot be played without the minor keys. White keys indicate happiness in a way. Somehow, the black keys represent a kind of sadness. But we have to remember that like the white ones, the black keys as well make sounds. Sounds which become to support a beautiful song. Without them the songs won't be as pleasant as now, isn't it?

People whoever come into this mighty world full of smiles, tears and fears may have to face them each and every day though nobody wants to face them. It's like walking on the piano tiles. As everyone is walking on it, we can't always walk on the white tiles which are the symbol of love and peacefulness. We may have times when we have to walk on those black ones too as the whole piano is covered with crowds walking on it endlessly. Those who wear bright smiles on their face while walking on the white ones may somehow have to walk on the black ones one day too. Time comes itself. Nobody can avoid or stop it.

Life isn't just a game. It is like an exam which is given to test ourselves. Just like the quote says-

"Life is the most difficult examination. Some fail because they try to copy others Not realizing that everyone has the different question paper." Isn't it so meaningful?

So, everyone has to try hard with their own ideas, not doing the carbon copy of others and stand strong to the winds of difficulty in case, if not they will be blown away. Just like this, while playing a piano we must not look up or down. If we do so, we will have errors and mistakes and mess up with the keys and notes. Similarly, while going on a life journey, we should just mind on our own. We have to work hard for our own good. If we look up to those flying high in the sky or look down onto those who are in the lower position than us, we will trip over the stones of difficulties and will fall down on the road to our destination; our goal.

A piano can be made out of plastic or wood, any kind of material. A life story can differ from one and another as well. The music sheet has notes to play a song. As it gets longer, the notes become more complicated. And as we keep on going to our goal, our life becomes tougher. The music sheet of each and everybody's can be different. However, all the music sheets of everybody's show the classy songs. It only depends on a person's hands which play the notes. The one who can play perfectly will hear charming sounds. Likely, the person who is outstanding in his life will paint his world colourful. While playing the piano, a pianist may find times when he accidentally gets into wrong notes. Likewise, we will get into the battlefield to fight with problems but finally, the solution is always there ahead.

The bass notes and the high notes play different parts. We can assume the bass notes as our past. Like they support a flawless song, our past can teach us lots of life lessons as well. As the bass echoes, the things in our past can echo in our shadows too. Our past will follow us wherever we go. The spaces in between each bar can be supposed as empathy and sympathy. During the first time playing a piano, those spaces can be a bit disturbing but as the times get on, they no longer matter. There are rules in playing the notes but after playing and playing for several months and years we may find ourselves playing from our heart instead of following the notes' guide. As each of the 88 keys have their own sound or note, each of us has our own backgrounds and roots. We have our own beauty of talent. All we

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တိရစ္ဆာန်နှင့်သက်မွဲများကို **Prepositions** (ဝိဘတ်)များနှင့်တွဲဖက်၍ ဆက်ခြင်း။
အောက်ပါစာကြောင်းကို လေ့လာပါ။

This is *the house*.
Ma Ma went *into the house*.
This is the house *into which* Ma Ma went.
ဤအိမ်သည် အထဲသို့ မဝင်သွားသော အိမ်ဖြစ်သည်။
(This is the house that Ma Ma went into)
ပထမစာကြောင်းတွင် **the house** ပါသည်။ ဒုတိယစာကြောင်းတွင် **into the house** ပါသည်။ ပထမစာကြောင်းတွင်ပါသော **the house** နောက်ကပ်၍ **Preposition** (ဝိဘတ်) **into** နှင့်ဒုတိယစာကြောင်းမှ **the house** အစား **which** ကို ထည့်၍ဆက်ရသည်။
(This is the house into which Ma Ma went.)
That နှင့်ဆက်လျှင်မူ ပထမစာကြောင်းမှ **the house** နောက်ကပ်၍ **that** ထည့်ကာ **Preposition** (ဝိဘတ်) **into** ကို စာကြောင်းနောက်ဆုံးတွင် ထားရသည်။
This is the house that Ma Ma went into.

ဆက်လက်လေ့လာပါ။
1. This is *the dog*.
I paid K 50 for the dog.
This is the dog for which I paid K50.
ဤခွေးသည် ၎င်းအတွက် ကျွန်တော်ငွေငါးဆယ်ပေးခဲ့ရသော ခွေးဖြစ်သည်။
2. *The house belongs to Ko Ko*.
The lady came *out of the house*.
The house *out of which* the lady came belongs to Ko Ko.
၎င်းအထဲမှ အမျိုးသမီးထွက်လာသော အိမ်ကို ကိုကို ပိုင်သည်။
3. *The garden is near our house*. The children play in the garden everyday.
The garden *in which* the children play everyday is near our house.
၎င်းအထဲတွင် ကလေးများနေထိုင်ကစားကြသော ဥယျာဉ်သည်ကျွန်တော်တို့ အိမ်နားတွင်ရှိသည်။
4. The restaruarnt serves only Chinese food.
Ko Ko dines at the restaurant every evening.
The restaurant at which Ko Ko dines every evening serves only Chinese food.
ဥနေတိုင်း ကိုကို ညစာစားလေ့ရှိသော စားသောက်ဆိုင်သည် တရုတ်အစား အစာများကိုသာ ရောင်းချသည်။

