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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi sworn-in as Head of Myanmar Scout Federation



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi receives a scout/guide salute by Myanmar Scout Federation patrons, Chief Scouts, Scouts and Guides, regional ministers. PHOTO: THET AUNG

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended a swearing-in ceremony as Head of the Myanmar Scout Federation held at the Yangon University Diamond Jubilee Hall and delivered a speech.

The ceremony began with attendees signing the National

Anthem and saluting the National Flag.

Next, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides sang the scout/guide song. After this, the State Counsellor was sworn-in as Head of the Myanmar Scout Federation surrounded by Myanmar Scout Federation patrons, Chief

Scouts, old Scouts and Guides, State and Region ministers, State and Region heads of education department.

Next, Myanmar Scout Federation Head State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi was given a scout/guide salute by Myanmar Scout Federation patrons, Chief

Scouts, old Scouts and Guides, State and Region ministers, State and Region heads of education, Boy Scouts, Girl Guides and attendees.

Afterwards, Myanmar Scout Federation Head State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivered a speech expressing

her honor and appreciation of being appointed as Head of Myanmar Scout Federation.

The State Counsellor said, "There are two reasons why this assignment was accepted and why it was an honor.

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State Counsellor sworn-in as Head of Myanmar Scout Federation



Myanmar Scout Federation Head State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivers the speech at the swearing-in ceremony as Head of Myanmar Scout Federation at Diamond Jubilee Hall of Yangon University yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA & THET AUNG**

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It would not be wrong to say that this was to maintain a family tradition. My mother Daw Khin Kyi was a Girl Guide and I myself participated as a Girl Guide when I was young. This was a tradition and it was a tradition not kept by my mother alone but her friends' daughters as well who became Girl Guides and became friends of mine."

This was a tradition kept not by my family alone but by many other families as well. In other words, it can be said as a tradition of a generation. That was why I was very much honored to take up this duty. The second reason was more important. I have absolutely no regret for my conduct as a Guide as well as for our conduct as a group. Think-

ing back after 50 years it was quite obvious that we did it well, happily and cleanly. Friends and colleagues who served together with me as Guides were also noted to have maintained their standards and norms which they

movement was to put the young the scouts/guides onto a good path beginning from a young age when their minds and thoughts were still young and unformed. This would be beneficial to them for life. I believed that this would

The reason why I want to support the Scout movement is to put the young the scouts/guides onto a good path beginning from a young age when their minds and thoughts are still young and unformed.

had maintained at that time.

I noted with joy and happiness that the standards, norms and values that were taught to us when young had remained in our hearts. The reason why I wanted to support the Scout

be beneficial for us as well as for our society. The scout movement held their meetings weekly in groups. Facts about scouts/guides were taught to us by our teachers. To come together as a group was not for teaching

only but for enjoyment also. We had an opportunity to make new friends. We learnt songs that were informative for us. Yesterday was Martyrs Day when an interfaith prayer service was held as usual every year and the religious song sang at the service was the song that I was taught in the Scout/Guide group. We were straight and honest due to the faith we had and this was taught by the song and remains valued within us. I also understood the importance of a Scout/Guide when I was sworn-in as Head of the Myanmar Scout Federation, said the State Counsellor.

The State Counsellor continued and said that our teachers taught us with a short English song to think deeply before giving a promise or taking an oath. Whether we can keep the promise or do as we have said. Whether we have the strength to keep it or do it. And once given, it was to be kept within our hearts forever. We sang this song a lot. I wonder if today's scout/guide were taught this song. Scout/Guide oath of duty to country, duty to other people and duty to self. I also remembered the World Song that we sang later. Through these songs, those who don't know about scout/guide would know that the norms and standards kept were good and true. Scout/Guide songs of the world were also of high ethical value. I repeatedly say this. Nowadays everyone wanted to be a leader. There were leadership courses, youth leader, women leader, ethnic leader, political leader and many leaders. Where were the followers? They needed to be taught to

work as a group. This was the Scout/Guide movement. Isn't there a leader in a group? Yes there are. They came about eventually. The duty was assigned to those can do it. There are leaders and second-leaders. But others don't act simply as followers. They do things together. This was the strength of the Scout/Guide movement. All were equal. Scouts/Guides were friends and colleagues who are the same. Leaders don't orders other around.

The Scout/Guide oath/pledge was to help others all the time together with others. This was how we did it. We worked in friendship with each other and happily together. Going on camping trips was a very happy time. Our teachers were full-fledged Scouts/Guides and made us young scouts/guides happy. They instilled in us valuable norms and standards.

Normally camping trips were 10 days to two weeks. Even though 10 days to two weeks was not sufficient, we were quite satisfied. We lived in small canvas tents. As we camped beside the Inya Lake teacher taught how to dig. We maintained our discipline the whole day. We woke up on time. In the morning we saluted the flag. We ate on time. We worked when it was time to work. We were taught handicrafts. In the evening, we sang songs beside a camp fire.

Camp fire was the happiest time as well as understanding our duties and responsibilities. We were kindly taught about this. The basic philosophy of Scout/Guide movement was to give happiness to one another.

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Youth scouts give a three-finger salute to Myanmar Scout Federation Head State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi at the Yangon University Diamond Jubilee Hall yesterday. Photo: Thet Aung

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We pledged or took an oath to do our duty to country, others and self. We serve others who are of the same as well as different religions. We made everyone happy all the time. We pledged or took an oath so that we could help and give happiness all the time. We had to be good natured and kind. Many people didn't know this. In fact this was good ethics. We must be good natured and kind to have peace and stability. Some think this was outdated and old fashioned and did the opposite nowadays saying it was having enthusiasm. In fact it was being rude. Rudeness and enthusiasm were not the same. The ethics of scout/guide benefited us as well as our neighborhood. All needed to follow. If we kept these standards and norms after we were no longer scout/guide, it would benefit not only our country but the entire mankind. That was why I value and honor the duty of being assigned as Head of the Myanmar Scout Federation. I conclude with a prayer that as I work with scouts/guides may I spread happiness not only to the scouts/guides but also to the country and the world and may I spread the standards and norms, said the State Counsellor.

Next Girl Guides sang the World Song and scouts/guides entertained the audience with a song.

Afterwards, the State Counsellor took a commemorative photo with Boy Scouts and Girl Guides, Myanmar Scout Federation patrons, Chief Scouts, State and Region ministers, Rectors from universi-

ties where Scouts Movements have been formed, University Scouts Movements chairpersons, State and Region education heads, old Scouts and Guides, youth network and community based Scouts

After the event the State Counsellor went to Yangon University where Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi explained about renovation works conducted at Pinya Hall, Bago Hall and in the Yangon University compound.

Following this the State Counsellor met with students staying in Bago Hall enquiring about living conditions and to suggest openly on difficulties faced.

Later the State Counsellor went to Gangaw Park newly constructed for students to rest and planted a Gangaw tree. –

The following dignitaries, officials and invited guests attended the event:

Myanmar Scout Federation patrons Union Ministers U Min Thu, Dr Myo Thein Gyi and Dr Myint Htwe, Peace Commission Chairman Dr Tin Myo Win, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Dr Than Oo, States and Regions social affairs ministers, Rectors from universities where Scouts Movements were formed, University Scouts Movements chairpersons, State and Region education heads, Dr Tin Nyo of Myanma Boy Scouts, Dr Tin Hla Kyi of Myanma Girl Guides, old Scouts and Guides, Boy Scouts and Girl Guides representing Yangon Region, youth network and community based Scouts, officials and invited guests. — MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi planting the Gangaw tree in Gangaw Park of Yangon University yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye attends ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth in Vientiane, Lao PDR

A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye attended the Eleventh ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth (AMMY XI) and the Seventh ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth (7th AMMY + 3) in Vientiane, Lao PDR

yesterday.

Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye discussed matters related to continue raising funds for ASEAN Youth Programme, funding for the movement of ASEAN University Student Council and the development of the scheme for ASEAN Youth Movement

that will be implemented in 2021-2025 at the meeting, and they achieved ongoing consensus.

Then ministers for youths and heads of delegations from ASEAN countries together with Japan, Republic of Korea and the People's Republic of China delivered their speeches.

In his remarks at the meeting, Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye said that Myanmar had already released Youth Policy and the process of implementation is underway. Moreover the Myanmar Youth Policy includes the development of the youths' education, health, narcotic drugs and

hazards that can cause harms, sports and recreation, employment opportunities, economics, politics, literature, arts, culture, research, science, technologies, public civics, natural resources, environmental conservation, peace, life security, gender equality, human rights and international relations.

Next, he stressed the importance for the development of the youths who are going to shoulder the future duties of the country, the conditions of today's youths, and their needs are vary from states and regions of the country, the involvement of the youths in the process of setting up the policy. He added that efforts were being made to enjoy the right of equality for all the youths in corporation with all the ASEAN countries and would strive for promoting the cohesion among the youths. Moreover, rendering the

voluntary service is being carried out through the participation of the youths and they also took part in programmes conducted by regional countries and ASEAN + 3. Also, matters related to exchanging experiences of the ASEAN Youths and enhancement of cooperation would be implemented at the meeting.

The meeting was attended by high-ranking officials and delegates for youth affairs from ASEAN nations. The 23rd ASEAN Youth Meeting and the 5th ASEAN Youth Trade Fair were being held while the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting was in progress. The Youth Organization of Laos PDR hosted the dinner reception together with the Award Giving Ceremony for ASEAN Youths. — MNA

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye attends the 7th ASEAN Plus Three Ministerial Meeting in Vientiane yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

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MAI launches Yangon-Hangzhou direct flights

MYANMAR Airway International (MAI) has launched direct flights between Yangon and Hangzhou as part of the expansion of its flight network. This is the second direct flight that MAI has introduced from Myanmar to China. Previously, there was only a direct flight to Guangzhou.

Hangzhou, the capital of Zhejiang Province and the center of politics, economy, science, education and culture in the province, is located along the Southeast coast of China.

MAI will fly direct to Hangzhou from both Yangon and Mandalay. MAI began the Mandalay-Hangzhou direct flight on 17 July, 2019 and Yangon-Hangzhou flight on 19 July, 2019.

MAI will schedule the Yangon-Hangzhou direct flights every Friday using an A319 aircraft. The flight leaves the Yangon International Airport at 08:25 hrs and arrives at Hangzhou airport at 10:55 hrs. Then, the flight leaves Hangzhou airport at 09:25 hrs and arrives at Yangon International Airport



Officials from Myanmar Airway International celebrate the launching of the new flight of the airline: Hangzhou-Yangon. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

at 11:55hrs. "The China market is strategically important to MAI and in need of consistent growth due to its high tourism, economic, trade and investment potentials between both countries," said U Kyaw Han, Chief

Operation Officer of MAI.

MAI operates six routes with three A319 flights from its hub in Yangon and Mandalay, serving Bangkok, Singapore, Guangzhou, Hangzhou and Kolkata.

Yangon International Airport, which schedules 33 international flights with 32 international airlines, served 6.035 million passengers in 2018.—GNLM (Translated by Hay Mar)

Mandalay Red Cross on alert to deliver emergency flood relief

THE Mandalay Region Red Cross Brigade is on the alert to provide emergency relief for 1,000 households, according to U KyawKyaw, the supply officer from the Mandalay Red Cross.

"We don't need to worry about emergency situations throughout the entire Mandalay region. We only have to take care of Amarapura Township. The Mandalay regional government has not opened the relief

camp, but the Red Cross has been alerted to carry out relief measures. We have planned to provide flood victims with personal goods," he added.

With the rising of the river, there is the potential for flooding. Therefore, the Red Cross has prepared an emergency disaster management plan.

The Red Cross has already drawn up a flood relief program for the riverside

townships, under which the victims will be evacuated to safe places and be provided relief assistance.

Additionally, the Red Cross Society has planned to supply clothing, blankets, mosquito netting, emergency tents and personal hygiene for women.

"We have already prepared drinking water supplies. The emergency disaster management plan is to be carried out with the assistance of the Re-

gional government's Disaster Relief Management Team. The Myanmar Red Cross Society is sending water level reports every two hours to enable the emergency response," he added.

As of 3 pm on 19 July, the water level at Mandalay harbor reached 1,253 centimeters, and is approaching the danger level mark of 1,260 centimeters.—Khine Satt Wai

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Illegal hardwood timbers seized in Htaukkyant



Officials inspect the illegal hardwood timbers seized in Htaukkyant Township on Friday. **PHOTO: NAING LIN (HLEGU)**

FOREST officials seized Pyin-gadog, a marketable species of hardwood weighing 1.7 tons in Htaukkyant Township, Mingaladon District, Yangon North District on Friday, though two suspects in possession of the hardwood remain at large.

At 10.35 a.m. on 19 July, a suspected Toyota Hiace car was seized by officials from Hlegu Township Forest Department while they were carrying out operations to prevent illegal logging along Yangon-Nay Pyi Tax expressway. Officials found 35 pieces of illegal hardwood timbers with an estimated value of

K1.21 million in the suspected vehicle and confiscated it. However, the driver and his passenger fled from the scene.

