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Those who assisted in Bagan being named to World Heritage List honoured in Nay Pyi Taw



President U Win Myint, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, two Vice Presidents and dignitaries pose for the documentary photo together with those who assisted in Bagan being named to the UNESCO's World Heritage List in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

PRESIDENT U Win Myint and State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended a ceremony yesterday to honour individuals and organizations who worked for ancient Bagan to be named as World Cultural Heritage site of the UNESCO.

They made speeches at the ceremony held at the Myanmar International Convention Center-II in Nay Pyi Taw.

In his keynote speech, President U Win Myint said Myanmar was a country with outstanding

cultural heritages which depict the great civilization of the country, in terms of tangible culture such as pagodas, temples, stupas, monasteries, religious buildings and ancient palaces, while intangibles such as cultural traditions, languages and literature of the ethnic people. Mural paintings of advanced civilizations and the fine arts could be found at the Bagan temples which were attracting foreign tourists to Myanmar.

The President also said that among the cultural herit-

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age zones, the ancient cities of Beikthano, Sri Kestra and Pyu were already in the list of World Heritage sites in 2014 as the first Myanmar heritage site. All the Myanmar people were proud of Bagan city for receiving the nomination of UNESCO on 6 July 2019, hoping to promote the cultural heritage of Myanmar to the world and elevate the dignity of the country. He also urged for more cultural sites such as Mrauk-U, Shwedagon pagoda and Padah-Lin Cave to be named

as Myanmar's additional World Heritage sites. Both the situations of ancient buildings and the possible impacts on socio-economy of the local people were taken into account in the process to submit the nomination.

The Protection and Preservation of Cultural Heritage Regions Law was updated on 28 February 2019 for the possible participation of local people and for their socio-economic development.

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Second Pyithu Hluttaw's 13th regular session holds third day meeting

By Mawsi, Hmwe Kyuzin
Photo: Htan Phon

THE Second Pyithu Hluttaw's 13th regular session held its third-day meeting at the Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday, where asterisk-marked questions were raised and answered, a motion on best utilization of state-own factories, joint venture factories and industrial zones that were idle and Myanmar medical degree, diploma and certificate bill were tabled.

Asterisk marked questions and answers

U Saw Thalay Saw of Shwepyin constituency raised the first question enquiring about plan to relax travel restriction of foreigners to restricted area, issuing of instructions and notifications to departments on creating opportunity and informing relaxation made and plan to develop regions where development is lagging behind. Union Minister for Hotels and Tourism U Ohn Maung answered that news was timely released by the ministry and the Ministry of Information while regional travel work committees were formed in Nay Pyi Taw Council and all states and regions. These committees ought to coordinate and designate regions where tourists can travel safely, said the Union



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat.



Union Minister for Industry U Khin Maung Cho.



MP U Thant Zin Tun of Dekkhinathiri constituency.

Minister

On the question raised by U Maung Myint of Mingin constituency on the reason why No 2 Steel Factory (Pinpet) Project in Taunggyi Township was suspended and the arrangement made to prevent losses to the country in future. Union Minister for Industry U Khin Maung Cho

said studies were conducted for the benefit of the country and the people and with the coordination of National Economic Coordination Committee (NECC) and arrangements were made to prevent losses to the country and the people. The Union Minister added that future works will be conducted according to govern-

ment policies and instructions.

Union Minister for Industry U Khin Maung Cho also responded to a question raised by U Thant Zin Tun of Dekkhinathiri constituency on plans to establish standard for steel and steel product referring to Japanese Industrial Standards (JIS) and said National Standard Council, relevant ministries, local and international organizations were cooperating toward establishing a Myanmar Industry Standard (MIS).

Similarly, questions raised by Dr U Than Aung Soe of Minhla constituency on official recognition of villages in Minhla Township; Dr U Tun Lin Maw of Kyangin constituency on taking action against river sand producing works and permission granting local authorities who violated rules, regulation and procedures; U Pe Than of Myebon constituency on legality of MraukU District management committee and Rakhine State Government dismissing and appointing Myebon Township Kokko Village Tract administrator and U Khin Zaw of Kawthoung constituency on when the housing project developers in Kawthoung Township will develop and transfer it to the government where answered by Deputy Minister for Office of the Union Government U Tin Myint.

Motion on utilization of idle state-own factories, joint venture factories and industrial zones

Next U Bo Gyi of Chauk constituency tabled a motion urging the Union Government to take action urgently to prevent wasting of public funds on matter of idle state-own factories that are to be privatized, idle factories, idle state-own factories already working with private sector and idle industrial zones.

The motion was supported by U Khin Cho of Hlaingbwe constituency. As the Hluttaw agreed to discuss the motion Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced for Hluttaw representatives who wanted to discuss the motion to register their names.

Myanmar medical degree, diploma and certificate bill

Following this, Health and Sports Development Affairs Committee secretary Dr Than Win tabled a Myanmar medical degree, diploma and certificate bill. After bill committee member Dr Wai Phyo Aung read and explained about the committee report and finding on the bill Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced for Hluttaw representatives who wanted to table amendment motion to register their names.

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Amyotha Hluttaw debates Education Bill, motion on rural women

By Lu Kyaw (MNA)

THE third-day meeting of the Second Amyotha Hluttaw's 13th regular session was held at the Amyotha Hluttaw meeting hall yesterday morning. At the meeting, in addition to the question and answer session, a report was read, a bill discussed, a bill tabled and a motion discussed.

Question and Answer session

In the question and answer session, questions on plan to provide water supply for Hnaring town in Thantlang Township, Chin State; farmers in Sagaing Region Monywa District Ayadaw Township not regularly receiving irrigation water from Ye Oo Myaung Ma Daw irrigation canal and a plan to repair a reservoir in Magway Region Salin Township raised by U Bwe Khane of Chin State



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than. PHOTO: MNA

constituency 3, U Hla Oo of Sagaing Region constituency 4 and U Win Maung of Magway Region constituency 6 were answered by Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw.

Report on Rural Development Bill read

After the question and an-

swer session, Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee member U Sai Tun Aung read the committee report on Rural Development Bill and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker announced for Hluttaw representatives who wanted to discuss the report to register their names.

Hluttaw continues discus-

sion on Basic Education Bill

Next, Hluttaw representatives U Soe Win of Rakhine State constituency 12, U Maung Maung Ohn of Ayeyawady Region constituency 5, U San Myint of Ayeyawady Region constituency 3, Tatmadaw representatives Maj Tin Aung Hein and Lt-Col Kyaw Kyaw Oo debated the Basic Education Bill.

Fish Breeding Bill

Afterwards, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw tabled the Fish Breeding Bill and Amyotha Hluttaw Bill Committee member Brig-Gen Tint Lwin read the committee report on the bill. Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker then announced for Hluttaw representatives who wanted to discuss the matter to register their names.

Motion on rural women

As a final agenda of the

meeting, Hluttaw representatives U Nyi Sein of Shan State constituency 5, Dr Win Myint Chit of Bago Region constituency 8, Dr San Maung Maung of Bago Region constituency 1, U Hla Oo of Sagaing Region constituency 4, Daw Nan Ni Ni Aye of Kayin State constituency 6 and U Soe Thein of Kayah State constituency 9 discussed a motion submitted by Dr. Tin Tin Win of the Bago Region's constituency-5 urging the Union Government to create a good environment for rural women through providing technology, capital and raw material for developing home-based industries in attempts to reduce the number of women who left abroad to get overseas jobs.

The fourth-day meeting of the Second Amyotha Hluttaw's 13th regular session will be held on 25 July, it is learnt.

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Ceremony held for naming Bagan to World Heritage List



President U Win Myint presents the certificate of honour to Ms Elizabeth Moore from England at the ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi presents the certificate of honour to Mr Richard Engelhardt from the United States at the ceremony in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Management for sustainability of Bagan's ancient heritage, prevention of natural disasters, tourism development plans and social development measures have been adopted together with a management scheme for public participation in line with the law.

