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President U Win Myint receives outgoing Canadian ambassador



President U Win Myint meets outgoing Canadian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Karen MacAthur at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

PRESIDENT U Win Myint received outgoing Canadian Ambassador to Myanmar Ms Karen MacAthur who has completed her tour of duty at the Presidential Palace in Nay

Pyi Taw at 10:00 am yesterday. During the call the discussions focused on promotion of bilateral relations between the two countries, democratic transition in Myanmar, economic

development, disaster rehabilitation, healthcare services and improvement in the role of women. They also discussed fostering cooperation in peace, stability and humanitarian issues.

The meeting was also attended by Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye and officials. —MNA ■
(Translated by Aung Khin)

Government, NCA-S EAO Group hold meeting

Plan to hold 21st Century Union Peace Conference in early 2020

GOVERNMENT delegation and NCA-S EAO (ten Ethnic Armed Organizations signatories of the Nationwide Ceasefire Agreement) coordination group held a coordination meeting on peace process at the National Reconciliation and Peace Center (NRPC) in Yangon yesterday morning.

In addressing the meeting NRPC Vice Chairman Union Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo said the day's meeting was an important meeting for the peace process. In the day's meeting the ten EAOs were to discuss and propose in a positive manner the government's proposal on progress of the peace process. Some un-implemented portions in NCA Section 3 and 4 to strengthen the ceasefire were to be reviewed and government proposed conducting discussions toward implementing it. Agreement was to be achieved between the leaders of the two sides on the process to be set for pre-2020 and post-2020 periods, how to implement in stages and achieving basic federal principles in Union Peace Conference. Government had also proposed setting up and implementing projects that would enable people in ethnic regions to enjoy the peace dividend.

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Over 8,000 litres of hydrochloric acid seized in Tachilek

POLICE on Monday seized 8,280 litres of hydrochloric acid as part of a search-and-seizure operation at the Myanmar-Thai friendship bridge in Tachilek. The trade of hydrochloric acid

is restricted in Myanmar. When a combined team comprising local police and members of the anti-drug squad stopped a tricycle vehicle en-route from Mae Sai to Tachilek

on the bridge, they found 65 containers with capacity of 20-litres each of hydrochloric acid on the vehicle. The police detained Aik San, who was driving the ve-

hicle. About 30 minutes later, the police found another vehicle carrying 50 containers with capacity of 20-litres each of hydrochloric acid.

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Pyithu Hluttaw debates on signing Int'l Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

PYITHU Hluttaw debated on signing International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) at the 18th-day meeting of the Second Pyithu Hluttaw's 13th regular session held at Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

Question and answer session

In the question and answer session that the day's Hluttaw program starts off Dr U San Shwe Win of Yekyi constituency first asked if there was a plan to establish a rehabilitation hospital for persons with disabilities in upper Myanmar to effectively implement enactments in the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Law 2015 and Rule 2017. Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe said a hospital in Mandalay Region Madaya Township will be renamed and organized as a rehabilitation hospital for persons with disabilities where medical as well as surgical treatments can be conducted for persons with disabilities. The matter will be submitted to the Union Government so that the hospital can be renamed and organized as a rehabilitation hospital for persons with disabilities said the



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat. PHOTO: MNA

Union Minister.

Later, questions raised by Dr Daw Khin Sithu of Loikaw constituency on plan to expand methadone clinics beyond the present 55 clinics and U Saw Victor Clyde of Thandaunggyi constituency on plan to construct a sports ground in Thandaunggyi Town were also answered by Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe.

Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Nyi Tun responded to a question raised by U Aung Kyaw Kyaw Oo of Hline constituency on arrangements made to distribute adequate supply of water to the increasing urban population in Yangon. U Nyi Tun explained that Yangon City De-

velopment Committee (YCDC) had drawn up a Master Plan with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and development projects were drawn up to year 2040. Water distribution development project stage 1 Lagunpyin River water distribution project and Yangon City water distribution development project stage 2 Kokkowa River water distribution project were being implemented while Kokkowa River water distribution project stage 1, 2, 3, 4; Pan Hlaing River water distribution project and Toe River water distribution project were drawn up.

According to the Master Plan, Yangon's population was estimated to increase up to 10

million by 2040 and the plan drawn up will provide water to 80 per cent of this population, explained U Nyi Tun.

Questions raised by U Maung Maung Oo of Insein constituency on plan to increase YCDC personnel and machineries in fiscal year 2019-2020 and Dr U Saw Naing of South Okkalapa constituency on including a futsal play ground in the three playgrounds planned for in South Okkalapa Township were also answered by Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Nyi Tun.

Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Tin Tun on the other hand responded to a question raised by U Myint Tun of Taze constituency on the delay in implementing construction works planned for Taze Township in Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Bill amending Myanmar Medical Council Law

Following the question and answer session Health and Sports Development Committee secretary Dr Than Win submitted a bill amending Myanmar Medical Council Law to the Hluttaw and bill committee member Dr Wai Phyo Aung read and explained a report on the bill.

Next, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to table amendment motions to register their names.

Hluttaw debates signing ICCPR

Finally a motion urging the country to become signatory of International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR) tabled by Daw Thandar of Einme constituency was debated by Daw Mi Kun Chan of Paung constituency, U Myo Zaw Oo of Lewe constituency, Tatmadaw representative Lt-Col Zaw Tun Oo, Dr Daw Shwe Pon of Bago constituency, U Zaw Thein of Wakema constituency, U Maung Myint of Mingin constituency, Tatmadaw representative Col Myo Htat Win, U Lone Jone San Mai of Sumprabum constituency, Daw Ni Ni May Myint of Taungup constituency, U Myint Lwin of Twantay constituency, U Thaug Aye of Pyawbwe constituency, Tatmadaw representative Lt-Col Aung Zin Min, U Lwin Ko Latt of Thanlyin constituency and Tatmadaw representative Lt-Col Kyaw Moe Aung.

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Second Amyotha Hluttaw's 13th regular session holds 18th-day meeting

THE 18th-day meeting of Second Amyotha Hluttaw's 13th-regular session was held at the Amyotha Hluttaw meeting hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning where questions raised by ten Hluttaw representatives were answered by Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw and Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo. The Hluttaw also discussed National Records and Archives Bill and Amyotha Hluttaw Public Complaints Committee report 1/2019 was read.

Q&A Session

In the question and answer session, questions raised by U Kyaw Thaug of Sagaing Region constituency 1 on a plan made for pensioners of various departments to enjoy social security health care services; U Kyaw Ni Naing of Shan State constituency 11 on a plan to upgrade



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than. PHOTO: MNA

Yan Lone Kyain border gate and Chinshwehaw border gates to lift entries and exits numbers in Shan State Kokang Self-Administered Zone; U Pu Gun Kam Lian of Chin State constituency 5 on a plan to review a statement in 2014 Census showing 53 ethnic groups residing in Chin State and U Soe Thein of Kayah State constituency 9 on the government's plan to reduce youth going abroad for employment and instead to create job opportunities locally were answered by Union Minister for

Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe.

In the same way, questions raised by Daw Htu May of Rakhine State constituency 11 on a plan to open district wise state agricultural institutes in Rakhine State with government fund or with low interest foreign loans; U Khin Myo Win of the Taninthayi Region constituency 12 on a plan to protect and conserve fish resources of Myanmar water by setting fishing permit time limit on fishing vessels and not

extending the permit upon expiry of the time limit; U Hla Myint (a) U Hla Myint Than of Mon State constituency 11 on a farm land matter in Bago Region Bago District Waw Township and U Pe Tin of Mon State constituency 6 on effectively preventing illegal fishing works being conducted all over the country were answered by Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw.

Questions raised by U Myo Win of Mon State constituency 8 on a plan to open a permanent sub-department to renew driving license in Mon State Ye Township and Dr Kyaw Ngwe of Magway constituency 10 on a plan to arrange a ferry service across Chindwin River with a landing craft between Yesagyo Township and villages in Myaung Township were answered by Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo.

Hluttaw discuss National Records and Archives Bill

Following the question and

answer session Daw Ei Ei Pyone of Ayeyawady Region constituency 8, Dr Pyae Phyo of Ayeyawady Region constituency 7, U Kyaw Thaug of Sagaing Region constituency 1 and U Soe Thein (a) U Maung Soe of Taninthayi Region constituency 10 discussed the National Records and Archives Bill.

Amyotha Hluttaw Public Complaints Committee report 1/2019

Next, Amyotha Hluttaw Public Complaints Committee Chairman U Hla Myint (a) U Hla Myint Than read and submitted Amyotha Hluttaw Public Complaints Committee report 1/2019 to the Hluttaw.

Afterwards, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than announced for Hluttaw representatives who want to discuss the report to register their names.