Township police continue investigating the case in an attempt to arrest the suspects, who will face legal charges under Section 42 (a) of the existing Forest Law.

The Forest Department is making concerted efforts to crack down on illegal logging and smuggling in the region, with cooperation from residents and government departments.—Ning Lin (Hlegu) (Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)



Farmers harvest peanuts at a village in Monywa Township. PHOTO: NGWE OWE (KATHA)

Peanuts in short supply in Monywa market

CURRENTLY, the demand for peanuts exceeds supply at the Monywa Wholesale Centre in Sagaing Region, said U Thein Oo, owner of Myanmar Thein Wholesale Shop in Monywa.

He noted that a viss (3.6 pounds) of white peanuts is priced at K3,800, while red peanuts are sold at K4,000 per viss. For the time being, the crop is in short supply in the market because of growing foreign demands. Peanuts are one of the marketable crops that mainly go to neighbouring China and Thailand, as well as South Korea, Japan and Singapore.

The market has witnessed an increase in the price of oil crops, including peanuts, said

U Tun Tun Oo, chair of Sagaing Region Edible Oil Millers Association.

Red peanuts usually enter Monywa market from Minkin, Kani, Homalin, Phoneyin, Kalay and Tamu areas, while white peanuts are sent to the market from Butalin and Myaung townships. China chiefly imports red peanuts from Myanmar, while white peanuts are consumed locally.

This year, prices have increased from K2,900-K3,000 per viss. It is expected that very few farmers have peanut stocks, U Thein Oo said.—Myo Win Tun (Monywa)

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

Export of forest product increases slightly in early July

DURING the week between 29 June and 5 July, Myanmar exported forest-based products with a value of US\$3.45 million, which saw a slight increase of \$0.113 million or nearly 3.4 per cent, from a year-ago period, according to the Ministry of Commerce's weekly trade report.

During the week, the public sector exported forest products amounting to \$0.044 million, whereas the private exporters sold the same worth \$3.4 million, totalling \$3.446 million. At this time last year, the country exported forest products valued at \$3.33 million, with exports of \$0.203 million and imports of \$3.13 million.

Over the past nine months of the current 2018-2019 Fiscal Year, Myanmar's export of for-

est products stood at US\$132.14 million, including \$7.4 million by the private sector and \$124.7 million by the private sector.

This FY saw a slight decrease in value of export of forest products from both sectors. When compared with the corresponding period last 2017-2018 FY, the current figures decreased by \$17.5 million or 11.73 per cent.

From this time last fiscal year, the public sector exported forest products totalled \$14.52 million, while the private exporters sold the same worth \$135.17 million, totalling \$149.69 million.

According to the yearly report of the ministry, exports of forest products by both sectors were \$641.9 million in the

FY2011-2012, \$595.6 million in the FY2012-2013, \$948 million in the FY2013-2014, \$94.4 million in the FY2014-2015, \$212.9 million in the FY2015-2016, and \$212 million in the FY2017-2018.

During the six-month mini-budget period (April-September), the country's export of forest products topped \$95 million.

In order to get a healthy export, trade authorities are putting continuous efforts to boost production of value-added bamboo and other non-wood products. For the time being, domestically-produced bamboos and bamboo-based products are being exported predominately to Bangladesh, Pakistan, South Korea and Singapore.—Swe Nyein (Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

Border trade value increases by \$ 1.15 bln this fiscal year

FROM 1 October to 5 July in this fiscal year (FY), the value of border trade reached US\$ 8.02 billion, recording an increase of \$1.15 billion compared to the same period of last fiscal year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

The total value of border trade, as of 5 July this FY, included \$5.6 billion in exports and \$ 2.4 billion in imports. Compared with the last FY, export earnings went up over \$1.06 billion, while the value of imports increased by \$86 million. This time last year, the border trade was valued at \$6.87 billion.

Myanmar conducts border trade with China through the Muse, Lwejel, Kanpikete, Chinswehaw and Kengtung border points.

The country has carried out border trade with Thailand through the Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthoung, Myeik, Hteekhee,

Mawtaung and Maese border gates. The cross-border trade camps between Myanmar and Bangladesh are Sittway and Maungtau, whereas the country trades directly with India via the Tamu and Reed border gates.

Myanmar has opened 17 border trade camps along its border. Among them, Muse and Hteekhee border trade camp sees the highest trade volume. Muse topped the list of border checkpoints with the most trade value of \$3.89 billion, followed by Hteekhee with \$1.89 billion and Myawady with \$722 million.

The country's agricultural products, animal products, fisheries, minerals and forest products are mainly exported, while capital goods, intermediate goods and consumer goods are imported.

Currently, some 80 per cent of the country's external trade is carried out via sea routes.—Zwe (Translated by Hay Mar)

Import by private sector exceeds \$13 bln this FY : Commerce Ministry

THE private sector's import of four main products has touched US\$13.163 billion in the current Fiscal Year 2018-2019, decreasing by nearly \$750 million or 5.39 per cent, from the corresponding period of last 2017-2018 FY, the Commerce Ministry reported.

At this time last FY, the private sector imported those main groups of products amounting to \$13.912 billion,

which covered \$4.427 billion worth of capital goods, \$5.46 billion worth of semi-finished goods, \$2.742 billion worth of consumer goods and \$1.822 billion worth of CMP raw materials. Between 1 October and 5 July, this fiscal year, the sector bought four major groups of products from the partner traders, including capital goods worth \$3.779 billion, semi-finished goods worth \$5.068 billion,

consumer goods worth \$2.492 billion and raw materials used by CMP (cut-make-pack) businesses worth \$1.822 billion.

During the period, the public sector imported capital goods, semi-finished goods and consumer products pegged at \$773 million, a decrease of \$182 million as against the same period last FY.—Shwe Khine

(Translated by Khaing Thanda Lwin)

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MoI, Film Industry meet to tackle challenges

A meeting on development of cinemas and upgrading cinematic system was held at the Information and Public Relations Department (IPRD) in Kokkine Avenue, Bahan Township, Yangon. The meeting was held separately with cinema owners and film producers.

Present at the meeting were Union Minister of Information Dr Pe Myint, Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun and officials, President of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayone U Zin Wine and officials, cinema owners and films Producers.

At the event, Union Minister urged the attendees to discuss difficulties, ideas and practicalities. He said that that the meeting was held to coordinate the growth of Myanmar films and to upgrade cinematic system.

It is important for the people in the film industry to be fair and equitable in every sector. Disagreements on discussions were seen at the meeting. As was said before, the aim of the meeting was to discuss development of cinemas and improving the screening system of Myanmar movies. It is important that the artists, producers and business persons in the motion picture industry get along and are united. If all sectors are bad except one, it wouldn't be sustainable. All need to be fair.

In selecting the problems

raised in the meeting, there were some disparities. It is important for the producers to screen movies that were in the screening waiting list for a long time and it will have an impact on the actors so Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayone ought to consider and think from the angle of benefitting the people in the movie industry and permit earliest screening.

He urged the producers to make quality movies and the cinema owners also wanting to screen quality movies to the audience. It was necessary to cooperate and resolve the current problem in accordance with the rules and regulations so that it was acceptable to all and were in line with the time and era.

The Union Minister has called for taking rational approach to the current issue, expressing thanks for obtaining good results from the day's meetings. Providing effective suggestions will be good and beneficial to all, said the Union Minister.

Afterwards, IPRD Director General U Ye Naing explained about status of work conducted for development of Myanmar film Industry, changes in screening system of movies and building cinemas and findings on movie production and screening system of movies.

U Zin Wine then discussed and explained about development of cinemas and improving the



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint addresses the meeting on development of cinemas and upgrading cinematic system at Information and Public Relations Department in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

screening system of Myanmar movies.

This was followed by cinema owners and producers making suggestions on works done toward improving the screening system, discussed and suggested on conditions encountered.

It was learnt that discussions made during the day's meeting will be compiled and more meetings will be conducted to establish a better system.

At the moment there were 144 cinemas with 165 screens in Myanmar and plans were being made to open more. In 2018, 83 movies were shown and in 2019 up to 20th July a total of 53 movies were being shown. According to the screening schedule the total number of movies shown this

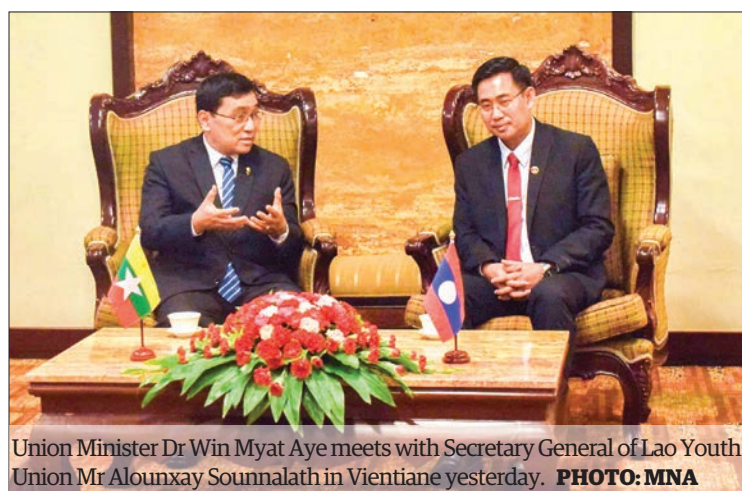
year will break the record of 95 movies shown in 1962. But from 2016 to date, 239 movies remain to be screened. Movies screened includes good quality one as well as one with not much time gap between completion of shooting the movie and screening it.

There had been competitions toward making good and high quality movies. Film system was changed to digital system and more movies were shown simultaneously in cinemas all over the country. From the day's meeting it was learnt that the audio/video system and services had become better.

Furthermore Film Development Center (FDC) was opened by Ministry of Information on 21 July 2018 for the development

of film industry and analyses on films were conducted there. All three film studios were renovated and were being rented at reasonable prices.

Shooting location fees for foreign movies were designated as ordinary and commercial with fees ranging from K 500,000 to K2 million were reduced to K 100,000 starting from 1 April. Daily rate for shooting a movie was set at K 100,000 but it was no longer collected starting from 1 April 2019. Because of that, there has been an increase in shooting of foreign movies. Coordination was made toward making available shooting locations in Nay Pyi Taw as well as shooting locations related to departments. *(Translated by Alphonsus)*



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye meets with Secretary General of Lao Youth Union Mr Alounxay Soummalath in Vientiane yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister Dr. Win Myat Aye meets Secretary General of Lao Youth Union

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr. Win Myat Aye, who is currently in Vientiane, Lao PDR to attend the Eleventh ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth (AMMY XI) and the Seventh ASEAN Ministerial Meeting on Youth (7th AMMY + 3), met with the Secretary General of Lao

Youth Union and party at the Lao Plaza Hotel yesterday.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters concerning the exchanging experiences of the youth affairs between Myanmar and Lao PDR, a 20-day campaign experience of Youth Volunteers in Myanmar, implementation process of the

Youth Policies, the measures of work and improvements of ASEAN Youth Activities, preservation and promotion of good bilateral relations, amity and cooperation between the youths of two countries and keeping the Oneness of the Spirit and rendering help one another.—MNA *(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)*

Low-lying areas in Sagaing flooded as Ayeyawady swells

THE Ayeyarwady River has exceeded its danger mark in Sagaing, inundating wards and villages in low-lying areas in the west of Sagaing.

The villages in the west of Sagaing: Nyaung Kone, Kanar Taung, Gone Nyin Taung, Tal Gyi, Nay Pu Gone, Ma U Pin are now flooded, and the locals and the cattle have been evacuated to pagodas and monasteries.

“Water level is rising fast. Most was evacuated this morning. The whole village had to shift to shelters. People and things were transported to higher ground by boats. There wasn't much destruction in farm as it was only in preparation state, Only 70 households were evacuated to Ng Htat Gyi Pagoda's premise. We have to arrange our own food” said U Nyin Lin from

Nay Pu Gone village, who evacuated to Ng Htat Gyi Pagoda's premise.

Because of the flood, seven basic education schools have been closed so far. Some 370 people have been evacuated to safety, according to Sagaing District Management Committee. — Khaing Zeya

(Translated by Alphonsus)



Water from the swollen Ayeyawady River enters low-lying areas in Sagaing. **PHOTO: KHAING ZEYA**

Bidding farewell to Tiangong-2, China prepares for space station

BEIJING — After orbiting the earth 16,209 times, it burned itself into ashes, flaming out in a dazzling display as its last gift to humanity.

China's space lab Tiangong-2 reentered the earth's atmosphere under control Friday night, with a small amount of its debris falling into the predetermined safe sea area in the South Pacific, the China Manned Space Agency said.

Tiangong-2's controlled reentry into the atmosphere marks the successful completion of all the tasks in the space lab phase in China's manned space program, said Zhou Jianping, chief designer of China's manned space program.

"It's hard to say goodbye to Tiangong-2, but considering reliability- and safety-related factors, we have to drive it out of orbit," said Zhu Zongpeng, chief designer of Tiangong-2 from the China Academy of Space Technology.

"To let Tiangong-2 'retire' by choice is to ensure the absolute safety of its departure," Zhu said.