Moreover, it was expected that the countries of the world would join with Myanmar in the preservation of Bagan's cultural heritage which would become an inheritance for future generations. Arrival of tourists to the Bagan region would surely increase, helping the economic development of the local people. He added that all the people were responsible for the preservation of the Bagan region from

the viewpoint of nationalism.

The President also suggested that the members of Bagan Com, the staff from the Department of Archaeology and National Museum, the officials from relevant departments and local and foreign experts should collaborate with the International Council on Monuments and Cites to finalize the remaining process successfully.

The President concluded his speech by expressing thanks to the relevant ministries, the departments concerned, the experts, people from the Bagan region, the artists and the parties involved in the nomination process.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi then said she was very grateful to all the persons

who had participated in the efforts to achieve UNESCO's recognition of Bagan as a World Heritage site which can be regarded as an inheritance for all the future generations all over the world.

She added it was a very proud moment for one of Myanmar's cultural heritage sites to be recognized as a genuine heritage valuable for all the global people. It could be assumed that the organizations of nominees have worked for more intimacy among all the human beings who have many common practices and ideas. The merger of these ideas would definitely benefit the world.

An archaeologist once said that physical inanimate things were served as concrete proofs

for history. From the legal perspective, evidences of material things were stronger than that of non-materials things. Inanimate things were the exact proofs of historical events.

However, the viewers of these ancient materials could also imagine the past in their poetic sense. Our heritage that could help develop imagination was the most valuable thing for us. Through Bagan and other world heritage sites, our posterity could imagine the struggles of people and their lives both in the past and in the future.

The State Counsellor also remarked that human beings need to have mutual respect. It could be developed from the world heritage that existed in every continent such as

Europe, America, Africa and Asia. These sites have proved that the ancestors could leave valuable inheritance for the new generation.

She added that she would therefore wish to repeat her gratitude to all the individuals and organizations who had worked to put Bagan on the UNESCO World Heritage List, not only for its favour to Myanmar, but also for its role to make the global people closer through their cultures and histories.

She continued that Bagan could show the relations between the past and the present of our country. Bagan was the land of temples and the land of the Myanmar people. She was very proud of this.

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Vice President U Myint Swe presents the certificate of honour to Mandalay Region Finance Minister U Myat Thu. **PHOTO: MNA**



Vice President U Henry Van Thio presents the certificate of honour to Amyotha Hluttaw Representative U Kyaw Toke. **PHOTO: MNA**

President, State Counsellor recognize those who assisted in Bagan being named to World Heritage List

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Some world heritage sites were existing as historical museums, and rarely concerned with the present situations. However, Bagan was a lively cultural heritage of our country.

The ancient civilization of central Myanmar has been an inheritance for this generation, and it was also a hub of diversity of cultures, people and ideologies of the world.

She then concluded her speech with thanks to all persons and organizations of UNESCO, JICA, the World Bank, the donor countries of Italy, China, Japan, the Republic of Korea, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, the relevant ministries, the state organizations and

from the World Bank.

Then, the State Counsellor gave the certificates to foreign experts, officials and prime ministers from the donor countries namely Mr. Ducan Marshall from Australia, Mr. Kaiweise from Switzerland, Mr. Richard Engelhardt from the United States, the ambassador of the Republic of Korea in Myanmar, the Chief of Cultural Office at the embassy of the People Republic of China in Myanmar, Dr Zaw Myint Maung, Mandalay Region's Chief Minister, and Magwe Region's Chief Minister Dr Aung Moe Nyo.

Vice President U Myint Swe also presented certificates to the ministers of Mandalay Region Government, Director-General from the Department of Archae-



President U Win Myint delivers the address at the honouring ceremony for the Inscription of Bagan on the World Heritage List. **PHOTO: MNA**

departments, the parliamentarians, the local people in Bagan, the associations, the artistes, and all the people concerned in this process.

Next, Thura U Aung Ko, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture explained about the implementation activities in this process.

Then, the certificates of honour were given to the foreign experts and organizations.

President U Win Myint conferred certificates of honor to Ms. Monitara Unakul from Thailand, Ms. Elizabeth Moore from the UK, Ms. Charlotte Galloway from Australia and Ms. Min Jeong Kim, Head of UNESCO Office in Myanmar, Mr. Masayuki Karasawa from JICA and Mr. Gevorg Sargsyan

ology, National Museum and Library, Dr Aung Myat Kyaw, Advisory Chairman from Bagan Technical Expert Team, Dr Kyaw Latt, the patron of Myanmar Architects Association, U Nyunt Han, the retired Director-General of the Department of Archaeology and Dr San Win, the retired Director-General of the Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library.

Vice President U Henry Van Thio also gave certificates to U Aung Kyaing, the retired Deputy Director General of the Department of Archaeology and National Museum, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Oo Saw, Amyotha Hluttaw representative U Kyaw Tote, Regional Hluttaw representatives U Win Myint Khaing and U Myint Sein.

Next, Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko presented certificates to the staff of the Department of Archaeology and National Museum, the related departments, the photographers of Hnalone Thar De Ka Bagan (Bagan In the Heart) and the representatives of volunteer groups.

Then, the President, the State Counsellor and the audience watched a documentary video about the nomination process.

Then, a member of the photographer group expressed words of thanks.

Next, the President, the State Counsellor and the officials posed for documentary photos together with those who participated in the nomination

process.

Later, the President, the State Counsellor and senior officials attended the dinner to honour the nomination of Bagan as a World Heritage site.

After the dinner, they enjoyed an entertainment programme organized by the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture.

The ceremony was attended by the following dignitaries, senior officials, members of the diplomatic corps and invited guests:

Vice Presidents U Myint Swe and U Henry Van Thio, Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U T Khun Myat, Chief Justice of the Union U Htun Htun Oo, Commander in Chief of Defence Services Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, the deputy speakers of

Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, union ministers, the Union Attorney-General, the Auditor General of the Union, the Chairman of Union Civil Service Board, the Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Council, chief ministers of the Regions, the Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command, Hluttaw representatives, Permanent Secretaries, departmental heads, ambassadors, local and foreign experts, members of committees and sub-committees who worked in the proposal for UNESCO nomination to Bagan, the representatives from donor countries and organizations, the representatives from local and international organizations and the invited guests. — MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker holds coord meeting with committees



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat delivers the speech at a coordination meeting (2/2019) of the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, committee chairmen and secretaries in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE second coordination meeting for 2019 was held yesterday at the Pyithu Hluttaw in Nay Pyi Taw, attended by the Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker, committee chairmen and secretaries. In his opening speech Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat said that the Second Pyithu Hluttaw's 13th regular session was of vital importance. The National Planning Bill, the Union Budget Bill for 2019-2020 Fiscal Year, Bill and the Union Tax Bill would be

scrutinized for approval of the Pyithu Hluttaw. In addition to this, the amendment process of the 2008 Constitution would be carried out. And that the performance of the committees was of crucial importance to accelerate the works of Hluttaw. In doing so, visions and decisions of the Hluttaw would be more beneficial to the people. Thus the committee chairmen and secretaries were urged to make a frank discussion in case the necessities arose.

Furthermore, chairmen of the committees and secretaries attending the meeting discussed and clarified the committee wise bills, complaint letters, findings of the reports and suggestions made.

Committee wise works to be conducted were coordinated as required by Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat who then delivered a closing speech before the meeting came to a close. — MNA (Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung receives Serbian Ambassador

AMYOTHA Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung received Serbian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Miodrag Nikolin in Amyotha Hluttaw J Hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed matters relating to giving the invitation letter of the President of the National Assembly of Serbia to attend the 141st Assembly and related meetings of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) that will take place in Belgrade, Serbia on 13-17 October 2019 and boosting the interests of bilateral ties between the two countries. — MNA (Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)



Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung shakes hands with Mr Miodrag Nikolin, Serbian Ambassador to Myanmar in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Appointment of Judge for Sagaing
Region High Court

In accord with the provisions stated in article 308 section (b) sub-section (4) of the Constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, article 82 section (b) of the Union Government Law, article 44 of the Union Judiciary Law, and article 17 section (d) of Region or State Government Law, U Myo Maung has been appointed as Judge for the Sagaing Region High Court.

