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Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe meets with UNHCR High Commissioner in NY



Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe meets with UNHCR High Commissioner Mr. Filippo Grandi at the UN Headquarters in New York, United States on 26 September. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe, who is attending the 74th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, met UNHCR High Com-

missioner Mr. Filippo Grandi at the UN Headquarters on 26 September.

At the meeting, they discussed on continued cooperation between Myanmar and

UN (UNDP/ UNHCR) for the implementation of the MoU to assist Myanmar for the repatriation of displaced persons from Bangladesh. The Union Minister emphasized the impor-


tance of helping livelihood for all communities in Rakhine State, by implementation of community development projects (Quick Impact Projects- QIPs). — MNA ■


Tatmadaw holds press conference in Nay Pyi Taw

THE Tatmadaw held a press conference at the Defence Services Museum in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

At the press conference, the Tatmadaw True News Team Vice Chairman Maj-Gen Tun Tun Nyi and Secretary Brig-Gen Zaw Min Tun explained about the status of Ethnic Armed Organizations (EAOs) during the period 15 August to 15 September 2019, drug seizures during August and September, works conducted for the peace process, armed engagements with AA armed group in Rakhine State and status of AA, TNLA, MN-DAA armed groups in Shan State (North). The Tatmadaw True News Team then replied to queries raised by reporters from news agencies.

The press conference was attended by Tatmadaw True News Team, local news agencies, daily newspapers, journals, local television news agencies and locally-based foreign news agencies, according to news released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.—MNA






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Second joint Waso robe offering held at Yangon Kaba Aye Hillock



The congregation led by Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko attends the second joint Waso robe offering ceremony. **PHOTO: MNA**

SECOND Waso robe offering ceremony jointly organized by Myanmar Theravada Buddhist Federation, Border Areas Hill Region Sasana Nuggaha Association, Yangon Region Sasana

Nuggaha Association and Thailand's Dhammakaya missionary was held at Kaba Aye hillock Vizaya Dhamma Thabin hall yesterday morning.

First, Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko and guests took the five precepts given by State Sanghamahanayaka Committee Chairman Bhamo Sayadaw Dr. Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa and then listened to the recitation of parittas.

Next, Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko delivered an address on religious matters and Myanmar Theravada Buddhist Federation and Border Areas Hill Region Sasana Nuggaha Association Chairman Agga Maha Siri Sudhama Manijotadara Wunna Kyaw Htin Dr Khin Shwe and Dhammakaya missionary's Dr Suthad Setboonsarng spoke

about the reasons for making the donation. Afterwards, Mrs Malin Chonsirinat and Mrs Bus-saba Siriwan recited verses on donating Waso robes.

Following this, State Sanghamahanayaka Committee Chairman Bhamo Sayadaw Dr. Bhaddanta Kumara Bhivamsa and Thailand's Dhammakaya Sayadaw exchanged Buddha relics.

Later, Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko and guests offered Waso robes and offerings to Sayadaws and sanghas, listened to a sermon by State Sanghamahanayaka Committee Vice Chairman Meiktila Sayadaw Agga Mahapandita Bhaddant Kawwida and shared merits for the good deeds made. — MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Union Minister U Thaung Tun signs book of condolences for late former French president

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations U Thaung Tun signed the book of condolences for late Mr Jacques Chirac, the former French president, at the residence of Ambassador of France to Myanmar in Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Street,

Dagon Township in Yangon yesterday.

The former French president Mr Jacques Chirac was 86 years old when he passed away. — MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



Union Minister U Thaung Tun signs the book of condolences for late Mr Jacques Chirac, the former French president, at the residence of Ambassador of France to Myanmar in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

ALI Ministry observes World Rabies Day



Union Minister Dr Aung Thu addresses the World Rabies Day 2019 event in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu said that according to World Health Organization there was a fatality in the world every 15 minutes or annually 55,000 to 70,000 from rabies and most were in poor villages of Asia and Africa countries.

In respect of rabies, the Union Minister warned of possible perils of the deadly virus at the World Rabies Day 2019 event held at Hilton Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The Union Minister added that rabies was a 100 percent fully preventable problem and by vaccinating household pets, fatalities can be reduced. Rabies occurs in Myanmar and it was required to be reduced and eradicated.

Livestock Breeding and Vet-

erinary Department in cooperation with World Organisation for Animal Health (OIE) had drawn up and approved the National Level Strategic Framework for Eliminating Rabies in August 2018. In 2019, a program to vaccinate 1 million dogs was started in Yangon Region and Nay Pyi Taw in cooperation with Four Paws International. The program will be continued in high risk regions such as Mandalay Region, Bago Region and Rakhine State said the Union Minister.

Sustainable success to reduce and eliminate human rabies fatalities in Myanmar can be reached only through the government, relevant ministerial departments, Hluttaw, private sector, animal breeders, supporters and non-government organizations cooperating and

working together in a balanced way and the global aim of 'Zero by 30' (zero human rabies deaths by 2030) can be reached, said the Union Minister.

Next, Four Paws International director of project development Dr Amir Khalil delivered a remark and Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department director Dr Min Thein Maw explained about the basic works conducted for 'Zero by 30.'

Scientist Louis Pasteur discovered the vaccine to cure rabies and his works and findings on rabies was honored by designating 28 September, the day on which Louis Pasteur passes away, as World Rabies Day. The theme for World Rabies Day 2019 was "Rabies: Vaccinate to Eliminate." — MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

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Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe meets with Vietnamese Deputy PM, Thai FM separately at UNGA in New York



Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe (R) meets with Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand Mr. Don Pramudwinai and delegation on 27 September. **PHOTO: MNA**



Union Minister U Kyaw Tint Swe (L) meets with Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Viet Nam Mr. Pham Binh Minh on 27 September. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for the Office of the State Counsellor U Kyaw Tint Swe, who is attending the 74th Session of the United Nations General

Assembly in New York, met Mr. Pham Binh Minh, Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Viet Nam and Mr. Don Pramudwinai, Minister of

Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand separately on 27 September.

During the discussions, they exchanged views on mat-

ters of mutual interest.

The Union Minister also briefed the two Ministers regarding the developments in Rakhine State. They also

discussed ways to further strengthen bilateral cooperation as well as cooperation in regional and international fora.—MNA



The Tatmadaw True News Team holds the press conference in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA (NEWS ON PAGE-1)**

Myanmar, Norway sign MoU to establish Foreign Office Consultations

U KYAW Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation, who is attending the 74th Session of the United Nations General Assembly in New York, met Norwegian Foreign Minister, Ms. Ine Eriksen Søreide and signed the Memorandum of Understanding to establish Foreign Office Consultations between Myanmar and Norway at the United Nations Headquarters on 26th September. They also discussed holding of regular consultations according to the MOU, and to enhance development cooperation in the areas of mutual interest including fish for development programme.