"As the first to enter Tian-

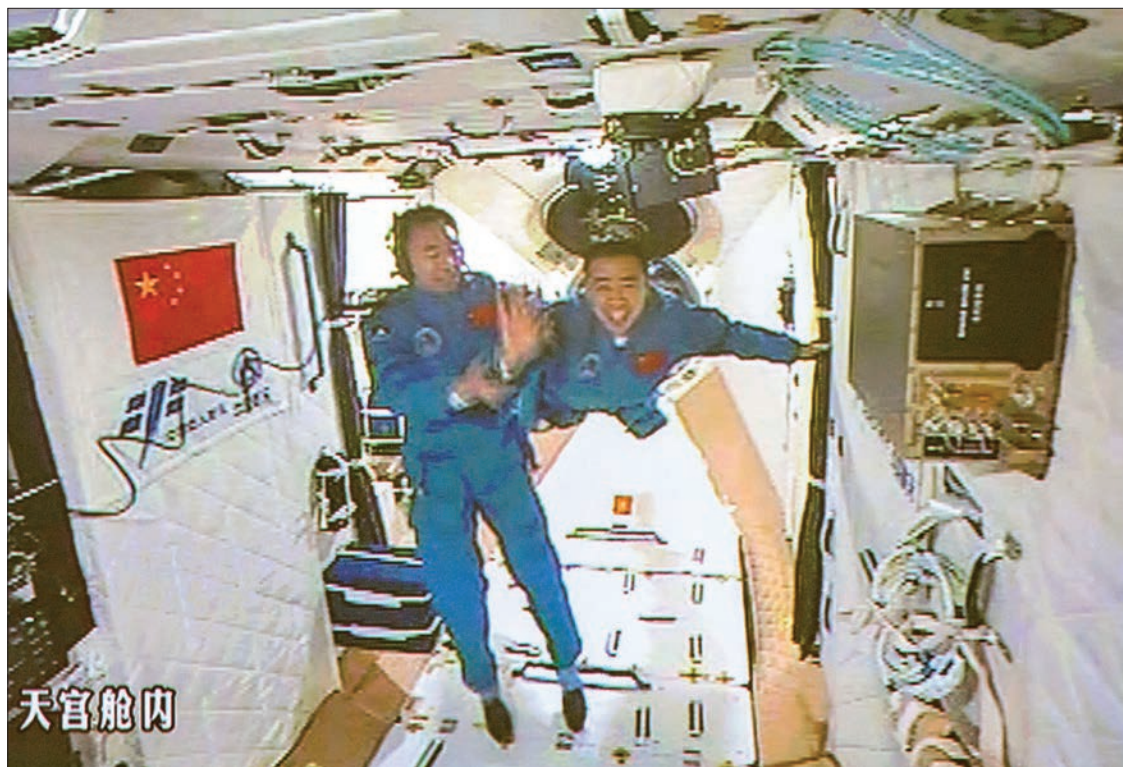
gong-2, I'm happy that the space lab has successfully completed its tasks, though I'm also missing it since it was our home in space," said astronaut Jing Haipeng, who spent his 50th birthday on Tiangong-2 on Oct. 24, 2016.

"My memory of the 30 days on Tiangong-2 with Chen Dong is still fresh. We conducted many scientific experiments such as raising silkworms and growing plants in space," Jing said.

"China is stepping up efforts to prepare for the construction of the space station. We are confident that a space station belonging to the Chinese people is coming soon," he added.

"The 30 days on Tiangong-2 were the happiest and most unforgettable experience in my life, and the most precious and valuable time to cherish," said astronaut Chen Dong.

"Tiangong-2 was the place to realize my space dream," said Chen, adding that "China's space station, a more powerful, advanced and comfortable home for astronauts, is awaiting us."



The screen at the Beijing Aerospace Control Center shows the two Chinese astronauts Jing Haipeng and Chen Dong entering the space lab Tiangong-2 on Oct. 19, 2016. PHOTO: XINHUA

The space lab is the prelude to the construction of China's space station, aiming to test the key technologies needed for the permanent space station, Zhou said.

Tiangong-2, an improved version of Tiangong-1, is considered China's first space lab.

Launched on Sept. 15, 2016, the space lab has worked in orbit over 1,000 days, much longer than its 2-year designed lifespan.

Comprising an experiment module and a resource module, the space lab has a total length of 10.4 meters, a maximum

diameter of 3.35 meters and a takeoff weight of 8.6 tonnes. After its solar panels are unfolded, its wingspan reaches 18.4 meters.

Tiangong-2 docked with both the Shenzhou-11 manned spaceship and Tianzhou-1 cargo spacecraft.—Xinhua ■

IN PICTURE

Tourists visit Yehliu Geopark in SE China's Taiwan



Tourists visit the Yehliu Geopark in New Taipei City, southeast China's Taiwan, July 17, 2019. The geopark features stunning geological landscape formed by wave attack, rock weathering, earth movement and crustal movement, which make it a popular destination among tourists.

PHOTO: XINHUA

Researchers to test bacteria-driven space mining kits in orbit

LONDON — Researchers have developed space mining devices based on bacteria's natural ability to extract useful materials from rocks, and they will soon be tested in space, the University of Edinburgh announced on Friday.

Astrobiologists at the university developed the matchbox-sized prototypes, which is called biominer reactors. Eighteen of the devices will be transported to the International Space Station aboard a SpaceX rocket, which is scheduled to launch in late July or August from Cape Canaveral in the U.S.

The study may lead to new ways to source minerals essential for survival in space.

When these prototype devices arrive at the space station, small pieces of basalt rock, which makes up the sur-

face of the Moon and Mars, will be loaded into each device and submerged in bacterial solution.

Tests will be conducted in low gravity to find out how conditions on asteroids and planets such as Mars might affect the ability of bacteria to mine minerals from rocks found there.

"This experiment will give us new fundamental insights into the behavior of microbes in space, their applications in space exploration and how they might be used more effectively on Earth in all the myriad way that microbes affect our lives," said Professor Charles Cockell from the University of Edinburgh.

The experiment will also study how microbes grow and form layers — known as biofilms — on natural surfaces in space.—Xinhua ■

Walking the road to total peace under the NCA flag

MYANMAR has not enjoyed total peace for over 70 years, as the longest civil war in the world is in Myanmar. Hence, we are making all efforts to achieve peace.

The Union government has committed to achieving total peace, and in a bid to break the deadlock with ethnic armed organizations, the Union Government has held peace negotiations during its tenure.

In fact, the problem between the two sides are the consequences of political problems, and we can find a solution only at the negotiation table through amicable and open talks. To resolve the problems rooted in over 70 years of conflict, we need to uphold the spirit of brotherhood.

The National Reconciliation and Peace Centre held peace talks with KNPP on 18 March, 2019, with KNU on 11 April, 2019, KHCC on 26th April 2019 and RCSS on 11 July 2019.

NRPC and the Peace Commission are negotiating with the signatories to the NCA to proceed with the peace process with understanding and confidence, before the fourth session of the Union Peace Conference-21st Century Panglong.

While negotiating for the NCA, the two sides have also discussed regional developments. To help the residents enjoy the benefits of peace in areas where ethnic armed organizations operate, and to develop their socio-economic conditions, the NRPC is focusing on the resettlement of internally displaced persons, infrastructure, transportation, agriculture, education and health, using its funds and assistance from the UN and NGOs.

At the same time, the Union Government has opened the door to peace for the EAOs, which have not yet signed the NCA and has been holding negotiations as part of efforts to build a democratic federal Union aspired to by all ...

Those EAOs which have not signed the NCA are urged to move forward, while closely cooperating with the Union Government and to fully participate in the current peace making process, as the country needs to move from the level of a regional ceasefire agreement to a nationwide ceasefire agreement, while both sides observe mutual restraint.

We solemnly request all the leaders and ethnic brothers and sisters to join hands in a concerted effort to realize the dream of genuine peace and the Democratic Federal Union.



The centennial of the Yangon University

By Sein Maung Tin

IN the Myanmar's educational history for learning of higher education, the Yangon University was first established under the British Occupation. After the end of second British-Myanmar war in 1852, and the annexation of Lower Myanmar, Kolkata-affiliated Rangoon College was opened in Yangon in 1878. Government College and in 1906 and University College before 1920 were successfully upgraded. After the promulgation of the Yangon University Act in 1920, the University College and the Judson College were put under the supervision of the Yangon University which emerged as an independent University on 1 December, 1920. Soon after the opening, the University students rejected the Act and they boycotted themselves, thus paying the way of establishing the National Schools.

The establishment of National College did not exist for a long time due to some reasons. National Schools cross the country have survived to produce national patriotic leaders until 1965, the year all schools in the country were nationalized by the Revolutionary Government.

Towards the duration of the centennial year

Myoma Students begin to reach towards the centenary year of the Yangon University and the Myanmar Movies by 2020. Preliminary activities led by the Myanmar Film Association have already started. So are the preliminary centennial activities by Myoma High School together with Women S.H.S.No.2,

Dagon and S.H.S.No.3 have been carried out since 2017. On November 18, 2018, Yangon Myoma High School and S.H.S.No.2, Dagon was attached to the Blue Plaque by the Yangon Heritage Trust on 18 November, 2018. On 2 December, 2018 periodicals such as magazines, calendars and memorials were published to be distributed.

Outstanding figures

Many activities were carried out for the centennial of the Yangon University such as publishing books of preliminary writings by outsiders and former students published books of remembrance.

Supervised by the Psychology Association led by former Education Minister held preliminary musical events. Again the Yangon Culture Association held a preliminary event called "Melancholy memories of a University student" in Yangon National Theater on 30 September, 2012; these events were performed from 7-12pm to mark the preliminary occasion for the centennial of the University.

Affiliated to the Yangon University were the Medical College, Engineering College, Agricultural College and the Teachers' Training College. In 1925 Mandalay College established to open under the supervision of The Yangon University. Yangon Student Union was systematically formed in accordance with its rules and regulations on 9 January, 1931. The building for the Student Union was built and donated by a wealthy man by the name of U Nyo. The Student Union produced a lot of political



Convocation Hall at the University of Yangon.

and patriotic leaders such as Bogyoke Aung San, Thakin Nu, U Ba Swe, U Kyaw Nyein, U Thein Pe Myint and so on.

Memorial student festivals

The Yangon University stood

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firmly against the World War Two and did not have a chance of celebrating a Silver Anniversary in 1945. When reopened in 1947, 40th

Anniversary of the University Student Festival was held. 50th Golden Anniversary celebrations were held from 1-5, December inside the campus. During the celebrations, reading research papers, science exhibitions, re-

search exhibitions, were also entertained. Students' Associations opened rows of stalls and Fun-fairs on the Chancellor Road and outside rows of stalls were allowed to open on the space between the Archway and University Avenue and on the campus of Institute of Education. The design of the Golden Archway was drawn by the YIT students; it was made of two materials: cane and bamboo.

Starting to observe according to the accepted rules An Archway was on the University Avenue near the Kamayut Circle and other one was on the University Avenue near the Inya Traffic point and the Third one was at the entrance of Chancellor Road. During the Golden Jubilee, a lot of people came amid heavy rain on the first and second day of December and the event was densely crowded on 3, 4 and 5th of December; but unfortunately the event came to an abrupt halt.

At 6 am on 6 December, right-hand driving started to implement throughout the country.

Ceremoniously celebrated A Diamond Anniversary was ceremoniously celebrated from the first to seventh of December, 1995; monthly celebrations were held without fail from June to December, 1995. Day students as well as hostel students and freshmen, pre-war and post-war old students gathered to have a great dinner. Planting trees

of plenty of money and planting trees in remembrance were held joyously to mirror images of one's young days.

In addition, subject-wise research paper readings and international research paper readings were also held. Respect-paying ceremonies to the old students were also held. University records of batches, convocation robes, graduate certificates and photographs were also displayed, showing era-wise clothes and ornaments.

Mr. University and Miss Beauty contests and sport competitions were held as well as for songs, novels, poems and articles. Funfairs such as variety concerts, week-long film festivals and stalls were displayed. There were as many as 80 shops around the building of the Diamond Anniversary from Associations of Universities and Colleges.

Week-long film festivals included the film "Abound with flowers" shown at the Nawaday's Cinema Hall and the film "The collegian" broadcast from Myanmar Television. A variety dance was performed on the vacant plot in front of the Post Office at 6-10pm from 1-4 December with an active participation of students from the Regional Universities and Colleges and those from the Yangon Region.

Celebrating the centenary of the Yangon University

During the Golden Anniversary, three big books and pamphlets were published for distributions. When it was finished, books in remembrance were not able to be published. During the Diamond Anniversary of the Yangon University, several magazines and periodicals were published by day students as well as hostel students; with the publication of Journal -2 in September, 1996 which contained a lot of collective records of great event. For the celebrations of the centenary of the Yangon University, international and Myanmar students young and old alike are greatly urged to take an active participation for the successful celebration of the centenary of the University which was regarded the mother of all universities and colleges across the country.