Sd/ Win Myint
President
Republic of the Union of Myanmar

Myanmar's export, import status of FY 2018-2019 Oct to May

MYANMAR'S total export for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 May was \$ 1499.97 million of which \$ 831.21 million was through the normal export while \$ 668.76 million was the border trade export. Total import for the same period was \$ 12111.40 million of which \$ 10015.88 million was through the normal import while \$ 2095.52 million through the border trade import. Therefore the total trade volume for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 October to May was \$ 23338.82 million and there was a total trade deficit of \$ 883.98 million, said the monthly reports of the Central Statistical Organization. — MNA

Myanmar's total export for the Fiscal Year 2018-2019 October to May was \$ 11227.42

million of which \$ 6089.53 million was through the normal exports while \$ 5137.89 million was through the border trade export. Total import for the same period was \$ 12111.40 million of which \$ 10015.88 million was through the normal import while \$ 2095.52 million through the border trade import. Therefore the total trade volume for Fiscal Year 2018-2019 October to May was \$ 23338.82 million and there was a total trade deficit of \$ 883.98 million, said the monthly reports of the Central Statistical Organization. — MNA

(Translated by Win Ko Ko Aung)

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Bodhi Tahtaung elephant camp opens in Monywa

THE opening ceremony for the Bodhi Tahtaung elephant camp was held in the morning of 14 July in Bodhi Tahtaung pagoda precinct in Monywa Township, Sagaing Region.

The elephant camp was opened with seven elephants, and created a new destination for visitors, as part of the Elephant Conservation Based Tourism (ECBT).

Dr Myint Naing, Chief Minister for Sagaing Region, U Lar Htaung Htan, Region minister for Chin Ethnic Affairs, U Saw John Shwe Ba, Managing Director of Myanmar Timber Enterprise, officials from the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism (Monywa) and local residents attended the ceremony.

The Chief Minister for Sagaing Region, Region Minister for Chin Ethnic Affairs and Managing Director of Myanmar Timber Enterprise opened the camp by cutting the ribbon.



Mahouts feeding elephants at the opening ceremony of Bodhi Tahtaung elephant camp in Monywa, Sagaing Region. **PHOTO: TOWNSHIP IPRD**

Moreover, Managing Director of Myanmar Timber Enterprise explained the objectives of the elephant camp and inspected there.

The entrance fee there set are fixed at K1,000 for local visi-

tors and K10,000 for foreign visitors. Elephant ride will collect K5,000 for local residents, except for monks and nuns, and K10,000 for foreigners. Visitors can enjoy natural scenic views of Bodhi

Tahtaung, along with a mahout village that was developed for them to be able to observe the lifestyles of local people. —GNLM

(Translated by La Wonn)

Flood forces 45 schools in Singu to close

AS the water level in the Ayeyawady River rises, the 45 schools in Singu Township have temporarily closed, according to U Kyaw Naing, Deputy Head of Township Education Department.

"Normally, we close schools when the water level of the Ayeyawady River rises and classrooms are submerged. If the rainfall continues for many days, we

will provide additional classes during the holidays", he added. There are 45 schools, including 6 high schools, 5 middle schools, 3 post primary schools and 31 primary schools, which were temporarily shut down due to heavy rains and flooding problems in Singu Township, Mandalay Region. — Min Zaw Oo (IPRD)

(Translated by La Wonn)



Basic education schools closed due to flooding by Ayeyawady River in Singu. **PHOTO: MIN ZAW OO (IPRD)**

Indaw farmers hit hard by dry weather

LOCAL farmers in Indaw Township, Sagaing Region, are facing difficulties because of the ongoing drought, according to local residents.

"There was rainfall in June, and we could have grown the paddy then. But in July there was no rain, and so we could not cultivate the crops. There is no water in lakes, creeks and drainages this year, as there was last year. In some places, people are trying to cultivate the rice with the water pumped from the reservoirs. We have already planted paddies since a month ago. If it is not raining, we local farmers will face difficulties," said U Than Lwin, a local farmer from Nat

Ma Hot Kalay village.

"We have water pumps, but no water. Some local farmers are digging the artesian wells in an attempt to reach the underground water," said U Thein Aung, a local farmer from Man Lae Ywar Thit Gone village.

"Some are farming with the use of irrigation water, while others are cultivating with water from Yaydwingon dam and Indawchaung dam. Main paddy species we grow are Lone Thwai Hmwe, AyarMin, and Hsin Akary-3. We also cultivate sticky rice and other rice species. We have stored Hsin Akeary-3 in case of an emergency," said U Thein Khine, the Head of Town-



Farmer using a tractor to plow rice field in Indaw. **PHOTO: MAUNG CHIT LIN (INDAW)**

ship Agriculture Department.

Last year, there were over 56,550 acres of monsoon paddy in Indaw Township, according to the

Township Agricultural Land Management and Statistics Department.—Maung Chit Lin (Indaw)

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Domestic gold price fluctuates at high level

WITH volatile gold prices in the global market, the price of the yellow metal in the domestic market has been fluctuating on the high side, between K1,145,000 and K1,149,000 per tical (0.578 ounce or, 0.016 kilogram) from 19-23 July, according to the Yangon Gold Entrepreneurs Association.

On 19 July, the price of gold reached K1,149,000 when global gold prices surged to US\$1,441 per ounce. Then, it slipped to around K1,144,500- K1,148,500 per tical on 20 and 22 July, before increasing to K1,149,000 yesterday morning, and then falling to K1,144,500 as global markets fell to \$1,417 per ounce.

There are more sellers in the market than buyers, according to the YGEA.

Gold is likely to continue



A saleswoman at a gold jewellery shop in downtown Yangon waits for customers. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

strong gains in the global market, on the back of an escalating trade war between the US and

China.

The domestic gold price is positively linked to global gold

prices. With global gold prices climbing, the domestic price has hit new highs this year.

According to gold traders, the domestic gold price reached its lowest level of K1,043,400 on 1 January, and the highest level of K1,061,000 on 31 January. It hit a low of K1,058,400 on 2 February and a high of K1,087,300 on 20 February. In March, the lowest price recorded was K1,048,600 (30 March) and the highest was K1,069,000 (21 March). In April, gold prices saw a low of K1,037,200 on 24 April and a high of K1,054,700 on 11 April. The lowest price for gold in May was K1,035,200 (2 May) and the highest was K1,059,200 (14 May). Last month's gold prices registered the lowest at K1,056,000 and the highest at K1,130,000. — GNLM

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Mandalay Chamber, US Embassy officials discuss strengthening trade ties



Representatives from Mandalay Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MRCCI) hold a meeting with US delegation in Mandalay. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

MANDALAY Region Chamber of Commerce and Industry (MRCCI) met a US delegation on Monday to discuss agricultural exports to the US, bilateral trade promotion and providing technical assistance at the MRCCI hall inside the Yadanarbon center, Mandalay Region.

The chair of MRCCI and its executive members presented gifts to the delegation, led by the US Deputy Chief of Mission Mr George Sibley, and took commemorative photos.

Afterwards, Sibley and his delegation visited the American Business Corner (ABC) at the MRCCI.

That ABC was opened on 12 March, 2019 to assist businesses in Mandalay Region and strengthen trade ties between the US and Myanmar's second city, Mandalay.

Myanmar's trade with the US was worth US\$631.46 million during the Oct-April period, with \$364.2 million in exports and \$267.15 million in imports, according to the Commerce Ministry.

Rice, various types of pulses, forest products, fish, prawns, apparel, garments produced with the cut-make-pack system and other finished industrial goods were shipped to the US. Meanwhile, Myan-

mar mainly imported personal goods, capital goods and industrial raw materials from the US.

Under President Barack Obama's government, the US reinstated Myanmar's eligibility for a generalized system of preferences and benefits, after the imposition of economic sanctions against Myanmar for more than two decades.