19th-day meeting of Second Amyotha Hluttaw's 13th regular session will be held on 11 September. — Aung Ye Thwin, Lu Maw
(Translated by Zaw Min)

Government, NCA-S EAO Group hold meeting

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To conduct the proposed work processes simultaneously the main point was to restart official meetings and discussions that had been suspended for quite some time.

The peace process was implemented based on NCA. It was jointly owned by both the government and EAOs. A solution was to be found jointly together by both sides to resolve any difficulties and obstacles that were encountered. Everyone's aim was to establish a union based on democracy and federal system in accordance to the outcome results of political discussions. There will be weaknesses and requirements as the two sides discuss and coordinate. We will have to amend and reform where necessary in actual practice toward improving and achieving our work process.

Because we had different political aims, we had a long running armed conflict. We now have the goal of a federal democratic union. We needed to discuss on work processes, strategies and tactics toward achieving the goal via the NCA path. We would have to openly discuss both reforms and technical requirements to improve the NCA machinery. At the same time all are urged to discuss and establish work processes aimed for the fourth session of the 21st Century Union Peace Conference.

In the forthcoming 21st Century Panglong Conference it was important for all to approve political agreements on establishing a democratic federal union, agreements on ceasefire, basic principal agreements on democracy and federal and post-2020 period work processes, said the Union Attorney General.

In August, representative group of the Peace Commission met with representatives of NCA-S EAOs in Chiang Mai, Thailand to explain 4 peace pro-

cess works proposed by the government. Today's meeting was to discuss government's peace processes, 4 peace process work proposed to be implemented and NCA-S EAOs' NCA implementation framework agreement proposed were to be discussed.

Next NCA-S EAO coordination group head U Sai Ngin said we aim to discuss 4 peace process works proposed by the government and NCA implementation framework agreement proposed by NCA-S EAOs.

On one side all-inclusiveness in peace process need to be discussed. Important terms and outcomes of the meeting must be acceptable and fair to all. All are responsible toward achieving this end. Discussion must be for the benefit of the people and the joint owners of NCA rather than for the benefit of one group. We are colleagues going on a same journey on the same boat. Solution to difficulties must be found together in order to overcome difficulties and problems.

NCA was signed taking full responsibility and enactments in the NCA were to be followed without fail. We, the NCA-S EAOs pledge to work and implement together toward achieving the NCA, said U Sai Ngin.

The coordination meeting was attended by NRPC Vice Chairman Union Attorney General U Tun Tun Oo, NRPC members Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, Lt-Gen Min Naung, NRPC secretary Lt-Gen (retired) Khin Zaw Oo, Maj-Gen Soe Naing Oo and Maj-Gen Nay Lin from Commander-in-Chief (Army) Office, Pyithu Hluttaw representative U Pyone Cho, Peace Commission advisors U Hla Maung Shwe and U Moe Zaw Oo, and Director General U Zaw Htay from the Office of the Ministry of the State Counsellor.

Representatives of NCA-S EAO peace negotiation team, who attended the meeting, were its team leader U Sai Ngin, U Myo



Representatives from government and NCA-S EAO coordination group hold a coordination meeting on peace process at National Reconciliation and Peace Center (NRPC) in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: PHO HTAUNG

Win, Dr Salai Lian Hmung Sak-hong, Daw Saw Mya Yar Zar Lin, Khun Myint Tun, Nai Aung Ma Ngay, Saw Sein Win, Pado Saw L Klu Sae, Saw Kyaw Nyunt, Saw Lamon, Pado Saw Hsar Gay, Sai Lian, Saw Tar Malar Thaw, Saung Han and Saw Lamon.

After the coordination meeting, Pado Saw Hsar Gay said in his concluding remarks, "Although we planned to hold the

meeting for two days up to 11 Sep-

tember, we could conclude it in shorter time as we have prepared well. The government sent the topics for discussion in advance, and we also made suggestions on the facts that should be included in implementation of the NCA. We also discussed further steps in the peace-making processes. The points from this discussion will be reported to our relevant organizations."

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of the NCA, how both sides will take responsibility and accountability in the implementation as it is concerned with both sides. The second point was a federal framework, in which how we would practice future democracy and future federal Union by 2020. The third point was how much we could set up democracy and basic federal principles in the peace conference by 2020. We also exchanged views on the working process for beyond 2020. The discussions included the government's expectations, views on federal system and political agreements. There are 51 basic federal principles in part 1 and 2 of the Union Accord. These principles will be combined with the upcoming basic federal principles resulting from the next conference to design a federal model. We proposed this plan in part 2. In part 3 for beyond 2020, we have proposed a blueprint how to make implementation. In the upcoming Union Peace Conference, part 3

proposed by the government will cover all the points. The NLD government has held political dialogues and three events of Union Peace Conference—21st Century Panglong. We have adopted the 51 basic principles for political agreement. We prepared a concrete form from these principles for 2020. All these political agreements during the five-year term of this administration will be included in part 3 of the Union Accord. It will mention the processes for the period beyond 2020. Then, the Union Accord 3 with the inclusions of federal views and federal principles agreed by the leaders was proposed.

The government has proposed four working plans to adopt part 3 of the Union Accord. We discussed these four plans with KNU. And this issue was discussed with the 10 members of EAO today. We could make common agreements. We suggested a timeline to the EAO representatives to implement these agreements through the NCA. These representatives will proceed with these agreements."

Nai Aung Ma Ngay, representative of NCA-S EAO, said, "We will report the government's suggestions to our organization. We will also present our suggestions to the government representatives. We have found many common facts. I believe we would be able to build trust during the discussions at the fourth year anniversary of NCA. We are willing to hold the Union Peace Conference in early 2020. It will also depend on our proposals. If we could make a bilateral agreement, we could hold the UPC at that time."—Ye Gaung Nyunt ■

(Translated by Zaw Min/Aung Khin)



Ministry of State Counsellor Office Director-General U Zaw Htay and representative of NCA-S EAO Nai Aung Ma Ngay answer questions raised by media. PHOTO: PHO HTAUNG

Joint Committee on Amending 2008 Constitution holds meeting 34/2019

MEETING 34/2019 of the Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of the Joint Committee Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Aung (a) U Tun Tun Hein, Deputy Chairman of

the Joint Committee Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung, Joint Committee secretary Dr Myat Nyana Soe, and members who were Hluttaw representatives from political parties and Tatmadaw Hluttaw representative and officials from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein attends the meeting 34/2019 of the Joint Committee on amending the 2008 Constitution in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee holds the meeting on controversial 2019 Protection of New Plant Species Bill in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee discusses Protection of New Plant Species Bill

PYIDAUNGSSU HLUTTAW Joint Bill Committee held a meeting on 2019 Protection of New Plant Species Bill, which is currently in the process of settling differences between the two Hluttaws at the second floor meeting hall of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The meeting was attended by Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy

Speaker and Joint Bill Committee Chairman U Tun Aung (a) U Tun Tun Hein, Joint Bill Committee deputy chairmen, secretary, joint secretary and committee members, officials from Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation, Union Attorney General Office and Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office.—MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Industry Minister receives Japanese business delegation



Union Minister U Soe Win holds talks with President of Tsuyatomo Co, Ltd Mr Yoshihiro Oguri in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION MINISTER for Industry U Soe Win held talks with President of Tsuyatomo Co, Ltd. Mr Yoshihiro Oguri in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they

discussed making investment for implementation of common interests in No 1 Garment Factory in Shwe Taung, conducting human resource development courses with the assistance of

Japan International Cooperation Agency at the factory, and promotion of Japanese investments in Myanmar.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

AA members kill civilians: report

TWO bodies of men reportedly killed by AA armed group were found in the market of Middle Ward in Kamhtaunggyi Sub-township of Myebon Township, Rakhine State, yesterday morning, according to the report of Office of Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.

It also said the two victims were identified as U Nyi Nyi Htwe and U Maung Lone from Thalkam Taung village.

In another incident, the

three members of AA group used the knives to kill U Khaing who was asleep with his family around midnight on 9th September.

The report also included the killings of AA members to nine people, including two police officers and one retired sergeant, between 19 March and 1 September, in 7 incidents, in Rakhine State.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

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UK-based TV Channel takes travel documentary in Mandalay Region



A travel documentary crew shoots stupas in Bagan yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

A TELEVISION channel based in the United Kingdom took a travel documentary in Mandalay Region yesterday.

The crew of Opihr and the Last Overland caught the scenes of Grand Mingun Bell, Myanmar traditional arts, pleasant views, preparation of Myanmar traditional foods and the popular U Bein Bridge at sunset in the evening.

They also visited Bagan stupas and Zaygyo Market to video the tourist attractions and lifestyles of local people.

The TV crew said the programme is intended to promote Myanmar culture, scenic views and traditional foods in promoting Myanmar tourism industry.— Tin San ■

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Pyithu Hluttaw debates on signing International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights

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In discussing the motion Union Minister for International Cooperation U Kyaw Tin explained that signing ICCPR was considered as a priority aim and extensive studies were conducted to implement it with local laws. Signing it would show the political will of the country only and was not legally binding. But thought must be given toward acceding to it after signing it.