Translated by Arakan Sein



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Saturday 20th July, 2019)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is moderate to strong over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weak elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 21st July, 2019: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, scattered in Naypyitaw, Upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyarwady Regions, Chin, Rakhine and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Shan State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfalls in Taninthayi Region, Kachin and Rakhine States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) m.p.h. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (7-9) feet off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts and about (4-6) feet in Delatic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Rakhine Coast.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Increase of rain in Kachin State.

FORECAST FOR NAYPYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 21st July, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 21st July, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 21st July, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

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

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Trump meets Apollo 11 astronauts as U.S. celebrates 50th anniversary of moon landing

WASHINGTON—U.S. President Donald Trump met here Friday with astronauts who were aboard the Apollo 11 spacecraft, as the country celebrates the 50th anniversary of the historic moon landing.

U.S. astronauts Buzz Aldrin, Mike Collins and the family of Neil Armstrong, the first person to have set foot on the moon, were invited by Trump to the Oval Office to celebrate the Apollo 11 moon landing on July 20, 1969.

The U.S. president also took the opportunity to press NASA Administrator Jim Bridenstine to expedite the mission to reach Mars. "What about the concept of Mars direct?" Trump asked, referring to an approach of sending a spacecraft to Mars directly from the Earth.

"The challenge is, if we go direct to Mars, there's going to be a lot of things that we haven't yet proven out," Bridenstine answered, adding that setting up a base on the moon and a moon-or-



US President Donald Trump speaks with Apollo 11 crew member Buzz Aldrin at the White House during a ceremony commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Moon landing. PHOTO: AFP

biting space station would be a more foolproof approach.

The United States is holding a number of events to commemorate the historic moon landing.

In Washington D.C., the National Gallery of Art is displaying

photographs revealing the lunar landscape as early as the 1850s. Armstrong's spacesuit is back on display at the National Air and Space Museum and as a three-dimensional model online.

Besides, the life-size ani-

mation of the Saturn V rocket, which propelled the Apollo 11 astronauts to the moon, looms above the National Mall every night, projected onto the Washington Monument.—Xinhua ■

Saudi Arabia has decided to host US troops: Saudi defence ministry



The US presence in Saudi Arabia lasted 12 years, starting with Operation Desert Storm in 1991. PHOTO: AFP

RIYADH—Saudi Arabia has decided to host US troops in a joint move with Washington to boost regional security, the kingdom's defence ministry said, as

tensions soar in the Gulf. "Based on mutual cooperation between Saudi Arabia and the United States of America, and their desire to enhance everything that

could preserve the security of the region and its stability... King Salman gave his approval to host American forces," a ministry spokesman was quoted by Saudi state news agency SPA as saying. Saudi Arabia has not hosted US forces since 2003 when they withdrew following the end of the war with Iraq. The US presence in Saudi Arabia lasted 12 years, starting with Operation Desert Storm in 1991, when Iraq invaded Kuwait.

As many as 200 US aircraft were stationed at the Prince Sultan air base situated around 80 kilometres (50 miles) south of the capital at the peak of the Iraq war, and as many as 2,700 mis-

sions a day were handled by the headquarters in Saudi Arabia.

But relations between the two countries were not always easy during the 12 years of cooperation, particularly following the September 11, 2001 attacks in New York which were orchestrated by Saudi-born al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden. Tensions in the Gulf increased further on Friday as Iran said it had confiscated a British-flagged tanker in the Strait of Hormuz and as US President Donald Trump insisted that the US military had downed an Iranian drone that was threatening a US naval vessel, despite denials from Tehran.—AFP ■

Kenya launches biggest wind farm in Africa providing one-fifth of energy demand

LAKE TURKANA (Kenya)—Kenya on Friday formally launched Africa's biggest wind power plant, a mammoth project in a gusty stretch of wilderness that already provides nearly a fifth of the country's energy needs.

The \$680-million (600 mil-

lion euro) scheme, a sprawling 365-turbine wind farm on the eastern shores of Lake Turkana, is delivering 310 megawatts of renewable power to the national grid of East Africa's most dynamic economy. The largest private investment in Kenya's history, the Lake Turkana Wind Power

project was beset with delays and took nearly a decade to rise from the arid landscape 600 kilometres (372 miles) north of Nairobi. The turbines, scattered across Turkana's stark lunar landscape and rocky hills, began to deliver their first electricity last September.

Today, their giant blades de-

liver 15 percent of Kenya's entire installed capacity, connected to the national grid through a 428-kilometer power line.

"Today, we again raise the bar for the continent as we unveil the single largest wind farm," said President Uhuru Kenyatta, after touring the project.—AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Trump says ready to mediate Japan-S. Korea row if requested

WASHINGTON—U.S. President Donald Trump said Friday he is ready to help reduce tensions between Japan and South Korea over trade and wartime labor disputes if the two allies seek help from Washington. Noting the trade tension between the two countries, Trump told reporters, "It's like a fulltime job getting involved between Japan and South Korea...If they need me, I'm there." The sharp deterioration of ties between Tokyo and Seoul has been a headache for Washington as trilateral cooperation is seen as vital in pressuring North Korea to give up its nuclear and missile programs. The two countries are at odds over South Korean court decisions ordering Japanese companies to give monetary compensation to victims of forced labor during Japan's 1910-1945 colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula.—Kyodo ■

AU to deploy more healthcare experts to tackle Ebola crisis

ADDIS ABABA—The African Union (AU) on Saturday said it will deploy more healthcare experts to respond to the Ebola virus outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The virus has caused 1,621 deaths in the DRC as of July 17 in an outbreak that is the second largest in the history of Ebola since it was discovered in 1976. "The AU will reactivate the African Voluntary Health Corps (AVoHC) and deploy them not just in the DRC but also in other countries within the region," an AU statement quoted John Nkengasong, Director of the AU's Africa Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (Africa CDC), as saying on Saturday.—Xinhua ■

Party leaders make last-minute appeals before upper house poll

TOKYO—Party leaders rallied voter support in various parts of Japan on Saturday, wrapping up more than two weeks of official campaigning for the upper house election. Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who heads the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, has pushed constitutional reform as of the main issues for Sunday's House of Councillors election in which 370 candidates will vie for 124 seats.

But the reliability of the public pension system also came under intense scrutiny after a government report estimated that under the current arrangements a retired couple would face a 20 million yen (\$185,000) shortfall if they live to be 95 years old.

Social security costs are expected to continue to rise in Japan, as the debt-ridden country

grapples with the rapid aging of its population.

"The opposition bloc is only raising concerns without presenting how they are going to secure funding (to make the pension system sustainable)," Abe said in a stump speech in Akita, where an LDP incumbent is being challenged by a candidate backed by multiple opposition parties.

"We can increase pension benefits if we can make sure the economy grows," Abe said.

The opposition camp, meanwhile, criticized the Abe government for having refused to accept the report because it contradicts the government's view that the pension system is the basis of household finances during post-retirement years.

In addition to the pension issue, the country's ruling and



Combined photo shows Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (r) and Yukio Edano, leader of the largest opposition Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan, making last-minute stump speeches on July 20, 2019 for the House of Councillors election to be held on the following day. **PHOTO: KYODO**

opposition parties remain divided over key issues such as whether to amend the pacifist Constitution and if the consumption tax should be increased from 8 percent to 10 percent in October as planned.

While polls point to a solid win for the ruling coalition of the LDP and Komeito, opposition parties have been scrambling to highlight their points of dif-

ference on the key issues during the 17-day campaign. Hoping to coalesce the anti-LDP vote to become a viable counterbalance to the ruling coalition, opposition parties are joining forces by fielding unified candidates in all 32 single-seat districts across the country. "One more step will get us closer to bringing (the focus of) politics back to our livelihoods," Yukio Edano, leader

of the main opposition Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan, said in a speech in Tokyo.

Abe and other party leaders will make their final stump speeches later in the day in various parts of Japan, with the prime minister choosing Tokyo's Akihabara district, known as a hub of subculture, as has been the case in recent elections.—Kyodo ■

US bracing for extreme heat as weekend temperatures soar



Nearly 150 million people across the US are facing hazardous temperatures in a heatwave forecast to stretch from the Midwestern plains to the Atlantic coast. **PHOTO: AFP**

WASHINGTON —The United States is bracing for a weekend of extremely hot weather, with major cities including New York and Washington expecting temperatures close to or exceeding 100 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius).

Nearly 150 million people across the country are facing

hazardous temperatures in a heatwave forecast to stretch from the Midwestern plains to the Atlantic coast, the National Weather Service said Friday.

Heat warnings have also been issued in parts of eastern Canada.

New York City has opened 500 cooling centers for resi-

dents to escape the extreme weather.

"Saturday is going to be really, really bad, on through Sunday," said Mayor Bill de Blasio in a warning to the city.

"Take care of yourself, don't go out in the heat if you don't need to... This is serious, serious stuff."

Climate data showed June was the hottest month on record worldwide, with a heatwave across Europe smashing national temperature records.

June temperatures across the continent were 3C hotter than the baseline average between 1850-1900, the European Union's Copernicus Climate Change Service found.

Temperatures soared earlier this month in the northwestern US state of Alaska, which straddles the Arctic Circle, with largest city Anchorage hitting an all-time high of 90F. According to scientists, Alaska is warming at twice the rate of the global average.—AFP ■

More than 10,000 rally in Moscow to demand fair local polls: NGO

MOSCOW—More than 10,000 people, including prominent opposition politicians, participated in a rally in central Moscow Saturday to demand free and fair local polls, an independent monitor said.

Opposition politicians and supporters gathered after au-

thorities refused to register allies of opposition leader Alexei Navalny and other Kremlin critics seeking to run for the capital's parliament in September elections, said White Counter, an NGO that tracks participation in protest rallies.

—AFP ■



Muscovites gather for a rally to support opposition and independent candidates after authorities refused to register them for September elections to the Moscow City Duma, Moscow, on Saturday. **PHOTO: AFP**

Philippines adopts plan for preventing, countering violent extremism

MANILA—The Philippines has officially adopted a strategy to prevent and counter violent extremism as officials seek to avoid a repeat of one of the country's most prominent acts of terrorism in recent history, the May 2017 siege of Marawi City by pro-Islamic State fighters.

Philippine National Security Adviser Hermogenes Esperon said Wednesday that the government's Anti-Terrorism Council has approved the National Action Plan on Preventing and Countering Violent Extremism or NAP PCVE, with the Department of the Interior and Local Government tasked to lead its implementation. "We have to take care of our population, especially in some areas, so that there will no longer be terrorists in the fu-

ture," Esperon said in a forum organized by the government in the lead-up to President Rodrigo Duterte's fourth State of the Nation Address on Monday.

"The PCVE will take care of potential terrorists" by addressing sectors in society where they are likely to breed, including certain communities, schools or learning institutions, jails and social media, he added.

Other groups to be focused on are Filipinos working overseas especially those who go to certain countries where they can become radicalized, and religious leaders who have a big influence on ordinary people, Interior Secretary Eduardo Ano said.

According to Ano, who was the military chief during the destructive, five-month battle



Undated file photo shows Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte. **PHOTO: KYODO**

in Marawi that suppressed the IS-allied fighters' plan to establish a Caliphate there, social media is included because that is "where almost 90 percent of recruitment takes place." Esperon, who is also

a retired military chief, noted that over the last several years, including during the Marawi siege, "many of our programs use military force...or kinetic forces" wherever terrorists are.

The Philippines is a signatory nation to the United Nations Office for Counter-Terrorism established in 2017, so adoption of the NAP PCVE will fortify the nation's approach to addressing the problem of terrorism.

Esperon said recent incidents underscore the relevance of the measure. Security authorities confirmed the first case of a Filipino radical committing a suicide bombing. The bomber blew himself up during an attack at a Philippine Army camp in the southern island province of Sulu on June 28.—Kyodo ■

Death toll reaches nearly 150 due to floods in India

NEW DELHI—The combined death toll in India's floods-affected states of Bihar and Assam has reached around 150, official sources from the two states told Xinhua over phone.

Over 11.5 million people have been adversely affected in these two states, even as many of them lost all their belongings.

While around 100 people have so far died in eastern state Bihar, as many as 50 people have died due to devastating floods in north-eastern state of Assam over the past one week. Among the dead in Assam, two have died due to landslides triggered by flash floods.

Among the dead in Bihar, the maximum of 27 people died in Sitamarhi district, while 14 died in Madhubani, 12 in Arariya, 10 died in Seohar, nine each in Darbhanga and Purniya, five in Kishanganj, three in Supaul, and in Saharsa district, the Disaster Management Department of the Bihar government said.

Over 6.6 million people have been affected across 12 major floods-hit districts. Over 1.7 million people have been affected in Sitamarhi district, more than 1.3 million in Madhubani, around 1 million in Arariya district, besides the rest in other districts.

As many as 125,000 people, who lost all their belongings in the ravaging floods, have been put in relief camps set up in safer areas, an official in the state government said.