Myanmar's bilateral trade with the US stood at \$455.72 million in the past mini-budget period, \$718.3 million in the 2017-2018 FY and \$690.6 million in the 2016-2017 FY.—Tin Maung/ Ko Khant

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Real estate sector sees largest domestic investments in 2019

EIGHTY enterprises brought domestic investments of K4,182 billion into the real estate sector this year, according to statistics released by the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

More than twenty per cent of domestic investments made by Myanmar Citizens flowed into the real estate sector, while investments were also made in manufacturing, hotels and tourism, construction, industrial estates, energy, mining, livestock and fisheries, agriculture, and other services sectors, according to the DICA.

Meanwhile, the real estate sector is ranked fifth in foreign investment sectors, accounting for over 6 per cent of overall FDI. Fifty-five enterprises brought foreign direct investments worth US\$5.3 billion in this sector, as of June, 2019.

Realtors are expecting the reduced income tax to stimulate the real estate market, which has been cool for the last three years. They also anticipate the approval of a real estate service law, in order to regulate informal deals and prevent buyers and sellers from being defrauded by unscrupulous realtors, according to real estate officials.

Starting in 2017, an income tax of 15 to 30 per cent had to be

paid on the trading value of property, prompting buyers and sellers to evade the tax, thereby resulting in revenue losses for the country, said U Tin Maung, chair of the Myanmar Real Estate Service Development Association.

In the current fiscal year 2018-2019, buyers and sellers have been forced to avoid taxes, owing to high appraisal rates and tax rates. Most dealers are informally carrying out real estate deals only with the special and general power of attorney, he maintained.

The reduction in taxes is likely to persuade traders who evaded taxes in previous years to pay current taxes and make changes in ownership, realtors pointed out.

The standard land prices per square foot in Yangon's townships for the 2019/2020 fiscal year have been reduced by 10pc, compared to the one year ago period, according to the Internal Revenue Department. These prices are used for tax evaluations in real estate sales.

When a condominium project developed by a citizen or foreigner is completed, according to the Condominium Law, foreigners have the right to own up to 40 per cent of condominium units. — Pwint Thitsar/ Ko Htet

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Grading, registration key to benefiting PWDs

THE Union Government is committed to removing barriers for Persons with Disabilities-PWDs - to ensure that they can enjoy equal rights and participation throughout society.

To fulfil their needs we need to know what they require, because needs for individuals might be different. Therefore, grading and registration for Persons with Disabilities is necessary to ensure that the PWDs can enjoy their rights and fundamental freedoms. The grading and registration tasks do not reflect discrimination, but it would help us learn the real situation and needs of each PWD. It is also an important step to provide benefits under existing laws to PWDs nationwide.

All are obliged to contribute to building an ideal country that encourages Persons with Disabilities to enjoy equal rights and participation by removing barriers for the disabled.

Achieving this goal means relying on cooperation between all regional and state-level working committees tasked with grading and registration of PWDs for organizations of Persons with Disabilities.

All are obliged to contribute to building an ideal country that encourages Persons with Disabilities to enjoy equal rights and participation by removing barriers for the disabled, who have a harder time in accessing healthcare and education, entering society, politics and the economy, finding employment, all while receiving a lower income.

The Myanmar people, who possess the fine traditions of perseverance, friendliness, generosity and sympathy, always participate in humanitarian tasks and philanthropic works.

Persons with Disabilities have a more difficult time accessing healthcare and education, entering society, politics and the economy, and

finding employment, compared to the rest of society.

Also, PWDs face higher rates of poverty and unemployment, while earning lower incomes.

There are one billion people living with some form of disability around the world, according to the 2010 World Report on Disability conducted by the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Bank.

Myanmar signed the CRPD on 7 December 2011 and, since then, the Union Government has been working to make certain that over 2.3 million PWDs in Myanmar can exercise their rights and are entitled to their freedom.

Myanmar's legislature passed the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Law in 2015 and the bylaws on 27 December 2017. Additionally, the National Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities, formed on 14 September 2017, is serving as a beacon of hope for the PWDs community.

In fact, the modern world is facing a multitude of global issues which can be solved, hand in hand, with Persons with Disabilities, if all relevant government departments and other organizations are committed towards sustainable and resilient societies for all.



DURING my visit to the Development Affairs Committee Office in Meiktila, its chairwoman told me that ecoline is found in the town's direct water supply. Ecoline, itself, is not a disease, but diseases can be found with this agent, which is why we need to chlorinate water tanks.

The task of the Development Affairs Department is to supply water to villages throughout the entire nation. So, in the initial stage we are implementing the task of supplying water to villages. In central Myanmar, where water is in short supply, villagers rely on tube-wells. Half-inch or 3/4-inch pipes are used in providing water to their homes.

But in certain villages located in the places where rainfall is high, people rarely install of house-by-house piping system. But they need enough clean water for their consumption so that they will be healthy and fit. Most of the water in ponds, lakes or wells is not hygienic. There must be a piped water system even in the villages where rainfall is heavy. But some people do not want to bear the cost of channeling water directly to their homes.

Villagers should have knowledge about the cost of supplying water to their homes. Villages which are located near water sources need not pay for water charges. They need to pay only for transport charges.

Normally, the transport fee of a 50-gallon water barrel is K 500. The cost of one unit of water (one cubic-feet of water or 220



A rural village woman collecting drinking water. PHOTO: AMS



Villagers transport drinking water on their bullock carts in Tatkon Township.

gallons of water) is K 2200. But when the water is transported by their bullock-cart or by human labour, they forget to calculate the cost. In the arid zone, a 50-gallon water barrel cost K 200 at the tube-well. If the transport fee is added the cost will become K 700. It means that one unit of water or one cubic-foot of water or 220 gallons of water costs K 3080. So, a household in the arid zone that buys water at a village-owned tube-well has to pay at least K 46,200 per month. In the cities

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like Yangon and Mandalay, the bill for a family using 15 units of water per month is just below K 10,000. So villagers are paying a price four times higher than their urban counterparts for water.

When I served in Magway Region from 2013 to 2017, we faced a lot of difficulties in organizing villagers to accept our rural water supply system during the first year. But during the following years, villagers were eager for home water supply system. As the home water supply system was implemented with the department budget, the UNICEF aid, funds of the people centred project and public donations. We could install home water supply system in over 670 villages in 2019. The rural water supply

system has less wastage than the urban water supply one, and is easier for controlling the water quality.

As the number of homes in most of the villages is between 80 and 200, it is easier to maintain the rural water supply. Normally, water consumption amount of a village is small. As the villages are using solar pumps, they have no fuel or electricity cost to get water. So, the price for a unit of water is just K 30 for the rural people.

Most of the tube-wells in Magway Region are over 1000-foot deep. It is one of the places in Myanmar that are difficult to get drinking water. When the total cost for the home water supply system (including the cost of pumps, pipes and fuel)

in this region is calculated, it is found that per unit (220 gallons of water) is less than K 200.

So the water bill for a family

that uses about 15 units is about K 3000. So the monthly cost for a rural family using water from home water supply system is K 43,000 lesser than a family, which buys water from the village-owned tube-well. As for a year, the bill of the former will be K 516,000 cheaper than the bill of the latter. So, a 100-home village can save up to K 51.6 million within a year. Therefore, 480 villages with home water supply can save K 24.7 billion a year. This calculation is based on ten percent of the villages in Magway Region. If it is for the whole country, we can imagine the amount we can save.

One of the factors that the Myanmar people become shorter and thinner is that we are not drinking hygienic water. So, it has become a must for us to ensure clean water supply for every home in all the rural areas of the country, where the majority of the population lives. In this way the rural people can get access to clean water at fewer charges. They can also reduce their expense on water. So, home water supply for every village will cut down the expenditure of rural families.

(Translated by TMT)



A woman filling up bucket with water from the creek to irrigate plantation. PHOTO: AMS

An overlooked factor

By Kyaw Swe (KhinU)



Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 23rd July, 2019)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 24th July, 2019: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi regions and widespread in the remaining regions and states with regionally heavyfalls in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfalls in Nay Pyi Taw, Upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Bago regions, Kachin and Northern Shan states. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4 - 8) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Increase of rain in Kachin, Northern Shan and Rakhine states.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 24th July, 2019: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 24th July, 2019: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 24th 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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UEC meets with media for 2020 General Election

A MEETING on collaboration of the Union Election Commission and Myanmar Media Council with media was held at Kempinski Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw at 9 am yesterday.