Comparison of current works conducted in the country with works to be conducted as enacted in the agreement need to be carried out. As it is required to know clearly what was done and what need to be done the aim was just to sign the agreement. Relevant ministries had not objected toward preliminary signing of the agreement but had suggested to comment on enactments in the agreement that were not acceptable to Myanmar and

matters on understanding the definitions.

Efforts were made with an aim toward signing ICCPR during this year United Nations General Assembly period. But more time was needed to coordinate on the work processes. The ministry was striving toward signing the agreement in the coming years. As such the motion was urged to be put on record explained the Union Minister.

As Daw Thandar who tabled the motion want the matter to be put on record and kept in view, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker obtained the decision of the Hluttaw. As there was no objection an announcement was made for the motion to be put on record on keep in view.

Next meeting of Second Pyithu Hluttaw's 13th regular session is scheduled to be held on 11 September. — Aye Aye Thant, Kyaw Zin Htike ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Deep Seabed Resources and Blue Economy workshop concluded

THE Regional Informational Workshop on Deep Seabed Resources and the Blue Economy for ASEAN and BIMSTEC countries was concluded yesterday after two-day discussions of experts.

The second-day of workshop focused on the implementation of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea, the works of signatories to the Convention in South Asia/Southeast Asia, legal framework to be practiced in exploring minerals and natural resources at

floors of deep seas, the role of International Seabed Authority (ISA), promotion of regional and international cooperation in the Blue Economy being implemented in ASEAN and BIMSTEC countries, and creating opportunities for capacity-building in the region.

Senior government officials, representatives from ASEAN and BIMSTEC countries, those from ISA, Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf (CLCS), Division for Ocean Affairs and the Law of the Sea

(DOALOS) and Korea Maritime Institute (KMI) attended the last day of workshop.

The conclusion ceremony of the workshop was held in the afternoon, with the remarks by Director-General of Ministry of Education Dr Zaw Myint and Secretary General of ISA Mr Michael Lodge.

The two-day workshop was jointly organized by Myanmar government and the ISA and supported by the KMI. —MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

BGB members meet for implementation review



Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun delivers the speech at the BGB coordination meeting at the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

THE Broadcasting Governing Body held its 5/2019 coordination meeting at the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun, in his capacity as the chairman of BGB, presided over the meeting that aimed to discuss and review mechanical, administrative and policy affairs.

The Deputy Minister called on the discussions of BGB member media organizations how to participate in the Unicode Migra-

tion that is a very crucial project for Myanmar, commencing 1st October. Deputy Chairman of BGB and Permanent Secretary U Myo Myint Maung explained the future plan for the development of broadcasting industry of the country.

Acting Director (Finance) U Zeya Min from Myanmar Radio and Television reviewed the implementation of decisions made in previous meetings of BGB.

Officials from mechanical division and admin division of MRTV, FM Bagan, Padamyar

FM, Cherry FM, Shwe FM, Forever Group Co, Ltd, Shwe Than Lwin Media Co Ltd, Family Entertainment Group, Mizzima Media Company Limited, DVB Multimedia Group Company Limited, Fortune Broadcasting Company Limited, KMA Tele Media Holdings Company Limited and My Multimedia Group Company Limited presented their problems in mechanical and administrative and policy affairs.

The Deputy Minister coordinated the issues.—MNA ■

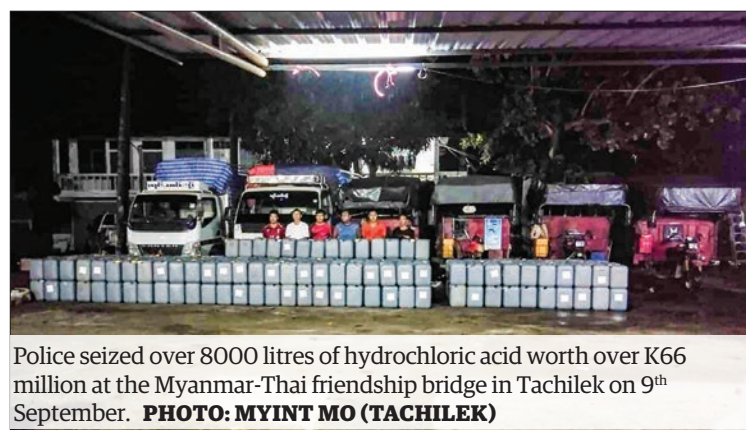
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Over 8,000 litres of hydrochloric acid seized in Tachilek

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After interrogating the detainees, the police searched the house of Aik Maung, suspected to be the owner of the acid, and found 299 containers with the capacity of 20-litre each from vehicles in his house. A total of 8,280 litres of hydrochloric acid, worth over K66 million, was seized in the operation. — Myint Mo (Tachilek)

(Translated by TTN)



Police seized over 8000 litres of hydrochloric acid worth over K66 million at the Myanmar-Thai friendship bridge in Tachilek on 9th September. PHOTO: MYINT MO (TACHILEK)

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Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

1. In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
2. With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offenses up to 7 September 2019 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

Sr	Nature of report	Details on seizure and legal action taken
1	Information received of Daw Moe Moe Hnaung who lives in Mingalar street, Mingalar Ward, Loikaw Township, Kayah State, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 5 September 2019, police searched the house of Daw Moe Moe Hnaung, 51, daughter of U Chit Hloon, who lives in Mingalar street, Mingalar Ward, Loikaw Township, and arrested her together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened her with MaMaSa(Loikaw) MaYa(pa)49/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2	Information received of Tin Shwe who lives in Lepyin Village, Indaw Township, Sagaing Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 6 September 2019, police searched the farm hut of Tin Shwe, 66, son of U Kan Gyi, who lives in Lepyin Village, Indaw Township, and found him accompanied by Hmaw Be (a) Thein Zaw, 34, son of U Tun Myint Thein, Myint Kyaw, 27, son of U Gyi Aung, Win Ngwe, 58, son of U Kyaing, Soe Linn, 46, son of U Khway Maung, and Maung Maung Toke (a) Yan Myo Naing, 24, son of U Thaug Myint and police arrested them together with heroin and 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened them with MaMaSa(Indaw) MaYa(pa)90/2019 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3	Information received of Min Ye Shin (a) Pauksi who lives in Moegyo Kwetthit, No 20 Ward, PwinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 2 September 2019, police arrested Min Ye Shin (a) Pauksi, 22, son of U Than Win who lives in Moegyo Kwetthit, No 20 Ward, PwinOoLwin Township, on the Eaintaw Road, No 6 Ward, PwinOoLwin Tsp together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened him with MaMaSa(PwinOoLwin) MaYa(pa)29/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4	Information received of Ohn Myint who lives in Kyaukaik Village, Thabeikkyin Township, Mandalay Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 5 September 2019, police searched the house of Ohn Myint, 46, son of U Kyaw Aung, who lives in Kyaukaik Village, Thabeikkyin Township, and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened him with NaMaSa(Dagaung) MaYa(pa)13/2019 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5	Information received of Aung Min Naing who lives in Yazadiriz Street, Khawza Township, Mon State, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 3 September 2019, police searched the house of Aung Min Naing, 33, son of U Maung Nge, who lives in Yazadiriz Street, No 2 Ward, Khawza Township, and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened him with NaMaSa(Khawza) MaYa(pa)13/2019 under Section 19(a) and 20(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
6	Information received of Zin Oo who lives in Sangyoung street, No 5 Ward, Mayangon Township, Yangon Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 6 September 2019, police searched the house of Zin Oo, 29, son of U Myo Nyunt, who lives in Sangyoung street, No 5 Ward, Mayangon Township, and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened him with MaMaSa(Mayangon) MaYa(pa)20/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
7	Information received of Sai Aik Monn (a) Aik Stee who lives in Teinchay Village, Hsipaw Township, Shan State (North), distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 7 September 2019, police searched the house of Sai Aik Monn (a) Aik Stee, 33, son of U Aung Pu, who lives in Teinchay Village, Hsipaw Township, and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets and heroin. A case has been opened him with MaMaSa(Hsipaw) MaYa(pa)44/2019 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
8	Information received of Khin Maung Aye who lives in No 9 Ward, Mawlamyinegyun Township, Ayeyawady Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 1 September 2019, police arrested Khin Maung Aye, 48, son of U Maung Sein, who lives in No 9 Ward, Mawlamyinegyun Township, together with 'WY' stimulant tablets on the Zezawah Street, No 9 Ward, Mawlamyinegyun Tsp. A case has been opened him with MaMaSa(Mawlamyinegyun) MaYa(pa)3/2019 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