The Union Minister also apprised the Norwegian Minister of the measures taken by the Government to receive the verified displaced persons from Rakhine State on the basis of the bilateral arrangements between Myanmar and Bangladesh. He also explained that many displaced persons wishing to return do not dare to express their desire due to the threats of ARSA terrorist group. However, he said there were a number of people who had recently returned to Rakhine State voluntarily with their



Union Minister U Kyaw Tin (R) holds the Memorandum of Understanding to establish Foreign Office Consultations between Myanmar and Norway at the United Nations Headquarters on 26th September. **PHOTO: MNA**

own arrangement.

He also said that according to the recent report by DW News from Germany mentioned that there are more than thousands of ARSA terrorists operating inside the camps in Cox's Bazar. The threats posed by the ARSA terrorists have caused the major obstacles for the repatriation work and it is becoming a

major security challenge. He also informed her of the government efforts to create conducive environment for the returnees with the cooperation of ASEAN and the UN agencies and he welcomed the constructive assistance provided by the international community and development partners including Norway.—MNA



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edited.**Heart surgery performed on children with Congenital Heart Defect (CHD) succeed**YANKIN Children Hospital,
Heart Specialist team performed
heart surgeries on 50 children
with Congenital Heart Disease
— CHD, in collaboration with
Japan-based Akemichan Fund
in the last week of September.All surgeries were reported
to be successful.The surgeries were carried
out from September 23rd to 27th.This collaboration is made
possible by the Ministry of Health
and Sport. This is the 9th collab-
oration. So far, they successfully
performed surgery on 400 pa-
tients.For these surgeries, it was
reported that professors from
Yankin Children Hospital : Prof
Dr Win Win Kyaw, Prof Dr Aung
Thu , Prof Dr Khin Maung Oo,
Prof Dr Aye Aye, and Associated
Professor Dr Khin Yin Yin Htwe
and paediatrician Dr Kyu Kyu
Soe collaborated with the doctor
from Akemichan Fund, Hajime
Ichikawa (Cardiac Surgeon), andHead of Yankin Children's hospital Dr Myint Myint Khaing delivers the Certificate of Appreciation to Akemichan Fund for the successful surgeries on 28 September. **PHOTO: AYE MIN THU**

Professor Sugiyama Hisashi (cardiologist), on this project.

"Apart from these collabor-
ation, the ministry supports
technical assistance and machin-
eries. We can give treatment to
a lot of people as many doctors
were sent abroad to study. Therehas been reduction of patients in
the waiting list. This kind of pro-
jects do much good to patients
." Head of Yankin Children's
hospital Dr Myint Myint Khaing.Head of Yankin Children's
hospital delivered the Certifi-
cate of Appreciation to theAkemichan Fund for the suc-
cessful surgeries, on Septem-
ber 28th. Cardiology Unit and
Cardiac Surgery ward at Yankin
Children's Hospital are giving
treatment to children with CHD.

—Aye Min Thu ■

*(Translated by Alphonsus)***Solar power to be installed in 51 villages in Tachilek**Officials are attempting to carry out the rural electricity access by solar power system in Tachilek Township. **PHOTO: MYINT MOHE (TACHILEK)**AS the rural power supply project
continues to be installed outside
the power grid system, new solar
power will be made available in51 villages in Tachilek Township
in the 2018-2019 fiscal year.The Rural Development
Department is carrying out therural electricity access project,
financed by World Bank loans.
Only 48 villages registered to
install solar power during this
fiscal year. Now, the number of
villages has increased to 51 in
Tachilek Township, according
to the Rural Development De-
partment in Tachilek Township."We are working to enable
access to electricity through
the installation of household
solar systems and micro pow-
er line systems in the no-elec-
tricity supply regions," said
U Zaw Moe.Officials from the Rural
Development Department are
conducting field inspections to
install solar power in Tachilek
Township during the first week
of October.

Villagers can choose be-

tween 60 and 100 watt systems.
Home owners will have to pay Ks
50,000 for a 60 watt system and
Ks 150,000 for a 100 watt system,
and solar panels will be installed,
depending upon their choice.Currently, some 470 homes
are registered for 100 watt solar
power systems, while 727 homes
are registered to have 60 watt
solar power systems installed
in the villages.Under the electricity supply
to rural area project in Tachilek,
97 villages have been connected
to electricity during the 2016-
2017 fiscal year, along with 17
villages in the 2017-2018 fiscal
year. Now, the department will
install solar power in 51 villages
during the 2018-2019 fiscal year.

— Myint Mohe (Tachilek) ■

*(Translated by Hay Mar)***4th Myanmar Entrepreneurs Carnival 2019 to be held in Taunggyi**TO provide an opportunity for
those youth who seek invest-
ments in technological innova-
tions, the fourth Myanmar En-
trepreneurs Carnival 2019 will
be held in Taunggyi, according
to the Shan State Young Entre-
preneurs Association (SSYEA).A media conference to in-
troduce the Myanmar Entrepre-
neurs Carnival 2019 was held at
My House, Taunggyi on Friday.The 4th Myanmar Entre-
preneurs Carnival 2019 will be
held in Taunggyi UniversityHall, Taunggyi, on 5 October
by SSYEA. Entrepreneurs from
across the country, internation-
al experts and youths from Shan
State east will be invited to at-
tend.The Myanmar Entrepre-
neurs Carnival 2019 will be held,
with an aim to promote the
lifestyle of youth and students
from colleges and universities.
The festival will include youth
economic competitions, tech-
nological innovations, as well as
investments by entrepreneurs."Through the technical
expo, we expect that outstand-
ing youth will be promoted in
their businesses. At the show,
youth and students from across
Shan State will have the oppor-
tunity to display their innovative
technologies, as well as their
innovative products," said an
official from SSYEA."One of the interesting
things is that Technological
University, Taunggyi, will ex-
hibit solar cars at Myanmar
Entrepreneurs Carnival 2019.Moreover, they have planned
to display other useful applica-
tions, such as for hotel systems,
road systems, drying machines
for local farmers and solar po-
tato drying machines," said the
official from SSYEA.The 4th Myanmar Entre-
preneurs Carnival 2019 will
also include lectures by ex-
perts, panel discussions, start-
ups, pitching programmes and
performance programmes.

— Aye Cho ■

(Translated by Hay Mar)

MIFFA holds convocation for first batch of globally recognized FIATA Diploma Course

MYANMAR International Freight Forwarder Association- MIFFA held a graduation ceremony for its first batch of Freight Forwarding and Logistic Industry which is globally recognized 'FIATA Diploma' at the Lotte Hotel in Yangon yesterday. Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung delivered a key note speech at the convocation and expressed delight for the achievement of the MIFFA for successful conducting the diploma course.