Present at the meeting were Chairman of Union Election Commission, U Hla Thein, and member of the commission, Chairman of Myanmar Media Council, officials, and UNESCO officials.

At the event, U Hla Thein spoke of important role of media for holding a successful election. He pointed out that the commission alone cannot carry out the tasks of civic education and voter education.

Participation of media is much needed. Since 2015 election international and local media, has been invited.

To report conveniently, negotiation effort were made with Myanmar Press Council.

As election guides and media ethics were written and published, covering election news smoothly. It made a remarkable help for the commission.

The election will meet its five standards; freedom of choice, fairness, transparency, accessibility and compatibility of public desire with the result of election, the performances the commission and the news of public interest will be posted and broadcast on state-run newspapers, TV and UEC website occasionally.

A member of the commission has been assigned for press. The media should only report correct news for the interests of the country.

He urged to avoid taking sides and reporting false news and spreading hate speech as it can cause undesired effect on election, to value an item of news and to follow media eth-



UEC Chairman U Hla Thein and UEC members, Chairman of Myanmar Press Council, and UNESCO officials pose for the photo at the meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

ics and election guide designed by Myanmar Press Council.

Voter registration will be carried out in 2019, and related departments are working it together. Media groups are urged to help in raising aware-

ness for the public participation in voter registration for timely correction for the lists.

Then, Chairman of Myanmar Press Council U Ohn Kyaing (Hanthawady U Ohn Kyaing) and UNESCO Rep-

resentative to Myanmar Ms. Jeong Kim delivered keynote speeches.

The meeting came to an end after a general round of discussion. — MNA ■

(Translated by Alphonsus)

MWA's Vice Chairman attends literature forum in China

VICE Chairman U Chit Naing and Finance Officer U Myint Soe of Myanmar Writers Association left for the People's Republic of China on Monday afternoon to attend China-ASEAN Countries Literature Forum.

Organized by the association of Chinese writers, the event will be held in Kunming city of southern Yunnan province from 23 to 27 July. — MNA ■

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Vice Chairman U Chit Naing and Finance Officer U Myint Soe of Myanmar Writers Association seen at the Yangon International Airport before departure to Kunming. **PHOTO: MNA**

Workshop on introducing ASEAN Safe School Initiative held

A workshop on introducing ASEAN Safe School Initiative was held at Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw at 9 am yesterday.

Present at the event were Union Minister of Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi, director-general of Ministry of Education, officials of Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, officials of Regional ASEAN Safe School Initiative, officials of Plan International Myanmar, representatives of Disaster Preparedness and Response in Education and Disaster Risk Reduction Working Group and invited guest.

Union Minister spoke of misfortunes cause to schools in ASEAN by disasters.

He said 2400 schools were closed due to 2008 Cyclone Nargis. The 2015 flood affected 4000 schools and destroyed 600 of them. Since the middle of 2008 reducing disaster risk was included in education and the government initiated Myanmar Disaster Reduction project (2017) in accordance with Sendai Framework for Action and ASEAN Agreement on Disaster Management and Emergency Response (AAD-



Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi poses for the photo with attendees at the workshop in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

MER). Safe school are the priorities of ASEAN Education Work Plan and of Myanmar Disaster Reduction project (2017). School security has been carried out in Myanmar with funds and technical help from ASEAN and international organizations.

He expressed his desire for practical discussion future plans.

He went on to say that yearly disaster can delays development of country's education and that

all out effort is necessary to draw up school related policies, grand strategies and plans to build an education system that can withstand natural catastrophes.

Then, Director-General U Ko Lay Win and an official of Plan International Myanmar explained the purpose of the workshop.

The two-day workshop ended yesterday. — MNA ■

(Translated by Alphonsus)



Former Chinese Premier Li Peng attends the celebration of the Communist Party's 90th anniversary at the Great Hall of the People on 1 July, 2011 in Beijing, China. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

Ex-Chinese Premier Li Peng dies aged 90: Xinhua

BEIJING — Former Chinese Premier Li Peng, who led a military crackdown on the pro-democracy movement at Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1989, died Monday of illness in the capital, the official Xinhua News Agency reported Tuesday. He was 90.

Li served as premier, from 1988 to 1998, and chairman of the Standing Committee of the

National People's Congress, China's top legislative body, between 1998 and 2003.

A native of Shanghai, he was ranked second in the Communist Party of China behind then General Secretary Jiang Zemin for much of the 1990s.

As premier, Li was believed to have taken a hard-line stance on the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy pro-

tests in 1989, including declaring martial law and ordering a military crackdown against student demonstrators in June that year.

China has never released an official death toll from the crackdown on protesters in Tiananmen Square and elsewhere around the country, but estimates from human rights groups and witnesses range

from several hundred to several thousand.

Li traveled to Japan in 1989 and 1997 while he was premier.

He also visited the country in 2002, which marked the 30th anniversary of normalized relations between Beijing and Tokyo, and held talks with then Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi. —Kyodo News ■

WTO's top body to discuss Japan's export curbs on S Korea

GENEVA — The World Trade Organization's highest decision-making body began a two-day meeting Tuesday where members will discuss Japan's imposition of restrictions on some key exports for South Korea's high-tech industry.

South Korea views the restrictions as retaliation in an ongoing dispute over wartime labor, saying they violate WTO rules and calling for their immediate removal. Japan defends the measures as necessary to address national security concerns.

Both countries have said they will send senior officials to make their case, with Japan represented by Shingo Yamagami, head of the Foreign Ministry's Economic Affairs Bureau, and South Korea by Kim Seung Ho, a deputy minister at the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Energy.

Japan on 4 July placed new restrictions on exports



A man protests against Japan's decision to restrict exports outside the Japanese embassy in Seoul. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

of three materials — fluorinated polyimide, hydrogen fluoride and photoresist — used to make semiconductors and display panels for smartphones and TVs.

Companies must now obtain individual licenses for such exports. The process, which can take around 90 days, had previously been waived for South Korea, a status it shared with the United States and many European countries. Japan also plans to remove

South Korea in August from a "white list" of countries that can buy products such as electronic devices that can be diverted for military use.

The issue was added to the WTO General Council meeting's agenda at the request of South Korea, which is concerned that the export restrictions could hurt manufacturers such as Samsung Electronics Co. and SK Hynix Inc.

The meeting will be at-

tended by the WTO's 164 member countries and region. At a WTO meeting on goods trade on 9 July, South Korean Ambassador to Geneva Paik Ji Ah called for the withdrawal of the trade restrictions, while Junichi Ihara, Japan's representative in Geneva, said they comply with WTO rules and do not pose trade problems.

The restrictions were announced amid a standoff in a dispute over South Korean court decisions ordering Japanese companies to compensate victims of forced labor during Japan's 1910 to 1945 colonial rule of the Korean Peninsula.

The companies, including Nippon Steel Corp. and Mitsubishi Heavy Industries Ltd., have refused to comply in line with Japan's stance that the issue of compensation was resolved under a 1965 treaty that established diplomatic ties between the countries.—Kyodo News ■

S Korea fires warning shots at Russian plane over disputed islets

SEOUL — A South Korean fighter jet fired hundreds of warning shots at a Russian military aircraft on Tuesday morning after it violated South Korea's airspace over a cluster of islets also claimed by Japan, according to the South Korean military.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff said about 80 shots were fired in the first round and about 280 shots in the

second round, as the Russian A-50 early warning and control aircraft trespassed twice. It said this is the first time for Russian military aircraft to violate South Korea's territorial airspace. The disputed islets, called Takeshima in Japan and Dokdo in South Korea, are located in the Sea of Japan, roughly 200 kilometers from either country's mainland. South Korea has

stationed security personnel there since 1954 and taken effective control of them. According to the JSC, two Tu-95 Russian bombers and two Chinese H-6 aircraft reportedly also entered South Korea's air defense identification zone, or KADIZ, without prior notice. The Foreign Ministry said the Russia's acting ambassador in Seoul was summoned

to the ministry to receive a diplomatic protest for over the matter, as was China's ambassador. The Russian Defence Ministry said later Tuesday that two Russian Tupolev Tu-95MS strategic bombers made a scheduled flight above the neutral waters and did not violate another country's airspace, according to Russia's Tass news agency.—Kyodo News ■

TRADEMARK and LOGO Announcement
As per the instruction of I&H Engineering Co., Ltd which located at Plot (3), Kalakone Village, Myaung Dagar Steel Industrial Zone, HmawBi Township, Yangon, the following is announced. I&H Engineering Co., Ltd already made the official registration of Company Trademark and Logo at 24th Jun 2019 at Registration of Deed Office Yangon.