3. Out of the information sent to the Ministry of Home Affairs, so far a total of 742 cases have been opened files as of 7 September 2019. A total of 1155 people, including 973 men and 182 women had been arrested with seizures of 6711.6784 g of heroin, 1318.72 g of ICE, 39776.95 g of opium, 329.6 g of low-quality opium, 19809.27 g of speciosa powder, 7833.19 g of speciosa, 2.5 liters of liquid speciosa, 339441 stimulant tablets, 8363.22 g of marijuana, 0.1 liters of opium tincture, 513.26 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 29.45 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 0.001 g of crushed ecstasy powder, 18 firearms, different kinds of 257 cartridges and 1 grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the ministry will report on further exposed cases.
4. In addition to the investigations and arrests conducted on drug related complaints mentioned above, the Tatmadaw and Myanmar Police Force have also carried out separate investigations on drug complaints, search and arrests at border gates, and searches of vehicles acting upon given information. During the previous week, multiple arrests were made in the border regions and joint-surveillance gates. Upon acting on a tip-off, police arrested a man together with 1020 g of opium in Tegyigon Village, Mohnyin Township in Kachin State. A man together with 14 stimulant tablets and 3 g of low quality opium was arrested in Taungkawt Village in Phakant Tsp. Police inspected a man with a motorcycle on the Moekar Village road and arrested him together with 1,980 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle. Police searched a man with a vehicle on the Lwejel-Mankaung road, Lwejel Town, Momauk Tsp, and arrested him together with 855 g of heroin and a vehicle. Police inspected a man and a vehicle on the road of Lwejel-Momauk road, near Weainkham Village and arrested him together with 39,900 stimulant tablets, 660 g of heroin and a vehicle. Similarly, two men together with 730 g of heroin, a vehicle were arrested on that place. With information given to police, two men and a woman together with 1,450 g of heroin and a vehicle were apprehended at the Kyauk inspection gate. With information given to police, a woman together with 975 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle were arrested on the Manya-Hanhtet road, near Manya village in Mansi Tsp. Police inspected a man with a motorcycle on the Manya-Hanhtet road in Mansi Tsp and arrested him together with 1,170 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle. Two men together with 205 stimulant tablets were arrested in Aungthabyay Village, Loikaw Tsp in Kayah State. In Kayin State, police inspected a man with a motorcycle on a road of No 2 Ward in Hpa-an Tsp and arrested him together with 102 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle. Acting on a tip-off, three men together with 47 stimulant tablets, 16 g of marijuana and two motorcycles were apprehended in No 9 Ward. Police arrested a man together with 26 stimulant tablets in No 4 Ward, Mudon Tsp, Mon State. Acting on an interrogating, police arrested a woman together with 748 stimulant tablets in Htaingon Ward. In Rakhine State, police arrested a man together with 13 stimulant tablets in Myoma West Ward in Maungtau Tsp; a man together with 1,250 stimulant tablets and 8 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder in Kahnyintan Village. Police arrested a man together with 200 stimulant tablets in Ahlae Village. Acting on a tip-off, police arrested a woman in No 3 Ward, a man and a woman in Latha Village together with 454,670 stimulant tablets. Police arrested a man in No 5 Ward related from that case. With the information given to police, a man together with 4 stimulant tablets and a three-wheel vehicle was arrested on the road of Gandamar Village in Buthidaung Tsp. Police arrested a man together with 25 stimulant tablets in Kalarbartaung Village, Kyaukpyu Tsp. Police arrested a man together with 4,000 g of marijuana at bus terminal gate in Zay Ward, An Tsp. In Shan State, police from Taunggyi Tsp arrested 4 men together with 500 stimulant tablets in Saosantun Ward and a man together with 42 stimulant tablets and 0.5 g of opium block in Chanmyathazi Ward. Police inspected a motorcycle on the road of Hsihseng-Loikaw in Hsihseng Tsp, and arrested a man together with 755 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle. Police arrested a woman together with 990 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle near the bridge of Panhnyaung Village in Mongyai Tsp. Police seized 15920 l of acid on a 12-wheels vehicle in Panhkan Village, Muse Tsp.

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While the police tried to stop a motorcycle on the Kyauktaw Village road in Nawngkhio Tsp, the cycle turned back and police seized a backpack contain in 19,880 stimulant tablets which drop from that cycle. Police arrested a man together with 1,075 stimulant tablets and 4.82 g of heroin in Hsaungkye Village, Hsipaw Tsp. Police seized 15,000 stimulant tablets and 830 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder in a pack at the road side of Wantarpin Village in Kengtung Tsp. Police searched two men with a motorcycle on the Maehoke Village road in Tachilek Tsp and arrested them together with 20,400 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle. A man together with 10,000 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle arrested in Makarhokham Ward. In Sagaing Region, police arrested two men together with 38,620.45 g of opium and a motorcycle on Pinlebu-Kawlin road near Pinlebu Tsp; another two men together with 540 stimulant tablets, 100 g of heroin and a motorcycle in Khampat Town; a man together with 975 stimulant tablets on Mahura Road, Myoma Ward in Tamu Tsp; and a man together with 1,100 g of opium in Naungkhkam Village, Homalin Tsp. In Taninthayi Region, police from Dawei Tsp arrested a man 1,700 stimulant t tablets and a motorcycle on a road of Sanchi Ward and a man and woman together with 802 stimulant tablets in Talaihtein Ward. Police from Myeik Tsp arrested two men and a woman together with 4,060 g of speciosa in Yepone Ward, a man together with 28 stimulant tablets, 7.55 g of ICE and 3,500 g of speciosa in Khonphaut 2 Ward, two men together with 3,960 stimulant tablets in Seiknge Ward, and a man together with 0.06 g of ICE in Yarpayae Ward. With the information given to police, a man together with 15,513.5 g of speciosa and a motorcycle was arrested in Chaungnge Ward, Taninthayi Region. Police arrested two men together with 438 stimulant tablets and 680 g of speciosa in Shwepyitha Ward, Kawthoung Tsp. acting on a tip-off, police arrested a man together with 24 stimulant tablets in Ayeiknyein Ward. Five men together with 112 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle were arrested in Kyunthaya Ward, Bago Town, Bago Region. With the information receiving, the police in Taungdwingyi inspected a motorcycle en route from Taungdwingyi Tsp to Magway Tsp in Magway Region and found narcotic drug on that cycle. On that case police arrested a man together with 31 stimulant tablets, 0.1 g of heroin and the cycle. In Mandalay Region, police arrested a man together with 1,950 stimulant tablets and 40.3 g of heroin at an inn in Thirimarlar East Ward, Aungmyethazan Tsp. Police arrested a man together with 10 g of heroin, 815 g

of opium and a motorcycle on the road of Minelon-Mogok near Legyi Village in Mogok Tsp. police arrested a man together with 3,962 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle en route from Twinng to Momeik in Taungle Village, Thabeikkyin Tsp. acting on a tip-off, a man together with 82 stimulant tablets and a motorcycle was arrested at the junction of Ohnpaing Village and Sanpaenago Village. In Yangon Region, police arrested a man together with 533 stimulant tablets in Aungmingalar Highway terminal, Chittegon Ward, Mingalardon Tsp. Eight men and four women together with 620 stimulant tablets and 880 g of ICE were arrested in Botunzan Ward, Dawbon Tsp.

There has been one seizure together with ammunition. Police arrested a man together with 12 stimulant tablets and a flintlock in Minaung Village Nyaungshwe Tsp in Shan State. There has been a shot and seizure case. With the information receiving, the security forces in Tachilek inspected a Hilux car en route from Kyaiklat village to Tarlay town near Kawmineholm Village Tachilek Tsp in Shan State and found narcotic drug on that car. While a Hilux Vigo car on the same route was tried to stop, the driver ran away from the car. However, a live warning shot hit his ankle and got a non-serious injury. On that case police arrested three men together with 1950000 g of caffeine and two vehicles. Acting on a tip-off, police seized 675,000 g of caffeine, packed in cement bags and hidden in bushes and a Hilux Vigo car near Golden Triangle Zoological garden between Kyaka Village and Kawmineholm Village.

There have been 221 cases being opened between 1 September 2019 and 7 September 2019, and 278 men and 33 women have been arrested. Seizures were made of 592,676 of stimulant tablets, 838 g of crushed stimulant tablets, 4595 g of heroin, 889.61 g of ICE, 42,271.45 g of opium, 0.5 g of opium block, 3.5 g of low quality opium, 23,753.5 g of speciosa powder, 4,069.4 g of marijuana, 2,625,000g of caffeine, 15,920 l of acid, and a flintlock.