Relief and rescue teams of the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF), the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and other government agencies have been pressed into service in the flood-affected areas in Bihar for search and rescue operations. According to an official in the Assam State Disaster Management Authority (ASDMA), the death toll in the state due to floods has reached 50. A total of 11 persons died in the past 24 hours, including five in Dhubri district, and three each in Barpeta and Morigaon districts of the state.—Xinhua ■

Thailand vows to contain dengue fever

BANGKOK — Thai Ministry of Public Health on Saturday said it will find measures to contain dengue fever quickly as the number of dengue infection cases have reached 49,174 since the start of 2019.

Health minister Anutin Charnvirakul, while visiting patients diagnosed with dengue fever at hospitals in Loei province on Saturday, said he has instructed health state agencies to place dengue sur-

veillance system nationwide, and to report the number of new infections should an outbreak occur.

"Local authorities and volunteers across the country will spray chemicals to

kill mosquitoes," said Anutin, adding "especially with the present raining season, residents will be advised to destroy mosquito-breeding grounds in and around their houses." —Xinhua ■

Iran seizes British tanker, briefly stops 2nd in Strait of Hormuz

LONDON/TEHRAN—Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps said Friday it has seized a British tanker in the Strait of Hormuz, with reports emerging later that a second British-operated tanker was stopped by Iranian forces but released.

The seized British-flagged tanker is the 30,000-ton Stena Impero. According to a statement by

the company that owns it, Stena Bulk and Northern Marine Management, the ship was forced to change course while sailing with 23 crew members in international waters after it was approached by a helicopter and unidentified vessels. According to the statement, the crew members are of "Indian, Russian, Latvian and Filipino nationality. There have

been no reported injuries." Iranian forces said the tanker was docked at an Iranian port and is under investigation.

The U.S. National Security Council also confirmed the seizure of the British tanker and said the United States will defend its security and interests from hostile Iranian actions in cooperation with other countries.

In response to a query regarding the detention of Indian crew members, a spokesperson of the External Affairs Ministry of India said, "We are ascertaining further details on the incident. Our mission is in touch with the government of Iran to secure the early release and repatriation of Indian nationals."

British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt expressed concern that a second tanker—the Mesdar, a Liberian-flagged vessel owned and operated by a Glasgow-based firm -- had also been seized by Iranian forces. The

ship was reportedly boarded by armed guards but released without any injuries to crew members. The latest incidents, which come a day after the United States announced it shot down an unmanned Iranian drone, are likely to further strain relations in the region amid simmering tension over the Middle Eastern country's nuclear ambitions.

Tehran's actions could be retaliatory, following the seizure of an Iranian oil tanker by Gibraltar authorities in support of British Royal Marines earlier this month. President Donald Trump said Thursday the U.S. military had downed an unmanned Iranian drone in the Strait of Hormuz for coming near to a U.S. Navy vessel. Hours later, Iran denied losing a drone over the narrow sea passage, with Deputy Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi tweeting, "We have not lost any drone in the Strait of Hormuz nor anywhere else." —Kyodo ■



The UK-flagged vessel was seized by Iranian authorities while passing through the Strait of Hormuz on 19 July. **PHOTO: AFP**

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A NEW bridge crossing the Shwegyin Creek in Shwegyin Township, Bago Region has been completed recently.

Construction of the bridge commenced in the first week of December last year. The bridge was built with Ks. 7 billion funds for the fiscal year 2017-2018, which was allocated by the Union Government under the supervision of the Special Bridge Group (9) of the Bridge Department under the Ministry of Construction. The new bridge measuring 512.06 meters long and 7.42 meters wide was constructed mostly from concrete. Pedestrian walk ways on the bridge is 0.91 meters wide and the bridge can withstand up to 60 tons of weight.

A garbage treatment plant is set to be built in Bago and a plan is underway to construct similar facilities in other towns,



The Bago Regional chief minister U Win Thein attends the opening ceremony of a 16-bedded traditional medicine hospital in Nyaunglebin Township. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

Shwegyin Bridge was built with Ks. 7 billion by the Special Bridge Group (9) of the Bridge Department. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

Public infrastructural projects in Bago Region

By Kyaw Htike Soe

said U Win Thein, Chief Minister of Bago Region at a coordination meeting at Tawwin Hintha Hall of the regional government office in Bago. During the meeting, the chief urged those present to create public areas where people can relax and pointed out that it would be effective by having more rubbish bins, within easy reach for the public. He also suggested a plan to levy taxes for the removal of sanitation that's conducted by private enterprises, saying members of the development committee need to disseminate knowledge about garbage disposal on a wider scale.

The chief minister officially launched a 16-bedded traditional medicine hospital in Nyaunglebin Township. The healthcare facility measuring 124 ft. in length, 64 ft. in width was built with Ks. 154 million in the fiscal year 2015-2016 in accordance with the goals of the Department of Tradition-

al Medicine under the Ministry of Health and Sports. The four-storey staff housing was also constructed at a cost of over Ks. 300 million for the employees from the hospital. The hospital offers healthcare ser-

vices to not only local people in Nyaunglebin Township but also those from other areas from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily except public holidays.

The regional chief minister together with regional lawmak-

ers inspected construction of the Sittoung River crossing bridge (Oakphyat) in Pyu Township later last month. The chief minister was briefed about the bridge by the in-charge engineer at the briefing hall of the

construction site. The chief minister called for timely completion of the bridge as schedule, focusing on durability of the bridge, worksite safety measures, minimizing losses and meeting the set standard. He also underlined that the bridge is necessary for local people so those who are involved in the task need to systematically prioritize the interests of the local people, taking their accountability and responsibility into consideration.

The bridge is 800 ft. long, 24 ft. wide and has a 3 ft. long pedestrian walkway on each side. The bridge will be of reinforced concrete facility and is being built with Ks. 4.85 billion by the Bridge Construction Group-10 of the Department of the Bridge under the Ministry of Construction. Construction of the bridge began on 1 May 2018 and has been about 40 percent finished so far. The bridge is expected to be opened to traffic by 2021.



The Sittoung River crossing bridge (Oakphyat) is expected to be opened to traffic by 2021. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

Dagon Myothit (North) fair-price housing project with more than 2,000 apartments

By Zin Lin Myint

YANGON'S rising population currently stands at more than five million. It'll soon reach six million and housing and apartment requirement was also rising. Due to this there are housing projects that were being implemented with more projects in the pipeline. As such Dagon Myothit (North) fair-price housing project with more than 2,000 apartments was being implemented and will be completed by the end of this year.

The fair-price housing project with more than 2,000 apartments in Yangon City, Dagon Myothit North Ward 51 was constructed by Myanmar Construction Entrepreneur Association under the arrangement of Yangon Region Government. The project was constructed on a land owned by Department of Urban & Housing Development.

Affordable price for the people

"Plans were drawn up and implemented to construct about 100,000 apartments every year in Yangon Region. We are doing the best to make the prices affordable for the people to buy and live in it" said Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein.

Actually Yangon Region receives the most local and foreign investment in Myanmar. It is a city with many businesses and economic zones. It provides many job opportunities as well as education and vocational trainings. It is a city where much contacts can be established to go abroad and work so Yangon is where many youths of Myanmar came to.

Apartments required yearly

The 29 industrial zones in Yangon were also running at full speed attracting many men, women, boys and girls to its factories and shops who in turn establish their own families in the city. The requirement for housing and apartments were rising yearly.

The current basic price of apartments in Yangon were not very high but was still not within

reach of the basic people and workers. That was why Yangon Region Government was inviting local and foreign investors to construct apartments with land value of zero

Interest rate of housing loan in Yangon is at 13 percent so it is a bit high. For grass root people to buy apartments under instalment payments the Union Government is arranging to obtain Yen 15 million (K 1.5 billion) loan from the government of Japan. If this loan is obtained grass root people can buy apartments with low interest rates.

Loan acquisition

"For grass root people to buy apartments in Yangon Region at

low interest rate we are cooperating toward acquiring Japanese loan. If such loan is obtained the interest rate can be lowered from 13 percent to 8.5 percent" said Yangon Region minister for Electricity, Industry, Road and Communication Daw Nilar Kyaw.

An agreement with Japan on a two-step loan of K 150 billion for housing projects was already reached. Ministry of Construction Department of Urban & Housing Development was also selling apartments to people who can pay a down payment of K 1,960,000 and long term instalment payment.

Granting of loan

Yangon city requires more

than 300,000 apartments. It was for government servants, company personnel, workers and squatters. Yangon had more than 100,000 squatter households with a population of more than 400,000. Yangon Region Government is striving toward granting loan to such people.

Inwa housing project in Dagon South, Yuzana low cost housing project 1 and 2 in Dagon Seikkan, Pa Le Mon housing project in Dagon South, Shwelinban housing project in Hlinethaya and under construction Kyinsitmin housing project will fulfill to certain extent the housing requirement of the people.

Selling of apartments

In addition to these, public housing projects were also being reconstructed. Yankin Housing Project to be constructed by Yangon Region Government and Japan will create more than 3,000 apartments. At the moment arrangement were made to sell more than 1,500 apartments in Hlinethaya Township and Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township.

At this situation the Dagon Myothit (North) fair-price housing project with more than 2,000 apartments to be completed in 2019 will fulfill to certain extent the housing requirement of the people.

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Fair-price housing being seen in Yangon. PHOTO: KHIN ZUNZAR LINN

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Yangon United defeats Dagon United 3-0 in MNL Week-17

YANGON United still holds the top spot in the standing table with a 3-0 win over Dagon United in the Week-17 match of the Myanmar National League at the Yangon United home stadium yesterday.

Winning goals for Yangon United were scored by Kaung Htet Soe and Maung Maung Lwin.

Yangon United opened the attack and scored the early opener at the 6 minute mark.

The goal was netted by Kaung Htet Soe, with an assist by midfielder Kosuke.

The match heated up as Yangon scored the opening goal and Dagon United forced the play for their equalizers.

Yangon United scored the second goal at 44 minutes. The



Players from Yangon United celebrate their victory after defeating Dagon United 3-0 during the Week-17 of Myanmar National League in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: YUFC**

goal was again scored by Yangon's star Kaung Htet Soe with

the support by Maung Maung Lwin.

The scoring stood at 2-0 in favour for Yangon United.

At the start of the second half, Yangon scored their third goal with Maung Maung Lwin, as Yangon had a foul ball but Miller's foul ball kick was blocked by the defenders, but the ball was finally finished by Maung Maung Lwin, heading flawlessly into the net.

Dagon United also tried to score a consolation goal, but the three goals were too much for the team to overcome, as Dagon seems exhausted in the final minutes.

Yangon United is leading the table after 17 plays with 11 wins, 3 draws and 3 losses, earning 36 points, while Dagon United stands in 11th place with 3 wins, 3 draws and ten losses in 17 matches played.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

MFF U-13 Girls' Tournament 2019 launched in Yangon

THE opening ceremony of the MFF U-13 Girls' Tournament 2019, organized by the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF), was held on the grounds of the National Football Academy in Yangon yesterday.

The opening ceremony for the tourney was attended by Deputy Director-General of the Physical Education Department of the Ministry of Health and Sports, U Kyaw Oo, General Secretary of the Myanmar Football Federation, U Ko Ko Thein, and Headmaster of the Sports and Physical Education Department of Yangon, U Soe Aung.

As part of the opening of the tourney, the Ayeyawady Region team played against the Rakhine State team during the opening match.

The match concluded with the Ayeyawady Region team defeating Rakhine State team 13-0.

Next, the Northern Shan State team played against the Mandalay Region team in the

second match, which saw the Northern Shan State team beat Mandalay Region team 1-0.

In other matches, the Nay Pyi Taw team beat Chin State team 1-0 and Eastern Shan State played to a 2-2 draw against the Southern Shan State team.

The tourney was comprised of 17 participating teams, which were placed in six groups from Group A to F.

The group stage matches for the tourney will be held from 20 to 26 July, with four matches scheduled per day.

The best teams from the six groups will advance to the next stage, officials stated.

The quarter finals will be held on 28 July and the semifinals on 30 July. The final match will be held on 1 August.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)



A student holding a sign board, representing Eastern Shan State team, during the opening ceremony of the MFF U-13 Girls' Tournament 2019 in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MFF**

Clanton, Jasmine grab lead in LPGA team event

LOS ANGELES — Cydney Clanton and Jasmine Suwanapura fired a seven-under par 63 in the alternate-shot third round of the LPGA's team event in Michigan on Friday to seize a five-shot lead.

America's Clanton and Thai teammate Jasmine, also known as Thidapa, had eight birdies, shrugging off sweltering conditions to put themselves in position to become the first team to lift a trophy at the Dow Great Lakes Bay Invitational — the first official team event ever on the LPGA tour.

"Today I think what we did was quite impressive just with our ball striking in general," Clanton said. "Jasmine's putting's on point. I think you've just got to look at it as it's just another opportunity to play and the more that you can think of the fact that it's just another day on the golf course, we're going to go out and try to do what we've been doing, the better it's going to be." Jasmine, who won her first LPGA title at the 2018 Marathon Classic, said the alternate-shot format suited her and Clanton. "I think because we (were) pretty chill — like you hit a bad shot, like OK I'll fix it, don't worry.—AFP ■

Algeria AFCON title sparks street parties across France

CAIRO — Tens of thousands of Algeria supporters across France celebrated the Desert Foxes' victory against Senegal in the final of the Africa Cup of Nations on Friday evening, with major street parties taking place in Paris, Lyon, and Marseille.