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Myanma Port Authority
“Notice of High Tide”

Exceptionally high spring from 20.11 feet to 21.40 feet high above the chart datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period of July 31st to August 6th, 2019. Please be noted that it is not serious level of tide because the highest tide level have reached up to 22 feet above the chart datum in year 2014 and 2015, and this notice is normally issued whenever high tide of Yangon River is expected to reach over 20 feet high above the chart datum in order to take precautionary measures to the public living near river foreshore area of Yangon City.

CLAIM'S DAY NOTICE
M.V ITHACA VISBY

Consignees of cargo carried on M.V ITHACA VISBY VOY. NO. (CH-1642) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24-07-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T-5 where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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Boris Johnson wins race to become Britain's next PM

LONDON — Boris Johnson won the race to become Britain's next prime minister on Tuesday, but will face a confrontation over Brexit with Brussels and members of his own party as well as a tense diplomatic standoff with Iran.

The former London mayor easily beat his rival, Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt, in a poll conducted among members of the governing Conservative Party.

He is expected to be confirmed as prime minister on Wednesday, when his predecessor Theresa May formally tenders her resignation to Queen Elizabeth II.

It is a triumph for a man who has always wanted the top job, but Johnson, known for his jokes and bluster, is taking over at a time of immense political upheaval.

Three years after the referendum vote to leave the European Union, Britain remains a member, after twice delaying its exit amid continued wrangling in



Besides his domestic battles, Johnson will have to try to secure a resolution to the stand-off with Iran. **PHOTO: AFP PHOTO**

a divided parliament — and the country — on how to proceed.

Johnson led the 2016 Brexit campaign and has said the latest deadline of 31 October must be kept, with or without a divorce agreement with the EU.

But Brussels says it will not renegotiate the deal it struck with May, which was designed to ease the end of a 46-year partnership but which MPs have rejected.

A majority of lawmakers are

against a “no deal” Brexit, including many of Johnson's colleagues.

Three cabinet ministers have already said they will not serve under Johnson, saying that severing ties with Britain's closest trading partner with no new arrangements is deeply irresponsible. The government's official forecaster said last week that Britain will slide into a year-long recession should it leave the EU without a deal.—AFP ■

South African teens fight gun crime with radio broadcast

JOHANNESBURG — Every week a group of bubbly South African teens crowd into a studio to play hip-hop music and trade views on the scourge of neighbourhood gun crime for their community radio show.

For them, these are not remote topics. The stories they discuss are devastatingly close to home for the young broadcasters — one reporter's father was shot dead on her birthday, while another is the daughter of a reformed gun-wielding criminal.

The 20-odd teenagers who host Alex FM's weekly “Bigger Than Life” radio show are determined to help stem the violence that touches so many lives in their densely populated and crime-ridden Johannesburg township of Alexandra.

“I can assure you that every single child of Alexandra can be a living testament... every night, from Friday to Sunday, or even sometimes on weekdays, we always hear gunshots — it

is like an always thing,” 16-year-old radio host Jennifer Ngobeni told AFP.

Nicknamed “Gomorraah” after the sinful biblical city, Alexandra was home to Nelson Mandela in the early 1940s as he started off on his anti-apartheid campaign.

Today, it is a poverty-stricken area of about 300,000 people beset by gang violence, joblessness and a lack of basic health and education services, with open sewers and waste dumps defiling its streets.

Every Saturday morning, the Bigger than Life crew discuss gun laws, flesh out their personal views and play interviews and music before opening the phone lines for callers from among the station's 150,000 listeners.

One co-host, 11th-grader Michelle Selemela, says her father, who has turned away from crime and violence since getting out of jail, encouraged her to get involved in radio.—AFP ■

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By Aung Naing Oo

Start-ups ought to be supported

Importance of start-ups

In developing their economies some big industrialized countries do it through Multi National Companies (MNCs) while some do it through Multi-national State Owned Enterprises. But the majority of the countries do this through promoting small and medium enterprises (SMEs). Nowadays, in addition to this method, Start-ups were also being recognized as a practical alternative.

The reasons why many countries were placing emphasis on Start-ups were:

1. Start-ups are centres of innovation
2. Start-ups create more job opportunities
3. Start-ups directly benefit the area where they start up
4. In some countries Start-ups reduce gaps and differences between big cities and small towns
5. Innovation of Start-ups

creates new technologies

6. Start-ups increases the GDP of a country

The most obvious outcome of Start-ups was in creating new jobs. Some says Start-ups in the world create more jobs than big companies. Artificial Intelligence (AI), robotic technology and internet technologies came into existence due to innovations of Start-ups in the age of digital economy. Many Start-ups in India were now the primary outsourcing source for MNCs.

Beginning from a few years ago, some of the ASEAN countries were found to be striving toward creating a good ecosystem for Start-ups. Creating a good ecosystem for Start-ups was considered as a first step toward developing good economic prospects for the country. There's a firm view that creating a workable situation for Start-ups, having a well-trained and qualified labour force and pro-



Directorate of Industrial Supervision and Inspection (DISI) of Ministry of Industry supports the Startup entrepreneurs and the MSME to get advice from the local experts. **PHOTO: DISI**



A woman painting decorative designs at the workshop of Shwesar Umbrella Business for the famous colourful handmade parasols in Pathein, Ayeyawady Region. Pathein parasols, Myanmar traditional umbrellas, have been exported to Asian countries and European countries. **PHOTO: MYANMAR SME DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

viding attractions to entrepreneurs enable Start-ups to gain momentum, create jobs and support the economic development of a country.

Ecosystem for Start-ups

Multi-angle approaches and arrangements were required for development of Start-ups. In addition to creating capital or financial resources, providing training and creating market for Start-ups, removal of red-tapes and relaxation of regulations and procedures are required. Establishing Start-ups Friendly Policy, changing and relaxing regula-

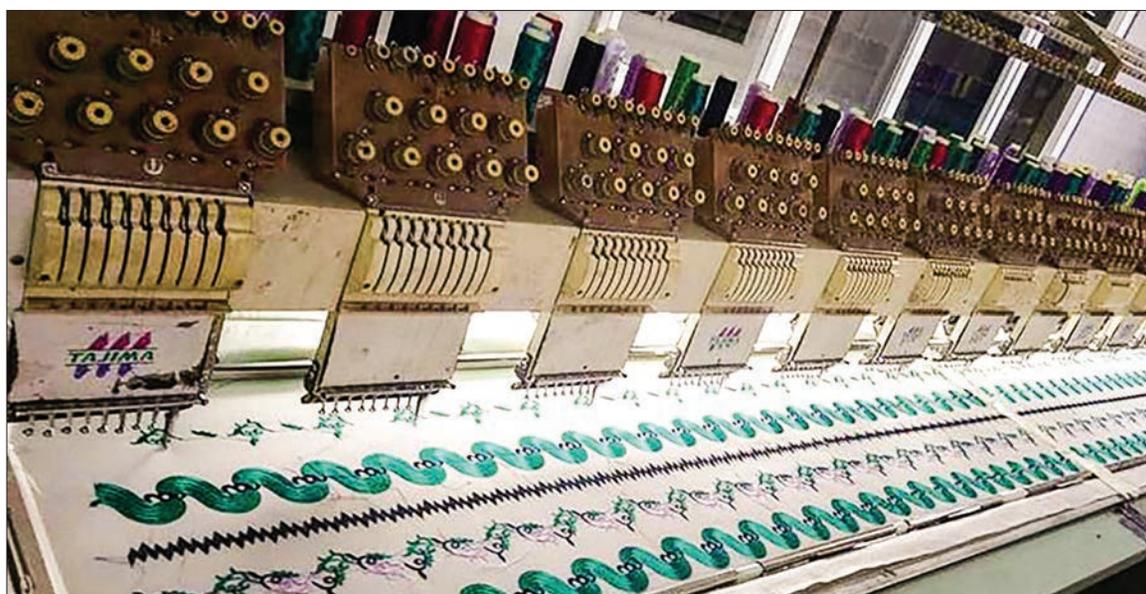
tions and procedures practiced by government departments are more effective than providing a huge amount of capital or incentives. For Start-ups to gain momentum obstacles for exporting their products must be removed or relaxed. In some countries, through cooperation and working together with universities, talented persons were identified and nurtured for Start-ups. Investment opportunities for big companies to invest in the Start-ups were created. Support and assistance were provided to re-