Myanmar International Freight Forwarder Association (MIFFA) is the sole authorized training center approved by FIATA for National Level and this auspicious event is the first Convocation Ceremony for FIATA Diploma in Myanmar as MIFFA is successfully conducted training for the first time. The attend-

ees are learnt for 10 subjects, such as:- Introduction to Freight Forwarding, Sea Transport & Inland Waterways Transport, Air Transport, Road Transport & Rail Transport, Multimodal Transport, Customs Procedures, Warehouse & Logistics, Safety, Security & Transport of Dangerous Goods, Transport Insurance and Information & Communication Technology in Forwarding.

All Subjects are lectured by international experienced vocational trainers and total training period is 360 hours.

The MIFFA is consistently putting all maximum efforts to enhance the knowledge and upgrade the quality of fellow members and fellow coworkers in related industry since it is one of the MIFFA main ambitions.

Successful conducting training and awarding "FIATA

Diploma" according to "International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations, FIATA" is not the prestigious achievement for MIFFA, but also the great enrichment for dynamic of Myanmar Freight Forwarding and Logistics Industry.

International Federation of Freight Forwarders Associations, FIATA is the international association with 150 member states which represent over 40,000 Freight Forwarding and Logistics companies.

FIATA education committee set guideline for preparing FIATA Diploma syllabus, conducted "training of trainers" for member state and let respective association of member state to train again on their behalf, if the preparation made by respective association is met their FIATA standard.—MNA ■

(Translated by Alphonsus)



Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung presents the FIATA certificate to a trainee. PHOTO: MNA

Onion prices increase by K 100 per viss in Pakokku market due to high demand



Onion prices reach K 600 per viss due to the high demand of merchants. PHOTO: THET MAUNG (IPRD)

ALTHOUGH surplus supplies of onions are seen in the Pakokku market, the price of onions has increased by K 100 per viss (3.6 pounds), and reached K 800 per viss, according to the Pakokku onion market.

During the third week of September, onion prices reached some K 700 per visse, due to surpluses and low demand in all regions. The price online increased again at the end of September.

On 27 September, about 100,000 visses of onion entered the market. At that time, the price of onions reached K 825-830 for large ones, K 780-800 for middle sized onions and K 725-

760 for small sized onions. "The price of onions has increased these days, compared to earlier days. Onion prices have increased in Yangon market. So, the price of onions has also increased in other regions. Recently, we were selling at around K 700 per viss, and now we sell them at K 825 per viss. There are many merchants in the Pakokku market. The onion season is almost over. The price of onions has significantly increased from 20 September," said a local merchant from Pakokku market.

Meanwhile, onion growers are facing losses as a result of low prices. But local growers are selling their onions at low

prices before the harvest of new onion crops.

The price of onions was around K 400 per viss when the onion market began. Now, onion prices reached K 600 per viss due to the high demand of merchants.

In 2018, onion prices reached around K 2,000 per viss in the market. Now, in 2019, the price of onions has fallen below K 700 per viss.

Most of the onions from Yar Chaung region are sold in the Pakokku market. Myanmar exports domestically produced onions, especially to China and Thailand.—Aye Maung ■

(Translated by Haymar)

Border trade value hits over \$ 9.9 bln in this fiscal year as of 20 September

THE value of border trade reached US\$9.9 billion between 1 October and 20 September this fiscal year 2018-2019, exceeding over \$1.13 billion compared to the same period of last year, according to figures released by the commerce ministry.

In this fiscal year, the border trade valued hit \$ 9.9 billion while the same period of last year saw \$8.77 billion. Therefore, the amount this year has exceeded \$1.13 billion.

The total border trade value, as of 20 September this FY, included \$6.95 billion in exports and \$2.95 billion in imports. Compared with the last FY, the export earnings went up by more than \$1.2 billion, while the import value declined by \$50 million.

Myanmar border trade camps are located in Muse,

Lwejal, Chinshwehaw, Kanpaiktee, Kengtung, Tachilek, Myawady, Kawthoung, Myeik, Nabule /Htikhee, Mawtaung, Mese, Sittway, Maungtau, Tamu, Reed and Htantalan.

Among all the gates, the Muse border gate sees the largest volume and value of border trade, with an estimated value of more than \$4.66 billion this FY, followed by Htikhee with \$2.6 billion and Myawady with \$936 million.

Myanmar mainly exports agricultural products, animal products, as well as forest products, minerals, fishery products and manufactured goods, among other things, while capital goods, raw industrial materials and consumer products are imported into the country.—Zwe ■

(Translated by Haymar)

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Myanmar, Viet Nam hold cultural exchange event in Yangon

MYANMAR-Viet Nam bilateral cultural exchange event with the theme of “Vietnam-Myanmar Traditional and Modern colors” was held at Melia Hotel in Yangon at 7 pm yesterday. The event was attended by Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko and wife.

The ceremony was opened with national anthems of Myanmar and Viet Nam.

Then, Vietnamese Ambassador Dr Luan Thuy Duong and Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko gave keynote speeches and exchanged memorable gifts.

Afterwards, Vietnamese and Myanmar artistes presented their performances. Then, attendees had their group photo taken. Present at the event were Union Minister for Construction,



Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko addresses the Myanmar-Viet Nam cultural exchange event in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



U Han Zaw and his wife, Chief Minister of Yangon Region U Phyo Min Thein and his wife,

Deputy Minister for Defence Rear-Admiral Myint Nwe and his wife, Tatmadaw officers, Amba-

sadors from foreign embassies in Yangon, minister counselors, representatives from interna-

tional organizations and invited guests.—MNA ■ (Translated by Alphonsus)

150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi held in Yangon



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein and delegation pose for a group photo at the event to mark 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was commemorated in Theinbyu Lethwei Sta-

dium, Theinbyu Street, Yangon yesterday afternoon.

First, Yangon Region Chief

Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture U Kyi Min and offi-

cialists honored Mahatma Gandhi pictures with flower garlands and by lighting an oil lamp.

Next, Mahatma Gandhi 150th Birth Anniversary event organizing committee member Mr. Raju Goenka delivered a greeting speech and entertainments were provided with dhamma songs.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Deputy Minister U Kyi Min and Ambassador of India to Myanmar Mr Saurabh Kumar then delivered speeches.

Afterwards, Mahatma Gandhi Commemorative Building Trustee's works, Mahatma Gandhi's policies and works, works conducted to commemorate

150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi were explained by officials and then the officials presented prizes to winners of essay, poem and painting competitions.

Later, Mahatma Gandhi Commemorative Building Trustee Chairman U Maung Win spoke words of thanks and entertainments by Hindus were performed.

The 150th Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi was commemorated worldwide and a commemorative photo and painting exhibition will be held at Embassy of India in Myanmar on 29 and 30 September.—MNA ■ (Translated by Zaw Min)

Over 3,800 pesticides have received permits: Pesticide Registration Board

THE Pesticide Registration Board (PRB) has so far granted permits for over 3,800 pesticides, according to officials speaking at the board's recent coordination meeting.

The 30th coordination meeting was held on Wednesday, when the members of the board reviewed applications for some 198 pesticides submitted by the pesticide registration technical committee.