လေ့ကျင့်ခန်းများလုပ်ကြည့်ပါ။
1. This is *the doctor*. I received the medicine from the doctor.
2. This is the girl. Ko Ko sent the flowers *to the girl*.
3. *The lady* is my cousin. He went to the cinema with the lady yesterday.
4. *The teacher* is still single. We are taught Myanmar *by the teacher*.
5. *The actress* is in the next room. You are talking about the actress.
6. *The son* is serving in the forward area. Mother prays *for the son* every night.
7. This is *the book*. I paid K 15 *for the book*.
8. This is the dagger. He killed the thief with the dagger.
9. *The hill* is near the pagoda. They are going to build a house *on the hill*.
10.*The box* was stolen yesterday. She kept her jewellery *in the box*.

11.*The tree* is over 120 years old. My children are playing *under the tree*.
12.This is *the film*. Ko Ko plays the leading role *in this film*.

Answers
1. This is the doctor from whom I received the medicine.
2. This is the girl to whom Ko Ko sent the flowers.
3. The lady with whom he went to the cinema yesterday is my cousin.
4. The teacher by whom we are taught Myanmar is still single.
5. The actress about whom you are talking is in the next room.
6. The son for whom Mother prays every night is serving in the forward area.
7. This is the book for which I paid K15.
8. This is the dagger with which he killed the thief.
9. The hill on which they are going to build a house is near the pagoda.
10.The box in which she kept her jewellery was stolen yesterday.
11.The tree under which my children are playing is over 120 years old.
12.This is the film in which Ko Ko plays the leading role.
အထက်ပါ **Relative Pronouns** (စာကြောင်းဆက်နာမ်စား)များဖြင့် ဆက်ထားသောဝါကျများတွင် **who, whose, whom, which, that, where** တို့နောက်မှကပ်လိုက်လာသောစာကြောင်းများသည် နာမဝိသေသနပုဒ်စု (**Adjective Clause**)များဖြစ်သည်ဟု သင်ခန်းစာအစတွင် ရှင်းလင်းခဲ့ပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။
ထိုပုဒ်စုများသည် မိမိရှေ့မှကပ်နေသော နာမ်များကို “မည်သူ၊ မည်သည့်အရာ” ဟုကွဲပြားအောင် အဓိပ္ပာယ်ဖွင့်ဆိုသော ပုဒ်စုများဖြစ်သည်။ ထို့ကြောင့်၎င်းတို့ကို **Defining Clause** (အဓိပ္ပာယ်ဖွင့်ဆိုသောပုဒ်စု) ဟု ခေါ်သည်။

ဤအချက်ကို ပိုင်ပိုင်နိုင်နိုင်နားလည်အောင် လေ့လာပါ။
1. This is the boy.
The boy lost my book.
This is the boy who lost my book.
သူသည် ကျွန်တော့်စာအုပ်ကို ဖျောက်ပစ်ခဲ့သော လူကလေးဖြစ်သည်။
This is the boy.
သူသည် လူကလေးဖြစ်သည်။
(ဘယ်လူကလေးလဲ)
who lost my book.
(ကျွန်တော့်စာအုပ်ကို ဖျောက်ပစ်ခဲ့သော)
who lost my book သည် လူကလေးကို ဘယ်သူဘယ်ဝါဟု ကွဲပြားအောင် အဓိပ္ပာယ်ဖွင့်ဆိုသော ပုဒ်စုဖြစ်သည်။
2. The dog has been killed.
The dog bit my son.
The dog which bit my son has been killed.
ကျွန်တော့်သားကို ကိုက်ခဲ့သော ခွေးကိုသတ်ပြီးပြီ။
The dog has been killed.
ခွေးကိုသတ်ပြီးပြီ။
(ဘယ်ခွေးလဲ)
which bit my son.
ကျွန်တော့်သားကိုကိုက်ခဲ့သော၊
which bit my son သည် ခွေးကို မည်သည့်ခွေးဖြစ်သည်ဟု ကွဲပြားအောင် အဓိပ္ပာယ်ဖွင့်ဆိုသော ပုဒ်စုဖြစ်သည်။
ထို့ကြောင့် ယခုထိတင်ပြခဲ့သော **Relative Pronouns** နှင့်ဆက်သော စာကြောင်းများတွင် **who, which** စသည်တို့နှင့်လာသောပုဒ်စုများသည် ရှေ့မှနာမ်ကို ‘မည်သူ၊ မည်သည့်အရာ’ဟုကွဲပြားအောင် အဓိပ္ပာယ်ဖွင့်ဆိုသော