search and development works of Start-ups.

Start-ups in Singapore

Singapore government was seen as cooperating enthusiastically together with various partners with an aim to make Singapore a capital of Start-ups. Preliminary plans were drawn up by Singapore's Startup SG and Enterprise Singapore to provide financial and other supports to Start-ups. Following are the all round arrangements made by Singapore government for the Start-ups.

1. Startup SG Founder provides necessary guidance and financial support to Start-ups with innovative and new business ideas. For every dollar put up by a Start-up, Startup SG Founder provides three dollars



Textile mill in Pathein, Ayeyawady Region. **PHOTO: DISI**

up to 30,000 dollars.

2. Startup SG Tech was found to provide project support fund to Start-ups with new technologies that could change the present market as well as create new market.

3. Startup SG Equity provide investment from Singapore government to Start-ups in deep or high-tech sectors that are usually heavy in research & development making longer-to-reach-market services and products. Singapore government will provide 70 percent of initial investment up to S\$ 250,000. Any additional investment by the Start-up will be matched dollar to dollar up to S\$2 million.

4. Startup SG Talent programme is a work process established for promising global talent to set up innovative businesses in Singapore and for Start-ups to attract talent to be part of their team.

5. Startup SG Loan in co-operation with financial institutions in Singapore provide loan, capital and financial support to Start-ups to purchase machineries and conduct trade

Creating incubators

In developed and some developing countries Incubators were found to be established for Start-ups to conduct their works effectively with least cost. Start-ups were formed in Incubators where information and technologies were shared with other Start-ups as well as co-operating with those Start-ups. Gradually these Incubators became centres of innovation. Governments were also seen to provide required support toward the establishment of Incubators.

Start-ups and Myanmar

According to Myanmar Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprise Survey of private manufacturing enterprises conducted by

Ministry of Planning and Finance and UNU-WIDER (United Nations University World Institute for Development Economics Research) in May 2018, majority of businesses in Myanmar were concentrated in central and southern Myanmar and the majority were food manufacturing works. Clothing works were in central Myanmar, wood based works were in northern Myanmar and non-metal mineral works were in southern Myanmar. Innovation is quite rare and most of these works are low technology. Furthermore, machineries used are either locally fabricated or very old second-hand one. Only 20 percent of the works used imported machineries that are reasonably modern technically. Due to technical restraints and limitations manufacturers or producers were weak in technology transfer. As they depend solely on producing one type of product, there rarely is any innovation. Hardly any works had standards, norms and certificates to reach international market said the report.

According to the Myanmar Business Environment Index 2019 survey conducted and published by DaNa Facility, UK Aid and the Asia Foundation 65 percent of businesses in Myanmar were conducted with township level licenses. Only about 17 percent were registered in Yangon and Mandalay City Development Committees. A mere 6 percent were registered in Directorate of Investment and Company Administration. 15 percent were not registered anywhere and were somewhat existing or working informally or illegally.

As per the above mentioned situation, for Myanmar businesses to be innovative and produce products up to standards and norms, Start-ups need to be supported as in other countries. Arrangements must be made for proper registration of Start-ups too.

The government had amended the Company Law for all businesses including small businesses to be registered and established as companies. Company registration as well as any company related works could be conducted through MyCO electronic registration system that was established. Following table show the development in establishment of new companies.

Month	2017-2018	2018-2019
August	476	1,810
September	454	2,217
October	341	1,667
November	368	1,437
December	399	1,364
January	466	1,733
February	437	1,419
March	271	1,108
April	542	1,045
May	593	1,411
Total	4,347	15,211

Easing the company registration process was fulfilling the basic requirement for Start-ups. Other matters that support Start-ups also need to be established too. In most of the countries today increase in Start-ups results in strengthening of innovation and creativity. Entrepreneurship supports a country's strength and development. Entrepreneurship is also closely related to establishment and development of Start-ups. The innovation and creativities of Start-ups are vital for a country's future economy and all are urged to support establishment and development of Start-ups so that Start-ups become a vital pillar in the development of Myanmar. (Translated by Handytips)

Useful Information

JAPANESE CUISINE

AJISHIN

No.192, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Myanmar Plaza, 4th Floor, Yankin Township, Yangon, Myanmar. Ph: 09-970890390, Time- 10:00 to 23:00 (Open Daily)

ANAIMO

No. 300, Mahabandula Park Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-378022. Time- 11:30-14:00/ 17:30-22:00 (Saturday only evening and Sunday off)

BIKKURA SUSHI & SASHIMI JAPANESE RESTAURANT

No. 16, Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-799566917, 09-36714873. 10:30-22:30 (Open Daily)

BUSHIDO

No. 75/ AB Boyar Nyunt Street, Dagon Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-260031197/ 09-420231330. 10:00-22:00 (Sunday Off)

CHO JAPANESE DINNING & BAR

Level (1), Garden Wing, Beside Lobby Lounge. (Inside Sedona Hotel), Yangon Ph: 09-258322223/ 09-261322223. Lunch 11:30-14:30/ Tea Time 14:30-18:00/ Dinner 18:00-23:00 (Open Daily)

DINNING FUKUROU

No. 37, Kabar Pagoda Road, Inside of Inya Lake Hotel, Yangon. Ph: 09-260031197 09-420231330. 11:00-22:00 (Open Daily)

EDOZUSHI

A-1, Star City, Kyaik Khauk Pagoda Road, Thanlyin Township, Yangon. Ph: 056-23150-53/ 056-23313-318 (Ext-1183)/ 09-2560-75020. 11:00-21:00 (Open Daily)

(3) YAKINIKU FUKAGAWA

A-1, Star City, Kyaik Khauk Pagoda Road, Thanlyin Township, Yangon. Ph: 056-23150-53/ 056-23313-318 (Ext-1183)/ 09-2560-75020. 11:00-21:00 (Open Daily)

FUJINOBO

(Cherry Hill Hotel) No. 520/4 A, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Shwe Gone Daing, Bahan Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-450067052, 06:00-09:30/ 11:30-14:00/ 17:00-22:30 (Open Daily)

FURUSATO

No. 137, West Shwe Gone Daing, Bahan Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-556265/ 09-73081914. 11:00-14:00/ 17:00-22:00 (Open Daily)

GEKKO

535, Merchant Street, Kyauktada Township, 4th Quarter, Yangon. Ph: 01-386986, 09:00-23:00 (Open Daily)

HIMARI MYANMAR

Pearl Condo, Block D, Ground Floor, Units-G-10, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-775330494. 11:30-14:00/ 14:00-22:00 (Open Daily)

HOKKAIDO JAPANESE RESTAURANT

No. 24/ 26, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Golden Hill Tower(A), Bahan Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-250537315. 11:00-14:00/ 17:00-21:30 (Open Daily)

HOT POT KING and Hot pot and BBQ Buffet Restaurant

No-26/27, Thitsar Road and Corner of Wai Za Yan Dar Road, South Okkalapa, Yangon. Tel- 09 777777 008, 09 09 777777 009, 09 777777 883.