Speaking at the meeting, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw said, as the chairman of the board, that he stressed the need to effectively carry out the enforcement of the pesticide law

and rules to boost agro products, to reduce chemical residue and harmful impacts to farmers and to prevent counterfeit pesticides from being used by local farmers.

Not only registrations of pesticides were approved, but plans were discussed to hold awareness programmes on the technical know-how and systematic use of pesticides, the PRB Chairman said. For the export and import of pesticides that have earned provisional registrations and amendment registrations, endorsements will need to be sought from the Directorate of Trade. In addition, pesticides will be required

to have registration numbers and the endorsement of local authorities printed in the Myanmar language on their packag-

es, the board stated. Otherwise, their sales will be prohibited. Also, action will be taken against pesticide producers who en-

gage in unauthorized exporting, importing, sales or storage, the board warned.—MNA ■ (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



The 30th coordination meeting for reviewing applications for pesticide registration being convened. **PHOTO: MNA**

Greta Thunberg marches in Montreal for global climate protests

MONTREAL (Canada) — Teen activist Greta Thunberg urged Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and other world leaders Friday to do more for the environment as she led half a million protesters in Montreal as part of a global wave of “climate strikes.”

The 16-year-old Swede met privately with Trudeau but later told a news conference with local indigenous leaders that he was “not doing enough” to curb greenhouse gases responsible for global warming.

“My message to all the politicians around the world is the same. Just listen and act on the current best available science,” she said.

Thunberg generated headlines around the world earlier this week with her viral so-called “How Dare You?” speech at the UN climate summit, accusing world leaders of betraying her generation.

“You have stolen my dreams and my childhood with your empty words,” she thundered, visibly



An activist holds up placard depicting the 16-year-old Swedish climate activist Greta Thunberg during “Fridays for future” demonstration, a worldwide climate strike against governmental inaction towards climate breakdown and environmental pollution in Stockholm on 27 September 2019. PHOTO: AFP

angry and close to tears.

The teen has inspired millions of youngsters, drawn to her cause by her passion and

a mature, committed rhetorical style — articulated in near-perfect English — that belies her young age.

“It’s incredible to be united in such a way for a common cause,” she told the cheering Montreal crowd, adding: “If the

people in power won’t take their responsibility, then we will.”

“This week, world leaders from all around the world gathered in New York. They disappointed us once again with their empty words and insufficient plans,” she went on.

“It should not be up to us, but somebody needs to do it. This is an emergency, and we will not be bystanders. We are the change and change is coming.”

Trudeau and other Canadian party leaders took a breather from a tight election campaign to join Thunberg at the Montreal rally — along with around 500,000 protesters, according to organizers.

Walking with his wife and children, Trudeau mingled with a boisterous crowd that brandished placards reading “Respect Mother Earth” and “Make America Greta Again” — a riff on a campaign slogan popularized by US president and noted climate skeptic Donald Trump. — AFP ■

Three more elephants killed in Sri Lanka, bringing toll to seven

COLOMBO (Sri Lanka) — Wildlife officials found three more dead wild elephants in central Sri Lanka Saturday, raising the number believed to have been poisoned by angry villagers to seven. The animals were found at a forest reserve near Sigiriya, a fifth-century rock fortress and UNESCO-protected heritage site, police said. “Since Friday, we have found the remains of seven cow elephants, including a tusk,” police spokesman Ruwan Gunasekera said. Nearly 200 elephants are killed every year on the island, many by farmers after the animals stray onto their land.

Marauding elephants kill roughly 50 people annually, mostly when the creatures stray

into villages near their habitat. A pregnant female and a male were among the four carcasses found on Friday.

Wildlife experts and vets will carry out autopsies, said a police official in Sigiriya, north of Colombo, as they suspect the animals may have been poisoned.

Police said there had been a spate of incidents involving wild elephants storming villages and destroying crops in the area.

Killing the animals is in theory punishable by death.

Sri Lanka’s elephant population has dwindled to just over 7,000, according to the latest census, down from an estimated 12,000 at the beginning of the last century. — AFP ■



Going underground in Slovenia ... to prepare for outer space

DIVACA (Slovenia) — In Slovenia’s dramatically beautiful Karst region, six astronauts have been put through their paces for future missions — not in a flashy futuristic space centre but deep underground in the area’s network of cold, dark and muddy caves.

This Wednesday they emerged blinking into the light after swapping their space suits for caving gear and spending six full days underground in the UNESCO-listed Skocjan cave system.

All in all they completed six weeks of training organised by the European Space Agency’s (ESA) CAVES programme.

But why were they heading underground?

“Living in a cave is very similar to living in space, mentally. Actually, I thought it was much harder than living in space,” 43-year-old Japanese astronaut Takuya Onishi told AFP.

Onishi’s harsh tone is unsurprising given temperatures in the cave fluctuate between six and 10 degrees, not to mention 100-percent humidity and the fact the participants only

had the light of their head lamps to guide them.

“Caves are a fantastic alien world. You actually live in an environment which is terrifyingly difficult, different and risky,” said Loredana Bessone of the CAVES programme.

‘Cavenauts’

This was the sixth time the programme had been run, but the first outing in Slovenia’s caves.

After two weeks of learning about speleology, or cave exploration, the “cavenauts” are dispatched to explore and map the underground maze, gathering scientific material and relying on teamwork to solve various problems.

The experiments include monitoring life in the caves such as microscopic organisms as well as assessing atmospheric conditions.

“The main goal for the astronauts is to work together as a team and achieve a mission in a very complex environment, to prepare better for an analogous situation, which is space,” the head of the programme’s science component Francesco

Sauro said.

One of the astronauts, Germany’s Alexander Gerst, told AFP about the feeling of complete isolation from the world outside in the silent darkness.

You feel “deprived of all sensual input, out of your comfort zone”, said 43-year-old, who has already completed two missions on the International Space Station.

Onishi and Gerst were joined by colleagues from the United States, Canada and Russia.

‘Our planet is special’

NASA’s Jeanette Epps admitted that when it came time to finally leave, she was “kind of sad” despite the cold, slippery conditions which had been made more dangerous by rainy weather.

“But then I looked up and... it was beautiful,” she said.

“Just the smell alone and the sunlight on your face, I didn’t realise how different I felt being in the cave,” 48-year-old Epps said.

Onishi had slightly prosaic concerns once he was “back on the ground”. — AFP ■

Eliminate rabies through vaccinations

RABIES is preventable through vaccinations and post-exposure immunization. Yet, nearly 70,000 people continue to die from the disease every year throughout the world, mostly in rural areas. This means that one person dies every 15 minutes from the preventable rabies disease, mostly in Asia and Africa.

Myanmar also shares the burden of rabies infections. Myanmar sees about 200 deaths from rabies annually. About 40 per cent of these victims are children under 15 who have been bitten by a suspect rabid dog and it was found they were bitten while playing near the dog.

Myanmar is committed to the eradication of rabies in the country.