(**Defining Clauses**) များဖြစ်သည်။
အထူးသတိပြုရန်မှာ ရှေ့မှနာမ်များနှင့်နောက်မှကပ် ဆက်သော **who, which** တို့နှင့်လာသည့် ပုဒ်စု များကြားတွင် **Comma (,)** လုံးဝမရှိခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။
ထို့ကြောင့် အဓိပ္ပာယ်ဖွင့်ဆိုသော ပုဒ်စုများ (**Defining Clauses**) နှင့်၎င်းတို့ရှေ့မှ ပုဒ်စုများကြားတွင် **Comma (,)** ထည့်ရန် လုံးဝမလိုပါ။

Non-defining clauses

1. Yangon is the old capital of Myanmar.
Yangon lies on the mouth of the Hlaing River.
Yangon, which lies on the mouth of the Hlaing River, is the old captial of Myanmar.
လွိုင်မြစ်ဝပေါ်တွင်တည်ရှိသော ရန်ကုန်မြို့သည် မြန်မာပြည်၏ မြို့တော်ဟောင်း ဖြစ်သည်။
အထက်ပါစာကြောင်းတွင် **Yangon** ဟူဟော နာမ်နောက်ကပ်၍ **Comma (,)** ထည့်ထားရသည်။ ထို့အပြင် **which lies on the mouth of the Hlaing River** ဟူသော ပုဒ်စု (**clause**) နောက်ကပ်၍လည်း **Comma** ထည့်ထားသည်။

ထိုကဲ့သို့ ရှေ့နှင့်နောက်တွင် **Comma** ခံ၍ ဆက်ထားသော ပုဒ်စုသည် မိမိရှေ့မှ နာမ်ကို ‘မည်သူ၊ မည်သည့်အရာ’ ဟု ကွဲပြားအောင်အဓိပ္ပာယ်ဖွင့်ဆိုသော ပုဒ်စု (**Defining clause**) မဟုတ်တော့။
ရှေ့မှ နာမ်၏ အခြားသောဂုဏ်ပုဒ်တစ်ခုကို ဖော်ပြလို၍ ထည့်သွင်းထားသော ပုဒ်စုဖြစ်သည်။ **Non-defining clause** ဖြစ်သည်။

Which lies on the mouth of the Hlaing River (လွိုင်မြစ်ဝပေါ်တွင်တည်ရှိသော)ဟူသော ပုဒ်စုသည် ရန်ကုန် ၃-၄ မြို့ရှိ၍ မည်သည့် ရန်ကုန်မြို့ဟု ကွဲပြားအောင် ထည့်ထားသောပုဒ်စုမဟုတ်။ ရန်ကုန် မြို့သည် လွိုင်မြစ်ဝပေါ်မှာ တည်ရှိသည် ဟူသောအချက်ကို ပေါ်လွင်စေလို၍ ထည့်ထားသော **Non-defining clause** သာဖြစ်သည်။
ထို့ကြောင့် ရှေ့မှနာမ်ကို ‘မည်သူ၊ မည်သည့်အရာ’ ဟု ကွဲပြားအောင် အဓိပ္ပာယ်ဖွင့်ဆိုလို၍မဟုတ်ဘဲ ၎င်း၏အခြားဂုဏ်ပုဒ်တစ်ခုကို ဖော်ထုတ်လိုသဖြင့် ထည့်သော **adjective clause** (နာမဝိသေသနပုဒ်စု)ကို **Non-defining clause** ဟုခေါ်သည်။ ရှေ့နှင့်နောက်ကပ်၍ **Comma** ထည့်ရသည်။
Comma မထည့်လျှင်အဓိပ္ပာယ်ဖွင့်ဆိုသောပုဒ်စု (**Defining clause**) ဖြစ်သွား၍ ထည့်လျှင် **Non-defining clause** ဖြစ်သွားသည်။