5. To seize further drugs and to arrest drugs dealers, people are urged to inform the Ministry of Home Affairs, region and state governments and to inform huge cases of drug trafficking and other suspicious cases directly to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department of the Office of the President via following contact numbers:

Contacts
Landline No. —067-590200
Fax Phone No. — 067-590233
Email Address — antinarcotics@presidentoffice.gov.mm

Nippon TV films documentary on Japan's soccer team for World Cup 2022 qualifier



Nippon TV film crew shoot Japanese soccer team doing exercise for FIFA World Cup 2022 qualification showdown. **PHOTO: MNA**

NIPPON TV is shooting a documentary on preparation for the FIFA World Cup 2022 by the Japanese soccer team, which is staying in Myanmar for Asian Qualifiers of the World Cup 2022.

The crew of the Nippon TV has filmed the team preparing for the FIFA World Cup-2020

and the match with Myanmar team yesterday.

The TV crew also filmed the press conference before Japan and Myanmar teams' match, daily life at the Hledan Junction and Latha Township in Yangon.

They also interviewed Ja-

pan national Matsumoto Kem of the Zweekabin FC. He has been playing for the Zweekabin FC for over five years.

The documentary film will be broadcast in Nippon TV's sports channel. —MNA

(Translated by TTN)

Fire engulfs wax storage house at Industrial Zone-1 in Dagon Seikkan Tsp

A FIRE that has engulfed a wax storage house in Industrial Zone-1 in Dagon Seikkan Township occurred about 7 pm yesterday and it was put under control by firefighters after more than 2

and half hour battle with the fire.

No casualties have been reported so far, according to the Yangon Fire Services Department.—GNLM

(Translated by TTN)



Firefighters extinguish a fire at a storage house in Industrial Zone-1 in Dagon Seikkan Township. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

Decentralization of healthcare needs coordinated effort

THE good health of the people can be one of the biggest assets of a country. Thus, public healthcare is of great importance for a nation.

With plans for decentralization of healthcare in October, the Ministry of Health and Sports is taking steps for the improvement of healthcare services and quality, and the safety of patients across the country.

To make healthcare services more effective, the Ministry of Health will decentralize its authority by giving more power to the heads of regional and state health departments and medical superintendents from October.

The regional heads and medical superintendents would get more authority in terms of administration, management, and maintenance of buildings and machinery.

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Under the reforms, the health leaders in regions and states would no longer need to wait for orders or permissions from superiors, and they would be able to make their own decisions on their operations, but they would have to take responsibility and be accountable for their works.

To make this possible, the Union Government will lay down directives, rules, and procedures for them.

Meanwhile, to improve the healthcare situation, the central body would need to make more efforts for monitoring health services through checklists and providing assistance where needed.

Hence, those involved in providing healthcare services to the people in regions and states would be obliged to consider their daily operations as their own affairs, and prioritize the needs of their patients.

We are confident that the healthcare services in regions and states would be more effective due to the collective strength of the regional social affairs ministers and the employees of the Ministry of Health and Sports.

In fact, the regional and state health departments are extensions of the Ministry of Health and Sports and thus, they require more support and aid to effectively carry out their tasks, with the delegation of more authority concerning their administration, management, staff affairs, and finance.

The ultimate goal of the Myanmar National Health Plan (2017-2021) is to be able to provide basic healthcare services at a low cost in any area by the 2020-2021 fiscal year. To reach that goal, the National Health Plan envisages cooperation with healthcare organizations, private healthcare services, non-governmental organizations, ethnic healthcare teams, development partners, and healthcare programmes.

We are confident that all staff from the Ministry of Health and Sports will carry out the task of providing quality healthcare services to the people in a well-coordinated and efficient manner.



Empowering Women, Recognizing the Value of Women's Contributions in Myanmar Society

By Professor Chaw Chaw Sein, Ph.D. (University of Yangon)

IT WAS such a pleasure and an empowering, eye-opening experience to have had an opportunity to interact with eighty-six prominent women leaders (parliamentarians, media representatives, domain experts, NGO leaders, creative individuals, and grass-roots workers) from nine South Asian countries: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan and Sri Lanka, at the 10th South Asia Women's Network (SWAN) that was held in New Delhi from 31st August to 2nd September 2019. This year's SWAN forum highlighted the theme of "Gender Empowerment for Sustainable Development: Issues and challenges facing the Women of South Asia." It aimed to overcome the challenges and obstacles facing the women of South Asia, irrespective of their religious beliefs and ethnicities. The two-day conference focused on following three areas:

- 1) A women-led strategy for fast-tracking improvement in malnutrition challenge,
- 2) women's unpaid work and their empowerment and
- 3) building a gendered media as agents of change in South Asia.

I was positively surprised and proud to discover that Myanmar has moved up to the top ten Asian countries list for gender equality according to the 2018 Global Gender Gap Report while China was ranked 103 and Japan ranked at 110. This prompted me to reflect and explore why Myanmar women gender inequality gap has been narrowed in recent years. Changing political landscape as the result of Myanmar political transition since 2011 may have contributed to this shift towards gender equality. The new political environment has created a space for all sectors within Myanmar society to improve gender equality in political, economic, health, security, academe, and media arena. Myanmar government and civil society had collaboratively stepped up their efforts to address gender inequalities in education, health, economic opportunity and to advance women into leadership roles and decision-maker levels.



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, members of the Myanmar National Committee for Women, Deputy Ministers and their wives and Hluttaw representatives pose for the documentary photo at the event to mark Myanmar Women's Day in Nay Pyi Taw on 3 July, 2019. PHOTO: MNA

These efforts had resulted in increased women's participation in formation of new political parties, participation in election as candidates or election observers, and actively taking part in countrywide peace processes. The remarkable improvement has been in the legislative branch of the government. The women representation has increased from 5.9% in 2010-2015 to 14.5% in 2016-present (more than doubled) in the Union Parliament, while it has increased from 3.9% to 12.5% (increased by three folds) at the State/Region Parliaments.

Although many Myanmar women recently have become more active in politics and their representation has increased remarkably, it remains far from the 30% target due to entrenched cultural perspectives and traditional practices in Myanmar society. As such, many impediments and obstacles still exist for women either as a political candidate or party member due to cultural perspectives and traditional expectations. Although the Myanmar Constitution legally allowed women to run for elections and to form political parties, they face deep-seeded cultural impediments – which restrict their mobility to successfully conduct political campaign – such as party officials' restriction on women candidates to travel to areas that are deemed insecure, disapproval from family, friends of women's unchaperoned travel

and building meaningful careers. When women have careers, they are double-tapped. In Myanmar, most women who work in the public sector are expected to perform unpaid work both in the work place and in their home. Unpaid work for women in public sector is "overtime" which means working beyond office hour during weekdays and working in the weekends. This put tremendous stress on the career women as they juggle between the overtime unpaid office work and the unpaid

conditioned and trained from early age to devote their lives to serving the family and monks while the boys are treated like princes and made to believe that they are more divine (superior) than females. These early conditioning embeds habits in girls, later women, to feel obligated to selflessly serve their families and neglect or minimize their desires for meaningful careers. These types of cultural beliefs and traditional practices appeared to plague other South Asian countries as well

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housework. Since men do not have the same pressure as the women, this impedes women's ability to move up within the organization.

Despite improved gender equality recently experienced by Myanmar, the Myanmar society is still a male dominated one. Religious beliefs, traditional practices, and cultural perspectives have profound influence on Myanmar families who paid significant degree of respect to the elders and monks and privilege male member of the society. The girls are

important and absolutely crucial to include women and leverage their talents and wisdom in order to build peaceful, progressive, and prosperous Myanmar today. In fact, inclusion of women in all sectors might be the "secret weapon" to successfully attack and tackle many complex and persistent challenges Myanmar is facing today in the globalized world. I challenge the Myanmar men, who now hold the power in Myanmar society today, to realize the women as equal partner in all aspects of human society, to appreciate unique capability they provide, and to expand human resources needed to take Myanmar forward. It is time for the Myanmar society to recognize and to value the vital and invaluable contributions women had and can made towards the nation and state building process and consequently contribute to achieving the UN SDGs fifth goal, gender equality.

according to the participants from those countries. In fact, the level of gender inequality in almost all the South Asian societies are higher than in Myanmar. Therefore, the 10th SWAN Conference called to "raise our sons more like our daughters" because transformation of the cultural perspectives and traditional practices start at home. Although it is wonderful for Myanmar to be recognized in the top ten countries list for gender equality in the Global Gender Gap Report, however, it is more

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Myanmar Daily Weather Report
(Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 10th September, 2019)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is strong over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 11th September, 2019: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing Region and Chin State and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with regionally heavyfalls in Bago Region and Rakhine State and isolated heavyfalls in Upper Sagaing, Magway, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin, Chin, Kayin and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Squalls with rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40)mph. Wave height will be about (8-12) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Increase of rain in Coastal areas.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11th September, 2019: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11th September, 2019: Some rain or thundershowers which may be heavy at times. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 11th September, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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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 Kye 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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Over 2,500 taxis register with YRTA

By Nyein Nyein

OVER 2,500 taxis, which had failed to register or renew their registrations as city taxis, have now signed up with the Yangon Region Transport Authority, said U Hla Aung, the Joint Secretary of the YRTA.

