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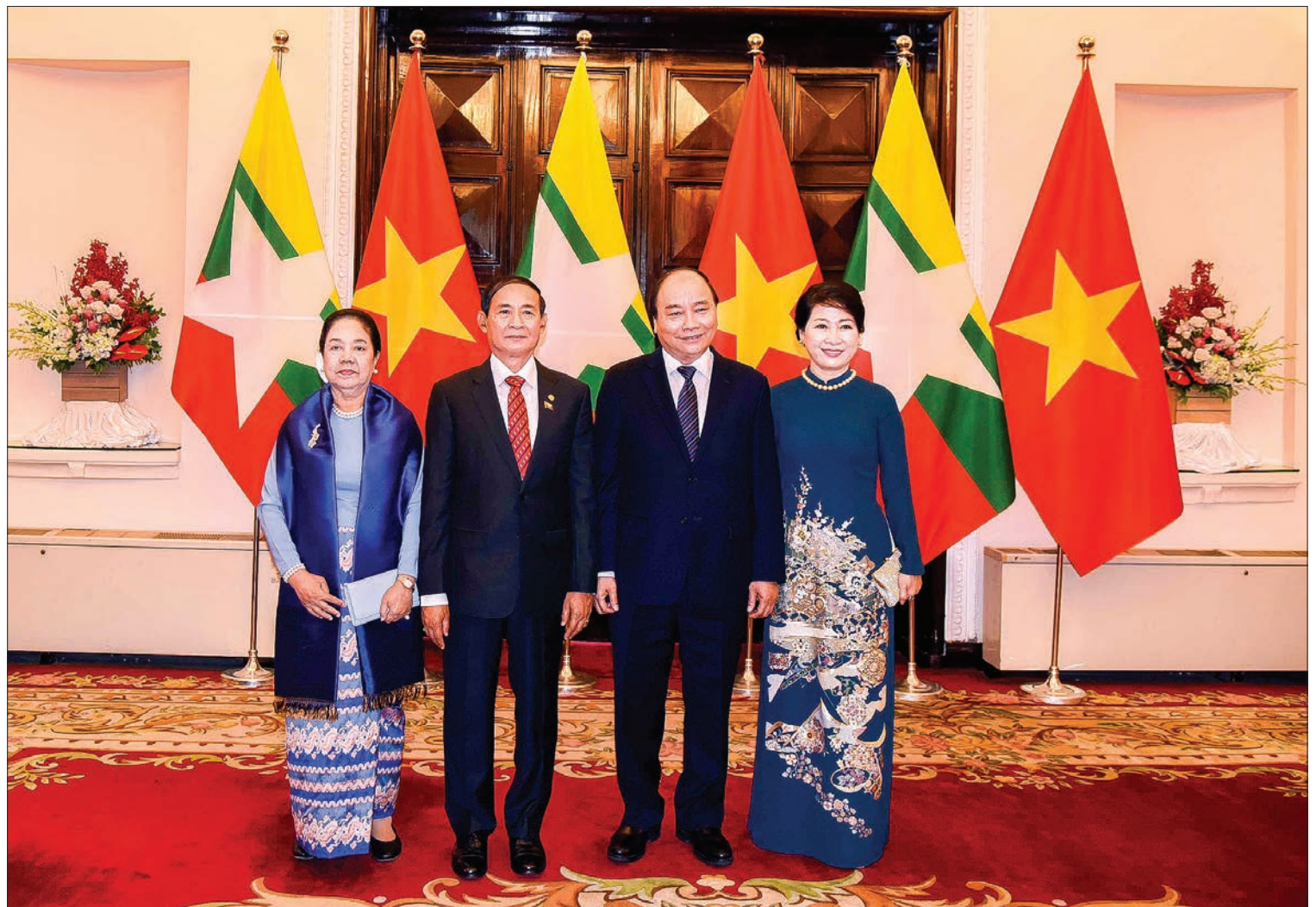
## President U Win Myint meets Vietnamese PM, Chairwoman of National Assembly separately

PRESIDENT U Win Myint and First Lady Daw Cho Cho who were in Viet Nam, Hanoi laid a wreath at the War Memorial yesterday morning and then went on to lay a wreath at the Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum.

Next, the delegation led by the President and the First Lady visited Vietnamese national leader Ho Chi Minh's Residence and signed the visitors' book.

Afterwards, President U Win Myint went to the Viet Nam Government's Office and met with Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc.

At the meeting, matters relating to increasing bilateral cooperation; increasing cooperation in trade, investment, agriculture, forest and fishery sector, transport, energy, communications, international tourism works and information technology sectors after bilateral ties were elevated to a comprehensive cooperative partnership in August 2017; increasing relations between the people of the two countries; increasing bilateral cooperation in regional and international organizations; holding of commemorative events in 2020 on the occasion of the 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Myanmar-Viet Nam diplomatic relations and Myanmar supporting Viet Nam



President U Win Myint (2<sup>nd</sup> from Left) and First Lady are welcomed by Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc (2<sup>nd</sup> from Right) and wife. PHOTO: MNA

when Viet Nam takes on the role of ASEAN Chair in 2020 were discussed.

The meeting was attended by Union Ministers Thura U Aung Ko, U Kyaw Tin, Deputy

Minister U Sett Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to Viet Nam U Kyaw Soe Win, high ranking officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials.

Later in the afternoon, the

delegation led by the President and the First Lady attended a luncheon hosted by the Vietnamese Prime Minister and wife.

At the luncheon, the Viet-

namese Prime Minister and wife cordially greeted the President and the First Lady and then delivered a speech. The Viet Nam Prime Minister said:

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# President U Win Myint, Vietnamese PM Xuan Phuc hold talks

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Your Excellency Mr. U Win Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and Madam, Distinguished guests from Myanmar, Ladies and gentlemen, At the outset, allow me to extend to you my warmest welcome on your visit to Viet Nam and attendance at the 2019 United Nations Day of Vesak. Amid the Thingyan celebration in Myanmar, on behalf of the Government and the people of Viet Nam, may I wish Your Excellency President and the people of Myanmar a new year full of health, happiness and success.

Since her independence, Myanmar has gone from strength to strength, earning significant success in national development and a bigger role and higher standing in the international arena. I have full confidence that, under Your Excellency President's leadership, the people of Myanmar will continue to successfully secure stability and economic development towards a nation of prosperity and happiness.

We are pleased with the robust growth in the Viet Nam – Myanmar ties, particularly the upgrade of our relations to the Comprehensive Partnership in 2017. Bilateral trade turnover in 2018 amounted to US\$ 860 million, up by 3.8% against that of 2017, and is expected to soon exceed US\$ 1 billion. Viet Nam has consistently been Myanmar's 7th largest foreign investor with 18 projects worth a total of US\$ 2.1



The Myanmar delegation led by President U Win Myint holds talks with Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc and members of the government yesterday. **PHOTO:MNA**

billion in registered capital. Direct flights connecting our major cities have enabled tourism, culture and people-to-people exchange to ever thrive. Cooperation in such other areas as security, defense, transportation and communications is also flourishing, promising greater achievements.

I hold a firm belief that your visit to Viet Nam and attendance at the United Nations Day of Vesak will be a great success, significantly contributing to the sound development of the Comprehensive Partnership between Viet Nam and Myanmar.

In the cordial atmosphere tonight, I would like to propose a toast: To the prosperity of Myanmar and the happiness of her

Our cooperation in trade and investment sectors are progressing as Viet Nam is now the ninth largest trading partner and the seventh largest investor in Myanmar.

people! To the Comprehensive Partnership between Viet Nam and Myanmar! To the good health of Your Excellency President and Madam!

**In his return speech President U Win Myint said:**

I am deeply touched by Your Excellency's kind words of wel-

come and the hospitality accorded to me and my delegation since we arrived at the beautiful city of Hanoi. As such, on behalf of my delegation, I would like to express my profound thanks to you for extending the invitation to me and to pay an official working visit to Viet Nam.

Myanmar attaches great importance to its relations with Viet Nam. The bonds of friendship and cooperation between Myanmar and Viet Nam date back to the time of struggling for Independence. As our friendly relations were nurtured by our great leaders General Aung San and Mr. Ho Chi Minh, it is our duty to strengthen further and deepen the existing friendship and mutually beneficial cooperation.

Myanmar and Viet Nam belong to numerous regional and International Organizations. Myanmar and Viet Nam are working together under the framework of ASEAN, GMS, CLMV, ACMECS and the United Nations. On behalf of the Government and people of Myanmar, I would like to express my sincere thanks to the Government and people of Viet Nam for their understanding and consistent support to our coun-

try in regional and International arena.

It has been three years that our Government has taken the office and we have achieved significant tangible progress. However, it still remains profound challenges to overcome. We strongly believe that we can overcome all obstacles through national unity and with the support and understanding of our friends from regional and international community.

Myanmar and Viet Nam share the same traditions and culture, customs and beliefs. The genuine friendship, close cooperation and mutual understanding between our two countries have been flourishing since we established diplomatic relations in 1975. Next year will mark a historic milestone as we are going to celebrate the 45th Anniversary of the establishment of the diplomatic relations between our two countries.

I am very pleased to have the opportunity to observe the developments of Viet Nam. I would like to congratulate Viet Nam for its economic achievements. Viet Nam is now one of Asia's most open economies and becoming a fastest-growing emerging economy.

Our cooperation in trade and investment sectors are progressing as Viet Nam is now the ninth largest trading partner and the seventh largest investor in Myanmar.

Our government has liberalized many of the trade policies to promote trade relations with partners and also created an investor-friendly business environment for all investors. I believe that Your Excellency will encourage Vietnamese businesses to invest more in Myanmar.

We had a fruitful discussion just before this luncheon as we could discuss cooperation in multi-faceted areas to the mutual benefit of our two peoples. I firmly believe that bilateral relations and cooperation will be further consolidated in line with the Comprehensive Cooperative Partnership (CCP) that we established in 2017.

In conclusion, allow me once again to express our most sincere appreciation to Your Excellency, to the Government and people of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam for the warm welcome and excellent arrangements made for us during our stay in Viet Nam, said President U Win Myint.

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President U Win Myint lays wreath at the tomb of Vietnamese leader Ho Chi Minh at Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum yesterday. **PHOTO:MNA**



We have much to carry on fulfilling the hopes and needs of the people of the country. We must press on until our citizens have their dignity raised and our country can retain its former glory on the global stage.

(Excerpt from the speech by President U Win Myint at the ceremony to take oath of office at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw on 30 March 2018)

Collective strength is vital to build peace and stability which we need. We need to have mutual understanding and mutual respect as the basic foundation to bring to an end the armed conflicts which have existed for many years among the ethnic nationalities. We can make this foundation strong with our collective strength.

(Excerpt from the speech by State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of NLD Government on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2018)

## President U Win Myint meets Vietnamese PM, Chairwoman ...

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With this note, I would like to invite all of you to join me in a toast: To the good health of the His Excellency Nguyen Phu Trong and Spouse. To the good health and personal well-being of the Prime Minister of Viet Nam and Spouse and also all the distinguished guests present here today. To the everlasting friendship between Myanmar and Viet Nam; To the progress and prosperity of Viet Nam and the happiness of its people.

After delivering the speeches, the President and Prime Minister had lunch while the Vietnamese cultural troupe presented a cultural performance.

After the luncheon, the President and the First Lady presented a flower bouquet to the Vietnamese cultural troupe.

Following the luncheon, the President received Viet Nam-Myanmar Parliament Friendship Association Chairman H.E. Mr. Nguyen Manh Tien and party at the Sheraton Hotel.

At the meeting, increasing visits of friendship groups established between Myanmar-Viet Nam parliaments as well as increasing friendship between the parliaments, governments and people of the two countries through these friendship groups

were discussed.

Later in the afternoon, the President went to the office of the chair of the National Assembly of Viet Nam and met with Chairwoman H.E. Madam Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan.

During the meeting, increasing friendship and cooperation between members of parliaments and parliaments of the two countries, maintaining the tradition of friendship started by past leaders, positive progress achieved from cooperation during recent years, and increasing cooperation and friendship between the two peoples in the future through the parliaments of the two countries were cordially discussed.

The meeting was attended by Union Ministers Thura U Aung Ko, U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Minister U Sett Aung, Myanmar Ambassador to Viet Nam U Kyaw Soe Win, high ranking officers from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials.

Later in the evening, the President and the First Lady attended a dinner together with heads of state who were attending the 2019 UN Vesak Day celebrations. The dinner held at the National Convention Centre was hosted by the Chairwoman of the National Assembly of Viet Nam. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)



President U Win Myint shakes hands with Chairwoman of the National Assembly of Viet Nam, Madam Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan. PHOTO: MNA



President U Win Myint receives Viet Nam-Myanmar Parliament Friendship Association Chairman Mr. Nguyen Manh Tien and party at the Sheraton Hotel in Hanoi yesterday. PHOTO: MNA



Union Minister for Construction, U Han Zaw inspects housing projects implemented by Department of Urban & Housing Development (DUHD) in Yangon Region yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

## Union Minister for Construction inspects housing projects in Yangon Region

UNION MINISTER for Construction U Han Zaw went on an inspection tour of housing projects implemented by Department of Urban & Housing Development (DUHD) in Yangon Region yesterday.

The Union Minister and party inspected Yoma Low

Cost Housing Project in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, Yoma Housing Project jointly constructed by DUHD and UN-Habitat, Yuzana Low Cost Housing Project jointly constructed by DUHD and Shwetaung Company in Yuzana Housing Project, five

housing projects constructed in joint venture with DUHD in Ayar Wun Mixed Use Project and Aya Chantha High End Housing Project constructed by Chantha Shwe Myay Company. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)



# Committee for Supporting Peace and Stability in Rakhine State meets political parties, experts, state cabinet

THE committee for Supporting Peace and Stability in Rakhine State held separate meetings with political parties, experts and members of the Rakhine State Cabinet at the Rakhine State Government's Guest House in Sittway, Rakhine State yesterday.

U Aye Tha Aung, Chairman of Committee on Supporting Peace and Stability in Rakhine State, who is also the Deputy Speaker of the Amyotha Hluttaw, met with the representatives of National League for Democracy (NLD) at 8 a.m., the representatives of Arakan League for Democracy (ALD) at 9 a.m., the representatives of the Arakan National Party

(ANP) at 10 a.m., the representatives of Union Solidarity and Development Party (USDP) at 11 a.m., the experts at 2 p.m. and members of the Rakhine State Government at 4.10 p.m. respectively.