အောက်ပါနာမနာများကို ထပ်မံလေ့လာပါ။
My wife is a primary assistant teacher.
My wife lives in South Okkalapa.
My wife who lives in South Okkalapa is a primary assistant teacher.
တောင်ဥက္ကလာပတွင်နေသော ကျွန်တော့်ဇနီးသည် မူလတန်းပြဆရာမတစ်ယောက်ဖြစ်သည်။
အထက်ပါစာကြောင်းတွင် **Comma** များမပါသဖြင့် **defining clause** ဖြစ်သည်။‘တောင်ဥက္ကလာပတွင်နေသောကျွန်တော့်ဇနီး’အပြင် အခြားဇနီးရှိသည်ဟု ဖော်ပြရာ ရောက်သည်။ ဇနီးတစ်ယောက်မကရှိသည်ကို သိနိုင်သည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အောက်ပါကဲ့သို့ **Comma** များထည့်လိုက်လျှင်မူ **Non-defining clause** ဖြစ်သွားသည်။
My wife, who lives in South Okkalapa, is a primary assistant teacher.
ကျွန်တော့်ဇနီးသည်မူလတန်းပြဆရာမတစ်ယောက်ဖြစ်သည်။ တောင်ဥက္ကလာပတွင်နေသည်ဟု ဆိုလိုရာရောက်သည်။ **who lives in South Okkalapa** သည် ကျွန်တော်ဇနီးနှင့်ပတ်သက်သည့် အချက်တစ်ခုကို ဖော်ပြထားခြင်းသာဖြစ်သည်။
အောက်ပါစာကြောင်းတွင် **Comma** များထည့်သင့် မထည့်သင့်စဉ်းစားပါ။
Flies which carry germs are our enemies.
ရောဂါပိုးမွှားများကို သယ်ဆောင်သော ယင်ကောင်များသည် ငါတို့၏ ရန်သူဖြစ်သည်။

Comma များမပါသဖြင့် **defining clause** ဖြစ်သည်။ ထို့ကြောင့် ‘ရောဂါပိုးမွှားများကို သယ်ဆောင်သော ယင်ကောင်’အပြင် ရောဂါပိုးမွှားမသယ်ဆောင်သော ယင်ကောင်ရှိသေးသည်။ ရောဂါပိုးမွှားများကို သယ်ဆောင်သည့် ယင်ကောင်သာ ငါတို့ရန်သူဖြစ်သည်ဟု ဆိုလိုရာရောက်သည်။
ယင်ကောင်ကိုပင် ခွဲခြား၍သုတ်သင်ရမည့်သဘော သက်ရောက်သွားသည်။
ထို့ကြောင့် **Comma** များ ထည့်ရန်လိုသည်။
Flies, which carry germs, are our enemies.
‘ယင်ကောင်များသည် ရောဂါပိုးမွှားများကို လည်းသယ်ဆောင်သည်။ ငါတို့၏ ရန်သူလည်းဖြစ်သည်’ ဟု အချက်နှစ်ချက်ကို ပူးတွဲဖော်ပြခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။
ထို့ကြောင့် ရှေ့မှနာမ်ကို‘မည်သူ၊မည်သည့်အရာ’ဟုကွဲပြားအောင် အဓိပ္ပာယ်ဖွင့်ဆိုလိုလျှင် **who which** စသည်တို့နှင့် ဆက်သော **adjective clause** ရှေ့နှင့်နောက်ကပ်၍ **Comma** ထည့်ရန်မလို၊ ရှေ့မှနာမ်၏ အခြားဂုဏ်ပုဒ်တစ်ခုကို ထုတ်ဖော်ရန်အတွက် ထည့်သော **adj clause** ဖြစ်လျှင်မူ ရှေ့နှင့်နောက်ကပ်၍ **Comma** ထည့်ရသည်။
များသောအားဖြင့်မူ လူသိများပြီးဖြစ်သော ပုဂ္ဂိုလ်များနှင့် အကြောင်းအရာများကို ဝိသေသပြုလိုလျှင် **adj clause** ရှေ့နောက်တွင် **Comma** ထည့်ရသည်။
ထိုပုဒ်စုသည် ထိုပုဂ္ဂိုလ်များနှင့် အကြောင်းအရာများ၏ အခြားဂုဏ်ပုဒ်တစ်ခုကို ဖော်ပြလို၍ ထည့်ခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။

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“Please be the cool sky to beautify the world with shining stars”



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CHILDREN are future stars for the world. They think, they act and they speak freely and innocently. They are like the stars twinkling in the sky brightly. Therefore, parents need to bring up them to grow up well. Children's behaviors, the act of saying, the way of thinking depends upon their parents. According to children's nature, they like to imitate whatever or whoever they see. By the time they see their parents' doings, they can imitate their parents' behaviors. When they see their neighbor's doing, they can imitate as if their neighbor's. Likewise, when they see TV stars' doings, they can imitate their actions. It is children's nature. So, parents need to act well in front of their children.

Parents need to give their children the chance to think freely. If so, children can think what they want without parents' help. It is one of the best ways of bringing up children. However, what parents should not

neglect is children's think. Parents should listen carefully to what their children would like to say. Some parents do not want to listen carefully by just giving the reason that they are very busy. And they just seek money without giving enough time for their children. Everybody knows that “Easier said than done”. It is very difficult to do work and give time for children at the same time. However, parents should listen carefully to what their children want to say when they come back home. Some parents are not patient to listen and answer what children want to know. It is a way of denying children's thinks. Some parents would like to be authoritative. Because they are parents, children have to do what they ask. Children do not have a chance to speak out what they think. It is not a suitable way.