The transport authority has set a deadline of 30 September for taxis which are yet to register or renew their registrations. The YRTA has announced it will take action against those who fail to comply.

“Out of 67,438 taxis, some have failed to renew their registration and deregister as old vehicles. Some have been sold to other regions. But, the owners have not informed us. Currently, we are making a list to deregister those vehicles. The taxis need to register by 30 September,” he added.

“After the announcement, a total of 2,541 taxis applied to us. From 12 July to 2 September, 1,799 taxis sought registration, while 742 applied for a renewal,” said U Hla Aung.

“When the registration process was started, over 100-200 taxis were applying for registration



Taxis run in downtown Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

per day. Now, over 60-80 are applying for registrations,” he added.

City taxi registrations began in 2002 to bring transport services on par with Yangon’s image as a commercial hub, and for regulating taxi services.

With the renewal of city taxi registrations, a total of 2,900 criminal cases were processed between 2014 and 20 August, 2019.

The YRTA was formed on 8 July, 2016 to improve transport facilities in Yangon for the convenience

of the public. The authority is carrying out city taxi registrations.

To ensure traffic discipline, the YRTA, through an announcement in state-owned newspapers, had asked city taxis to register with the authority by 31 December, 2017. The YRTA had also announced that it would revoke the licenses of those who failed to register or renew their registrations. However, for some reason, the registration period was extended to 31 January, 2018. Some

taxis tried to register on the last day, but the process could not be completed, and they were allowed to complete the formalities by 6 April, 2018.

Still, more than 5,000 taxis remained to be registered or needed to get their registration renewed. So, the transport authority notified the extended deadline of 30 September.

There were 67,438 registered city taxis in Yangon Region as of August, according to the YRTA.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

European Film Festival to be held in Mandalay

MANDALAY will host the European Film Festival 2019 at the Mingalar Central Point cinema in Chanmyathazi Township, Mandalay Region, from 13 to 15 September. The festival’s main organizer is the European Union office in Myanmar.

Movies from European countries, including the Netherlands, France, Norway, Czech Republic, Denmark, Italy, and Germany will be shown in their original languages, with English subtitles. Entry will be free and tickets will be issued on a first-come-first-serve basis. The ticket counter will close 15 minutes before screening. This is the first time that Mandalay is hosting the festival. It has been held in Yangon 28 times. At the opening event, a documentary on Prince Nicolas of Belgium and a travel movie will be played for film lovers.



Movies will be screened at 10 am, 12 am, 3:30 pm, and 6:30 pm on the last two days. —Maung Pyi Thu (Mandalay)

Over 800,000 tourists visit Myanmar via Tachilek border this year

OVER 800,000 visitors entered Myanmar via the Tachilek border gate between 1 January and 5 September this year, according to the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism.

In the January-September period, a total of 776,619 Thai tourists and 10,379 third-country citizens made a one-day return trip via the Tachilek border gate, while 265 Thai tourists visited Lanttaung, 7,838 tourists head-

ed to Mongphyat and Kengtung, and around 43,664 tourists visited Myanmar on free visas. Tourists who visited Myanmar via the Tachilek border gate were Thai, Chinese, Japanese, Korean, and third-country citizens, and they were granted visa exemptions.

From January to July this year, the number of foreign travellers entering Myanmar via international airports, ports, and borders increased by over

500,000 compared to the same period last year, according to the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population.

The number of tourists visiting Myanmar touched 2,474,311 during January-July, an increase of 504,298 tourists compared to the year-ago period. Myanmar had hosted 1,970,013 tourists during the January-July period in 2018.—Aye Cho

(Translated by Hay Mar)

3 killed, 28 injured in accident on Yangon-Mandalay highway

THREE people died and 28 were injured on 9 September after an express bus they were travelling in overturned on the Yangon-Mandalay highway. The bus was carrying 45 passengers.

The driver of the “Yarzar Aung” Hinthada-Mandalay express bus, identified as Tin Tun Oo, 45, lost control of the bus near milepost of 16/6 and 16/7 on the highway, causing it to overturn. Ye Lin Tun, 28 and Thant Zin, 24, were sitting next to the driver.

Passengers U Than Naing Tun, 49, U Aung Kyaw Oo, 60, and Ma Moe Thu, 30, died on the spot. Twenty-eight people, including 12 men and 16 women, were injured and taken to the Hlegu People’s Hospital. —Naing Lin (Hlegu)

(Translated by La Wonn)

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Traditional weavers take up other jobs as businesses decline



A woman is weaving traditional fabrics on a loom in Monywa. PHOTO: WIN OO (ZEYAR TINE)

WITH traditional weaving businesses facing a decline in Kyouksitpone Myauk Village of Monywa Township, jobs for weavers are drying up, which is forcing them to turn to other sources of livelihood, according to U Khine Zaw Lat, the Village Administrator.

At present, weaving businesses have suspended operations, and entrepreneurs have begun investing in other businesses due to the high cost of raw materials, lack of creative designs, a fall in the price of finished clothes, and lack of opportunities.

“Earlier, there were 500 looms in the village. Weaving businesses have been enduring problems since the past two years. Now, only 50 looms remain. The main reasons for the shortage of weavers is the high price of raw materials, low price of finished clothes, besides the entry of innovative designs from foreign markets in the local market. At present, weavers are turning to other jobs, including masonry and carpentry. If the weaving businesses are suspended permanently, they will take up farming,” said Ko Kyi Aye,

a weaving business entrepreneur.

The residents of Kyouksitpone Myauk village say they have been practising weaving for more than 70 years. At first, they weaved cotton blankets, towels, and longyis. In 2012, they earned well by weaving India’s Aizawl clothes. In 2017, creatively designed clothes from foreign markets began entering local markets, and the prices of locally produced clothes declined. As a result, weaving industries suffered.

— Win Oo (Zeyar Tine)
(Translated by La Wonn)

Micro-insurance scheme to be launched for low-income group

By Aye Yamone

A micro-insurance scheme targeting people from the low-income group will soon be introduced in Myanmar, said U Thant Zin, the Director of the Financial Regulatory Department, Ministry of Planning and Finance.

Micro-insurance combines general insurance and life insurance, he said, at a seminar on promoting micro-insurance in Myanmar, held on 9 September at the Chatrium hotel in Yangon.

“Micro-insurance focuses purely on people earning low incomes, who are not covered by formal insurance. In other countries, this insurance targets the low-income group. People from the low-income group

can take out an insurance at a small premium to protect their farm, livestock, and lives. So, we have launched a workshop to introduce micro-insurance in our country,” said U Thant Zin. Micro-insurance will cover health insurance, life insurance, life insurance for parents, personal accident insurance, agriculture and livestock insurance, property damage insurance, flood insurance, and landscaping insurance.

Currently, the Financial Regulatory Department is drawing up the microfinance business law and the micro-insurance business law, with the support of the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), World Bank, USAID, and UKaid.

“Micro-insurance will be

implemented as soon as possible in the context of these two laws,” said U Thant Zin.

“Currently, the insurance being offered in Myanmar does not affect the low-income people. So, the micro-insurance will be effective for people with low incomes. We will introduce micro-insurance which is sustainable for people with low incomes. Currently, there are few people offering micro-insurance,” said Mr Tom Moyes, Senior Access to Finance Advisor from DaNa Facility.

“At present, awareness about micro-insurance needs to be built among people in Myanmar. Rules, regulations, and procedures related to micro-insurance are also need,” he added.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Local, foreign projects generate jobs for over 160,000 workers in current FY

By Nyein Nyein

LOCAL and foreign projects created jobs for over 160,000 local workers in the 2018-2019 fiscal year, according to the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

The Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) accepted 152 local investment proposals between 1 October, 2018 and 30 August, 2019, which helped create over 17,000 jobs. With the increase in work strength of permitted businesses, jobs were created for over 40 local workers, according to official statistics from the DICA.

Meanwhile, the MIC allowed 252 foreign direct investment proposals between 1 October, 2018 and 30 August, 2019, which helped create over 135,000 jobs. With the increase in work strength of permitted business-

es, jobs were generated for over 13,000 local workers, according to the DICA.

Local investment projects created jobs for local as well as foreign workers. Currently, over 4,600 foreign workers are employed in local projects.

Local investments, under Myanmar Investment Law, hit K1,116,619.476 million, including fund inflows of US\$335.834 million, in the last ten months of the 2018-2019FY. Local investments were pegged at K1,373,619.515 million, including \$425.501 million. The figure includes additional investments.

Meanwhile, foreign investors pulled in a capital of \$2,550.773 million. Overall foreign direct investments of \$3,876.352 million have flowed into the country so far, including additional investments.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

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MIFER, MIC, Euromoney Institutional Investor co-host investment forum

THE 'Myanmar Global Investment Forum' is taking place at Myanmar International Convention Center-II in Nay Pyi Taw, aiming to promote foreign investments in the country.