Together with Chairman of the Committee at the meeting were Committee's Vice Chairman and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, Committee members, Deputy Minister U Tin Myint, Deputy Attorney-General U Win Myint, Rakhine State Minister Col Phone Tint, Yangon Region Minister for Rakhine Ethnic Affairs U Zaw Aye Maung, Rtd. Deputy Minister U Nyi Hla Nge, Police Maj-Gen Aung Naing Thu, Ra-



Chairman of the Committee for Supporting Peace and Stability in Rakhine State U Aye Tha Aung meets with representatives of the National League for Democracy in Sittway yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

khine State Hluttaw representatives, Deputy Ministers U Aung Hla Tun and U Soe Aung, Secretary of State Government U Sai Thaw Win and officials.—MNA ■  
(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)



Union Minister U Thauung Tun addresses at the Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) meeting (7 / 2019) in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

## Myanmar Investment Commission approves the projects in Education Services and Golf Resort & Lodging Services

THE Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) meeting (7 / 2019) was convened at the meeting room of MIC in the morning on 11<sup>th</sup> May 2019 in Yangon. U Thauung Tun, Chairman of MIC, Dr. Than Myint, Vice Chairman of MIC and (9) members attended the meeting.

The meeting approved the projects in Education Services and Golf Resort & Lodging services on B.O.T Basis. The amount of USD 4 million and Kyats 8800 million have been approved for said project which will create (217) job opportunities for citizens.—MNA ■

## Anti-Corruption Commission opens branch office in Mandalay

THE Anti-Corruption Commission has opened a branch office on 82<sup>nd</sup> street, Tammawady block, Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Region.

Union Minister for Industry U Khin Maung Cho, Chairman of Anti-Corruption Commission U Aung Kyi, Chief Minister of Mandalay Region Dr. Zaw Myint Maung, Speaker of Mandalay Regional Hluttaw, Chief Justice of Mandalay, region law officers, Mandalay Region Advocate-General, Mayor of Mandalay, Regional ministers, UNDP/ UNODC officials, representatives from Trade and Industrialists Association, media and invited guests attended the ceremony.

In his opening speech at the ceremony, the Chief Minister of Mandalay Region said that anti-corruption is very important for developing countries, countries in the development process and countries in their

transitional period, and that the same practice generates delays in development, a lowering of standards and a lack of rule of law.

He continued to say that the work of anti-corruption is highly important for the country and its people, and that collective efforts by both the government and public are needed to make a success of the commission's work.

The Anti-Corruption Commission has received 1,677 letters of complaints from Mandalay Region so far, and 168 ineligible complaints have been returned to regional governments. He welcomed the branch office and expressed his willingness to work with it, he added.

Afterwards, Chairman of the commission U Aung Kyi said that with this branch at the center, it would be an opportunity to speed up the investigation process and in dealing with people. Also, the

commission intends to be of great support in steering clean government and good governance, to raise overall dignity and the liability of governing bodies concerning the public, and to protect the county's property, as well as national rights and interests.

He added that the commis-

sion's success, to a reasonable degree in fighting corruption, is one of the indications of enthusiasm for Anti-corruption by the president, regional and state governments. Thus, he hopes to see assistance and support from the attendee officials from various sectors, in order to meet the com-

mission's visions and mission.

Following the speeches, the Union Minister, Chairman of the Commission and regional Chief minister and officials went round the office, after group photos were taken.—MNA ■

(Translated by Alphonsus)



Union Minister for Industry U Khin Maung Cho, Anti-corruption Chairman U Aung Kyi and officials pose for a group photo at opening ceremony of the branch office for the Anti-Corruption Commission in Mandalay yesterday. PHOTO: MNA



## MoUs signed for 19 projects at Yangon Investment Forum 2019

By Aye Yamone

MEMORANDUMS of Understanding (MoUs) were signed for undertaking 19 projects, including Htantabin Technology Park Project, as well as a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) on 10 May at Yangon Investment Forum 2019, held at Lotte Hotel, Yangon.

A great deal of MoUs have become more productive following the Yangon Regional government creating for foreign investment opportunities. The government will later announce detailed information about the 19 projects.

“Today, many companies from the private sector signed MoUs. The regional government has formulated plans to develop the 11 townships outside the Yangon City municipal area. So, we have succeeded in encouraging private companies, both local and foreign, to become interested in investments,” said U Phyo Min Thein, the chief



Yangon Region Chief Minister Phyo Min Thein (Center) attends the signing ceremony between Yangon Region Government and three private companies for the Yangon Htantabin Technology Park Project. **PHOTO: MNA**

Minister for Yangon Region Government.

Moreover, foreign companies from Hong Kong and China will cooperate with Myanmar in making investments in the

establishment of the first technology company on a 740 hectare plot in Htantabin Township, according to the Yangon-Htantabin technology industrial company limited. Garment factories, shoe

factories and other technological industries will mainly invest in this industry zone. Myanmar will also invite more foreign investors from around the world. “This year, more companies

signed MoUs at Yangon Investment Forum 2019. Signing the MoUs has had a dramatic impact upon how we think about development in Myanmar,” said U Phyo Min Thein. The industrial zone project will include establishment of industrial zones, housing estates, commercial buildings, recreation areas, as well as upgrading roads and jetties through which both local passenger and cargo vessels can have access to the Thilawa International Terminal.

The industrial zone is located northwest of the Yangon region. The companies will also construct a 200-meter-long friendship bridge in the west of Htantabin that will connect the Bago region.

The industrial zone project will be carried out in four phases. This industrial zone will be able to offer job opportunities for 150,000 people, and become a hallmark of Yangon Mega City by 2030. ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

## Merchants get handsome prices for mango in Sino-Myanmar border trade

EXPORTERS have earned a handsome price from the sale of domestically produced mangos to China through Muse 105th mile border trade camp in the last week of April, according to border traders.

The market saw a steady increase in export volume of mangos when selling prices are high for the fruits in comparison with last week.

Based on quality and freshness, a ton of mango was priced at 2,500-8,000 Chinese yuan (K543,000-K1.74 million)

in the Muse border market during the week. The exchange rate of Myanmar Kyat against Chinese yuan is K221-226 per yuan in the final week of last month.

During the period, watermelon was sold for 2,000-3,000 Chinese yuan per ton while a ton of cucumber was worth 2,300-6,000 Chinese yuan.

In the period of 24-30 April, border merchants exported about 2,300 tons of mangos to China from the Muse gate, which also handled the export

of over 13,000 tons of watermelons and 66.5 tons of cucumbers, however, there was no export of white pumpkin from the gate this week, according to the wholesale fruits and vegetables suppliers.

According to the Ministry of Commerce’s statistical report, the border trade value from the Muse station between October and April stood at US\$2.96 billion, which saw a decline in value by over \$500 million against the corresponding period a year ago.

Mango producers are continuing their efforts to boost production of a top-quality standardized mango and related products, seeking new market opportunities. Roughly, there are 250,000 acres of mango plantations throughout the country and 200,000 acres of plantations can yield about 700,000 tons of mangoes.

Myanmar’s mangoes are sent mainly to China and India, followed by Bangladesh, Thailand, Korea, Singapore and Japan.—Khine Khant ■



Merchants sorting out good quality mangoes at the whole sale market in Muse. **PHOTO: THANT ZIN (MUSE)**

(Translated by  
Khaing Thanda Lwin)

## Border trade via Myeik down \$11.6 mln in current FY

BORDER trade between Myanmar and Thailand from Myeik gate totalled US\$166 million as of 26 April in the current fiscal year, registering \$92 million in exports and \$74 million in imports, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Between 1 October and 26 April, the total border trade through the Myeik border decreased by \$11.6 million, in comparison with the corresponding period last year.

During the period, exports at the Myeik border went down by \$40 million, while imports from the same border showed a slight increase of \$29 million.

Myanmar conducts its export and import business with Thailand through seven border trade camps: Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthaung, Myeik, Nabulae/Hteekhee, Mawtaung and Maese.

Myanmar imports clothing, foodstuffs, cosmetics, footwear, medicines, consumer products, machinery, raw materials and other products from Thailand. Its exports to the Southeast Asian country mainly comprise marine products, agriculture products, raw materials and miscellaneous items.

According to the ministry’s annual official statistical report, the trade value from the Myeik border trade camp was \$155.101 million in the 2012-13 FY, \$154.422 million in the 2013-14 FY, \$145.999 million in the 2014-15 FY, \$170.999 million in the 2015-16 FY, \$209.528 million in the 2016-17 FY and \$259.445 million in the 2017-18 FY.—Shwe Khine ■

(Translated by Khaing  
Thanda Lwin)

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# Toungoo gets Community Centre, mobile library

UNDER the arrangement of Ministry of Information and Bago Region Government, and cooperation of Information and Public Relations Department (IPRD) and Daw Khin Kyi Foundation, a ceremony to open a Community Centre and a Mobile Library was held at IPRD Toungoo District Office yesterday morning.

Union Minister for Information Dr. Pe Myint, Bago Region Chief Minister U Win Thein, Bago Region Minister for Kayin Ethnic Affairs Daw Naw Pwai Say, Amyotha Hluttaw representative Dr. Tin Tin Win, IPRD Director-General U Ye Naing and Daw Khin Kyi Foundation Executive Director U Moe Zaw Oo cut the ceremonial ribbon to launch the ceremony while students entertained with a band and pom pom dances.

Next, the Union Minister, Region Chief Minister and officials sprinkled scented waters onto the community centre sign board and the mobile library, inspected the people's library and children reading room and presented toys to children participating in the painting and coloring competition.

Afterward, they presented commemorative gifts to people who were visiting the people's library, inspected the displays of local utensils, regional products and ancient cultural objects displayed in the Mini-Museum of the people's library and encouraged the trainees attending a computer course in the training hall.

Later the second session



Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint, Chief Minister U Win Thein, Kayin Ethnic Affairs Minister Daw Naw Pwai Say, MP Dr. Tin Tin Win, IPRD Director General U Ye Naing and Daw Khin Kyi Foundation Executive Director U Moe Zaw Oo cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the Community Centre in Toungoo. Photo: MNA

of the opening ceremony of the public based Community Centre and the Mobile Library was held at the temporary pandal where Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint said Ministry of Information was serving as a bridge between the government and the people by distributing news and information and reporting to the people about the works of the people's government elected by the people.

News and information were being distributed to the people via radio, television and daily newspapers. People's libraries of IPRD were now being upgraded to public based Community Centres in cooperation with Daw Khin Kyi Foundation. Librarians of the people's libraries opened in the public based Community Centres were performing the work of finding books that readers want to read. As read-

ing circles were conducted internationally, IPRD people's libraries also formed literature enthusiast groups and conduct reading circles and literature reviews to spread the practice of reading. Furthermore it was also conducting mobile library works to lend books, journals and magazines to rural readers on a weekly and monthly basis.

Depending upon space available in IPRD offices, public based community centres were being implemented and established. At these public based community centres the locals can discuss economic, social and religious matters while Hluttaw representatives can also meet with their constituents.

At these Community Centres like minded persons had come together to conduct courses on household works, language and computer. In addition to this,

depending upon space available regional products and ancient cultural objects were displayed at the Mini Museum to instill in youth the practice of valuing, collecting and maintaining cultural objects.

To create opportunities for the government and the people to speak directly public talks were conducted township wise. IPRD and Japan's Shanti Volunteer Association were also raising knowledge level of children by leasing books using tri-cycles. Public based community centres were opened based on the public and the public need to use it as where the public gathers. The public based community centre opened today was put into the hand of the public. The public need to use it and only through using it will there be success and support the present democracy transition period and establish-

ment of democracy practices said the Union Minister.

Next, Bago Region Chief Minister U Win Thein said discussions should be held in public based community centre to increase general knowledge of the people and to discuss local affairs. Daw Khin Kyi Foundation Executive Director U Moe Zaw Oo explained about the aim of mobile library and the Foundation's participation in regional development works. Toungoo town elder U Myint Nyo spoke words of thanks on opening of public based community centre and mobile library.

Afterwards, Daw Khin Kyi Foundation Executive Director U Moe Zaw Oo presented certificate of honors to Dr. Masahiro Tsunoda and Ms. Natsuo Miyashita for donating 10 laptops for Taungoo District public based community centre via Daw Khin Kyi Foundation.

Later, Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint discussed with Toungoo District People's Library book and literature enthusiast group and township writers to conduct reading circle, people's talk circles, holding Children's Literature Festival in Toungoo and literature matters in the public based community centre multi-purpose hall.

Union Minister and party were then learnt to have observed the history of establishment of Toungoo and ancient cultural objects displayed at Taw Win Kaytumadi Cultural Museum in Toungoo. — District IPRD ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

## LIP Ministry launches 2<sup>nd</sup> Five-year Framework Migrant Workers Management

A ceremony to introduce the second Five-year national level framework for international migrant workers management was held in Yangon yesterday.

Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe briefed about implementation of the framework which is being implemented in cooperation with the International Organization for Migration-IOM.

The event is held to inform the public of the Framework.

According to IOM, global Migration Indicator 2018, out of the world's 7.6 billion population, about 258 million are on migration and 7.8% of 150.3 million are from South East Asia.

Myanmar has laid out poli-

cies regarding migrant workers. According to the law relating to overseas employment.

Myanmar workers are being sent to Thailand, Singapore, Malaysia, Japan, Korea, middle eastern countries and other countries through 277 overseas employment agency, including one government run agency.

He added that as there are a lot of challenges of migrant workers, international organizations, related ministries and NGOs are steering this 5 year framework and that he hopes to give long term support to the workers to get respectable job in South East Asia. He also spoke of grand strategy regarding enhancement of immigrant worker act, recruit-

ment of save and reliable workers, training before departure, legal service, service available for overseas workers, considering immigrant workers in National Economic Development, transferring money to families, creating more overseas job opportunity, data concerning immigration, improvement of management and collaboration between countries.