Algeria won its second AFCON title on Friday evening in

Cairo after beating Senegal 1-0 in the final with a deflected goal in the opening seconds by striker Baghdad Bounedjah.

In Paris, cars could be heard beeping as crowds waving Algerian flags headed towards the Champs-Élysées to celebrate Algeria's win. Around 2,500 police officers have been mobilised

around the world-famous avenue and the Arc de Triomphe to prevent street clashes.

In Marseille, around 25,000 Algeria fans gathered peacefully near the Old Port. In Lyon, police reported a number of cars set alight on the outskirts of the city.

France has a large number of dual nationality French-Algeri-

ans due to the country's colonial history. More than half of the Algerian football team are players who were actually born, raised or trained in France.

The match in Cairo is a testament to the enduring human ties between France and Algeria which was ruled from Paris for 130 years.—AFP ■

AS we all know that trees give oxygen to us and other living things on the earth. They are essential to continue life on the earth. We also know that lungs are one of the two organs in our body that we breath with. In a person, lungs are one of the most important organs. If we do not have healthy lungs to breathe, our body system cannot work properly. Thus, lungs are important to a person.

Likewise, without trees, we cannot imagine the existence of our life on the earth. So, we should not ignore the importance of trees in our life and try our best to plant trees using every possible means. However, the number of trees is becoming fewer and fewer. As a result, trees cannot do the cleaning of the air. This can be a problem for all living things. In fact, trees contribute to the earth in different ways because they are the lungs of the earth.

Trees can be called the lungs of the earth because of their contribution to the earth. Lungs can drive our respiratory system well. Likewise, trees contribute to our environment in useful ways. Trees serve many purposes for human beings. First, trees provide us with oxygen, water and food. Life is not possible without oxygen, water and food. But most importantly, oxygen is the most precious in all of three essentials of life.

Trees provide us with not only the three essentials of life such as oxygen, water,

food but also other necessary things for us. Trees clean the air by absorbing harmful chemicals. They provide enough oxygen for breathing to the earth. They can also absorb the carbon dioxide in the environment and produce oxygen. They can also reduce air pollution.

Besides, trees save water. When it rains, trees soak up and store water in their surrounding soil. Trees save water through the tree shades slowing the process of water evaporation to the atmosphere. Trees can also prevent water pollution.

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Trees are the lungs of the earth

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(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

(မေးခွန်းများပြောင်းခြင်း)

D. မေးခွန်းနှစ်မျိုးရှိသည်။ တစ်မျိုးမှာ အင်္ဂလိပ်စာတွင် Yes, No နှင့်ဖြေနိုင်သော မေးခွန်းမျိုးဖြစ်သည်။ မြန်မာစာတွင် “လား” နှင့်ဆုံးသော မေးခွန်းမျိုးဖြစ်သည်။ အခြားတစ်မျိုးမှာ အင်္ဂလိပ်စာတွင် What, When, Who စသည်တို့ဖြင့် မေးသော မေးခွန်းမျိုးဖြစ်၍ မြန်မာစာတွင် “လဲ” နှင့် ဆုံးသော မေးခွန်းမျိုးဖြစ်သည်။

ပုံစံ (D) တွင် “လား” နှင့် ဆုံးသော မေးခွန်းများကို ပြောင်းပုံတင်ပြပါမည်။
- said to အစား asked ကို သုံးရသည်။
- စာကြောင်းနှစ်ကြောင်းကို if ဖြင့် ဆက်ရသည်။ Whether နှင့်လည်း ဆက်နိုင်သည်။ ထိုကဲ့သို့ ဆက်လျှင် စာကြောင်းအဆုံးတွင် or not ထည့်နိုင်သည်။
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- 1. Ko Ko said to her, "Do you know how to drive?"
ကိုကိုက သူမကို ပြောသည်။ "နင် ကားမောင်းတတ်သလား"
Ko Ko asked her if she knew how to drive.
ကိုကိုက သူမကို ကားမောင်းတတ်သလားဟု မေးခဲ့သည်။
2. Ma Ma said to him, "Have you had your breakfast?"
မမက သူ့ကို ပြောသည်။ "ရင်နံနက်စာစားပြီးပြီလား"
Ma Ma asked him if he had his breakfast.
မမက သူ့ကို နံနက်စာ စားပြီးပြီလားဟု မေးခဲ့သည်။
3. He said to me, "Are you free now?"
သူက ကျွန်တော်ကို ပြောသည်။ "ခင်ဗျား ခုအားနေသလား"
He asked me if I was free then.
သူက ထိုစဉ်က ကျွန်တော် အားနေသလားဟု မေးခဲ့သည်။
4. He said to her, "Will you lend me your book?"
သူက သူမကို ပြောသည်။ "မင်းစာအုပ် ငါ့ကို ငှားမလား"
He asked her if she would lend him her book.
သူက သူမစာအုပ် သူ့ကို ငှားမည်လားဟု မေးခဲ့သည်။
5. I said to him, "Did you visit the museum yesterday?"
ကျွန်တော်က သူ့ကို ပြောသည်။ ခင်ဗျားမနေ့က ပြတိုက် သွားလည်ခဲ့သလား။
I asked him if he had visited the museum the day before.
ကျွန်တော်က သူ့ကို အရင်တစ်နေ့က ပြတိုက်သွားလည်ခဲ့သလားဟု မေးခဲ့သည်။
6. She said to Maung Maung, "Are you a doctor?"
သူမက မောင်မောင်ကို ပြောသည်။ "ရှင်ဆရာဝန်လား"
She asked Maung Maung if he was a doctor.
သူမက မောင်မောင်ကို သူ ဆရာဝန်တစ်ယောက်ဖြစ်သလားဟု မေးခဲ့သည်။

- E. ပုံစံ "E" တွင် မြန်မာစာ၌ 'လဲ' နှင့် ဆုံး၍ အင်္ဂလိပ်စာတွင် what, who, when စသည်တို့ဖြင့် စတင်သော မေးခွန်းများကို ပြောင်းခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။
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- ဒုတိယစာကြောင်းကို မေးခွန်းပုံစံတွင် မထားတော့ဘဲ ရိုးရိုးစာကြောင်း (statement) အဖြစ်သို့ ပြောင်းရသည်။
1. The manager said to him, "Who are you?"
မန်နေဂျာက သူ့ကို မေးသည်။ "ခင်ဗျားဘယ်သူလဲ"
The manager asked him who he was.
မန်နေဂျာက သူ့ကို ဘယ်သူလဲဟု မေးခဲ့သည်။
2. She said to Ko Aye, "What do you want most in life?"
သူမက ကိုအေးကို ပြောခဲ့သည်။ "ဘဝမှာ ရှင် ဘာကို အလိုချင်ဆုံးလဲ"
She asked Ko Aye what he wanted most in life.
သူမက ဘဝမှာ ဘာကိုအလိုချင်ဆုံးလဲဟု ကိုအေးကို မေးခဲ့သည်။
(ဒုတိယစာကြောင်းကို မေးခွန်းပုံစံတွင် မထားရတော့သဖြင့် do ဖြတ်၍ want အစား Past Tense ပုံစံဖြစ်သော wanted သုံးရသည်။)
3. He said to me, "When did you arrive back from Mandalay?"
သူက ကျွန်တော်ကို ပြောသည်။ "မင်းဘယ်တုန်းက မန္တလေးက ပြန်ရောက်တာလဲ"
He asked me when I had arrived back from Mandalay.

- သူက ကျွန်တော်မန္တလေးမှ ဘယ်တုန်းက ပြန်ရောက်ခဲ့သလဲဟု (ကျွန်တော်ကို) မေးခဲ့သည်။
4. I said to her, "What will you do if you fail again?"
ကျွန်တော်က သူမကို ပြောခဲ့သည်။ "ထပ်ကျလျှင် ဘာလုပ်မလဲ"
I asked her what she would do if she failed again.
ကျွန်တော်က သူမသာ နောက်တစ်ကြိမ်ထပ်ကျလျှင် ဘာလုပ်မှာလဲဟု သူမကို မေးခဲ့သည်။
5. Mother said to me, "What are you doing now?"
အမေက ကျွန်တော်ကို မေးသည်။ "နင်အခု ဘာလုပ်နေသလဲ"
Mother asked me what I was doing then.
အမေက ကျွန်တော်ကို ထိုစဉ်က ဘာလုပ်နေသလဲဟု မေးခဲ့သည်။
6. He said to the girl, "How old are you?"
သူက မိန်းကလေးကို ပြောသည်။ "အသက် ဘယ်လောက်ရှိပြီလဲ"
He asked the girl how old she was.
သူက မိန်းကလေးကို အသက် ဘယ်လောက်ရှိပြီလဲဟု မေးခဲ့သည်။
7. The teacher said, "Why did you not do the homework?"
ဆရာက ပြောသည်။ "မင်း ဘာကြောင့် အိမ်စာမလုပ်ခဲ့တာလဲ"
The teacher asked me why I had not done the homework.
ဆရာက ကျွန်တော်ဘာကြောင့် အိမ်စာမလုပ်ခဲ့သလဲဟု (ကျွန်တော်ကို) မေးခဲ့သည်။
(အပြောခံရသူပေးမထား၍ me ကို ထည့်သုံးရခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။)
8. The girl said, "When will you take me to the cinema, Ko Ko?"
မိန်းကလေးက ပြောသည်။ "ကျွန်မကို ဘယ်တော့ ရုပ်ရှင်ပြမှာလဲ ကိုကို"
The girl asked Ko Ko when he would take her to the cinema.
မိန်းကလေးက သူမကို ဘယ်တော့ ရုပ်ရှင်ပြမှာလဲဟု ကိုကိုကို မေးခဲ့သည်။
9. He said, "Where is the post office?"
သူက ပြောသည်။ "စာတိုက်ဘယ်မှာလဲ"
He asked me where the post office was.
သူက စာတိုက်ဘယ်မှာလဲဟု ကျွန်တော်ကို မေးခဲ့သည်။
သို့မဟုတ်
He wanted to know where the post office was.
စာတိုက်ဘယ်မှာရှိသည်ကို သူ သိချင်သည်။

- F. ပုံစံ F မှာ Interjection (Exclamation)
အာမေဇိုတ်ကို ပြောင်းခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။
- said to အစား exclaimed ကို သုံးရသည်။
- စာကြောင်းနှစ်ကြောင်းကို that နှင့်ဆက်ရသည်။
- How နှင့်စတင်သော စာကြောင်းတွင် how ကို ဖြုတ်၍ ရိုးရိုးစာကြောင်း (statement) အဖြစ် ပြန်ရေးရသည်။
- Adjectives များရှေ့တွင် very ထည့်ရသည်။
1. She said, "How lovely the roses are!"
သူမက ပြောသည်။ "နှင်းဆီပန်းကလေးတွေ ဘယ်လောက်ချစ်စရာကောင်းလဲ"
She exclaimed that the roses were very lovely.
နှင်းဆီပန်းများ အလွန်ချစ်စရာကောင်းသည်ဟု သူမက တအံ့တဩပြောခဲ့သည်။
2. He said, "How big the oranges are!"
သူက ပြောသည်။ "ဘယ်လောက်ကြီးတဲ့ လိမ္မော်သီးကြီးတွေလဲ"
He exclaimed that the oranges were very big.
သူက လိမ္မော်သီးများ အလွန်ကြီးသည်ဟု တအံ့တဩပြောခဲ့သည်။
3. She said, "How delicious the food is!"
သူမက ပြောသည်။ "ဘယ်လောက်အရသာရှိတဲ့ အစာလဲ"
She exclaimed that the food was very delicious.
သူမက အစာသည် အလွန်အရသာရှိသည်ဟု တအံ့တဩပြောခဲ့သည်။
- What နှင့်စတင်သော စာကြောင်းတွင် စာကြောင်းနောက်ဆုံးမှ ဖြုတ်ထားသော it is ကို it was အဖြစ်ပြန်ဖော်၍ ရိုးရိုးဝါကျအဖြစ် ပြန်ရေးရသည်။
- What ကို ဖြုတ်ပစ်ရသည်။
- adjective များရှေ့တွင် very ထည့်ရသည်။
1. She said, "What a fine morning! (it is)"

- သူမက ပြောခဲ့သည်။ 'ဘယ်လောက်သာယာတဲ့ နံနက်ခင်းလဲ'။
She exclaimed that it was a very fine morning.
သူမက ထိုနံနက်ခင်းသည် အလွန်သာယာသော နံနက်ခင်းဖြစ်သည်ဟု တအံ့တဩ ပြောခဲ့သည်။
2. He said, "What a good ideal!" (it is)
သူက ပြောသည်။ 'ဘယ်လောက်ကောင်းတဲ့ အကြံဉာဏ်သည်အလွန်ကောင်းသော အကြံဉာဏ်ဖြစ်သည်ဟု တအံ့တဩပြောခဲ့သည်။
3. She said, "What a nice place!" (it is)
သူမက ပြောသည်။ 'ဘယ်လောက်ကောင်းတဲ့ နေရာလေးလဲ'။
She exclaimed that it was a very nice place.
သူမက ထိုနေရာကလေးသည် အလွန်ကောင်းသော နေရာတစ်ခုဖြစ်သည်ဟု တအံ့ တဩပြောခဲ့သည်။