Like the saying “Parents are the very first educator”, parents reveal their children what is right and what is wrong. As children are very pure

and innocent, they cannot decide the right things and wrong things exactly. So, parents need to admonish their children. At that time, one of the suitable ways is revealing the right things and wrong things giving examples using stories, true stories children can remember well. Some parents like to mend their children's wrongdoings by beating and using rough and rude words. It is not a good way to teach a child. If they use that way, children will hurt in their heart.

Parents are the idol for their children. Thus, the ways of bringing up their children are very important. Moreover, the ways of acting, saying of parents are also important. Parents should speak like honey avoiding the words which are bitter like neem. Besides, their actions need to be cool for their children avoiding actions that can be hot for children. So, what I would like to make parents assure is to bring children by being the cool sky for the little stars.

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have to do is to be the best of ourselves. The more we practise playing the piano, the more we improve in it. Likewise, the more we face with challenges, the more we improve in our life.

All in all, looking at the grand, grand piano always remember that in life everything isn't always smooth. To win the crown of success, everybody has to face with both good and bad things like a pianist has to use both types of keys on his piano.

Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

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

Discover hilly tribe, folk culture in Kayah State



DAWSUNBON Village is home to the Kayan tribes, whose members wear neck, leg and ankle rings, located two miles from Loikaw, Kayah State, which has become a popular destination for local and foreign visitors.

"Every person who visits here tries on our traditional dress. We are very happy to see it," said Naw Phu Moe, an ethnic Kayan woman of the village, while she and her colleagues were performing traditional weaving.

Traditional huts built along a line in the village offer hand-woven clothing, handicrafts and bronze ware, attracting local and foreign visitors. Also, visitors can listen to folk music at night.

"This village is home to the Kayan ethnic tribe. They turned this village into a cultural site, and this program is being held so villagers can earn income," said U Lin Zaw Htut, who is in charge of Loikaw Township Hotel and Tourism Office.

In fact, the number of local and foreign visitors arriving in Loikaw has spirally upward from 15,000 local visitors and 2,600 tourists in 2014, to over 50,000 local visitors and about 10,000 tourists in this season.

"We have seen increasing visitors to Loikaw because of peace," he said.

Most of the older women still proudly wear their neck rings as a status symbol, preserving their traditions from past generations. Therefore, Loikaw is one of the most interesting destinations for visitors to tour.

Htipwint Lake

Htipwint Lake, near Ngwe Taung Village in Dimawhso Township, is where an umbrella-shaped volcanic structure of 227 feet in height and 115 feet in width was created by a now-extinct volcano.

Package vacation tours feature the Taungkwe Pagoda, Myonarm Pagoda, Kandawadi Palace, Ngwe Taung Dam and natural limestone caves near Loikaw, Htipwint Lake and its umbrella-shaped volcanic structure, the seven-tiered lake, the Htisekha waterfall and the Lawpita Hydropower Dam.

Htee Se Khar Waterfall

The most accessible and popular waterfalls are located 15 miles away, in the north of Loikaw, near the Shan-Kayah border, on the road heading towards Se Saing and Taunggyi.

The lush, green forest is surrounded by cold, clean streams that come together to form waterfalls. Here, swimming is possible. There are two caves – Aung Thabyae and Lwe Tamu – on this road, and they can be visited.

Kyat Gu, The Ghost Cave

Located 10-miles from Loikaw, this sprawling natural limestone cave displays broken wooden containers, which are believed to be coffins from many years ago.

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Photo: Maing Kha



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TANINTHAYI Region has a long coastline with over 800 islands across the blue sea and has many below-and-above-water natural resources and views that are of interest for the world's tourists.

On Dome Island in the Andaman Sea, there can be seen a tribe known as Moken or Salon of Myanmar. They are well known as "Sea-gypsy" or "Men of the Sea". They adopt their way life as marine nomads. They are expert in swimming, diving and submerging in the sea.

Dome Island

Dome Island lies about 40 miles from Myeik and it takes about one and half hours to speed boat. Along the way to the island, visitors can see mangrove forests and fishery, and can spot flock of fish in the blue sea and marine habitats.

The water fall called "Dome-kyun Island" is worth to visit and a drinking water resource for local people living on the nearby islands. A day trip and spending a night on the island and visiting villages are popular program today for local and foreign visitors.

In the Andaman Sea, there can observe many valuable Pearl breeding and fishing beds. Fishing is the traditional business along the coastal sea and islands.

Daily life of Salon

They have relied on the fishing for their livelihood. When the weather is fine, they go to the sea on their hand-crafted boats carrying their families.