Union Minister of Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe, government officials, representatives from international organizations, Chief of Mission Mr. Akio Nakayama from IOM and official from private organization attended the ceremony. —MNA ■

(Translated by Alphonsus)



Union Minister U Thein Swe delivers the opening speech at launching the five years Framework of national level international migrant workers management in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO:MNA



## Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung observes Yangon circular railway road upgradation

UNION Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung, accompanied by Managing Director of Myanma Railways U Ba Myint, observed work in progress of the Yangon circular railway road upgradation in Yangon yesterday.

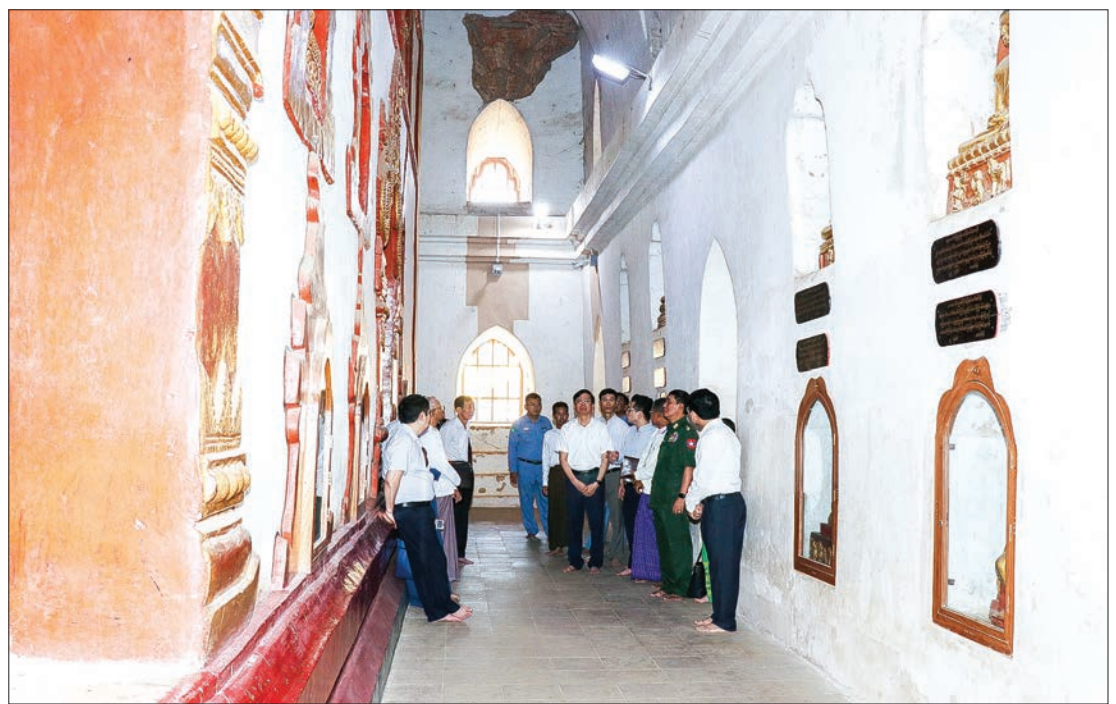
First, Union Minister and party went to Ahlon railway station, where they observed the construction sites of Yangon circular road upgradation and the bridge construction measuring 57'6" in length and 44' in width, together with a three-foot long footpath in the compound of the Ahlon rail station.

Next, they inspected the

construction of brick walls and level crossing near the Narnattaw Flying Over and level crossing in Mingalardon. They proceeded to the construction sites of the Shwe Taung Co.Ltd, where officials from the company reported about the road upgrading projects of Yangon Circular railway road. Following this, Union Minister stressed on the completion of works, carrying out the work process in the rainy season, the signal signage system, measures being taken to arrange for remaining gravel, delivery of gravel, steel and railway sleepers.—MNA ■  
(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)



Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung inspects the construction of level crossing near the Narnattaw Flying Over and level crossing in Mingalardon township yesterday. PHOTO: MNA



Viet Nam Committee for Ethnic Minority Affairs Vice Chairman/ Deputy Minister, Mr. Phan Van Hung and party visits the ancient Pagoda in Bagan. PHOTO: MNA

## Vietnamese ethnic minority affairs delegation visits Sagaing, Bagan

VIET Nam Committee for Ethnic Minority Affairs Vice Chairman/Deputy Minister Mr. Phan Van Hung and party who were in Myanmar on a friendly visit under the invitation of Ministry of Border Affairs visited Nationality Youth Resource Development Degree College (Sagaing) on 8 May accompanied by Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department Director General U Ye Naing. At the

college the headmaster of the college explained about courses conducted and planted a tree to commemorate the friendly visit. On 9 May, the Viet Nam delegation accompanied by Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Than Htut and officials visited Bagan ancient cultural region and paid homage to the Ananda Pagoda. Next they visited U Ba Nyein Lacquerware Work shop, excavation site of

the palace of King Anawrahta and King Kyansittha and Popa Hillock. On 10 May, the Viet Nam delegation left Bagan for Yangon by air and visited Shwedagon Pagoda. Later in the afternoon the Viet Nam delegation left Yangon for Viet Nam and was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Border Affairs Maj-Gen Than Htut and officials.—MNA ■ (Translated by Zaw Min)

## US-China standoff heralds risky shake-up of global order: analysts

PARIS (France)—Flaring tensions between Washington and Beijing are raising the prospect of new global diplomatic and economic fault lines, with consequences that analysts say could pose unfamiliar challenges to world leaders. From an escalating trade war to an influence struggle in the South China Sea, “we’ve entered a period of strong and long-term rivalry between the United States and China,” said Alice Ekman of the French Institute of International Relations (IFRI). President Donald Trump’s combative stance, highlighted by the new round of import tariffs imposed this week, has upended decades of cautious statecraft in the West aimed at coaxing China to join the global order. “A paradigm shift in America’s China policy is under way, with major implications for the world’s most important bilateral relationship and, more importantly, for global security,” said Brahma Chellaney

of the Centre for Policy Research in New Delhi.

The fallout could prove long-lasting, requiring countries in Europe, Asia and Africa to rethink how they engage with two diametrically opposed superpowers. “The profound policy shift under Donald Trump will outlast his presidency because it reflects a bipartisan consensus in Washington that the earlier policy of ‘constructive engagement’ with China had failed,” Chellaney said.

For Trump, “the fatal error was letting China join the World Trade Organisation in 2001,” said Jean-Francois Di Meglio of the Asia Centre research and advisory firm in Paris. “Before then, we had a Chinese administration that played the game on westernising, which led the United States and the EU to say, ‘Let’s give them more than the benefit of the doubt, let’s open the door and give them developing country status,’” he said. “China saw it has

a huge victory. And 2001 is when its trade surpluses exploded and Beijing’s currency reserves got so huge.”

### Opposing visions

So far, Trump’s moves haven’t had any major negative consequences for the US economy, but analysts say the fallout from their escalating rivalry could eventually be felt worldwide.

“Humiliating the Chinese... means exposing his successors to a huge problem with China, which isn’t North Korea or any other country that can be pushed around without major repercussions,” Di Meglio said. And even if their trade war doesn’t escalate further, there are plenty of other areas for confrontation, such as China’s growing technological might, in particular its prowess with ultrafast 5G cellular networks. Beijing’s Belt and Road Initiative of infrastructure and trade development across Asia

and Africa and even into Europe will also keep tensions simmering.

Yet analysts contacted by AFP played down the risk of a “Thucydides’s Trap” as envisioned by American political scientist Graham Allison.

The concept refers to a rising power inspiring fear in an estab-

lished power that leads to outright war. Nonetheless, the antagonism will force other nations to move carefully on a more delicate geopolitical chessboard.

“In the long term, it’s possible to envisage the emergence of two rival poles” and “two distinct forms of globalisation,” said Ekman.—AFP ■



Chinese Vice Premier Liu He (L) shakes hands with US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer (R) alongside US Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin (C) following two hours of negotiations. PHOTO: AFP



## Creating job opportunities, promoting the socio-economic life of the people

**T**HE Union Government, since it took office three years ago, has given first priority to the creation of jobs. At the same time, it realized that the main requirement for job creation was good roads, communications and electricity.

With good transport infrastructure and power supplies, some parts of Myanmar have seen an increase in job opportunities and a higher level of socio-economic development.

Good transportation systems have helped farmers quickly send their products to market without degrading the quality, and leading to creating more jobs in farming.

Focus should be on the farming sector for creating jobs, as about 70 per cent of the people are living in rural areas. We can now see that relying on imported edible oil is detrimental to our country's economy. It slows down MSMEs and is a cause

of unemployment. To see onions, garlic, lentils and other agricultural products being imported from foreign countries, when they can be cultivated right here in Myanmar, is an unfortunate sight.

This is why we need to empower basic-level businesses like these to turn around Myanmar's economy, and also to create job opportunities, not only for edible oil production, but also to create a better model for the nation's economy.

Another effort which can create jobs is vocational training. Once roads become usable and electricity is widely available, business persons come to invest in businesses.

We hope to fulfill 50% of the country's electricity requirement before the end of this year. As we want 100%, we were not satisfied with 50%. But, still, there was progress. Two years ago, the nation was only providing about 30% of the required power and reaching 50% of the population, which meant the recent progress was close to double. This was, indeed, quite acceptable. It is also proof that our country is on the right track to nationwide electrification.

At the same time, we must promote the role of vocational skills of young people, because it will ensure the secure livelihoods of youngsters and turn them into innovative and qualified technicians at work sites.

Such qualified workers and technicians will support the development of their respective companies and will also benefit the country in implementing the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan. Relevant authorities and partner organizations will also be required to cooperate and participate in the work processes of the National Skill Standards Authority (NSSA).

Vocational training is most important for those who have difficulties in continuing their formal education. Such courses need to strive towards improving the current work site capabilities.

In short, the nation must grasp job opportunities through free vocational training courses.



# Large traditional House In Rakhine Style

By Aung Kyi Moe (Sittwe)



A large traditional house in Rakhine State. PHOTO: KYE MONE

**T**HERE are a lot of forests and mountains in Rakhine State; there are a lot of bamboos and woods in the State as well. With modern urbanization and developed housing styles make the traditional housing conditions obsolescent, replacing with modern designs of two- or three-storied buildings. But in villages, villas in a Rakhine style are still being made of woods, bamboos and dhani-thatched roofs. The Rakhine people build their traditional houses in Rakhine architectural features.

### Construction

Ancient Rakhine people usually build big houses, thus calling a villa in a Rakhine style. The construction of a large house consisted of 38 posts; these posts refer to Mingala sutta which contains 38 rules for a beatific life. The front part of the house called, "Byaw" in Rakhine language, faced east. In the case of the plot of land, if it was difficult to build a house facing east, it was built facing south. It as believed not in a glorious way that the houses were built facing to other directions. The main room was meant for the owner of a grand house and his wife. From the east to the west, three posts in a row on both sides were known as "Kyun". That room was surrounded on four sides by 14 posts which were called "Kyunyan"; their children live there.

On the floor, "Kyunyan" was lower than

"Kyun". Three other sides consisted of 16 posts except the west side, widely known as dragon-wise, totaling 36 posts. In the front part, two sides were put outside of the dragon-wise posts. In the dragon-wise part, guests were usually welcome. There was no curtain between a kitchen and a dining room. A kitchen and a toilet were separated. There had to the odd numbers of rungs in a wooden ladder; even numbers were not usually accepted. There were no folds in the window, but bamboo sticks fixed for closing and opening the windows. In ancient times, no nails were used in the buildings but instead a tough kind of cane was used to tie the posts. Nowadays, bolts and nuts are more and more used instead to build the houses. House walls are fixed with thatched bamboos. Roofs were covered with locally produced nipa palms; they were decorated with floral motifs.

In ancient times, large houses were taxed by the palaces; only when allowed by the palaces, they were built. Large houses meant more taxes for Royal Finance, but only when future generations kept paying taxes to the Kingdom, the houses were built of 50-year-old trees. As the name implies, large houses were tall enough for an elephant to go under them and a horse to run through the posts supporting the houses.

Translated by Arakan Seim

## Developing critical thinking skill in leadership

By Dr. Myat Moe

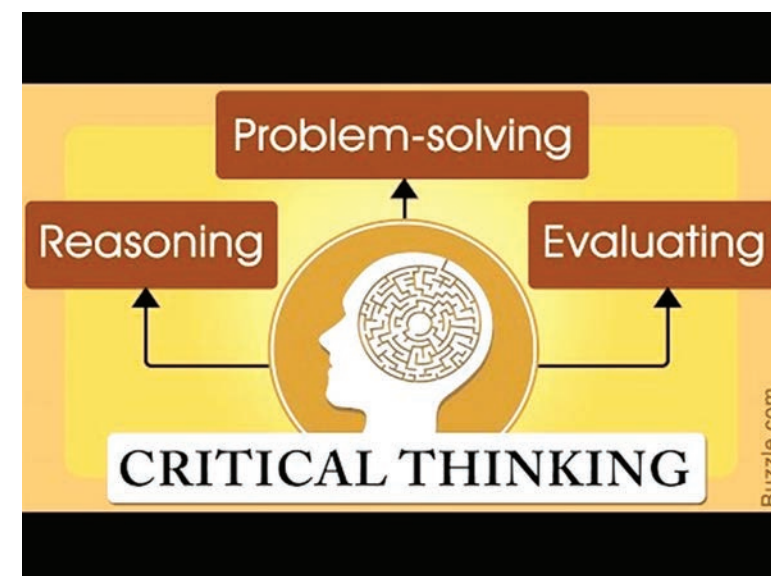
### Competency in critical thinking is closely related to higher performance of a leader.

When you take part in a leading role of an organization, you will exactly face difficult situation of decision making and problem solving especially for youth leaders. There are no more topics to the success of business today or government organizations than leadership and critical thinking. In the 21<sup>st</sup> century, several recent studies and surveys have identified critical thinking as the top requirement for successful leadership. But increasing evidences are showing that a lot of emerging leaders need to improve this skill.