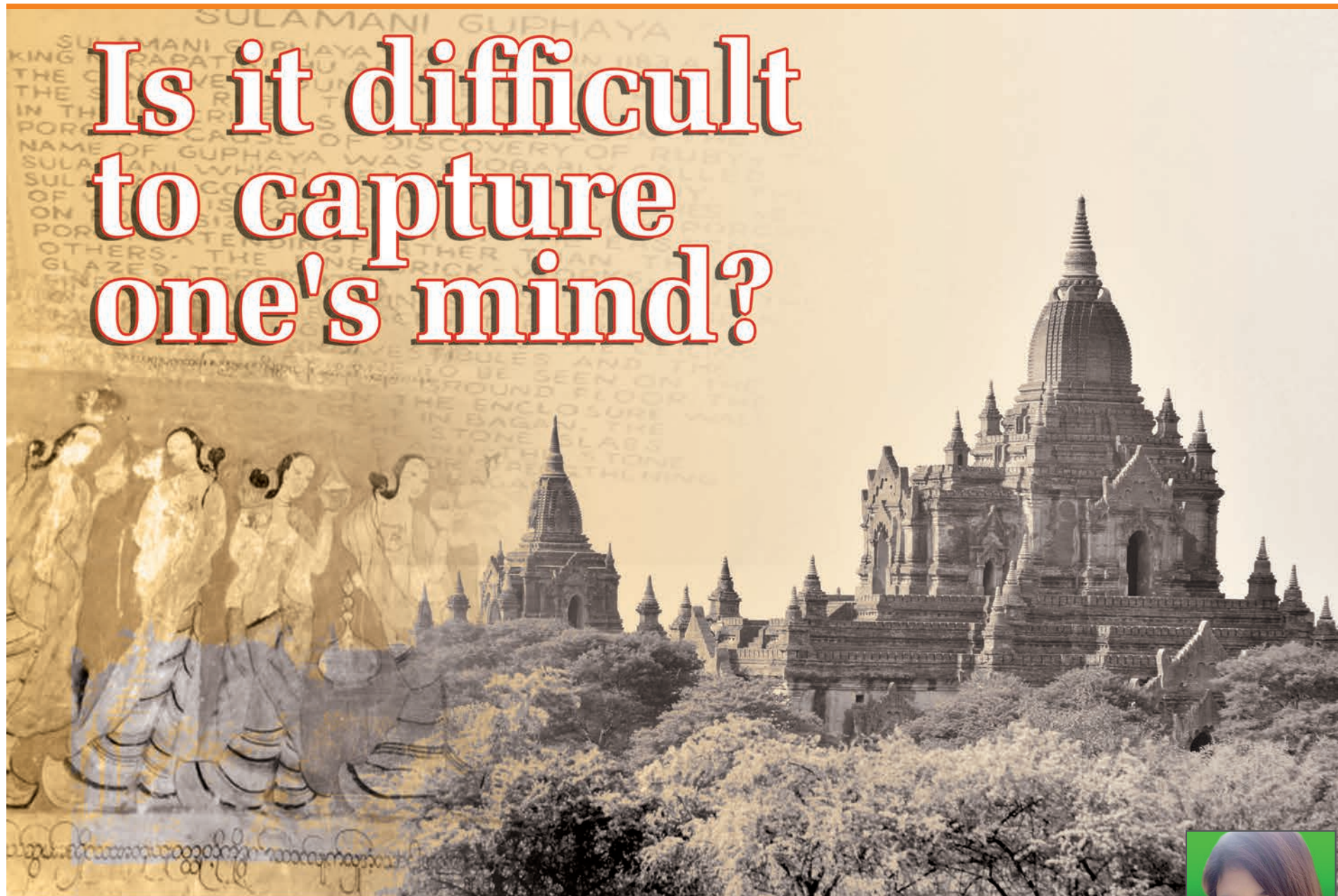
Exercises
လေ့ကျင့်ခန်းများလုပ်ကြည့်ပါ။

- 1. Father said, "I don't know why she is angry with me."
2. Ma Ma said, "I am busy ironing the clothes now."
3. The doctor said, "I have not yet a house of my own."
4. He said to Ma Ma, "I shall bring your book when I come tomorrow."
5. She said to him, "I am pleased with your work."
6. He said to the girl, "I hope that you will get admitted to the Institute of Economics."
7. She said to Ko Ko, "Please let me use your dictionary."
8. He said to the girls, "Don't make a lot of noises."
9. I said to him, "Take this medicine regularly."
10. The captain said to the soldiers, "Don't go anywhere."
11. She said to me, "Please don't leave me alone."
12. The girl said to her mother, "Give me a cup of milk."
13. He said to Ko Ko, "Are you interested in football?"
14. The doctor said to her, "Do you want to drink milk?"
15. She said to him, "Have you forgotten what I told you?"
16. The manager said to her, "Will you come here again tomorrow?"
17. He said to the headmistress, "Is it necessary to learn this passage by hearty?"
18. She said to Nyi Nyi, "Did you find the key that you lost yesterday?"
19. He said to his wife, "Where is my new jacket?"
20. She said to him, "How long have you been reading in this school?"
21. He said to me, "What is it that you want?"
22. He said to mother, "When will you go to Maymyo?"
23. I said to him, "Who will look after the children when you are away?"
24. The policeman said to the driver, "Why didn't you slow down the car?"
25. She said, "How salty the curry is!"
26. He said, "How sour the fruit is!"
27. Ma Ma said, "How cool the morning is!"
28. She said, "What a lovely doll!"
29. He said, "What a funny story!"
30. She said, "What a fine car!"

Answers

- 1. Father said that he did not know why she was angry with him.
အမေက သူမသူ့ကို ဘာကြောင့် စိတ်ဆိုးနေမှန်းမသိဟု ပြောခဲ့သည်။
2. Ma Ma said that she was busy ironing the clothes then.
မမက ထိုစဉ်က သူမအဝတ်များ မီးပူတိုက်ရင်း အလုပ်များနေသည်ဟု ပြောခဲ့သည်။
3. The doctor said that he had not yet a house of his own.
ဆရာဝန်က သူ့မှာ ကိုယ်ပိုင်အိမ်တစ်လုံးမရှိသေးပါဟု ပြောခဲ့သည်။
4. He told Ma Ma that he would bring her book when he came the next day.
သူက သူ နောက်တစ်နေ့လာသောအခါ သူမ၏ စာအုပ်ကို ယူလာမည်ဟု သူမကို ပြောခဲ့သည်။
5. She told him that she was pleased with his work.
သူမက သူ့အလုပ်ကို ကျေနပ်သည်ဟု သူ့ကို ပြောခဲ့သည်။

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)



Is it difficult to capture one's mind?



THE wishes of human beings vary countlessly. Some want the length of the cycle of rebirth short as possible as it could. Some want that of it long as mighty as it could. In a song sung by (Daw) Mar Mar Aye, some lyrics reveal it saying, "...no matter how long the length of Sansara (the cycle of rebirth) when stretching out, I'll take a peaceful rest in my sweetheart's bosom..."

It was the Queen Phwar Saw, a woman in our history, was the one who would stand first among such those people. That is why her prayer proved it quite well. "In the period before I attain Nirvana, I want the possessions that are far above the others' if I become a human being. If I become a Deva, I want to be a Deva that is much nobler than a Deva especially in looks and textures, in longer lifespan, in sweeter voice and in smarter figure. In addition, I want to be a Deva that is admired by all human beings and all Devas. I want to possess the physical materials such as gold, silver, ruby, pearl, coral etc. as well as the living things such as elephants, horses and slaves. I also want to be the great one who is profusely famous with countless companions. I do not want to know about the poverty but my life would be filled with the news of the glorious donation, belief and wisdom. After all, I want to attain the State of Arahat and feel the wealth of Nirvana."

The prayers of the Queen frankly revealed her original attitude. She was a very greedy and craving one. She said she wanted the Peace of Nirvana only in the end after feeling her desirous wishes. It was her strong will that made the length of the cycle of rebirth long. The reason she wanted the length of the cycle of rebirth to be long was clear for which she wanted to feel the wealth of human and Deva at her heart's content.

After doing their merit, the main aim of the prayers of many people is to escape from the poverty of the cycle of rebirth. Their prayers target to attain Nirvana in the shortest moment. They understand the poverty of the cycle of rebirth very well and no longer want to suffer from it even for the current life. As a real Buddhist, the one who should realize the essence of Dharma will never want to live long because the period between the point of fertilization and that of death is composed of trouble i.e. The Truth of Sufferings.

However, the people who want to cease the length of the cycle of rebirth are doing their deeds, words and thoughts that will make the length of the cycle of rebirth long. They are very self-indulgent with unconscious mind and doing what they wish, which will lead the length of the cycle of rebirth to be long. Therefore, in a poem, a poet said...

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As human,
Some want eternal life;
Others free flight from it.

As for me,
Forgetting streams of life,
Beaten by anxiety;

Sai Htee Tsaing,
Lady Diana,
The Berlin Wall... all come and go

So seeming...
Realizing and abiding by the truth
I can only prove
Self-indulgence days!



Villages in Khaunglanphu Township.



No matter how far the area that we are assigned to, we will do our duty

By Myint Maung Soe

IT would be unbelievable for others to take a six-day trip in which the first day is by car and the remaining five days was hiking over some 10 mountains in the rain.

I woke up at 8 am on the 7th June in Putao, Kachin State, and was ready to set off on the trip. I knew that there were also some young female teachers in our group to hike to Khaunglanphu, which is located 4680 ft above sea level.

Before I left Yangon for Putao, I was excited to see snow-capped mountains in Putako and the natural beauty of this region. Also, in the mountains in this region the Maykha and Malikha rivers originate, before they join to form the mighty Ayeyawady River.

"I don't exactly know the distance by car. But, it takes about eight hours by car for the first leg of the trip. The trip is very harsh. There are many ups and downs, twists and turns," said the driver.

I hiked with five media persons, one officer from the Putao Township Education Office, three junior assistant teachers, drivers and a mechanic, totalling 12.

While the car was crossing the Putao plane, we enjoyed the green environment and ethnic houses, before we arrived in Machanbaw.

In the evening, we arrived at a camp named Ngalondan. We spent one night there and started hiking the next morning to Khaunglanphu.

The road we drove was completed two years ago, said

Ko Sar Hu Di, the driver.

The first mountain we climbed was the Sunluchat Mountain, which is nearly 8000 ft high.

"Oh! The mountains are so high," I heard a teacher whisper.

Walking in the mud and under the rain is not an easy job, even in the plain. But, we did it while climbing a mountain. I sympathized with the young teacher who received two months training after graduation and decided to teach children in a far-flung area.

While I was wondering about the young teachers' determination to educate children, I heard the sound of collapse.

"Landslide," said one. Yes. It happened about 200 yards from us. It means we narrowly escaped the landslide, which killed two people last year.

We needed to walk three more days with ascending and descending mountains to reach Khaunglanphu.

Some teachers cried in forests of spines. But, they have determined to teach children and they consoled themselves thinking about the future of the children.

We later passed through villages of Lisu and Rawan ethnic people and we stopped there.

"How far the area is that we must walk, and how tired we are, but we must do our duty," was the pledge we all made.

Translated by Nat Ye Hla



The terrace rice plantation is beautifying the Khaunglanphu.



The only one monastery in Khaunglanphu.



A teacher prepares to transport text books to Khaunglanphu.



Lisu women in Phulwan Village prepare to treat teachers with tea.