During the rainy season, they take shelter in a hut built on stilts at the edge of an island. The Salons are adept at swimming and diving and rarely used fishing nets to catch fish. They now wear swimming goggles when they work underwater for fishing, pearl-cutting and looking for ambergris.

While taking shelter from the rain near the beaches or on the islands, they usually work in tin mines and take the barks off Heritiera fomes (a species of mangrove tree) as their livelihoods. They are not engaged in agriculture, but are employed in collective work. They usually bring a boat out into the sea in unison; the boat would be carved out of a single tree, usually the Yinkan tree, and by using various forms of cane without a single tack.

A place for study tours

As the Salon tribe has been struggling for their survival, they are also being threatened of extinction. Study tours should be conducted to meet their needs of preserving their culture, customs and traditions. When the travel businesses develop, it will create a lot of job opportunities for locals, and the government is putting an emphasis on regional development.

As the Salon tribe struggles for its survival, areas where these people live should be turned into places of attraction and study tours for both domestic and foreign visitors.

Dome Island, beautiful beaches and sea gypsies

By Maung Yin Kyay



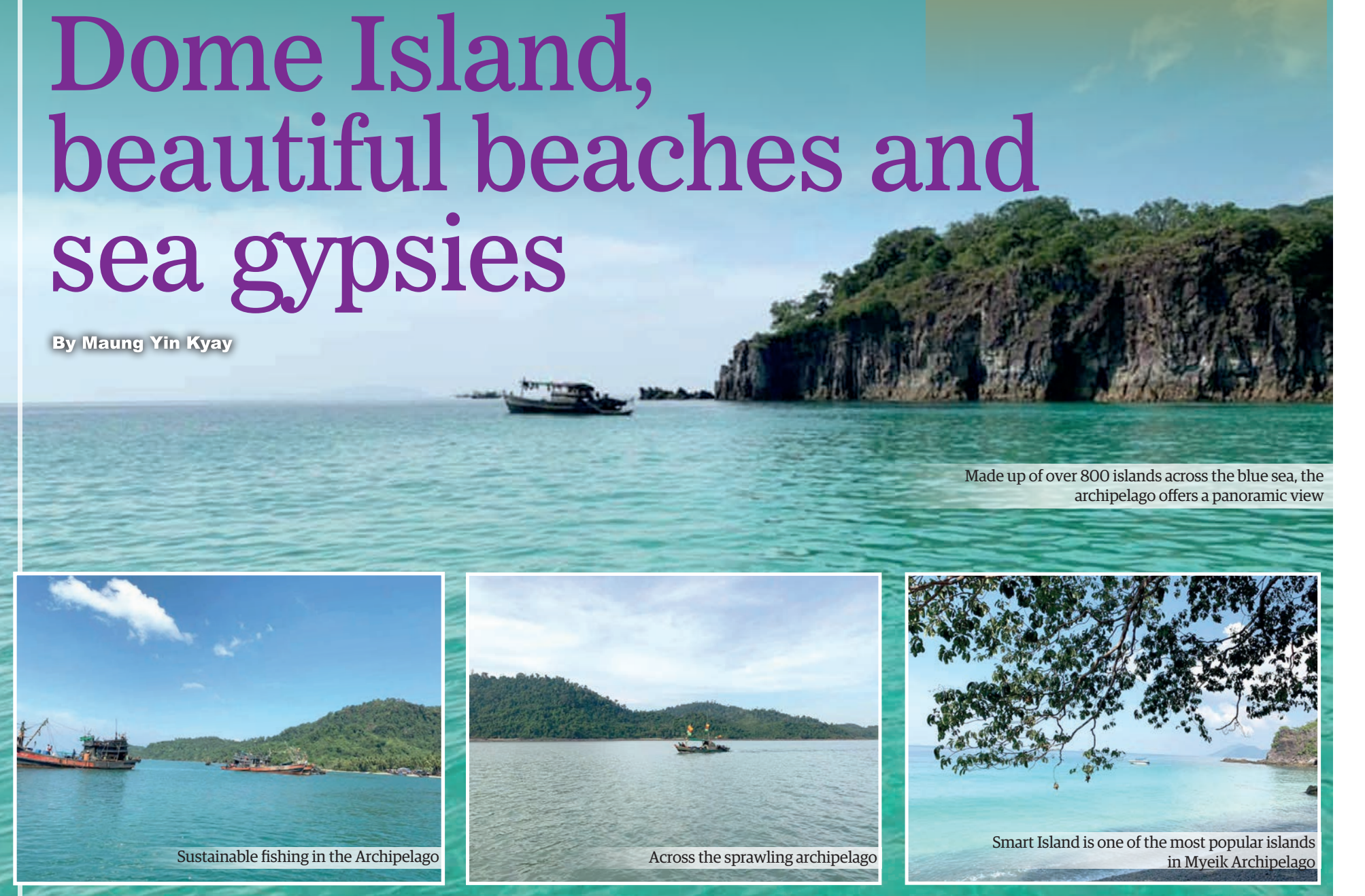
A generous donation to the elementary school on Dome Island