Cohost for the event the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, the Myanmar Investment Commission and the Hong Kong-based Euromoney Institutional Investor (Asia).

The two-day forum was opened yesterday, with the welcoming remarks by Chief Executive Officer Mr Tony Shale from Euromoney Institutional Investor (Asia), followed by an opening keynote address of Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Soe Win.

During the first panel session, senior government officials, foreign and local investors, bankers and economists discussed the topics of Myanmar's prospects for FDI inflows; Changes in the Banking and

Financing Sectors; Insurance Market Open for Business.

The forum continued in the afternoon with keynote on-stage interview and focus sessions, panel discussions on investment, and its related topics covering retail sectors, manufacturing, tourism, real estate, agribusiness and finance, ICT-digital transformation, infrastructure, energy, debt and equity market and SME potentials.

The opening ceremony of the forum was also attended by Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung, Union Minister for Electricity and Energy U Win Khaing, Union Minister for Commerce Dr Than Myint, Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Nai The Lwin, Chief Ministers of States/Regions, Deputy Ministers, ministers of State/Region governments, parliamentary representatives, senior departmental officials, local and



Union Minister for Planning and Finance U Soe Win delivers the speech at the 'Myanmar Global Investment Forum' at Myanmar International Convention Center-2 in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

foreign businesspersons and media persons, totaling about 1,000 participants.

Booths are also displayed

at the same venue to promote local products and investment opportunities in states and regions of the country.

The second-day sessions of the forum will continue on 11 September. — MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Nepal, India inaugurate South Asia's first cross border oil pipeline



(FILE) Nepali Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli greets on 11 May Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has cast his visit as part of his "neighbourhood first" policy. **PHOTO: AFP**

KATHMANDU — The prime ministers of Nepal and India jointly inaugurated a cross-border petroleum pipeline on Tuesday.

The 69-kilometer pipeline connecting a storage facility of Indian Oil Corp. in Bihar's Motihari district with a similar facility of Nepal Oil Corp. in Bara district's Amlekhganj town is the first oil pipeline built in South Asia.

Prime Minister Khadga Prasad Sharma Oli and his Indian counterpart Narendra Modi

remotely inaugurated the pipeline via a video conference from Kathmandu and New Delhi, respectively.

Ahead of the inauguration, Modi tweeted, "This India-Nepal energy cooperation project, the Motihari-Amlekhganj pipeline, is a symbol of our close bilateral relations.

It will help to enhance the energy security of the region and substantially cut down on transit costs."—Kyodo News ■

India locates missing Moon lander

NEW DELHI — Indian space scientists were desperately trying Tuesday to establish communication with their broken Moon lander, having located the probe that went silent moments before it was due to make a historic soft landing.

The lander, called Vikram — after the founder of India's space programme — was due to touch down on the Moon in the early hours of Saturday, but contact was lost around 2.1km

above the surface.

The Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) tweeted an update on its Chandrayaan-2 ("Moon Vehicle 2") mission, which blasted off in July with India hoping to become just the fourth country to make a successful soft lunar landing.

"#VikramLander has been located by the orbiter of #Chandrayaan2, but no communication with it yet. All possible efforts are being made to establish commu-

nication with lander," the space agency said.

The emerging Asian giant's most complex space mission, carrying an orbiter, lander and rover, was almost entirely designed and made in India — and cost a relatively modest US\$140 million (RM584.4 million).

Indian media reports have said that the lander suffered a "hard landing", possibly damaging it and the rover inside. —AFP ■



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Australia's 'Pacific Guantanamo' quietly emptied



(File) Asylum seekers stand behind a fence in Oscar compound at the Manus Island detention centre in Papua New Guinea, Friday, March 21, 2014. PHOTO: AFP

PORT MORESBY — Only a handful of people remained at a remote migrant detention centre on Papua New Guinea's Manus Island Tuesday, as authorities quietly empty a facility often dubbed "Australia's Guantanamo".

Refugees, police and government officials told AFP a maximum of nine people remained at the facility, which has become emblematic of Australia's controversial policy of turn-

ing away women, children and men fleeing war zones and detaining them in Pacific camps.

Successive Australian governments argued the policy was needed to deter migrants ready to make the dangerous sea voyage Down Under.

But it has been a political and legal headache for Canberra, prompting tens of millions of dollars of payments in damages and earning the opprobrium of

the United Nations.

Papua New Guinea's Minister for Immigration and Border Protection Petrus Thomas told AFP Tuesday that nine migrants — mostly refugees — remained on Manus, which was opened in 2001.

Five of those had built families there and one is involved in local legal proceedings, so is unlikely to leave. "The rest have been flown to Port Moresby," he said, referring to the 60-

plus asylum seekers that had been there until recently.

Manus provincial police commander David Yapu told AFP that transfers had occurred on a daily basis since last week, with most asylum seekers headed for Port Moresby.

One of those was detainee and award-winning author Behrouz Boochani, who told AFP he was transferred there a "few days ago." —AFP ■

British PM vows to pursue Brexit deal after new blow

LONDON — Beleaguered British Prime Minister Boris Johnson vowed to continue his attempts to strike a new Brexit deal with Brussels, after losing yet another vote on Tuesday during a chaotic parliamentary session.

Johnson slammed the opposition for voting against his call for a snap election in the final minutes of a stormy late-night debate ahead of a controversial suspension of parliament called by the prime minister.

He said he would

"strive to get an agreement" at a summit in Brussels next month — the alternative being a "no-deal" departure that critics warn would spark economic chaos.

Johnson accused his opponents of shirking their duty by blocking an early election.

He held a cabinet meeting later on Tuesday to plot his next move after a series of defections and expulsions left him far short of a parliamentary majority and unable to garner enough votes from MPs



Prime Minister Boris Johnson gesturing as he speaks in the House of Commons in London. PHOTO: AFP

to hold an early election.

He was also due to meet with Arlene Foster, leader of Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party (DUP), amid

rumours that he may be softening his negotiating demands over the key issue of the Irish border and associated trade conditions after Brexit. —AFP ■

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Chinese airlines extend wings to Myanmar

By Kyaw Htike Soe

MORE Chinese airlines are eyeing Myanmar as a lot of foreign companies flock to the Asia's last frontier market. Myanmar offered visa free entry to Chinese visitors and tourists from some countries in an attempt to boost its tourism industry. Arrival of Chinese tourists to Myanmar is up by more than 30 per cent than previous year thanks to Myanmar's visa-on-arrival allowance to visitors from six more countries commencing on 1 October last year.

The China Eastern Airlines launched the direct flight between Yangon and Shanghai, the largest commercial city in China starting on 19 June this year. The airline uses Airbus 320 airplanes for the new air route between Shanghai and Yangon. The airline operates three flights per week and flight time between Yangon and Shanghai takes about five hours. The airline is expected to transport 360,000

passengers between China and Myanmar this year. Shenzhen-based Dong Hai Airlines also launched Shenzhen-Nay Pyi Taw flight since 14 July this year. Dong Hai Airlines flies direct flights between Nay Pyi Taw, the administrative capital of Myanmar and Shenzhen, a major city in Guangdong Province in Southern China by using a B738 aircraft with total 170 (8J 162Y) seat capacity for the new service. The airline offers twice weekly flights between Shenzhen and Nay Pyi Taw.

Dong Hai Airlines became the 3rd international airline connecting to Myanmar's capital, Nay Pyi Taw with international destinations. Six Chinese airlines extended flight operations to eleven destinations in Myanmar in 2018 as the number of tourists from China to Myanmar rose by 38.38 per cent when compared to 2017. Some Chinese airlines such as Hainan Airlines, Sichuan Airlines, China Eastern Airlines, Xiamen Airlines and Spring

Airlines launched direct flights between major cities in China and Yangon during the period from January to July this year. 10 Chinese airlines are currently flying direct flights to Yangon International Airport in Myanmar from major cities in China such as Kunming, Beijing, Hohhot, Nanning, Shanghai, Wuhan, Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Chengdu, Xi'an, Hangzhou, Hong Kong, Chongqing and Xiamen. Some Chinese airlines are seeking approval from the Department of Civil Aviation of Myanmar to operate new routes between the Yangon International Airport and some cities in China.

Tourist arrivals to Myanmar from China is likely to rise in the future, said an official from the DCA. "There is a significant increase of Chinese visitors to Myanmar by Chinese airlines and it is a good symbol for the country. But arrival of Europeans to Myanmar declined slightly when compared to last year," he added. The number of Chinese airlines

operating in Myanmar has increased to 16 in total. Domestic airlines also expanded flight operations to China. Myanmar Airways International (MAI), one of the privately-owned domestic airlines also operated the direct flight from Yangon and Mandalay to Hangzhou in July this year, expanding its flight network to China. Previously, MAI has launched a direct flight to Guangzhou of China. The MAI operates direct flights between Yangon and Hangzhou with the use of A319 aircraft every Friday.