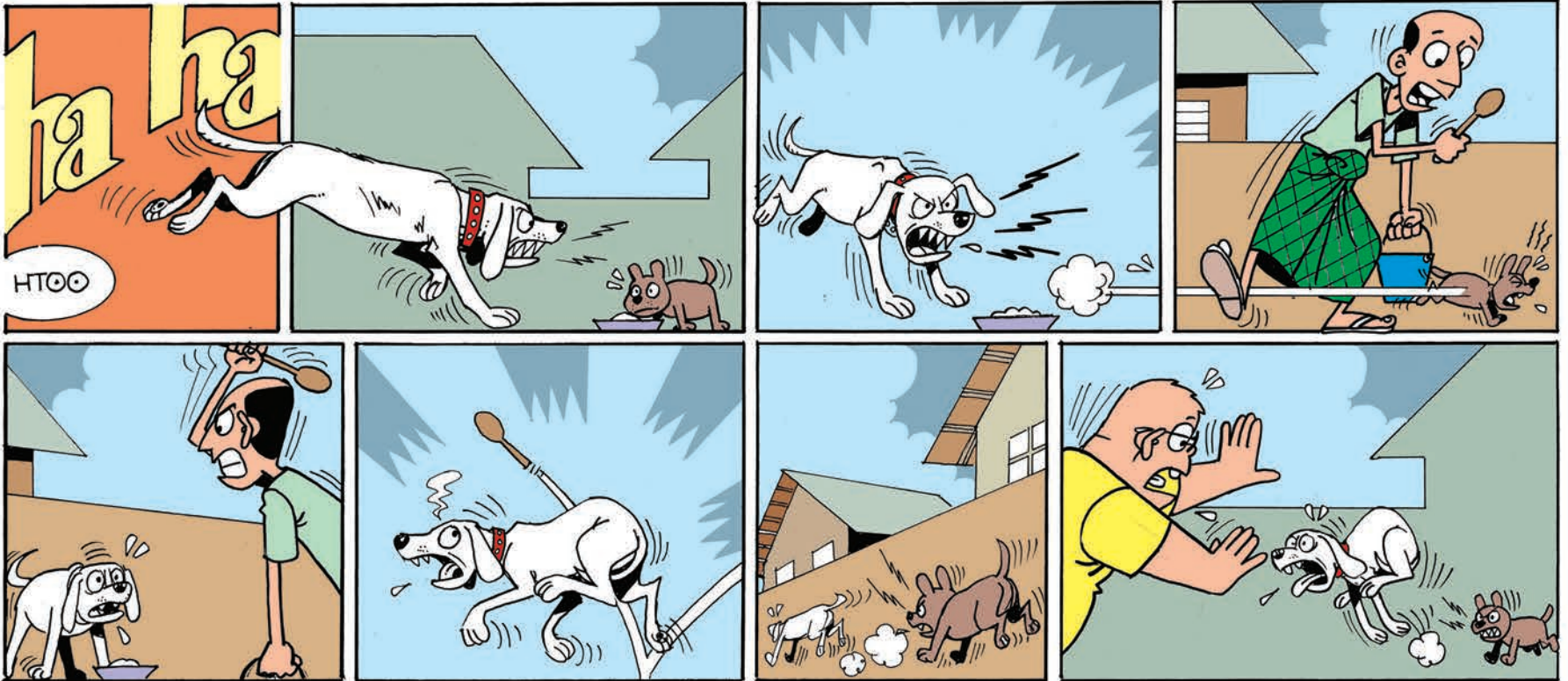
Children learning in Khaunglanphu.

Junior assistant teachers heading to Khaunglanphu.



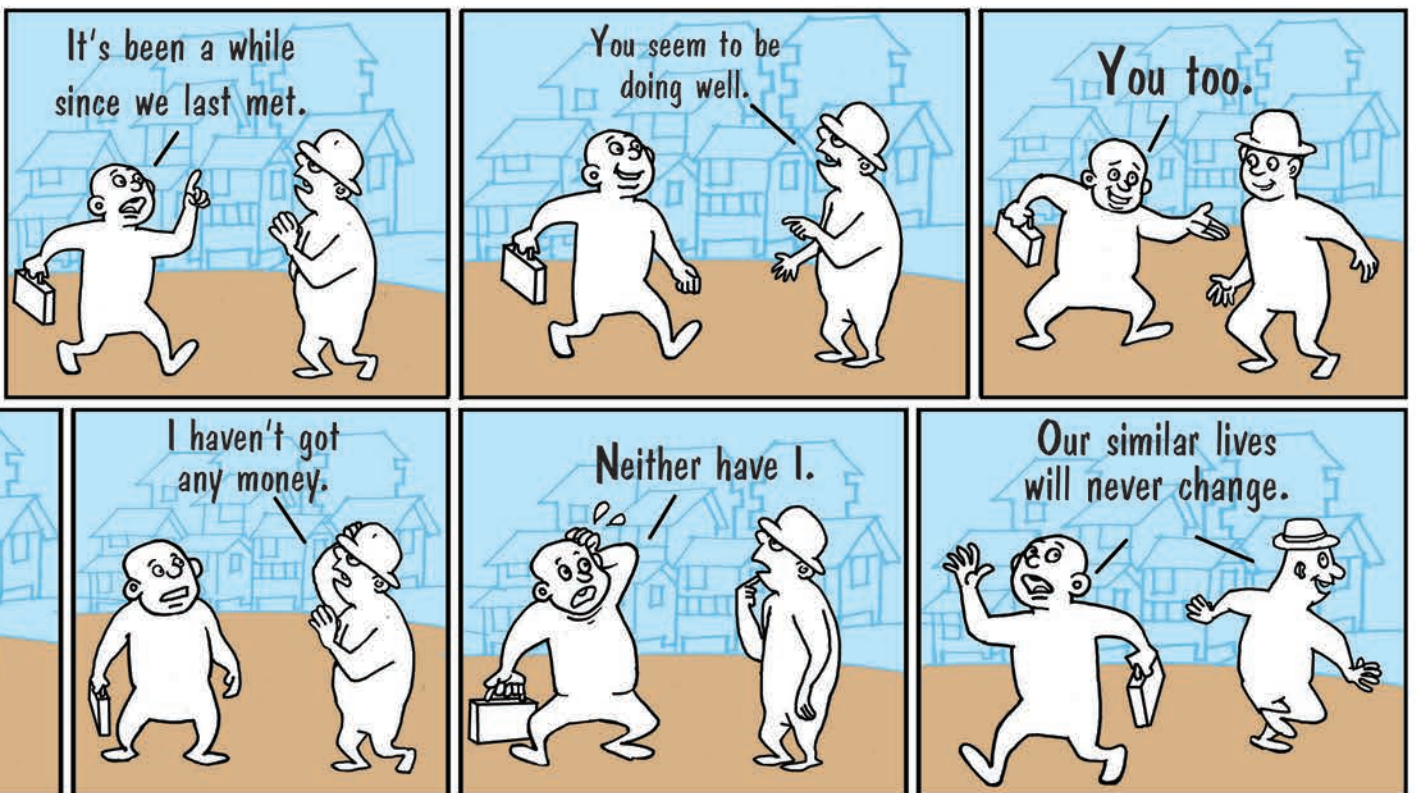
Ridan suspension bridge.

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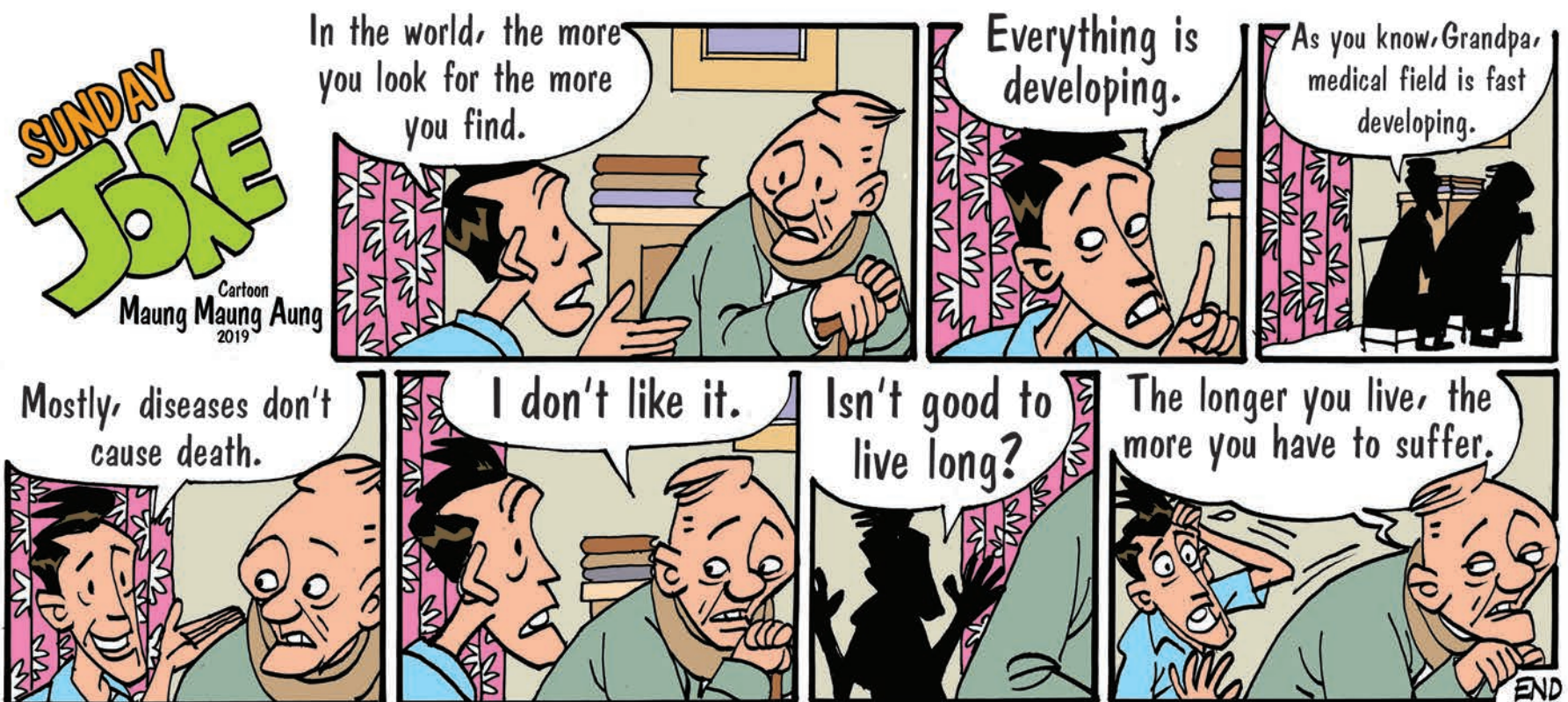
PEOPLE WILL BE PEOPLE

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Living with courage in an anxious world



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WINNERS are not afraid of losing, but losers are. Failure is part of the process of success. People who avoid failure also avoid success'.

It is one of the greatest quotes said by Robert Toru Kiyosaki, an American businessman and author. As he said, it is winners who never feel afraid of losing or failure. Almost all of the winners have faced failure at least once in their life. However, they dealt with those failures successfully and made good use of them to result in success finally. It is winners who never give up their effort and go to the ends of the earth although they become unsuccessful in their attempts. Losing or failure will never be disturbance to their way to success, but be the driving force behind their success. As Winton Churchill once said, "Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm".

Therefore, it is indispensable to go to the ends of the earth with sheer determination and full of courage so as to get success as expected. Thomas Edison, who is regarded as the greatest inventor in the world to the end of time, was first said to be too stupid to learn. Moreover, he failed in his experiments many times. However, he went on hold more than 1,000 patents, including the phonograph and practical electric bulb. His greatest invention, the electric bulb, owes much

to the well-lit world today. His success was due to his perseverance in spite of losing which he faced at the very beginning. As he said, he had not failed; he had just found 10,000 ways that wouldn't work. In addition to his own failure, he also thought only positive when his assistants make some mistakes. The bulb he had first made broke into pieces by one of his assistants. Edison tried making a new one instead of blaming his assistant for his clumsiness. He said that he never blamed his assistant because he would never do the same mistake again and learn from that mistake because he had made it once. Thus, losing or failure is just the opportunity to begin again more intelligently and better. Failure is not an end and we can learn best from that failure; we can learn from our mistakes. Oprah Gail Winfrey, an American media executive, actress, talk show host, television producer and philanthropist, is best known for her talk show 'The Oprah Winfrey Show' but she was fired from her first TV job as an anchor in Baltimore. She never felt afraid of failure, so she created her own TV channel and her talk show became the highest-rated television program of its kind in history. Moreover, she was the richest African American of the 20th century and North America's first black multi-billionaire. In 2013, Oprah recounted her experiences during

a Harvard commencement speech. She said, "There is no such thing as failure. Failure is just life trying to move us in another direction". Her huge success was due to her courage and perseverance. Needless to say, sheer determination, perseverance and courage are all vital to the way to success because we can realize that by reading the biographies of successful people.

There are lots of successful people who can persevere with their work and deal well with losing or failure. It is impossible to write all of their successful stories in one sitting. However, they all have a common quality on their way to success. They all never gave up their effort and desire in spite of difficulties and failures. As a Japanese saying goes, failure is the stepping stone to success. Therefore, we ought to make good use of losing or failure and learn from them. We should hope for the best but prepare for the worst. The way to success is surely rough and we will get some pains. However, as one lyric from the song named 'Believer' by Imagine Dragons, those pains will surely help us become believers and go-getters. Therefore, we should be ready to face any losing or failure and be never be afraid of losing or failure to become a promising winner. Live with courage in an anxious world.



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Moreover, trees convert a great deal of our food deficiency by providing fruits and vitamins. Not only that, many kinds of medicines can be prepared from leaves, roots and barks of trees. Above all, trees help us to keep ecological balance supplying oxygen.

In fact, trees make a better environment for us. Trees contribute to our environment by providing oxygen, improving air quality, conserving water,

keeping ecological balance and providing necessities such as oxygen, food, shelter, medicines and tools. These are the benefits of trees. Thus, trees are called the lungs of the earth.

If a person cannot enjoy good health, his lungs cannot work properly. As a result, he cannot live long. Similarly, if there are not trees to keep ecological balance, we cannot save our earth. For these reasons, we cannot deny that trees are the lungs of the earth. ■■■