Cats are just as likely as dogs to have rabies. Therefore, they must be vaccinated, as well. It's a safe bet to vaccinate both cats and dogs once a year, starting from three months old. The main problem, however, are stray dogs. If we look at the states and regions, the rabies problem mainly occurs in Yangon, Mandalay and Bago regions where there are many stray dogs.

This concern is intended to raise public awareness, and we need to increase our actions. All departments in every township should cooperate in protecting stray dogs by spaying or neutering them, as well as vaccinating them for rabies under

a set guideline.

If we can vaccinate at least 70 per cent of stray dogs, then it will greatly reduce the risk of them contracting rabies. We need to start working to eradicate rabies now. We must conduct research, connect with relevant organizations, set guidelines and make financial plans, which include protecting humans and dogs by providing vaccinations and safeguarding them.

In cooperation with the World Organization for Animal Health, the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department drafted the national-level rabies control strategy, and it was approved in August last year. Starting from 2019, a project to vaccinate about one million dogs is being carried out in Yangon Region and Nay Pyi Taw, joining with Four Paws International. Also, a similar program will be extended to high risk areas in Mandalay Region, Bago Region and Rakhine State.

We are confident that the goal of eradication of rabies by 2030 would be reached due to cooperation between ministries, Hluttaw, farmers, non-governmental organizations and the people.



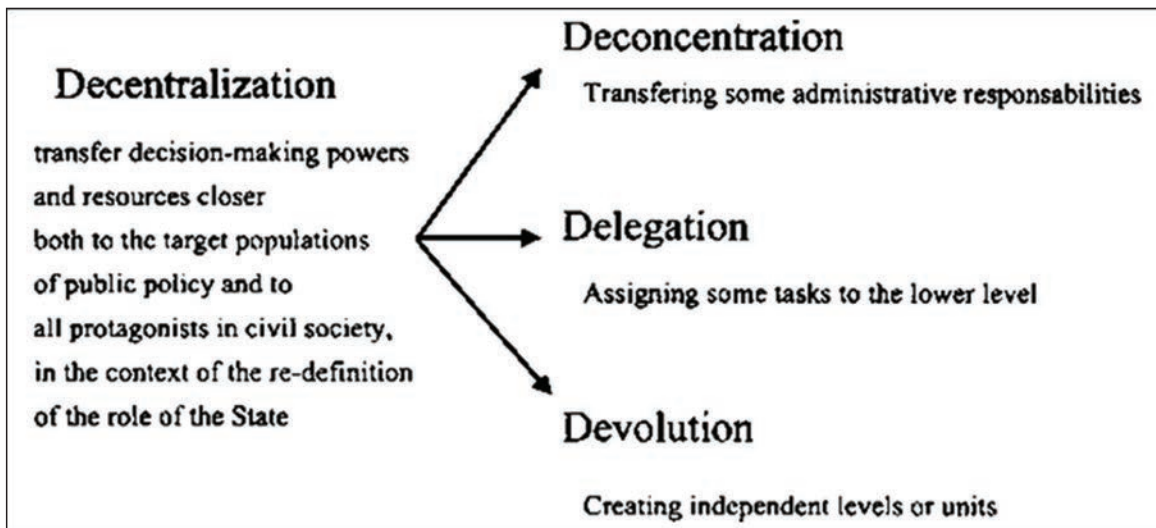
Decentralization of Healthcare in Health System Development Perspective

By Dr Than Lwin Tun, Ministry of Health and Sports

Decentralization Initiations

Decentralization has been accepted as one of the fundamental mechanisms in improving governance. However, not all functions of governance can be decentralized in reality. In 2009, decentralization of health care was chosen and discussed at the World Health Organization (WHO) - South East Asia regional meeting on Healthcare Reform for the 21st Century. The regional seminar on decentralization of health-care services in the South-East Asia Region intended to discuss experiences among Member countries of the South East Asia Region including Myanmar, which have varying degrees of decentralization in health care services. The editorial perspectives in the daily newspaper Global New Light of Myanmar published on 11 September, 2019 indicated that the Ministry of Health and Sports (MOHS) would decentralize its authority by giving more power to the heads of regional and state health departments and medical superintendents to make healthcare services more effective. 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. At the same time, they would require more support to effectively carry out their tasks, with the delegation of more authority concerning their administration, management, staff affairs, and finance but they would have to take responsibility and be accountable for their actions.

What is Decentralization?—The term “decentralization” embraces a variety of concepts which must be carefully analyzed in any particular country before determining if projects or programs should support the reorganization of financial, administrative, or service delivery systems. Decentralization—the transfer of public functions from the central government to subordinate or quasi-independent government organizations and/or the private sector—is a complex multifaceted concept. Different types of decentralization should be distinguished because they have different characteristics, policy implications, and



conditions for success.

Types of Decentralization—include political, administrative, fiscal, and market decentralization.

Political Decentralization—aims to give citizens or their elected representatives more power in public decision-making.

Administrative Decentralization—seeks to redistribute authority, responsibility and financial resources for providing public services among different levels of government. It is the transfer of responsibility for the planning, financing and management of certain public functions from the central government and its agencies to field units of government agencies, subordinate units or levels of government, semi-autonomous public authorities or corporations, or area-wide, regional or functional authorities. The three major forms of administrative decentralization—deconcentration, delegation, and devolution—each have different characteristics.

Deconcentration—which is often considered to be the weakest form of decentralization and is used most frequently in unitary states—redistributes decision-making authority and financial and management responsibilities among different levels of the central government.

Delegation—is a more wide-ranging form of decentralization. Through delegation central governments transfer responsibility for decision-making and administration of public functions to semi-autonomous organizations not wholly controlled by the central government, but ultimately accountable to it. Governments delegate responsibilities when

suppliers for services that in the past had been provided by the government or by regulated monopolies. In recent years privatization and deregulation have become more attractive alternatives to governments in developing countries. Local governments are also privatizing by contracting out service provision or administration.