Leadership is reciprocally among people related to critical thinking. It is problem solving activity involving the use of power with the ability to influence people to achieve a goal. There are many challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> century to be responded with its complex political, environmental, social and economic pressures. It requires young leaders who are highly creative and critical. In highly developed countries, the schools introduce creative and critical thinking as effective learning. These thinking

are strongly linked to succeed in our workplace. A leader practicing the way of critical thinking will be adaptable to new circumstances of globalization, good governance, changes in customers' interests and great expectations of the people, changing in economics, high technology and increasing wide diversities with very competitive environment. A critical leader can undertake the activities with a reasonable systematic approach following identifications and analysis of several complicated problems. Absolutely, he cannot avoid the risks in solving problems, but he can minimize those risks by focusing specific objectives. A creative and dynamic leader can be flexible and can practice open style of management and he will honor his commitments at all levels of responsibilities. He can manage the works and his team effectively by responding the strength and opportunities, threats and weaknesses. In the critical condition, he is able to use the accurate information for effective management, which strengthens his/her accountability and transparency. Furthermore, such good way of thinking creates the ability to think

clearly and rationally, by understanding the logical relationship relevant to this situation among the different ideas. Really it has been the subject of much debate and thought since the time of early ages in current modern age, it is



a subject of discussion to recognize very believable fake news and stories.

A critical thinker fully understand the links between ideas and determine what is important idea, what is relevant argument and he also recognizes and appraises

argument with identification of conflict inconsistencies and errors in reasoning. And, they evaluate what idea works well and what requires for improvement. It is an objective and critical way. You can take practice by understand-

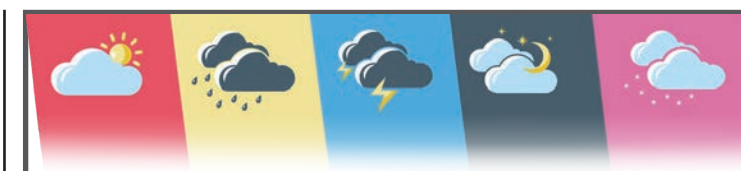
portant features of thinking is to get the best possible solution and make a sharp decision based on range of possibilities. However, we must expect a range of likes and dislikes, different preferences, biases, unforeseen impediments to continued progress. In that place the most importance is that we must have the clear foresight ourselves. If we have aware of above unexpected conditions, our critique will be productive.

For success in a rapidly changing world 21st century skills are important for all the students, leaders and employees now than ever before. 21st century skills comprise twelve abilities that today leaders need to succeed in their carriers during the information age. Critical thinking is one of the 4 'c' creativity, collaboration and communication. Others are information, media and technology literacies, flexibility, leadership, initiative, productive and social skills. Critical thinking is one of the learning skills required to adapt and improve upon a modern work environment and leadership is one of the life skills focusing on both personal and professional qualities.

Researchers did the studies to explain that there was a positive

relationship between critical thinking skill and leadership training in many studies which address leadership development with the ability of youths to make sound decisions and excellent judgment is essential to become productive citizens. The studies show the strong relationship between leadership training and critical thinking because leaders, who do not practice, are dangerous and less and less motivated as they make decisions that affect others.

Lastly, it is clear that change for mind-set is needed to more critical thinking in the workplace. We believe today leadership development programs will fulfill some competencies missing in youth leaders in such critical areas, strategic thinking, leading change, and ability to create a vision and engage around others ability to inspire, understanding total work program and how the parts work together. Today youths are future leaders. For that reason, we should develop leadership training curricula, workshops and activities focusing on critical thinking skills, which are also important for educators and leadership trainers at schools and universities.



### Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Saturday 11th May, 2019)

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

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 12th May, 2019:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Taninthayi Region, scattered in Upper Sagaing Region, Kachin, Kayin and Mon states and isolated in Nay Pyi Taw, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady regions, Southern Shan and Kayah states. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining regions and states.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (5-7) feet in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon -Taninthayi Coasts and about (4-6) feet off and along Rakhine Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Continuation of rain or thundershowers in Taninthayi Region, Kayin and Mon states.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12th May, 2019:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12th May, 2019:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 12th May, 2019:** Partly cloudy.

## Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

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# YRTA to meet media biweekly

By Nyein Nyein

YANGON Region Transport Authority (YRTA) will meet media organizations twice-monthly to brief them about activities carried out during the past two weeks, as disclosed during a media conference held on 11 May at YRTA head office in Tamwe Township.

"Our YRTA is exerting its utmost effort to implement a better transportation system for the sake of all Yangonites. We have been providing service for three years now, and achieved success in ensuring secure and smooth transportation for the public. Now, we are making ar-

rangement to enable the public to know about our activities with the assistance of the media. So, we will invite the media every two weeks, beginning from the 15<sup>th</sup>. Then, we will deliver our message to the public through the media," said U Hla Aung, the joint-secretary of YRTA.

YRTA is an organization that monitors functioning of private bus lines to ensure secure and smooth-operating public transportation in Yangon region. The major mode of road transportation in Yangon City is the public bus line system. YRTA is working to ensure a bus transportation system far better than the All Private Bus Lines Control

Committee (Ma Hta Tha), he added.

"The bus transportation system is one of the major modes of the transportation systems in Yangon region. Ma Hta Tha was dissolved on 16 January 2017 and transformed it into the YBS system. Over 100 buses operate along 122 routes under the supervision of YRTA. Moreover, we have permitted the running of some circular buses, as well as Airport Shuttle Buses," he added.

YRTA is responsible not only for the bus transportation system, but also for the city taxi registration, water buses, school buses, upgrading of the circular

railways, cargo transportation vehicles and other upgrading processes, in cooperation with international organizations.

"We are performing new activities, in addition to our regular activities. We want to keep the public informed about our activities—both regular and new. So, we will meet the media every fortnight," said Dr. Maung Aung, secretary of YRTA.

YRTA was formed with 16 members on 8 July 2016, most of whom being government officials. In April 2019, six more members were added to YRTA, bringing the monitoring organization to 22 members. ■ (Translated by Hay Mar)

# 14.6 tons of illegal timber seized in Indaw

FOREST officials, on Friday evening, seized 14.6 tons of illegally harvested teak logs in Indaw Township, Katha District, Sagaing Region, according to the Township Forest Department.

At around 4.30 p.m. on 10 May, a combined team of forest police and officials of the forest department conducted a raid on the residence of Maung Khine in Thaugmyin Village where they discovered 26 teak logs, 123 pieces of teak timbers, an unregistered timber mill, and a chainsaw.

The team also found 45 logs of teak beside the Maeza Creek in the north of the village.

Maung Khine has been charged with violating the existing law. Police are continuing their investigations to arrest others connected to the case.



Forest officials check illegally cut teak logs in Indaw. PHOTO: LU AUNG (KATHA)

Officials have been making a concerted effort to clamp

down on the illegal timber trade in the region.—Lu Aung (Ka-

tha) ■ (Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)



Fire engulfs the building in Yaksawk yesterday morning. PHOTO: YAKSAWK IPRD

# Fire in kitchen reported in Yaksawk

A fire lit in the kitchen while cooking and left unattended resulted in a blaze on Saturday early morning in Area-1, MyoU Ward, Yaksawk Township, Southern Shan State, according to the Township Fire Services Department.

Some 25 firefighters, led by U Khine Zaw Nyein, head of the Township Fire Services Department, were dispatched immediately and they brought the blaze under control in about

15 minutes.

The fire originated in the kitchen at about 3.37 a.m. on 11 May and food left unattended in a utensil over the flame was the cause. It damaged utensils worth approximately K43,000.

Action has been taken against the home owner for fire-related negligence and recklessness, in violation of existing laws.—Yaksawk IPRD ■

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)



## US sends naval strike group as tensions rise with Iran

WASHINGTON (United States) — The United States is deploying an amphibious assault ship and a Patriot missile battery to bolster an aircraft carrier and B-52 bombers already sent to the Gulf, ratcheting up pressure Saturday on archfoe Iran.

In response to alleged threats from Iran, the USS Arlington, which transports marines, amphibious vehicles, conventional landing craft and rotary aircraft, and the Patriot air defence system will join the Abraham Lincoln carrier group, the Pentagon announced Friday.

The carrier and a B-52 bomber task force were ordered towards the Gulf, as Washington reiterated that intelligence reports suggested Iran was planning some sort of attack in the region.

CENTCOM, the US forces for the Middle East and Afghanistan, said Friday on Twitter that the B-52 bombers arrived at the area of operations on May 8, without saying where they had landed. US President Donald Trump's national security advisor John Bolton has said the deployment aimed to send a "clear



The US aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, on the left, sails in formation in the Mediterranean alongside British, French, Spanish and other US warships last month in an image released by the US Navy. PHOTO:AFP

and unmistakable" message to Iran about any attack against the US or its partners in the region.

Washington has not elaborated on the alleged threat, drawing criticism that it is overreacting and unnecessarily driving up tensions in the region.

There was no immediate reaction from Tehran on the lat-

est US moves, but earlier in the week it shrugged off the carrier deployment.

"Bolton's statement is a clumsy use of an out-of-date event for psychological warfare," Iran's Supreme National Security Council spokesman Keyvan Khosravi said.

The increasing tensions come as Tehran said Wednes-

day it had stopped respecting limits on its nuclear activities agreed under a 2015 deal with major powers.

Iran said it was responding to the sweeping unilateral sanctions that Washington has re-imposed since it quit the agreement one year ago, which have dealt a severe blow to the Iranian economy.— AFP ■

## Italy takes in migrants despite 'closed ports' policy

ROME (Italy)— Over 60 migrants rescued at sea by the Italian navy and a charity ship disembarked in Italy on Friday, despite far-right Interior Minister Matteo Salvini's "closed ports" policy, while three died and dozens more were missing after another migrant boat capsized off Tunisia.

Thirty-six people plucked from a floundering boat off Libya by a navy patrol boat on Thursday were brought to Sicily after four European countries agreed to host some of them.

Another 30 people rescued by the Mare Jonio charity ship in a separate operation — including three women and a one-year-old girl — were disembarked on the Italian island of Lampedusa.

In late afternoon 70 more migrants were picked up by Italian police off the coast of Lampedusa, according to media reports.

However another migrant boat on its way to Italy capsized off the coast of Tunisia and while 16 people were rescued from it, three bodies were recovered and dozens more remain missing.

Salvini had initially refused



Italy's populist government has taken an increasingly hard line on migration, banning charity vessels from rescuing migrants off Libya. PHOTO:AFP

to open Italy's ports to the migrants. On Friday he presented a draft law which would give him the power to ban any boat from Italian waters for public order reasons.

The text, which must still be approved by ministers, also include fines of up to 5,500 euros (\$6,160) per migrant for each rescue boat landing in Italy which has not complied with the coast-guard's instructions.

Meanwhile the interior ministry said it was opening an investigation into aiding illegal immigration and impounded the Mare Jonio, which is chartered by the left-wing collective Mediterranea.

The ship was first seized in March after bringing rescued migrants to Italy, but released after a week. The Italian coast guard declared the vessel unsuitable for rescues last month.

Rome's populist govern-

ment has taken an increasingly hard line on migration, and Salvini, head of the anti-immigrant League party, last month signed a new directive banning charity vessels from rescuing migrants off Libya. Charity ships have drawn fire from Rome by attempting on occasion to stop migrants being taken back to crisis-hit Libya, which human rights organisations say is not safe for repatriations.— AFP ■

## After Facebook ban, Farrakhan denies hating Jews

CHICAGO (United States)— Racist demagogue and dangerous fundamentalist to some, heroic crusader for black rights to others, incendiary religious leader Louis Farrakhan is finding the audience for his message increasingly hard to reach.

The head of the Nation of Islam — barred for years from Britain and blocked from mainstream TV — has been declared an undesirable by Facebook for his long record as an unrepentant merchant of anti-Semitism and homophobia.

Farrakhan's black advocacy and mantra of self-reliance has lent him a measure of legitimacy over the years, bolstered by his role a quarter century ago in organizing the Million Man March that drew hundreds of thousands of African Americans to Washington.

And while his continuing influence is undeniable, critics of the 86-year-old son of a Massachusetts seamstress point out that he has compared Jews to "termites," called Hitler a "great man" and claimed that the white race was created by an evil wizard.

True to form, one of the most divisive political figures in modern American history reacted to his May 2 ouster from Facebook by casting himself as a victim silenced by powerful forces.

"What have I done that you would hate me like that?" Farrakhan asked before an audience of more than 1,000 at Saint Sabina Church in Chicago on Thursday.

Cheered on by the rapt congregation — many of whom were members of the Nation of Islam — he denied misogyny, homophobia and racism, telling the crowd: "I do not hate Jewish people. No one who is with me has ever committed a crime against the Jewish people."

Farrakhan's supporters say his words have been twisted.

"If they actually heard what he had to say and not listen to a soundbite it would be very helpful," said Enoch Muhammad, 40, a member of the Nation of Islam and founder of the community group Hip Hop Detoxx. — AFP ■



# North Korea's missile tests not 'breach of trust': Trump

WASHINGTON (United States)—North Korean missile launches over the past week have not affected Donald Trump's relationship with Kim Jong Un, the US president said Friday, in a change of course after initially expressing his dissatisfaction.

Pyongyang fired two short-range missiles Thursday following an earlier drill the previous Saturday—the first in 18 months.

The North had not launched any missiles since November 2017, shortly before once reclusive Kim embarked on diplomatic overtures.

"I don't consider that a breach of trust at all. And, you know, at some point I may. But at this point no," Trump said in an interview with Politico.

"These were short-range missiles and very standard stuff. Very standard."

Twenty-four hours earlier, however, Trump showed his irritation and impatience on an issue where he hopes to succeed while all his predecessors—Republicans and Democrats—have failed.

"Nobody's happy about it," he told reporters, in reaction to



President Donald Trump has met twice with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and claims that the two have a special friendship. **PHOTO: AFP**

the launches.

"We'll see what happens," Trump added. "I know they want to negotiate, they're talking about negotiating. But I don't think they are ready to negotiate."

Will the US president at some point lose faith in Kim? He has met twice with the North Korean leader and claimed that

the two have a special friendship and even "love."

"I mean it's possible that at some point I will, but right now not at all," he told Politico.

## 'Undiminished threat'

The first face-to-face historic meeting between the two men in June 2018 in Singapore produced only a vague statement

about denuclearization, allowing both sides to make very different interpretations of it. February's second summit, in Hanoi, broke up without a deal after they failed to agree on what Pyongyang would be willing to give up in exchange for sanctions relief.

Since then, Kim has accused Washington of acting in "bad faith" and given it until the end of

the year to change its approach.

North Korea's Rodong Sinmun newspaper, the mouthpiece of the ruling party, devoted its entire front page and half of page two to the launch on Friday, with 16 pictures, the main one of Kim watching the launch from a camouflaged shelter.