Hot Pot City 8 Miles

No(33), Kyaik Wine Pagoda Road (7.34 km) 095 Yangon, Ph: 09 797 799111, 11:00-22:00 (Open Daily)

101 Hot Pot & Sushi

No.141, West Shwegondaing Road, Bahan T/s. near Yuzana Hotel. (1.78 km), 11201 Yangon,

Ph: 09 777 799101. 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Little Sheep Hot Pot Myanmar

14/14B Kanbawza Street Golden Valley (1) Bahan Township (1.71 km), Yangon. Ph: 09443399701, 09443399702, 11:00-23:00

HOTEL

BELMOND GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE
No. 35, Taw Win Road, Dagon Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-229860 01-229861.

CHATRIUM

No. 40, Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-544500/ 01-544244.

CHERRY HILLS HOTEL

No. 520/4 A, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Shwegon Daing, Bahan Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-559722.

HOTLE 51

No. 154/ 156, 51st. Upper Pazundaung Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-200823/ 09-429918554.

HOTEL KAN KAW

No.93(A), Hnin Si Gone Road, Ahlone Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-228566/ 01-2301700/ 01-1221731.

HOTLE SIDNEY

No. 8L/ Mindhama Road, Between Kyaik Wine Pagoda Road and Parami Road, Mayangone Township. Ph: 01-655770/ 01-9669600-02.

INYA LAKE HOTEL

No.37, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Yangon. Ph: 01-9662866/ 01-9662857-9.

LOTTEE HOTLES AND SERVICED APARTMENTS YANGON

No.82, Sin Phyu Shin Avenue, Pyay Road, 6 mile, Hlaing Township. Ph: 01-9351000.

MERCURE HOTEL

No.17, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Yankin Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-650933.

NOVOTEL YANGON MAX

No.459, Pyay Road, Kamayut Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-2305858.

PAN PACIFIC YANGON

No. Corner of Bogyoke Aung San Road and Shwedagon Pagoda Road, Yangon, Ph: 01-9253810.

PARK ROYAL

No.33, Alan Pya Phaya Road, Dagon Township, Yangon, Ph: 01-250388.

PULLMAN YANGON CENTREPOINT

No.65, Corner of Sule Pagoda Road and Merchant Street. Ph: 01-382687.

ROSE GARDEN HOTEL

No.171, Upper Pasodan Road, Yangon. Ph: 01-371992/09263440500.

SAVOY HOTEL

No.129, Corner of Dhammzedi Road and Inya Road, Yangon. Ph: 01-526289/ 01-526298/ 01-526305.

SEDONA HOTEL

No. 1, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Yankin Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-8605377.

SULE SHANGRI-LA

No. 223, Sule Pagoda Road, Kyauktada Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-242828.

SUMMIT PARTVIEW HOTEL

No. 350, Ahlone Road, Dagon Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-211888/ 01-211966.

SUPER HOTEL

No. 51/ D, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, 10th Quarter, Mayangone Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-797109000/ 01-658210/ 01-658220.



Myanmar Noni. PHOTO: DISI

Myanmar U-18 team to play friendly match with Hannan University Team today in Osaka

IN preparation for the ASEAN U-18 tournament and the AFF U-19 Championship, the visiting Myanmar team performed the 8th-day exercise program at the J-Green Sakai Training Grounds on 23 July in Osaka City, Japan.

Myanmar squad will play against the Hannan University Team at the J-Green Sakai Training Grounds on July 24

at 4:30 local time as the final friendly match.

U Soe Myat Min is the head coach of the Myanmar U 18 team to compete in Vietnam's AFF U19 Championship from August 4 to 19. Myanmar is in Group A with Indonesia, Laos, Timor-Leste, Philippines, Brunei Darussalam in the 2019 Championship.— MFF ■
(Translated by AH)



Myanmar team performs the 8th-day exercise program at the J-Green Sakai Training Grounds on 23 July in Osaka City, Japan. PHOTO: MFF

Fekir leaves Lyon in surprise move to Real Betis

MADRID — French World Cup winning midfielder Nabil Fekir has completed a surprising move from Lyon to Real Betis, the La Liga club announced on Tuesday.

“Real Betis and Olympique Lyonnais have reached an agreement for the transfer of midfielder Nabil Fekir,” the club stated on its website.

“The French international has signed a contract until 2023 with the Green and White club. Fekir becomes the fourth team signing for the season 2019/2020.

“With the arrival of Fekir, Real Betis acquire creativity, great technique, shooting ability and attacking edge.”

No transfer fee has been made public although reports in France and Spain put the fee at just over 20 million euros which could rise by another 10 million through bonuses.

Fekir, who has signed a five-year deal, and Betis both have a



Lyon midfielder Nabil Fekir. PHOTO: AFP

20 per cent sell-on clause included in the deal. In spite of a likely pay rise from his Lyon salary, estimated by L'Equipe at 350,000 euros a month, it appears a surprising move for the 26-year-old on a football front. Unlike Lyon, who qualified for this season's Champions League, Seville club Betis have no European competition after finishing 10th in La Liga last season.

A year ago, Fekir came close

to signing for Liverpool for 70 million euros, negotiations only breaking down when he went to Anfield for the medical.

With just a year left on his contract at Lyon, and after a season in which he scored just nine goals, he had also been linked with Sevilla, Valencia and Napoli. Fekir has won 21 caps for France and came on as a late substitute in last year's World Cup final win against Croatia in Moscow.—AFP

Guardiola blasts ‘false’ report of Man City ‘disrespect’ in China

LONDON — Manchester City boss Pep Guardiola blasted a report in Chinese state media as “false” on Tuesday after the Premier League champions were accused of showing “utter disrespect” during their tour of China.

Guardiola hit out at the lengthy commentary posted on the English-language website of Xinhua, the state news agency, which said Manchester City

snubbed fans and only visited China for commercial reasons.

“I don't agree but I should say too that it's false. To make a statement like this they have to know exactly what's happening in our club,” Guardiola told media in Hong Kong.

“I don't understand how people can say that. Maybe one journalist is a little bit upset, I don't know why. But it's far away from what is reality,” he added.

The opinion piece, which accused City of an “attitude of arrogance” and lashed out at arrangements for Chinese media, brought a sour end to a difficult tour of mainland China.

A frazzled City — minority-owned by a Chinese state investment company — arrived two days late and played two games in four days, before heading off for further friendlies in Hong Kong and Japan.—AFP ■

Tokyo 2020 comes too early for karate kid's Olympic dream

NAGAOKA (Japan) — Sweat pours off Mahiro Takano as the 13-year-old karate black belt trades blows with a grown man almost twice her size, finishing with a blood-curdling roar, then a dainty bow.

The petite schoolgirl is used to punching above her weight — since taking up karate in kindergarten she has done much to boost the profile of the Japanese martial art, set to make its Olympic debut next year.

But when Tokyo 2020 kicks off a year from now, little Mahiro will be too young to compete.

“It has been my dream to win an Olympic gold medal since I was small,” Mahiro told AFP after training in her hometown of Nagaoka, a two-hour bullet train ride north of Tokyo.

“It's sad that the Olympics

are coming to Tokyo and I can't take part because of my age.”

Mahiro is the fresh face of a form of warrior combat dating back centuries to what is now Okinawa, in subtropical southern Japan.

She has helped put karate on the map in Japan — where it has traditionally been overshadowed by judo and kendo — by appearing in commercials since she was a toddler and acting as an ambassador for the sport.

But Mahiro insists her Tokyo Olympic heartbreak will make her stronger.

“It gives me incentive to compete at future Olympics when I'm bigger,” said the karate pin-up.

“I'll watch the Tokyo Olympics and learn from the world's best to be ready when my time comes.”—AFP ■



“I picture an imaginary opponent in front of me — like my brother,” whispers Mahiro Takano. “Because he's a real pain.”. PHOTO: AFP