Due to the sharp inflow of Chinese visitors to Myanmar this year, Chinese airlines have been increasing the number of direct flights to the Golden Land, said U Ye Htut Aung, Deputy Director-General of the DCA. The Myanmar National Airlines, a state-owned airline and the flag carrier of Myanmar made maiden flight to Chengdu, the capital city of Sichuan Province of China from Yangon starting on 28 December last year. Presently, Myanmar authorities are exerting efforts to further expand travel routes and promote the tourism industry by attracting global airlines to the country.

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(FILE) China Eastern Airlines launches direct flight between Yangon and Shanghai on 19 June this year. PHOTO: SUPPLIED

IATA launches BSP in Myanmar

By Zaw Min GNLM

FIVE airlines and 12 travel agents have signed up initially, with more expected to join.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) has launched its Billing and Settlement Plan (BSP) in Myanmar.

IATA's BSP is designed to ease the reporting of ticket sales and payments for travel agents relating to the settlement of their sales to airlines.

Prior to the implementation of the BSP, agents had to interact directly with each of the respective airlines to report and remit their ticket sales, which IATA said was both "inefficient and time-consuming."

BSP will bring efficiencies in the interactions between airlines and travel agents, and support the growth of Myanmar's travel and tourism sector.

"Aviation is a growing sector in Myanmar," said Conrad Clifford, IATA's Regional Vice President for Asia-Pacific. "As the country continues to develop and with more international airlines operating services in Myanmar, it is timely to introduce the BSP."

"Not only will it bring efficiencies in the interactions between airlines and travel agents, it will also modernize and support the growth of My-

anmar's travel and tourism sector."

Founded in 1971, IATA BSPs exist in 180 markets around the world, serving around 400 participating airlines.

IATA says BSPs provide an on-time settlement rate of 99.997%. In 2018, IATA's BSPs processed \$248.8 billion.

During the initial implementation phase, five airlines and 12 travel agents have signed up, with more expected to join in the months ahead.

According to IATA analysis, air travel in Myanmar is expect-



Passengers arriving with Myanmar National Airline ATR 72 plane at Heho Airport. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR



A travel agent service office in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

ed to grow by an average of 8% annually in the next 20 years. The global average of expected growth in air travel is 3.9%.

By 2038, IATA expects Myanmar to be an air travel market of 37 million passengers, close to five times the current figures.

"Aviation is a catalyst for social and economic development. In addition to introducing the BSP, we have also opened our first IATA office in Myanmar in April," Clifford added.

"Through this office, we hope to enhance our partnership with the various aviation stakeholders to support Myanmar's aviation development through the implementation of global standards and industry best practices." ■

Biggest Vietnamese trade fair in Myanmar to run in December



Fair's 2018 edition. PHOTO: SGGP.ORG.VN

HANOI (VNA) — The biggest annual Vietnamese goods fair in Myanmar will take place in Yangon from December 19 to 22.

Held by the Viet Nam Trade Promotion Agency (VIET-TRADE) since 2009, the event will feature about 100 stalls this year. On display will be processed foods, consumer products, equipment and machines, electric and electronic devices, medical and chemical products.

Vietnamese enterprises taking part in the fair will have their space and advertising fees covered by the organiser.

According to VIETTRADE, the event aims to promote Vietnamese businesses and trademarks to push exports of local products and expand the country's distribution network in Myanmar.

Trade between Viet Nam and Myanmar reached 860 million USD in 2018, making Viet Nam the 9th largest trade partner of Myanmar. Viet Nam has also become the 7th largest foreign investor in Myanmar with 18 large projects totally worth nearly 2.2 billion USD.—MNA ■

Myanmar lost to Japan 0-2 in 2022 World Cup Qualifiers

MYANMAR lost to Japan in the first leg of the second round Group F of 2022 World Cup Qualifiers at the Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon yesterday.

Myanmar national team lined up with goalkeeper Kyaw Zin Phyo, and players Zaw Lin, Zaw Min Tun (Captain), Nanda Kyaw, Hlaing Bo Bo, Zaw Ye Ton, Kaung Si thu, Soe Moe Kyaw, Thein Than Win, Aung Thu and Than Paing.

The goals for Japan team were scored by Shoya Nakajima at 16th minute and Takumi Minamino at 26th minute. Myanmar is in Group F of the second round of the 2022 World Cup Qualifiers, together with Tajikistan, Japan, Mongolia and Kyrgyzstan.

So far Myanmar played two matches in the second round of Group F against Mongolia and Japan.

Myanmar lost to Mongolia 0-1.

In Group F, Tajikistan

is currently at the top of the standing table with 6 points from two played matches, fol-

lowed by Japan in the second place with 3 points from one played match. Mongolia is in

the third place with 3 points from two played matches and followed by Myanmar with no point from two matches.

Myanmar will play against Kyrgyzstan on 10 October at the Dolen Omurzakov Stadium in Bishkek and Tajikistan on 14 November. There are a total of 40 teams in the second round Group F divided into 8 groups. They will play home-and-away round robin matches.

The eight group winners and the four best group runners-up, 12 teams in total, will advance to the third round of FIFA World Cup qualification.

In the second leg of the second round Group F of the 2022 World Cup Qualifiers, Myanmar will meet Mongolia on 19 November 2019, Japan on 26 March 2020, Kyrgyzstan 31 March 2020 and Tajikistan 9 June 2020. — Kyaw Khin



Japan's Hiroki Sakai (L) controls the ball beside Myanmar's Kaung Sithu during the Qatar 2022 World Cup qualifying football match between Myanmar and Japan in Yangon on 10 September 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**

Badminton: Myanmar International Series 2019 kicks off in Yangon

THE Myanmar International Series 2019 (Badminton) began yesterday at the National Badminton Stadium in Yangon. The competition will end on 15 September.

Five Myanmar players competed on the opening day. While Zaw Lin Htoo won against Malaysia's M Atef Haikal Taufik 21-16, 13-21, and 21-14, Min Htet Kaung was defeated by India's Manigandan Rajasekaran (21-13 and 21-14), Htoo Aung Myo lost to Lim Yik Shen of Malaysia (25-23 and 21-18), Thu Rein was drubbed by Kong Chee Kiet (21-13 and 21-14), and Phone Pyae Naing suffered a loss against Malaysia's Shreyansh Jaiswal (7) 21-15, 13-21, and 21-18.

For today's doubles competi-

tions, Htoo Aung Myo has teamed up with Phone Pyae Naing, Zaw Lin Htoo with Thu Rein, and Oo Chan Win with Hein Si Thu Toe.

Htoo Aung Myo and Phone Pyae Naing will meet with Thailand's Panu Rakmesi and Krit Tiantianankul; Zaw Lin Htoo and Thu Rein will take on Malaysia's Chun Han Lo and Chun Hong Lo; and Oo Chan Win and Hein Si Thu Toe will play against India's Utkarsh Arora and Shivam Sharma.

Zaw Lin Htoo will also play against Indonesia's Krishana Adi Nugraha. The quarter finals will be held on 13 September and the semifinals will take place on 14 September. All finals have been scheduled for 15 September. — Kyaw Khin



The photo shows the National Badminton Stadium in Yangon where the Myanmar International Series 2019 takes place. **PHOTO: MBF**

MFF Coaching Certificate Course opens at Yangon University

THE Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) Coaching Certificate Course was opened yesterday at the Diamond Jubilee Hall of the University of Yangon.

The Rector of Yangon University, Dr Pho Kaung,

the vice-president of the Asian Football Confederation and MFF president, U Zaw Zaw, the university selection footballers' team chairman, U Bunny Tin Aung, and the head teacher of the course, U Ye Wint, gave the welcoming

speech at the event. Afterwards, they had a group photo taken with trainees.

Also present at the event were the university's teachers and around 30 coaches from former university football selection teams. — Kyaw Khin



Officials and trainees of MFF Coaching Certificate Course pose for a group photo at the Diamond Jubilee Hall of the University of Yangon on 9 September. **PHOTO: MFF**

CFA International Futsal Tournament 2019: Kyaw Htet Aung gets best goalkeeper award

KYAW HTET AUNG, the goalkeeper of the Myanmar futsal team, which took part in the Belt and Road Cup CFA International Futsal Tournament 2019, has won the best goalkeeper award,

according to the Myanmar Football Federation's Facebook page.

The tournament took place from 7 to 10 September in Qingbaijiang (Chengdu City), China. Host China, Malaysia, Mexico,

and Myanmar participated in the tourney.

The Myanmar futsal team was defeated 2-3 by host China and 0-2 by Mexico, and tied 2-2 with Malaysia. — Zin Wai