Despite recent threats by the North to seek a new path, the nature and presentation of the two recent launches demonstrate that Pyongyang does not intend to walk away from talks any time soon, analysts say.

On Friday at the United Nations, 70 countries urged North Korea to scrap its nuclear weapons, ballistic missiles and related programs, decrying the "undiminished threat" posed to world peace.

Signatories included the United States and South Korea, as well as nations in Asia, Latin America, Africa and Europe.

Russia and China, supporters of Pyongyang, did not sign the document drafted by France. According to a diplomatic source, about 15 countries asked to sign on to the request for North Korean disarmament after the new missile firings.—AFP ■

## Indonesia police hunt dozens of suspects over May 22 bomb attacks



An Indonesian voter is seen showing her inked finger after voting during the general elections. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

JAKARTA—Indonesian counterterrorism police are still hunting dozens of "very dangerous" Islamist militants, following the arrests of nine others and killing of another one, as it revealed that massive bomb attacks will be launched by 22 May, when the country announced the results of last month's general elections. "We are taking preventive measures to deal with the terror attack plot prior to 22 May because they are not only targeting policemen,

but also people in mass gatherings (in connection with last month's elections)," National Police spokesman Dedi Prasetyo told a press conference Friday.

Mass gatherings, relating to the presidential and legislative elections, have been taking place almost daily in Jakarta and are expected to continue until the election results are announced on 22 May. Many such rallies are organized by supporters of presidential candidate Prabowo Subianto,

who appears set to lose the election, with participants alleging irregularities in vote counting that will last until 22 May. According to Dedi, from the raid at the house of one of the suspects Thursday, police found out that the group will use WiFi technology to detonate "high explosive bombs" with damage and casualties being expected within the radius of up to 1 kilometer. "The level of fatality will be very high," Dedi said, adding that unlike cellular phone signal that can be jammed, WiFi technology cannot be jammed. The planned attacks, according to Dedi, are aimed at triggering sleeping terrorist cells to wake up.

All of the suspects having been detained since last weekend are believed to be members of Jamaah Ansharut Daulah, or JAD, a militant network linked to Islamic State. The militants had already assembled some triacetone triperoxide bombs, made from commonly available household ingredients, of the sort that has been used in past terror attacks in the country. Indonesia disbanded JAD last year, a year after the U.S. State Department declared it a terrorist organization. Aman Abdurrahman, who is now in prison, set up JAD in 2005 to accommodate Islamic State supporters in the country, spread its teachings and launch jihad, or holy war: —Kyodo News ■

## Viet Nam, Nepal agree to deepen cooperative ties

HANOI—The prime ministers of Vietnam and Nepal agreed here on Saturday to boost the exchange of high-level visits and meetings, people-to-people activities, and cooperation in various spheres between their countries.

During their talks on Saturday in Hanoi, Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc and his visiting Nepali counterpart K.P.Sharma Oli also reached consensus on broadening the relations between the Communist Party of Vietnam and the Nepal Communist Party in the coming time, Vietnam News Agency reported.

Both sides said they would assign competent ministries and sectors to study new cooperative and result-oriented mechanisms on economics, trade and investment. The two sides signed several agreements, including one on visa exemption for official and diplomatic passport holders between the two governments; a memorandum of understanding on the establishment of a bilateral consultation mechanism between the two foreign ministries; and a letter of intent on the negotiation and signing of a framework agreement on trade and investment cooperation.—Xinhua ■



# Crowdfunding brings life-saving water to Myanmar's deer

MAGWAY—A herd of endangered deer wait under the shade of one of the sparse trees in this parched central Myanmar landscape, watching as rangers dispatch drinking water—a life-saving resource funded by well-wishers across the country.

Shwe Settaw nature reserve in Magway Region is home to the endemic species of Eld's or golden deer. But their habitat lies in the country's central dry zone, a low-lying plain astride the River where water shortages are rife in the hot season. This year temperatures have soared to a record 47 degrees centigrade. The sanctuary's 20-odd lakes and ponds—a lifeline for the deer, wild boar, jackals, peacocks and other creatures—have all dried up.

In one lake bed, a water depth-measuring



Shwe Settaw nature reserve in Magway Region is home to the endemic species of Eld's or golden deer. PHOTO: AFP

rod stands marooned in the middle of a mosaic of cracked, arid earth. Many of the park's estimated 1,000 deer started venturing dangerously close to villages outside the reserve, putting themselves at risk of poaching,

rangers say. At the end of April, the park's dozen rangers started pooling their money to travel to a nearby river to collect water and re-fill a couple of the scorched craters. But after realising this was unsustainable they turned to

Facebook for help.

## People vs nature

Donations poured in from as far away as Yangon, Mandalay and Shan state in the north-east. "Luckily, it really captured people's interest,"

ranger Thein Lwin tells AFP with a smile, adding that within a few days they had received over 1 million kyat (\$650).

The sum is enough to pay for the petrol and fees needed to hire water-carrying tankers that take six daily trips to a small river some 15 kilometres away. Each tanker holds around 4,500 litres of water.

They have even stopped accepting money on the assumption the fund will see them through to the monsoon season in the coming weeks.

In another section of the reserve, a breeding programme for the critically endangered Burmese star tortoise faces similar problems.

"We lost some tortoises because of the extreme heat," says Steve Platt, a herpetologist with the World Conservation Society (WCS).

"That doesn't happen every year. Three or four -- we just found them dead," he says.

But the plight of the park's fauna will not end when the rains arrive.

The sanctuary is the centre of an ongoing conflict between conservationists and local people, some of Myanmar's poorest.

Around 40 villages lie close to the reserve -- most without electricity -- and many people enter to search for firewood.

Poaching is also a huge problem in a country where the illegal trade of wildlife parts flourishes, due largely to the insatiable appetite from neighbouring China.

"We need more guard posts and more staff," the ranger says with a sigh. "The deer's future is at stake."—AFP ■

## 180 nations agree UN deal to regulate export of plastic waste

GENEVA (Switzerland) — Around 180 governments on Friday agreed on a new UN accord to regulate the export of plastic waste, some eight million tonnes of which ends up in the oceans each year, organisers said. The 1,400 representatives, meeting in Geneva reached the agreement after 12 days' discussion on what Rolph Payet, Executive Secretary of the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) called "one of the world's most pressing environmental issues". The Geneva meeting amended the 1989 Basel Convention on the control of hazardous wastes to include plastic waste in a legally-binding framework.

"I'm proud that this week in Geneva, Parties to the Basel Convention have reached agreement on a legally-binding, globally-reaching mechanism for managing plastic waste," said Payet. The IPEN umbrella group seeking to eliminate hazardous, toxic chemicals said the new amendment would

empower developing countries to refuse plastic waste dumping". "For far too long developed countries like the US and Canada have been exporting their mixed toxic plastic wastes to developing Asian countries claiming it would be recycled in the receiving country

"Instead, much of this contaminated mixed waste cannot be recycled and is instead dumped or burned, or finds its way into the ocean," said IPEN science advisor Sara Brosche. Plastic waste pollution has reached "epidemic proportions" with an estimated 100 million tonnes of plastic now found in the oceans.

The Geneva meeting also undertook to eliminate two toxic chemical groups— Dicofoil and Perfluorooctanoic Acid, plus related compounds. The latter has been used in a wide variety of industrial and domestic applications including non-stick cookware and food processing equipment, as well as carpets, paper and paints. — AFP ■

### CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V MITRA BHUM VOY. NO. (008 N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V MITRA BHUM VOY. NO. (008 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12-05-2019 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.

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

Phone No: 2301185

### CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V ALS SUZURAN VOY. NO. (037 N/S)

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V ALS SUZURAN VOY. NO. (037 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12-05-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S INTERASIA LINES

Phone No: 2301185

### CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V XETHA BHUM VOY. NO. (1119 W)

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S REGIONAL CONTAINER LINES

Phone No: 2301185

### CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE

M.V NINOS VOY. NO. (1102 S/N)

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SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR: M/S NEW GOLDEN SEA LINES

Phone No: 2301185



It needs to conduct a sectorwise survey to resume construction of Minbu-Ann-Sittway railroad project launched with the Union budget before 2010, said U Aung Kyaw Zan, Rakhine State Minister for Electricity, Industry and Transport.

“The Union government has adopted a plan to connect the main land with Rakhine State through railroads. The axis for the side of main land was searched in hilly parts of Minbu-Ann section around 2010. However, a railroad was built in the side of Rakhine State with the aim of ensuring smooth transport for residents. Although the survey was not conducted too much for construction of the railroad on environmental impact and damage of ancient heritages in the past,

so many. The majority of passengers are those from rural areas.”

Concerning the aims of Myanma Railways, the state minister noted, “Myanma Railways operates its rail transportation with losses for smooth transportation of local people. In fact, trains are running along this part of railroad in Rakhine State. However, it needs to search new axis for construction of railroad from Kyauktaw to MraukU dodging the part of ancient heritage zone. Myanma Railways will not use the old route.”

“In fact, the government cannot give compensation for use of farmlands in its project area to the local farmers. Hence, preparations are being made to hand over the farmlands to local



By Thant Zin Win (MNA)

# Plan underway to resume construction of Minbu-Ann-Sittway railroad



PHOTOS: THANT ZIN WIN

local people did not prefer to build the railroad to cross ancient heritage zone on arrival at Kyauktaw and MraukU regions. Hence, construction tasks suspended in Kyauktaw at present,” said the state minister.

With regard to running the trains, U Aung Kyaw Zan disclosed, “The trains run along the railroad section between Kyauktaw and Ponnagyun. At the same time, other trains also drove along the route from Sittway to Kwantaung. The route could be run along the railroad from the start to end but local people feared to take trains due to unrests of Bengalis in 2012. Now, they gradually relied on the rail transportation but number of passengers is not







farmers without losing original forms of farmlands by bulldozer. Rail tracts have been re-taken out from the route and sent back to the main land. Pieces of granite were also re-taken from the route. Now, the area of railroad route remains earthen ones only. Pits have been refilled with soil. Farming dykes were rebuilt. In implementing the project, the Union government provides assistance and expertise to Rakhine State government in searching the axis. Moreover, the Union government will allot budget for the project. Construction of the railroad needs much technologies and monetary assistance because it will be a large project to cross the whole Rakhine mountain range. Now, the project is under planning. If construction of a route plans to pass the ancient cultural region in Rakhine State, it needs to seek a permit from the Department of Archaeology

and National Museum. It needs to avoid the designated site in construction," he said.

"As such, construction tasks will face many difficulties such as crossing the rivers, creeks and new places. It is possible that if money is spent adequately, searching of new axis will have achievement. In other countries, they would dig tunnels in the mountain ranges similar to Rakhine mountain range. I would like to express my hope at least one railroad should be constructed in Rakhine State. In so doing, it needs to do many surveys and researches such as budget and expertise possibility survey, environmental impact assessment and social impact assessment, things whether Department of Archaeology and National Museum approves it or not and how to dodge the ancient heritage region. Another one is to conduct sectorwise surveys on

cost effectiveness and growth of economy. Upon completion, they should resume the project," said State Minister U Aung Kyaw Zan.

Sittway Branch of Myanmar Railways under the Ministry of Transport and Communications manages 54.08 miles long Sittway-Kyauktaw railroad section which is combined with two sections—the 11.46 miles long Pyidawtha-Yechanbyin railroad section and the 42.62 miles long Kwantaung-Kyauktaw railroad section.

A total of 11 railway stations exist along the road sections—Pyidawtha-Sittway-Zawpuja-Yechanbyin section and Yechanbyin-Kwantaung-Ponnagyun-Aungphyubayin-Yoeta-yoke-Ganantaung-Apaukwa-Kyauktaw section. At this juncture, Myanmar Railways operates trains along the 11.46 miles long section Pyidawtha-Yechanbyin section in Sittway Township with loss for fares. Based on the rail transport fare, Myanmar Railways collects K50 per station. It collects K1,150 per distance of railway station, K2,250 per two stations and K3,350 per three stations from university students and faculty members on a monthly basis.

"A plan is underway to build Sittway-Kyauktaw-MraukU-Ann-Minbu railroad. If the railroad reaches Minbu, it will be the best. At present, the train runs along Pyidawtha-Yechanbyin railroad section. Kwantaung-Kyauktaw section was halted. If the railroad reaches the main land of the nation, rail transportation will improve for the people. In fact, rail transportation is the best. In Rakhine State, railroad is close to seaside towns. Nowadays, international tourists pay visits to various famous designations across the nation including Gokteik Viaduct in Shan State, ancient Bagan cultural region in Mandalay Region and Inle in Shan State. Indeed, it is cliché move. If rail transportation services can be given here, tourism industry will boom much in Rakhine State," said U Nyi Nyi Lwin, Sittway Branch Manager of Myanmar Railways.

Railway stations along the route were severally closed due to impacts of Komen cyclonic storm, some conflicts and conditions of roads and bridges. Kwantaung-Kyauktaw railroad section was closed on 14 March 2019 due to regional situations. *Translated by Than Tun Aung*



# Samsung Electronics steps up its commitment to sustainability with new product packaging policy

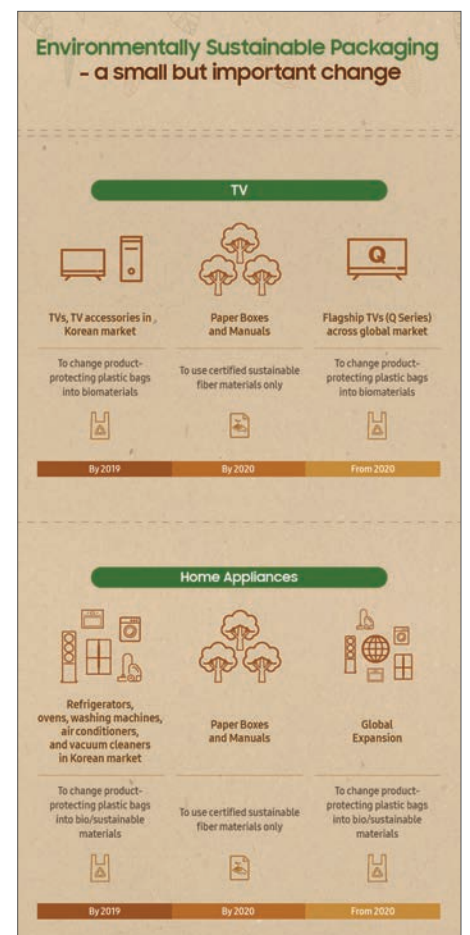
**A**CCORDING to the United Nations, a staggering 8 million tons of plastic end up in the world's oceans every year. Even more shocking is that since the 1950s, over 8.3 billion tons of plastic has been produced – and just 1% of that figure comes from renewable, non-fossil fuel-based resources.