The magnificent scene of the waterfall called "Dome-kyun Island"



The traditional way of life of the Salon people



Made up of over 800 islands across the blue sea, the archipelago offers a panoramic view



Sustainable fishing in the Archipelago

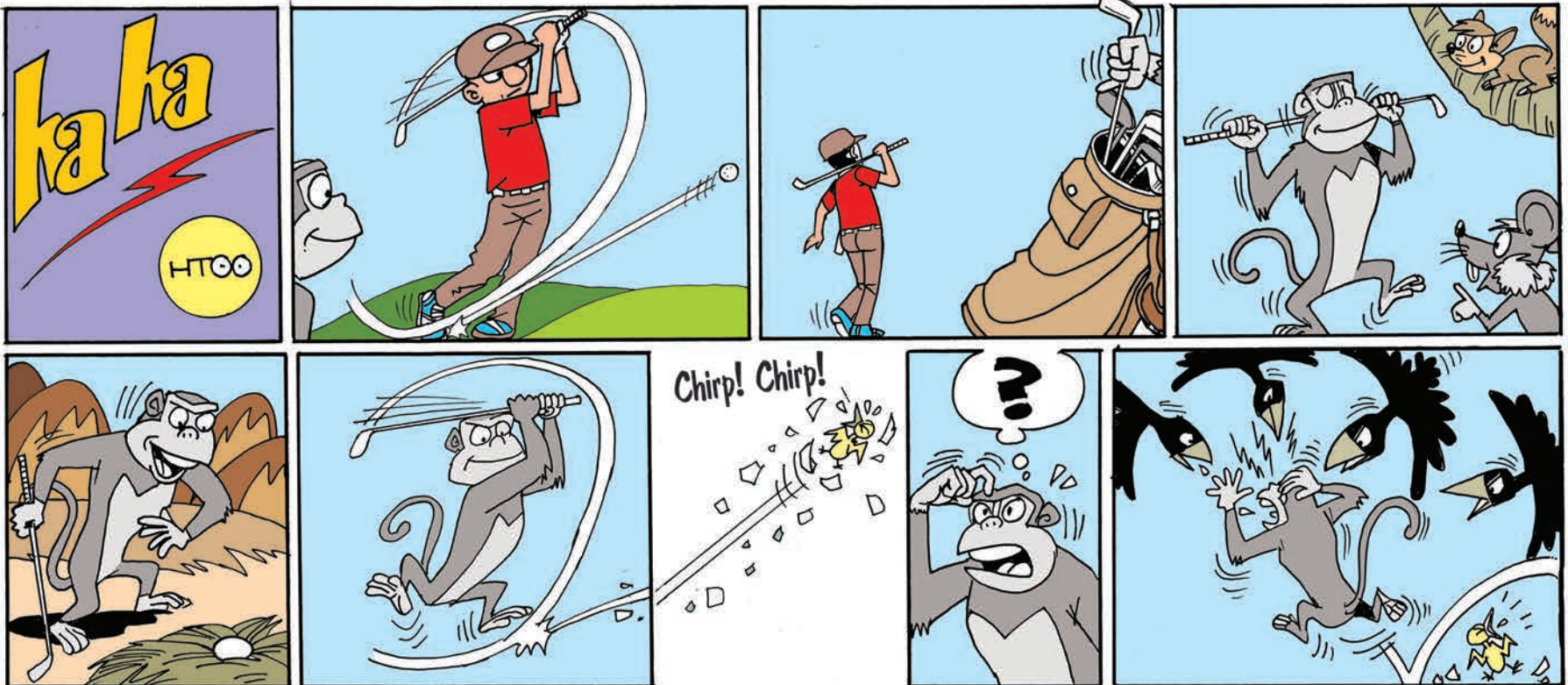


Across the sprawling archipelago



Smart Island is one of the most popular islands in Myeik Archipelago

SUNDAY COMICS



PEOPLE WILL BE PEOPLE

Cartoon
Maung Shwe Win



SUNDAY JOKE

Cartoon
Maung Maung Aung
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If Mom knows it

DEBT is the situation of owing money especially when one cannot pay. Debt is the one of the many things that I fear most in the world. I am very afraid of debt. I do not want to become both debit and credit. Therefore, I avoid both owing money and lending money. In the situation which I could not avoid debt, I owed some money from someone but I immediately paid it back as soon as I was in convenience. There are many friends from whom I did not get my money back as I have got my mentioned habit. That is why I stay away from debt.