Opportunities and Challenges in Decentralization

For effective decentralization of healthcare services in Myanmar; improvement of management capacity and clear understanding

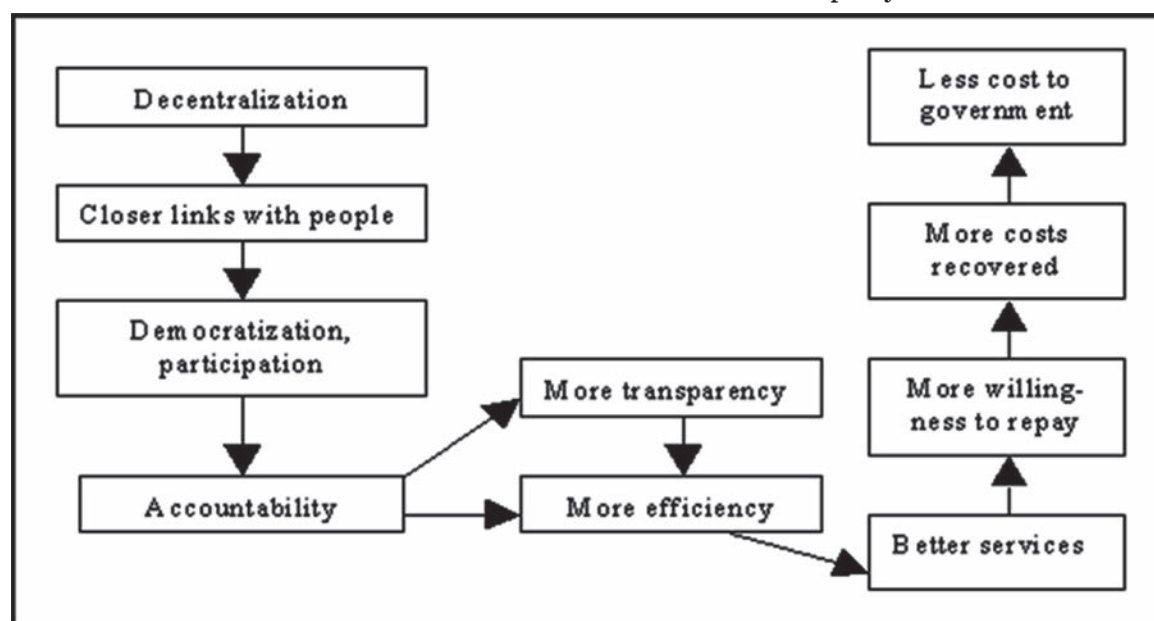
delivery, do not depend solely on the intensity of decentralization but rather on how it is done. There are no easy recipes to ensure quality service delivery. Most possible recipes are not exclusive to one particular level but apply to all levels of health service provisions.

Suggestions in Myanmar Context

Policies for decentralization should be formulated through a need-based approach with the active involvement of the community, civil society, and ethnic health organizations in planning, budgeting, implementation and monitoring. These policies should provide decentralization framework ensuring adequate human and financial resources from central and local levels, regulating private sector involvement, supporting health information systems (HIS) at national and sub-national levels to collect, analyze and use data for health care quality improvement. Upgrading in primary care services, the human resource development and policy on staff deployment should be taken into consideration for retention of skilled staff and ensuring continuity of quality services distributed in equitable manner.

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they create public enterprises or corporations, housing authorities, transportation authorities, special service districts, semi-autonomous school districts, regional development corporations, or special project implementation units.

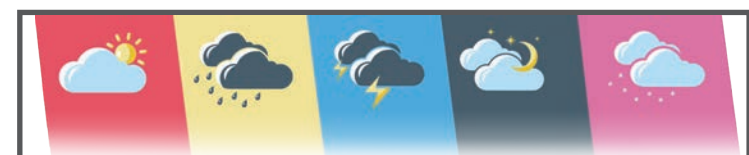
Devolution—A third type of administrative decentralization is devolution. When governments devolve functions, they transfer authority for decision-making, finance, and management to quasi-autonomous units of local government with corporate status. Devolution usually transfers responsibilities for services to municipalities that elect their own mayors and councils, raise their own revenues, and have independent authority to make investment decisions. In a devolved system, local governments have clear and legally recognized geographical boundaries over which they exercise authority and within which they perform public functions.

Economic or Market Decentralization—The most complete forms of decentralization from a government's perspective are privatization and deregulation because they shift responsibility for functions from the public to the private sector.

Privatization—can range in scope from leaving the provision of goods and services entirely to the free operation of the market to “public-private partnerships” in which government and the private sector cooperate to provide services or infrastructure.

Deregulation—reduces the legal constraints on private participation in service provision or allows competition among private

Fiscal Decentralization—Financial responsibility is a



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Saturday 28th September, 2019)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 29th September, 2019: Weather will be partly cloudy in Lower Sagaing Region and Shan State. Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Upper Sagaing Region, Chin and Rakhine States, scattered in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyarwady and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin and Kayah States and isolated in the remaining Regions and States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Sea will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (3–6) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Likelihood of rain or thundershowers in Upper Sagaing Region and Chin State.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 29th September, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 29th September, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 29th September, 2019: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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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Pompeo subpoenaed as Democrats press Trump impeachment

WASHINGTON (United States)— Democrats charged aggressively into an impeachment investigation of President Donald Trump on Friday, ordering Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to turn over Ukraine-related documents and scheduling testimony for witnesses to alleged abuse of power by the US leader.

Three House committees gave Pompeo one week to produce the documents, saying multiple State Department officials have direct knowledge of Trump's efforts to enlist the Ukraine government's help in his US campaign for reelection.

"The Committees are investigating the extent to which President Trump jeopardized national security by pressing Ukraine to interfere with our 2020 election and by withhold-

ing security assistance provided by Congress to help Ukraine counter Russian aggression," they said.

Public support is growing for impeachment after the release of an anonymous whistleblower's complaint on Thursday, reportedly made by a CIA analyst who had worked in the White House.

It accused Trump of pressuring Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky in a July 25 phone call to supply dirt on former vice president Joe Biden, the favorite to represent Democrats against Trump in the 2020 presidential election.

The complaint also revealed that White House aides, alarmed at Trump's implicit offer to release aid in exchange for Zelensky's help, sought to hide the record of the call in a highly se-



US President Donald Trump (L) and Secretary of State Mike Pompeo: Democrats subpoenaed Pompeo for documents related to the mounting impeachment investigation of the US leader. **PHOTO: AFP**

cure computer system normally used only for the country's most top-secret intelligence.

Congressional investigators on Friday announced interviews starting next week with five State

Department officials, including former ambassador to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch, whom Trump reportedly forced out earlier this year for resisting his efforts to pressure Kiev to probe Biden.

The list also includes US special representative on Ukraine Kurt Volker, who resigned Friday after being ordered to answer questions in the impeachment investigation, a source familiar with the matter told AFP.

The whistleblower complaint said Volker met senior Ukrainian officials on how to "navigate" Trump's demands of Zelensky.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi declared that the impeachment investigation would move quickly, saying evidence from the whistleblower's complaint against Trump of abuse of power and an attempted cover-up was unambiguous.

"The clarity of the president's actions is compelling and gave us no choice but to move forward," Pelosi said.— AFP ■

Giant telescope project in Hawaii delayed by protests

LOS ANGELES (United States) — Anger is brewing on the Big Island of Hawaii over plans to build a giant telescope on a dormant volcano that is highly sacred to the region's native population.