In order to help mitigate this growing crisis, Samsung Electronics is following in the footsteps of governments and organizations the world over and implementing sustainable packaging practices for its products in order to reduce plastic consumption and waste.

## Going Green in 2019

Earlier this week, Samsung Electronics announced that 2019 will see it begin to switch to more environmentally-friendly packaging formats across its portfolio.

This is not the first move into sustainable packaging the company has made; Samsung has been introducing environmentally-friendly packaging to its notebook computer line since 2018. Going forward, Samsung looks to expand this 'eco-conscious packaging' initiative into its wider product line including its mobile devices, wearables, TVs, refrigerators and other home appliance products.



## Reliably Sourced, Sustainably Made

In a nutshell, traditionally understood 'plastic' packaging is to be replaced for 2019 by molded pulp (a fusion material that uses no wood fibers and incorporates waste by-products such as sugarcane residue) trays, recycled paper containers and bags made of recycled plastic and bio-based, fossil fuel-free materials like starch.

Additionally, in order to further support full-cycle sustainability, Samsung has committed to only use Sustainable Forest Management (SFM)-certified paper materials in its packaging and manuals by 2020.

## The Bigger Picture

This commitment to sustainable practices in product packaging is part of a wider series of mid-term initiatives put in place by Samsung to transform the way the company manages its resources. —GNLM



# MFF Futsal Open Cup 2019 begins in Yangon

THE Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) Futsal Open Cup 2019 competition began at the National Indoor Stadium (1) in Yangon yesterday, under the supervision of the MFF.

The opening ceremony was attended by government officials from the Yangon Region, officials of the MFF and its Futsal Committee, along with invited guests and players from different futsal clubs competing in the competition.

The aim of this competition is for youths to have a clear understanding of the international rules and regulations of futsal and to encourage the newcomers in the national futsal team.

"I would like to send a message to all youths to compete in a clean manner. Wishing you



Futsal players from 35 teams attended the opening ceremony of the MFF Futsal Open Cup 2019 at National Indoor Stadium (1) in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MFF**

the best in the competition," said Chairman of the Myanmar Futsal Committee, U Kyi Min

Thein.

A total of 35 teams are taking part in the tournament,

which has been divided into eight groups of four or five teams each.

The group stage of the tourney will be held in the round-robin format. The two best teams from each group will be selected for the second, or knockout stage.

The winning team will receive K5 million and a chance to enter the AFF Futsal Clubs Championship 2020. The second-place winner will be awarded K3 million, while the third and the fourth-placed teams will receive K2 million, and K1 million respectively, according to the MFF.

There are four matches being played per day in the group stages from 11 to 27 May at the National Indoor Stadium (1). The entrance fee is K500, the MFF stated. — Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

## Shan United win final victory in national league half season

SHAN United secured their win in their last match of the national league half season by defeating defending champion Yangon United 2-1 at Yangon United's home stadium in Yangon yesterday.

Shan United dominated the game, leading the first half with two goals, scored by Shan's star players Zin Min Tun and Maycon.

Earlier minutes of the first half saw both team's playing with equal skill when launching their attacks.

Yangon United, however, lost an opportunity at the 4 minute mark, as Kaung Htet Soe's kick slipped a bit near the goal bar.

Shan United played better in the later minutes, displaying stable delivery of the ball.

Shan gained the first goal at the 38 minute mark, as its striker Maycon kept Yangon's defenders busy and netted the goal.

Again, taking advantage of mistakes by Yangon United's defensive line, it was Shan United who evened the score 3 minutes later, which followed the first goal by Zin Min Tun, who netted the second, and winning goal for Shan.

Just before the first half



Shan United's defender cum captain David Htan (Red) holds the ball against his opponent during the national league match against Shan United vs Yangon United at Yangon United's home stadium yesterday. **PHOTO: YUFC**

ended, Yangon's Miller tried to respond to a goal, but Shan United keeper Phone Thitsar Min successfully blocked the ball.

The first half ended with a 2-0 victory for Shan United.

The second half saw more efforts by Yangon's players to score the equalizers.

Yangon United came into

their action at 74 minutes, with a goal by Kosuke, who made his drive to the net from 18 yards.

Yangon United now stands at second place, having earned 20 points from 6 wins, 2 draws, 3 losses, while Shan United recorded undefeated results in the half season, standing in first position.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

## Tiger win electrifies PGA move, but will it boost golf?

BETHPAGE (United States) — Shifting the PGA Championship to May in time to be the first major after Tiger Woods snapped an 11-year major win drought was brilliant timing.

An electric atmosphere is expected to greet the 15-time major winner next week at the 101<sup>st</sup> PGA Championship at Bethpage Black with huge numbers of casual television golf fans likely to lift ratings to record levels.

But the PGA of America also hopes Woods winning the Masters last month at age 43 and chasing a 16<sup>th</sup> major title can boost lagging participation numbers the way his first major win did at the 1997 Masters.

"Obviously Tiger has impact, sort of the moon landing — it's not golf, it's 'Where were you when?' kind of stuff," said PGA of America chief executive Seth Waugh. "We absolutely know the fan base will be cranked up.

"We hope it will have the same effect that he had his first go-around on participation as well. Hopefully we can ride not only the wave and excitement about watching him play, but others wanting to play. Hope-

fully that knock-on effect has a long-term effect."

The decision to shift the PGA came two years ago as part of a revamp of the global golf calendar, when Woods was still recovering from the spinal fusion surgery that would end his nagging back injuries and allow him to return to elite golf success.

His dramatic breakthrough victory at the Masters brought his first major title since the 2008 US Open and made it a good year to stage a major in May.

"We were very excited about the May change before Tiger made his fireworks in Georgia," Waugh said. "We thought it was smart. It looks brilliant now.

"I don't know if we could count on him forever, but that momentum from the Masters into the PGA is extraordinary."

Tickets sold out for the weekend. Volunteer helpers grew. "So we really expect to have an amazing championship at an amazing place. Couldn't be a better kind of story. I think Bethpage is one of those kind of amazing miracles."—AFP ■



# SUNDAY SPECIAL

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## It's time to move towards education for a new era

**I**F you are a Myanmar citizen, it is very likely that when asked about the country's education system, you will give responses like "Our country's education system is rotten to the core" or "severely damaged". Generally, these negative ideas make up the total opinions of Myanmar nationals, be it anyone from any field, as most people have come across the education territory at some point in their lives. However, as a student who is currently studying at a university in Myanmar, I can very well guarantee that the education system is not as corrupted as it is being regarded superficially; fortunately, we can still pick out the undamaged ones and even rebuild the whole system if we are willing to.

I strongly believe that in a very important transaction period like this, students play the most vital role among all the factors that contribute to the education system. Our generation, the previous generations and the forthcoming generations have one thing in common; we have to adapt ourselves to survive and at the same time develop ourselves as we all have grown up in a country systematically dismantled under many years of dictatorship and military junta. The most gifted advantage of us youths is that we are now more enthusiastic than ever to prove that we matter, and that we can take the leading roles as we fight our own way through the challenges and obstacles standing ahead of us. This ultimate dedication, if used correctly by the superiors,

can even become the main driving force to

our change for a greater cause.

Nowadays, students from different schools and universities have become more integrated through various kinds of programs, mostly executed by the students themselves. This way, networking has become more popular among the students, which becomes distinctively useful in holding national level events which are of invaluable experience to the participating youths who later become intimates which in turn contributes to better teamwork; one of the few skills our people lack as a whole nationality. As today is the 21st Century and a lot of things can be searched and accomplished on the web, the Myanmar students do not fail to keep in touch with the latest





ENGLISH LESSON 22

By C. T. O

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

- လေ့ကျင့်ခန်း လုပ်ကြည့်ပါ။
အဖြေကို အောက်တွင် ပေးထားသည်။
1. Ma Ma did not join the University.
Ma Ma did not get a degree.
2. He played excellently.
He was selected.
3. He did not wake up early.
He missed the morning lecture.
4. He did not work hard.
He did not earn much.
5. They came early.
They were given front seat.

Answers

- 1. If Ma Ma had joined the University, she would have got a degree.
2. If he had not played excellently, he would not have been selected.
3. If he had woken up early, he would not have missed the morning lecture.
4. If they had not come early, they would not have been given front seats.

H. If-pattern (continued)

- 1. He has not a garden. (grow orchids)
သူ့မှာ ဥယျာဉ်တစ်ခုမရှိပါ။ (သစ်ခွပန်းစိုက်မည်။)
If he has a garden, he will grow orchids.
သူ့မှာ ဥယျာဉ်တစ်ခုရှိလျှင် သစ်ခွပန်းများ စိုက်လိမ့်မည်။
(စိတ်ကူးယဉ် သက်သက်ဖြစ်သည်။) ထို့ကြောင့် If နောက် တပ်လျက်စာကြောင်းတွင် simple past tense လိုက်၍ ကျန်စာကြောင်းတွင် past future tense သုံးရသည်။
သို့ရာတွင် သူ့တွင် တစ်နေ့ကိုယ်ပိုင်ဥယျာဉ်တစ်ခုရှိလာသောအခါ တကယ်စိုက်လိမ့်မည်။ ထို့ကြောင့် အနာဂတ်ကိုလည်း ရည်ညွှန်းနိုင်သည်။ သို့ဖြစ်၍ If နောက်တပ်လျက် စာကြောင်းတွင် simple future လိုက်ရသည့် ပုံစံကိုလည်း သုံးနိုင်သည်။
If he has a garden, he will grow orchids.
သူ့မှာ ဥယျာဉ်တစ်ခုရှိလျှင် သစ်ခွပန်းများ စိုက်လိမ့်မည်။
(နှစ်မျိုးပြောင်းနိုင်သည်ကို သတိပြုပါ)
2. She has no sugar. (bake a cake for us.)
If she had sugar, she would bake a cake for us.
3. He does not know to swim.
(take part in the swimming contest.)
If he knew how to swim, he would take part in the swimming contest.
If he knows how to swim, he will take part in the swimming contest.

- လေ့ကျင့်ခန်းလုပ်ကြည့်ပါ။
အဖြေကို အောက်တွင် ပေးထားပါသည်။ နှစ်မျိုးစလုံးရေးပါ။
1. He has not much money. (buy a car)
2. She has not much cooking oil. (fry the chicken)
3. He does not arrive early. (catch the earliest train)
4. He does not get a job. (send for his wife).
5. She does not fail. (leave college)

Answers

- 1. If he had a lot of money, he would buy a car.
If he has a lot of money, he will buy a car.
(muchကို a lot of သို့ ပြောင်းရသည်ကိုသတိပြုပါ။)
2. If she had a lot of cooking oil, she would fry the chicken.
If she has a lot of cooking oil, she will fry the chicken.

- 3. If he arrived early, he would catch the earliest train.
If he arrives early, he will catch the earliest train.
4. If he got a job, he would send for his wife.
If he gets a job, he will send for his wife.
5. If she failed, she would leave college.
If she fails, she will leave college.

"To" infinitive သုံး၍ စာကြောင်း Pattern ပြောင်းခြင်း။

- လေ့လာပါ။
1. I want to be an engineer.
ကျွန်တော် အင်ဂျင်နီယာ တစ်ယောက်ဖြစ်ချင်သည်။
2. He went to Mandalay to attend the Mandalay University.
မန္တလေးတက္ကသိုလ် တက်ရောက်ရန် သူမန္တလေးသို့ သွားခဲ့သည်။
3. We eat to live.
ငါတို့ အသက်ရှင်အောင် စားသောက်ကြသည်။
ဥပမာ။ || No.3တွင် We eat that we may live.
ဟုလည်း ရေးနိုင်သည်။
(ငါတို့ အသက်ရှင်နေနိုင်ခြင်းအလို့ငှာ စားသောက်ကြသည်။)
"that we may live" မှာ noun clause ဖြစ်သည်။
ထို့ကြောင့်-
"to live" မှာ Noun phrase နာမ်ဝါကျဖြစ်သည်။

- လေ့လာပါ။
1. We sow that we may reap.
ရိတ်သိမ်းခြင်းအလို့ငှာ ငါတို့ စိုက်ပျိုးကြသည်။
We sow to reap.
ငါတို့ ရိတ်သိမ်းရန် စိုက်ပျိုးကြသည်။
2. He does not know how he should solve the problem.
သူပြဿနာကို မည်သို့ဖြေရှင်းသင့်သည်ကို သူမသိပါ။
He does not know how to solve the problem.
3. She was excited when she heard the news of their victory.
She was excited to hear the news of their victory.
4. She told me that I should work harder.
She told me to work harder.
5. I hope that I will pass the examination.
I hope to pass the examination.

- လေ့ကျင့်ခန်းလုပ်ကြည့်ပါ။
(အဖြေ အောက်တွင်ပေးထားပါသည်)
1. She is sure that she will met with success.
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Reading Comprehension

A young man once went to town and bought a pair of trousers for himself. When he came home and put

the trousers on, he found that they were two inches too long. He came downstairs where his mother and two sisters were washing up the tea things. He said his new trousers were too long and that they needed shortening by two inches. They were busy and they said nothing.

After the tea things had been washed, the mother went upstairs to her son's bedroom and shortened the trousers by two inches. She was a quiet woman and she said nothing to her daughters.

The elder sister remembered her brother's trousers in the afternoon and she went upstairs and took two inches off the legs of the trousers.

The younger sister went to the cinema and she remembered her brother's trousers in the evening when she came back home. She ran upstairs with her scissors and threads and shortened the trousers by two inches.

You can imagine the look on the young man's face when he put on the trousers the next morning.

Match the words given in column A and B

Table with 2 columns: A and B. A: put on, downstairs, tea things, trousers, bedroom, quiet. B: cups and saucers, wear, not talkative, ground floor, long pants, sleeping quarters.