However, I cannot be in the position of debtless condition. My parents have been making me somebody. I owed much debt of gratitude from them. It is impossible for me to be afraid of it. During four years of my studies in the University, my dad passed away unexpectedly. It was the situation of breaking oar while rowing boat. However, the journey of my life in the world did not stop in the midst of the waters. My mom continued to substitute the broken oar with her own hands. She could convey me to get to a jetty that was my destination in education.

At present, mom is still vying with the law of mundane world supporting my younger sister's education as I am away with some duties as a government staff.

I am also a young woman. What's more, as the one who is able to feel the taste of literature and art, I would like to feel the taste and excitement of love. I would like to enjoy the happiness with my sweetheart joining hands. However, what is called 'debt' can drive it away from me very well whenever I happen to imagine about it.

I have to pay the debt of the gratitude of my mom. In spite of knowing that I cannot pay such

debt back in full, I am going to pay it back as much as I can. My mom will never ask me for it to pay back. However, I cannot help paying back the debt of gratitude of goodwill and love of my mom. I do not have anything definite to pay it back yet. Just my heart that wants to be agitated with love is the very thing to pay such debt back. Therefore, I am steadfastly determined that I am going to pay mom's debt back with my heart. If mom knows it...



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For those who enjoy excitement, this is the one place they need to visit!

Boat trip from Moebyae Dam in Kayah State to Inle Lake

To promote tourism, boat trips from Moebyae Dam in Kayah State to Inle Lake will begin next year.

Myanmar expects to attract seven million tourists in 2020.

Myanmar has seen its tourism sector improve each year, receiving 4.6 million visitors in 2015, with arrivals expected to reach 7 million in 2020.

The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism is carrying out community-based tourism development projects

as an initiative of bringing tourism to designated areas throughout the country.

The ministry is also making arrangements for travelers to observe the traditions and customs of local people, and to enjoy the way of life of ethnic people.

(Translated by AMS)

Train of the season

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NOVEMBER...

Northward wind comes into the worldly station of us driving the winter train. When did the people who are waiting for the arrival of winter train gets to the station?

That winter train will be going to present the winter party. The pleasant and cool fragrance from its body leaves drifted around the worldly station. Sometimes, we are able to feel the fragrance of orchids. Sometimes, we are able to taste the fragrance of clematis.

The Princess of winter...

After a while, the crowd who have been unconscious in her beauty, her smile and her fragrance go running to the luggage vans. In the luggage vans, there are in abundance of goods loaded over full extent.

Oh! There are many kinds of fruits such as oranges, apples, pears etc., and various kinds of flowers such as orchids, tiger-lady, clematis, chrysanthemum, roses, aster etc. There are varieties of colours and scents. I think, the Princess of winter conveyed them to give us as the gifts out of the way.

Profuse thanks! Dear princess of winter.

Winter is lovely. It will be highly pleased feeling walking in the early morning in which the slivery snow is dripping gently. I often think walking alone. Sometimes I think that winter is lovely and beautiful. If so, are not summer and rainy season lovely?

Each of the
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son is lovely in their own means. Winter has got its own beauty. Summer and rainy season have also got the beauties of their own means.

Let us look for the beauty in summer.

Some great ancient authors said that all kinds of flowers in the jungle bloomed in Myanmar month 'Tabaung' which is the last month of a year in Myanmar calendar. Do not blame that it is the summer that cruelly makes the leaves fall and the world ugly. Instead, you change your mind remembering the poems that were composed about the beauty of summer. This will surely change your mind. It is the summer time in which tiny buds and other emergences appear in a certain environment. Such scenes often make our mind active and encouraging.

Rainy season is also lovely in another way. It will be highly pleased if we think our childhood days running and playing under the drops of rain. It will not be possible to forget the days on which we were walking along with our sweethearts in the drizzle of rains under the same umbrella. The world smeared with dust during summer days become clean, fresh and beautiful after having a good bath with rain water. Whatever we see, all are green and lush. This will be the concept of beauty of the rainy season.

When the beauty of season is penned, it will be impossible to neglect the nature and envi-

ronment. Seasons and nature are closely associated with each other. If the weather of the season is fine, the nature and environment is also fine or vice versa. Reading the pleasure of the seasons penned by the great ancient authors, we are able to feel and love the nature and environment.

Oh, my dear reader...

Are you able to love the seasons: winter, summer and rainy season? Are you able to love and feel the nature and environment? Please make a query to you heart! If you are able to love and feel both of them, love them double and feel them double heartily. If so, you will understand the value of what you love and feel more. The more you will understand them, the more dreadful you will have to lose them. Thus, you will come to know that you have to protect them not to ruin and lose.

Please do not mind me!

Make a query to your heart
again to be indisputable!