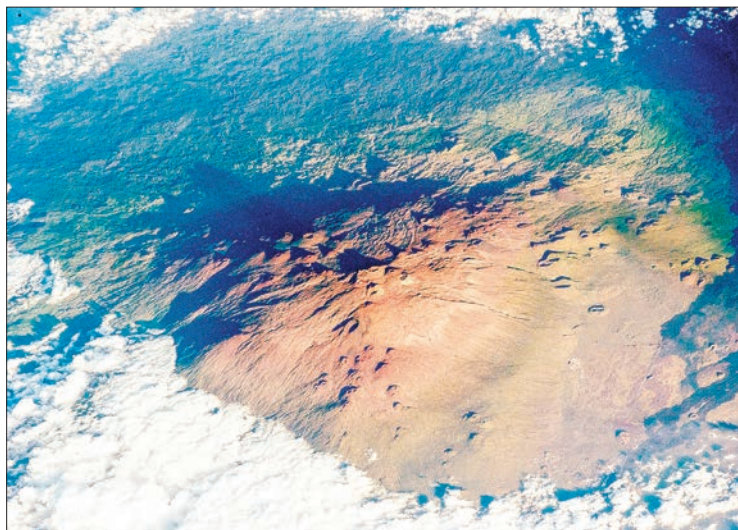
For months, hundreds of protesters have delayed the start of construction on Mauna Kea volcano of the so-called Thirty Meter Telescope, or TMT, which astronomers say will have a dozen times the resolution of the Hubble Space Telescope.

The demonstrators, who have converged on the site peacefully, argue that the \$1.4 billion project would sit on a volcano that is sacred to Native Hawaiians and would harm the environment.

Celebrities like Dwayne Johnson, Jason Momoa and Bruno Mars have lent their support to the protesters.

"What I realized today, and obviously I've been following this for years now, is that it's bigger than a telescope," Johnson, who lived in Hawaii as a child, reportedly said when he visited the site earlier this summer.

"It's humanity. It's culture," he said. Work on the project — set to be completed by 2027 — was supposed to start in 2015 but has been hampered by repeated protests.



Mauna Kea volcano is sacred to Native Hawaiians. **PHOTO: AFP**

"Construction has been delayed for years because of this situation," Christophe Dumas, a French astronomer and head of operations at TMT, told AFP. "The cost has also risen significantly... and the process to obtain a construction permit lasted 10 years."

Protest leaders say the consortium of scientists behind the project can build their scope on a less controversial site, including on a mountain in Spain's Canary Islands, where they say it would be a win-win situation for everyone.

Dumas argues, however, that Mauna Kea "remains the ideal site" in the Northern Hemisphere because of its altitude — 13,796 feet (4,205 meters) above sea level — as

well as its remoteness and clear skies which make it one of the best places on the planet for astronomical observatories.

The new telescope, according to scientists, would enable astronomers to see "forming galaxies at the very edge of the observable universe, near the beginning of time."

Already, Mauna Kea, which means White Mountain, is home to 13 telescopes housed in 12 facilities at or around the summit, which have been the source of a host of new discoveries and scientific studies.

Some question whether one more telescope — albeit a giant one — would make such a big difference. The answer is a resounding "yes" from opponents.— AFP ■

Scorsese and Netflix unveil ambitious new film "The Irishman"

NEW YORK (United States) — Director Martin Scorsese unveiled his new film "The Irishman" Friday, kicking off the New York film festival with the ambitious Netflix movie that was more than a decade in the making.

The star-studded gangster epic had a budget of \$160 million, using 117 different filming locations to shoot 309 scenes which together add up to a run time of 3 hours 29 minutes.

Scorsese and actor Robert De Niro started planning the film adaptation of Charles Brandt's book "I Heard You Paint Houses" 12 years ago.

"Things got in the way," Scorsese told journalists Friday after the world premiere screening. "We couldn't get backing — there was no way — for years," he added.

"I'm just happy we all got finally to do it because it did take a long time," said De Niro. "We were lucky to get people to put up the money."

After several studios declined the project, it took Netflix's deep pockets to get the green light for "The Irishman" — the nickname of Frank Sheeran, whose account of real-life events forms the basis of the book and film.

Former henchman Sheeran (played by De Niro) claimed to have killed more than 25 people on the orders of mafia boss Russell Bufalino (Joe Pesci) and truck driver union leader Jimmy Hoffa (Al Pacino). The film uses a new technology developed by Industrial Light & Magic (ILM) — the effects firm created by George Lucas — to digitally "de-age" actors on screen.— AFP ■



Martin Scorsese and actor Robert De Niro started planning the film adaptation of Charles Brandt's book "I Heard You Paint Houses" 12 years ago. **PHOTO: AFP**

Security tight as Afghans head to presidential polls

KABUL (Afghanistan) — Afghans head to the polls amid tight security Saturday to vote for their next president, following a bloody, two-month election campaign that has been marred by repeated attacks across Afghanistan.

The Taliban, who already have unleashed a string of bombings, have in recent days issued repeated warnings they intend to attack polling centres and have told voters to stay away.

Wary authorities have placed an uneasy Kabul under partial lockdown, banning trucks from entering the city in an effort to stop would-be suicide bombers attacking the electoral process.

The capital's traffic, often gridlocked, has dropped to a trickle as schools and offices close for the day and as many people choose to stay off the roads.

Some 9.6 million Afghans are registered to vote, but many have lost any hope that after 18 years of war any leader can unify the fractious country and improve basic living conditions, boost the stagnating economy or bolster security.

Several of the 18 original contenders have dropped out and the poll is considered a two-horse race between current President Ashraf Ghani and Abdullah



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dullah Abdullah, the country's chief executive.

Both claimed victory in the 2014 election — a vote so tainted by fraud and violence that it led to a constitutional crisis and forced then-US president Barack Obama to push for a compromise that saw Abdullah awarded the subordinate role.

Voting in Afghanistan's fourth presidential election begins at 7:00 am (0230 GMT) at some 5,000 polling centres across the country. Authorities had initially planned to open

hundreds more but were unable to owing to the abysmal security situation.

Campaigning was hampered by violence from the first day, when Ghani's running mate was targeted in a bomb-and-gun attack that left at least 20 dead.

Bloody attacks have continued to rock Afghanistan, including a Taliban bombing at a Ghani rally last week that killed at least 26 people in the central province of Parwan near Kabul.

The interior ministry says 72,000 forces will help to secure

polling stations.

Stephane Dujarric, spokesman for UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, said: "any acts of violence against the electoral process, including attacks directed at polling centres, polling staff and voters, are unacceptable."

Election officials say this will be the cleanest election yet held, with equipment such as biometric fingerprint readers and better training for poll workers to ensure the vote is fair. —AFP ■

China FM tells UN protectionism risks causing global recession

UNITED NATIONS (United States) — China's foreign minister warned Friday that protectionism could trigger a world recession as he vowed to stand firm in a trade row with the United States.

"The lessons of the Great Depression should not be forgotten," Wang Yi told the United Nations General Assembly in New York.

"Tariffs and provocation of trade disputes, which upset global industrial and supply chains, serve to undermine the multilateral trading regime and global economic and trade order," he said.

"They may even plunge the world into recession," the foreign minister added.

His comments come amid an intense showdown with US President Donald Trump, who has slapped tariffs on the world's second largest economy over what he calls unfair practices and intellectual property



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theft.