Choose the correct ones:

- (1) The young man bought a pair of trousers (a) for himself, (b) for his younger brother (c) for his elder brother.
(2) The younger sister remembered her brother's trousers only (a) in the after-noon, (b) only in the evening (c) only at night.
(3) (a) two (b) four (c) six inches were cut off the legs of the trousers.
(4) The trousers were now (a) two (b) four (c) six inches too short.

Answers the question in complete sentences:-

- 1. Where did the young man go and what did he buy for himself?
2. What did he find when he put the trousers on?
3. What were his mother and two sisters doing when came downstairs?
4. Who was the first to go upstairs and shorten the trousers by two inches?
5. When did the younger sister remember her brother's trousers.
6. How many inches were cut off the legs of the trousers?
7. How many inches were they too short now?
8. What kind of story is it?
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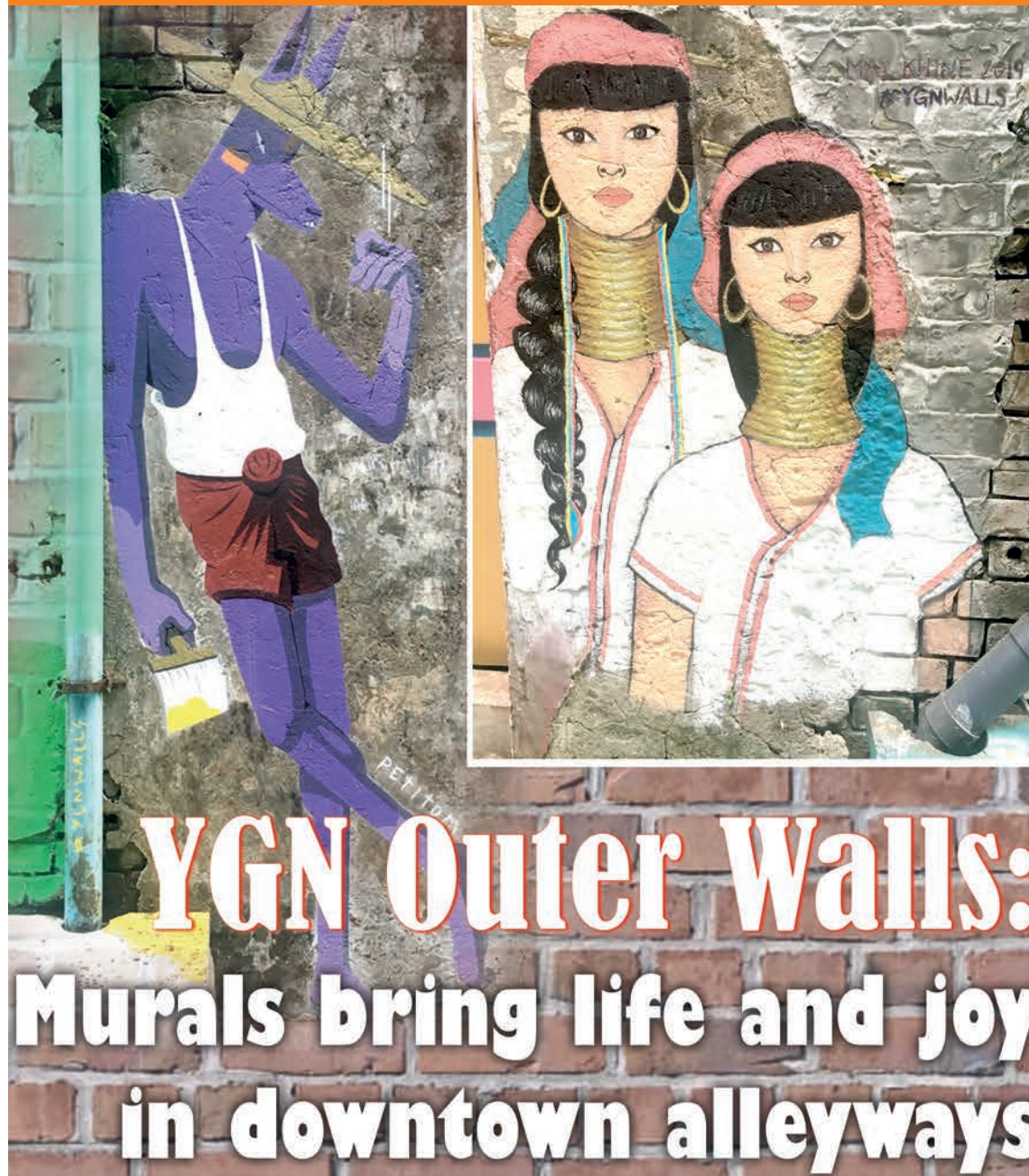
Answers

- 1. The young man went to town and bought a pair of trousers for himself.
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4. The mother was the first to go upstairs and shorten the trousers by two inches.
5. The younger sister remembered her brother's trousers when she came back home in the evening.
6. Six inches were cut off the legs of the trousers.
7. They were four inches too short now.
8. It is a funny story.

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# YGN Outer Walls: Murals bring life and joy in downtown alleyways



By Mya Thwe

**W**HEN greeted with sight of children playing on slides, young adults chattering about their work day and a couple having a creative photoshoot with the many artwork, it is almost impossible to imagine that back alleys were virtually used as rubbish dump, filled with rotting organics, plastic and rats.

The transformation is credited to Doh Eain, a business organization dedicated to “Preserving and improving heritage and urban landscapes.” The Alley Garden projects started in 2016 when the founders of Doh Eain “informally” transformed one of the trash alleys in Yangon into a small vegetable garden. The plot was well received by the community and went viral on social media at the start of 2017, attracting the attention and assistance of the government. With the help of crowdfunding, in-kind donation from artists and the uproar of support from the public, Doh Eain has since six completed alleyways with four ongoing projects.

The projects not only clear up the alleyways from trash and pest infestation, it gives the alleyways a new life, a new look and feeling and the personality to lift the spirits of people downtown who are often overcrowded in apartments. The alleyways are wide enough for a football match where slippers serve as goalposts, a game of tag, a swing set and even slides. For kids who are growing up without backyards, this little open space for the kids to play is a dreamland.

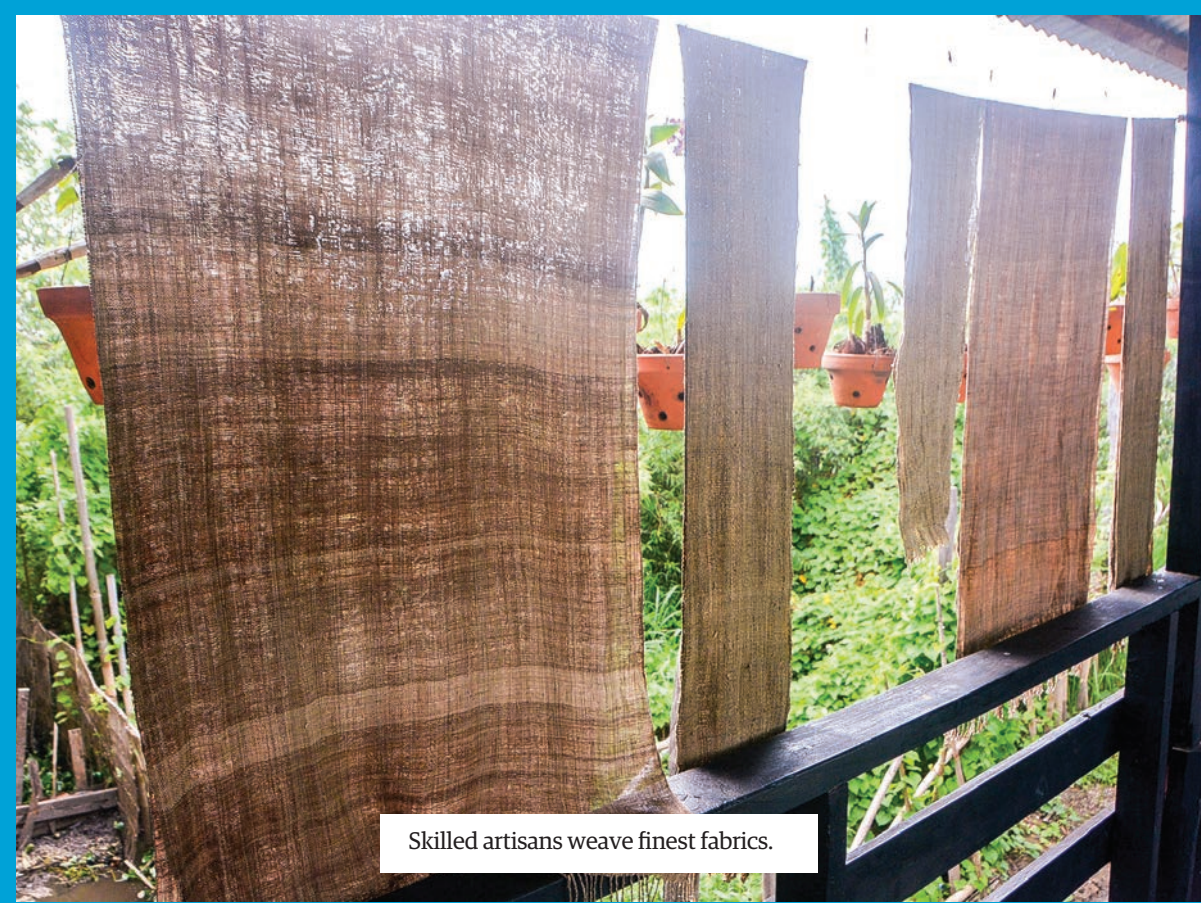
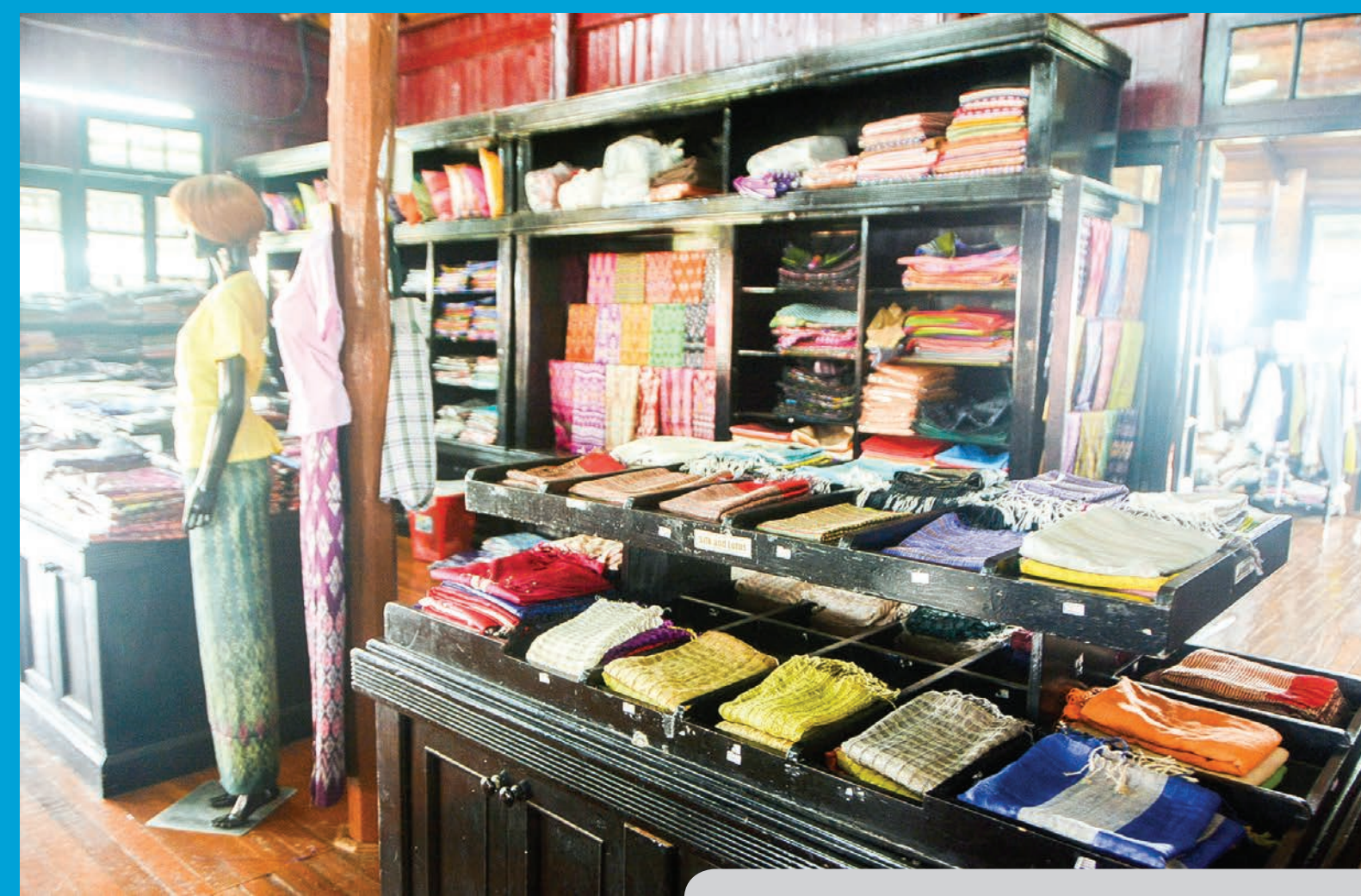
The space is decorated with murals from both local and foreign artists with a Myanmar’s cultural theme and a lot of bright colors. These murals, dubbed YGN Walls collectively, launched the mural culture in Yangon while providing artists to bring their artwork into the grander scheme of using art to benefit the community. The wall paintings are not exclusive to just the artists; volunteers from the kids next door to the Embassy of Switzerland take part in getting down and creative with the paint brushes.

The space is maintained by occasional volunteers who participate in the clean-up events organized by Doh Eain. For the most part, the responsibility falls onto the residents to maintain the space. There are trash cans within 20-25 feet of each other in the space with some labelled for recycling. However, bird excrement splatters seem to plague some of the concrete blocks and the bottom parts of the murals are getting grimy. Nothing a good deep cleansing won’t fix!

There are several spots where the murals and community alley spaces are:

- 27<sup>th</sup> Street
- 39<sup>th</sup> Seikkanthar Street
- 31<sup>st</sup> and 32<sup>nd</sup> Street
- 31 Bo Sun Pat Road, Middle Block
- 29<sup>th</sup> and Shwebonthar Street Upper Block
- 35<sup>th</sup> and Bar Street Street Upper Block
- 41<sup>st</sup> and 42<sup>nd</sup> Street Alleyway, Middle Block





Some indigenous herbal dyes for use in weaving.

Lotus threads extracted from the stem of the lotus flower

Skilled artisans weave finest fabrics.

By Thiha Sithu

# Lotus Weaving in Inle Lake – an intangible art of the Intha tribe

**I**NPAWKHON Village in Inle Lake in Shan State is well known for its intangible art of lotus weaving, offering an exquisite handicraft from the Intha people.

For over a century, this intangible art along Inle Lake has existed. Villagers have made their livings from the beautiful lotus stems on the lake, and skillful artisans created the finest fabric from lotus on traditional looms.

The process of making clothing includes several steps. The first step is to extract lotus silk from lotus stems. In the second step, a weaver turns the lotus silk into a spool, with the use of a hand-turned wheel.

In the next step, the fabric is dyed into different colours, with the use of several tree barks, before they are woven by skillful artisans into textile products.

Still another weaver spins and weaves the raw materials using a hand-turned wheel, turning the lotus silk into a spool. The original lotus thread has creamy color. Then, in order to dye the fabric into different colors, the weaver uses natural materials, such as tree barks, seeds, jackfruit, and lotus leaves.

Afterwards, raw lotus threads are transferred to the final stage of process. The weavers then use an old hand loom to create the final product.

The entire process demands intensive work from weavers. After complex stages, weavers create beautiful lotus fabric with intricate designs. It is not a surprise that the finest lotus products made at Inle Lake are among the most precious textile products in the world.

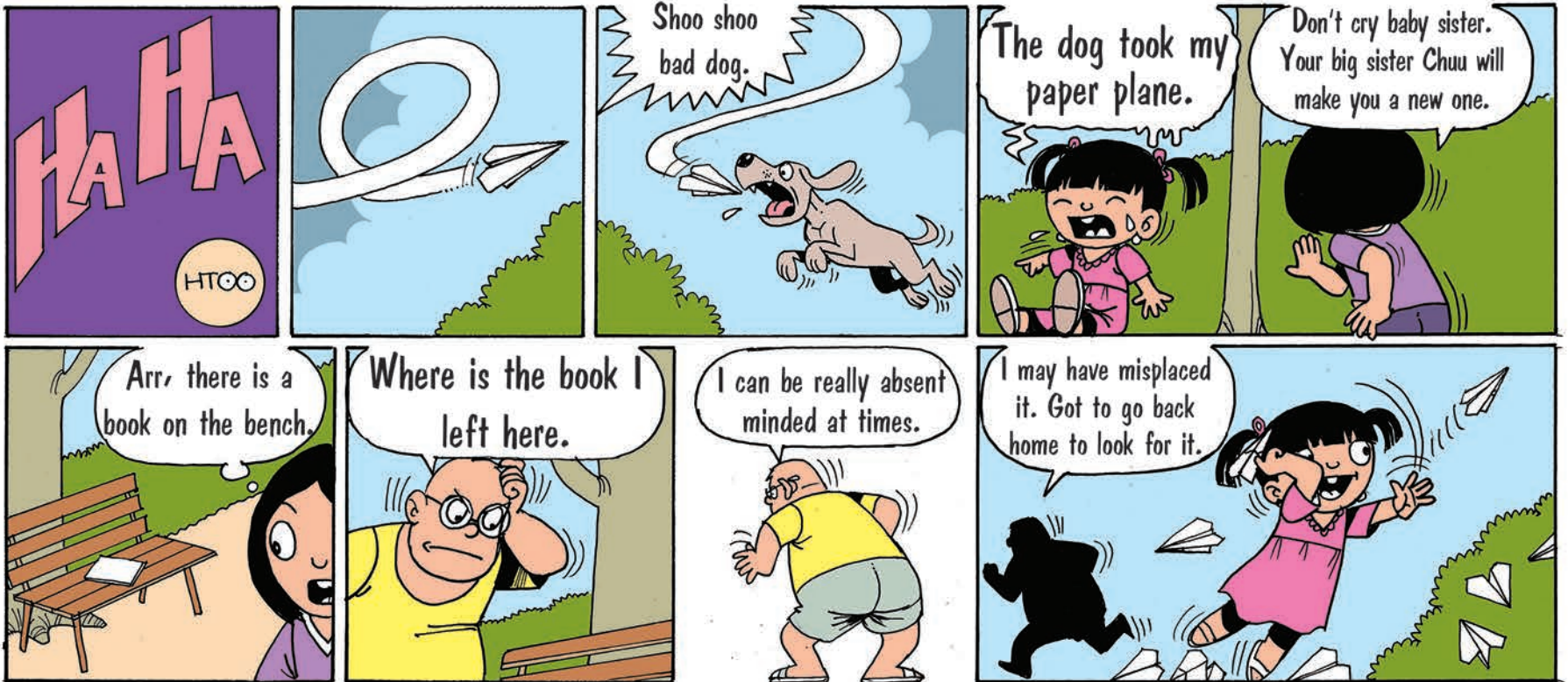


Preparing for making collective lotus reels for weaving the fabrics.



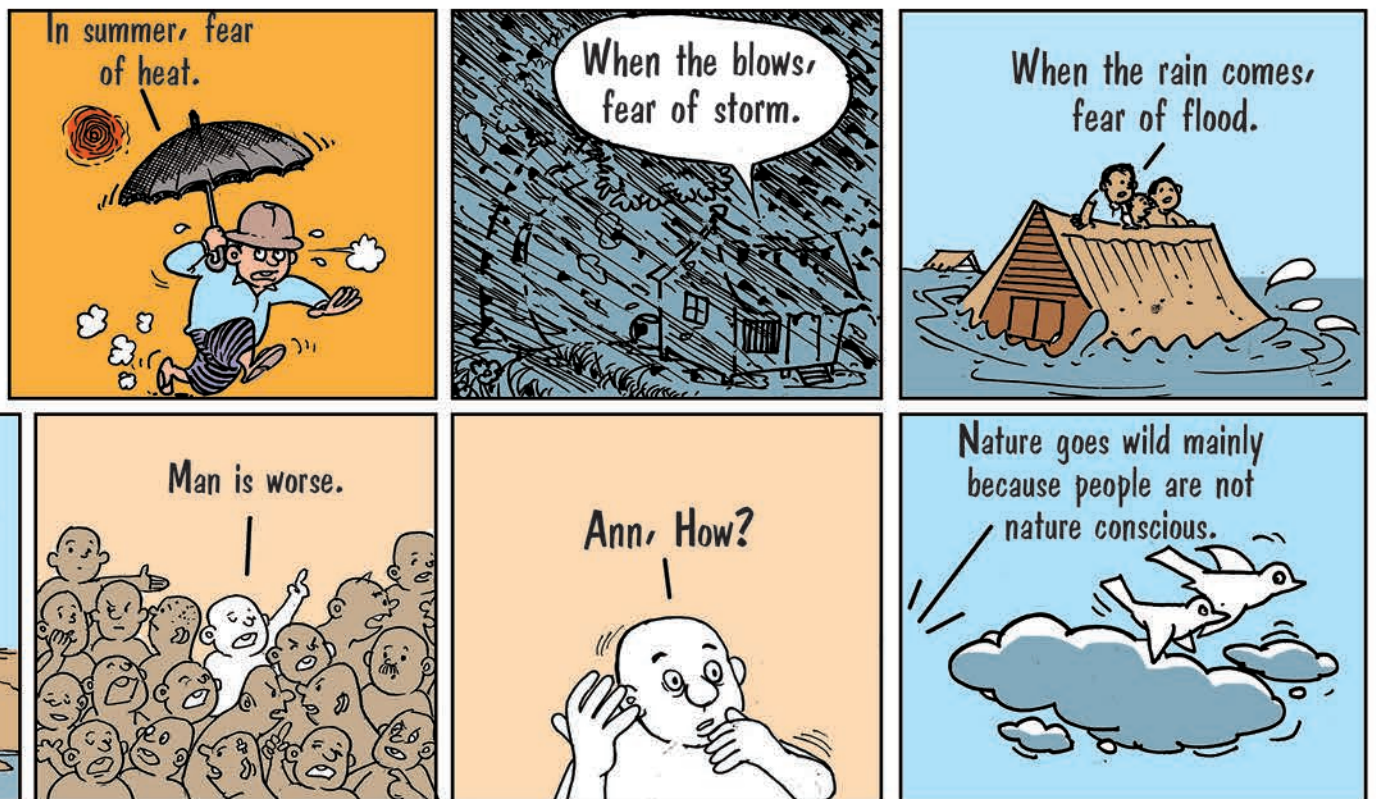


# SUNDAY COMICS



## PEOPLE WILL BE PEOPLE

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# Determined Efforts Behind the road to Success



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**N**OTHING in this world comes for free as the saying goes “No Pain No Gain”. Manifestly, we are supposed to go through and overcome some obstacles so as to achieve our objectives since the path to success is obviously not a bed of roses but a grueling journey. Thus, it is undeniable that the achievement is all about the result of years of hard graft mingled with unwavering perseverance and driving ambition as well as undiminished zeal.

Let me give some examples to illustrate the aforesaid statement. An ambitious student who aspires to pass the exam with distinction or vastly high marks has to burn the midnight oil day in and day out in order to hit the target he has set while the less-ambitious students with the mere intention of just passing the exam are not devoting themselves to studying that much. Similarly, an athlete who aims to chalk up on the day of tournament has to put all-out efforts into practice during the training period. He must be determined to be able to come out on top at any cost. Likewise, the obese people who long for weight loss have to work out vigorously and stick to a strict diet plan for a considerable period of time in order to shed their unwanted pounds.

While pursuing our goals, we need to bear the proverb “Rome was not built in a day” in our mind. It points out that we should not expect to execute a complicated task or capture a remarkable accomplishment by leaps and bounds within a fairly short timeframe. In other words, success does not come overnight. Therefore, we need to struggle for years putting sheer exertions before a significant breakthrough happens. For instance, we cannot master a foreign language unless we work on it relentlessly and passionately for many years. If we take up learning English today, we cannot hope to become a guru of English language tomorrow. We need to live and breathe English and put in a great deal of effort in order to achieve an excellent command of English.

To sum up, in order to stand out as successful individuals, we must get out of our comfort zone and take some risks as needed since there is a proverb “Nothing Ventured, Nothing Gained”. On top of that, we must boldly face the obstacles in the path and pursue our goals with the indomitable spirit. In this way, we will be able to surmount the challenges and our long struggle will end in triumph. Then, we can taste the fruits of our hard-earned success.





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updates, and the student leaders who stand out among the majority, or in other words, the prodigies are at their peak trying to educate the audience back in terms of not only academic skills but also life skills we need to apprehend to live our lives to the fullest. All and all, the game is changing rapidly on the students' side as we become more adaptive to the new methods and courses, while at the same time, create mutual understanding among each other who have come from different backgrounds.

If we talk about the education sector, one thing we cannot leave out is the role of the private stratum. In Myanmar, even in the ancient times when kings ruled, private schools existed in the form of monastery training schools that mentored the students to excel both physically and spiritually. Nowadays, it will not be wrong to state that the private sector has an enormous influence on the country's education system. Be it basic education level or higher education level, students and of course parents are deeply involved in attending co-curricular classes apart from the primary school. Here, I must express my thoughts on why our country still cannot abandon the tuitions and extra classes yet. Changes take time, and it is just natural that there can be gaps while undergoing one, and according to my own experiences, the private sector can very well fill up the missing blanks during the critical periods. Classes that focus on specific subjects (debates, public speaking, human resources management etc.) are at their summit of popularity among the youths, which in my opinion is a thing to cherish as in rebuilding the country and catching up with the international community, these skills will

become vital at the very least. That is why the government must be able to generate potent policies to strengthen the capability of the private division at the very least.

Here comes the third category you have all been waiting for; the teachers. It goes without saying that teachers are the bloodline of the whole system. They teach, monitor, coordinate, arrange and persevere in order to keep the students on the right track. As I am a university student, I would like to highlight on the university teachers in this article. Compared to the teachers from other countries, our teachers have relatively fewer duties to emphasize their time on research. It gives them an upper hand in meeting their expectations in the teaching field. Recently, one of my childhood friends who is studying at a university in Japan has told me that the teachers there do not really concentrate on teaching anymore as they give the majority of their time to research and other activities. If a teacher cannot teach well, what is even the purpose of assigning one, isn't it? It goes without saying that the State must do anything in their power to support the teachers by offering impressive incentives to them and try not to discourage them.

Curriculum-wise, in some fields, we are left far behind. But that also does not mean that we will not be able to catch up. The change as a whole is a complicated and perplex process. However, can we not make it simpler by carrying out the change in our own small parts? For example, in the English department that I am currently attending, the new courses are ready in the hands of the teachers; they just have to wait for the orders from higher rank.

So, if the government becomes less centralized and shares the authority among the acting personnel and organizations, I think it would be a lot easier to achieve great results. At the same time, we just need to keep an eye on the evolutions of the world day by day, and adapt the methods which we regard as the most suitable for our people. Saying these words is not difficult of course, but making them happen will definitely take a lot of time and effort. But we cannot just stop at a point where we envy the countries whose developments are enforced by high-standard education systems; we must thrive to be constant with the changes without being too fast or too slow.

We are now at an age where a lot of negativities are clouding over us. Thanks to the social media, a lot of hate speeches are spread and shared among the hearts of people. But that does not mean that we have to keep them among ourselves, cultivate them and let them grow. As the title says, it is not too late to recover the system, if we walk on the correct and efficient paths towards our goal. And from here, I would like to urge the state to support the education and health sectors more than anything else as they are two prime sectors for every country to develop distinctly. If these two categories are promoted, surely, others will come along throughout the change. To continue with the major content of this article, I have discussed about our education system in terms of four pillars; students, private sector, teachers and curriculum. If each pillar answers to its responsibility with great care and devotion, I undoubtedly believe that the progress will show in just a tiny amount of time.

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