Multiple media accounts on Friday said that the row could again escalate sharply with Trump considering drastic measures such as delisting Chinese companies on US stock markets or trying to block US investment in China.

Wang made clear that China would retaliate for any further measures.

"China is committed to resolve (disputes) in a calm, rational and cooperative manner and is willing to demonstrate utmost patience and goodwill," Wang said.

"Should the other side act in bad faith, or show no respect for equal status or rules in negotiations, we will have to make necessary responses to safeguard our legitimate rights and interests and to uphold international justice," he said.

Representing China on the international stage, Wang vowed firmness.

"Let me make it very clear: China is a country with a 5,000-year civilization, 1.4 billion hard-working and courageous people, and a vast land of 9.6 million square kilometers. China will not ever be (cowed) by threats, or subdued by pressure," he said.

He made little direct reference to the United States but suggested that Trump was driven by domestic politics.

"Erecting walls will not resolve global challenges, and blaming others for one's own problems does not work," he said. —AFP ■

NEWS In BRIEF

1 killed, 9 injured in blast in SW Pakistan

ISLAMABAD — A blast hit Pakistan's southwestern Chaman district on Saturday, leaving at least one person killed and nine others injured, police said.

According to Chaman police officials, a vehicle of local political leader came under attack near Taj road area of Chaman, a district in southwestern Balochistan province.

Rescue teams, police and security forces had reached the site and shifted the injured to nearby hospital.

Local reports said that the explosives were planted in a motorcycle which was parked in the area.

No group has claimed the attack yet. —Xinhua ■

Japan physicians group sends official to N. Korea, eyes medical aid

BEIJING/PYONGYANG — A senior official of Japan's biggest physicians lobby arrived in North Korea by air on Saturday, with an eye to providing future medical aid to the country believed to be facing serious health care challenges.

Mitsuaki Maseki, chairman of the Japan Medical Association's house of delegates, is expected to visit hospitals in North Korea, along with seven former Japanese lawmakers, sources familiar with their itinerary said. —Kyodo News ■

Huge tanker blast sparks fire injuring 18 in South Korea

SEOUL (South Korea) — A huge blast on an oil tanker in a South Korean port Saturday sparked a raging fire that spread to a nearby vessel, leaving 18 people injured, authorities said.

A ball of fire shot up high above the ship and thick black smoke billowed into the air, dramatic images showed. Firefighters struggled to contain the blaze and prevent it spreading, shooting streams of water up onto the deck from beside the vessel in the southeast port of Ulsan. —AFP ■

Most vaping-related lung injuries linked to marijuana products: CDC

WASHINGTON (United States) — Many of the hundreds of e-cigarette users who have developed lung problems in recent months, some of them fatal, used black market marijuana products, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said Friday.

The CDC was cautious to say the investigation was ongoing, and that the cause of the illnesses “remains unknown at this time,” but the report did name one counterfeit brand, Dank Vapes, as potentially problematic.

So far in the United States, more than 800 people have developed lung injuries associated with e-cigarette use. Twelve have died.

Of 514 patients who gave information about their past use of vaping products, 77 per cent of them said they had used products containing THC — tetrahydrocannabinol, the psychoactive ingredient in marijuana.

A minority, 16 percent, say they only used nicotine products.

“These reports suggest that THC-containing products play a role in the recent cases,” said CDC principal deputy director Anne Schuchat.

“We do not know yet what exactly is making people sick — for example, whether a particular solvent or adulterant are leading to lung injury, or whether cases stem from a single supplier or multiple



The file photo taken on 2 October 2018. A man exhales smoke from an electronic cigarette in Washington, DC. **PHOTO: AFP**

ones.”

It was the first time that the CDC had offered such data, though they had already noted that THC had been consumed in numerous cases.

The announcement came as more and more

US states, along with other countries, are considering a total ban on e-cigarettes.

The administration of US President Donald Trump is planning to ban the sale of flavored vaping products nationwide in the coming weeks.—AFP ■

Philippines-China painting exhibition opens in Manila

MANILA — A Philippines-China painting exhibition, themed “In Harmony with Nature”, opened in the Metropolitan Museum of Manila on Saturday in a bid to strengthen cultural exchanges.

A total of 65 paintings by five Filipino artists and five Chinese artists are presented in the exhibition, which also showed drawings created by the two countries’ artists during a joint trip in Palawan of southern Philippines in September.

“This is a unique project which seeks to cultivate the artistic encounters between Chinese and Philippine artists and will foster a better understanding of mutual cultures,” Joselito Campos, Chairman of the Metropolitan Museum of Manila Board of Trustees, said at the opening ceremony.

Before the opening ceremony, 10 Filipino and Chinese artists created a painting named “In Harmony with Nature” together.—Xinhua ■

Sony, Marvel strike deal for new ‘Spider-Man’ film



Fans feared that Spider-Man’s role in the Marvel Cinematic Universe would end when Sony Pictures and Marvel Studios initially failed to strike a deal on a new film, but an agreement is now in place. **PHOTO: AFP**

LOS ANGELES (United States) — Spider-Man will spin his web on the big screen once again.

A breakdown in talks between Sony Pictures and Marvel had imperiled the web-slinger’s celluloid future, but the two companies announced a deal Friday for Marvel Studios to produce the third Spidey film starring British actor Tom Holland.

The film — which follows up on “Spider-Man: Homecoming” and “Spider-Man: Far from Home” — is set for release on July 16, 2021, the studios said.

Marvel Studios presi-

dent Kevin Feige will take up his usual role as producer.

“I am thrilled that Spidey’s journey in the MCU (Marvel Cinematic Universe) will continue, and I and all of us at Marvel Studios are very excited that we get to keep working on it,” Feige said in a statement.

“Spider-Man is a powerful icon and hero whose story crosses all ages and audiences around the globe.

“He also happens to be the only hero with the superpower to cross cinematic universes, so as

Sony continues to develop their own Spidey-verse, you never know what surprises the future might hold.”

Sony and Disney, which owns Marvel Studios, had reached an impasse over the summer on a new financing deal -- sparking despair for fans who have embraced Holland’s take on the teen hero.

As part of the deal, the character will also appear in a future Marvel Studios film.

Holland reacted to the news on Instagram, posting a smiley face with a clip from “The Wolf of Wall Street” in which Leonardo DiCaprio’s character says: “I’m not leaving. (...) The show goes on.”

Amy Pascal, who produced the first two Holland-led movies, will also have a role in producing the new film.

“Peter Parker’s story took a dramatic turn in ‘Far From Home’ and I could not be happier we will all be working together as we see where his journey goes,” said Pascal.—AFP ■

“DURGA PUJA (2019) INVITATION”

THE SARADIYA DURGA PUJA (Sandhi Mai Daw Puzaw Pwe) will be celebrated from Friday, the 4th October 2019 to 8th October 2019 Tuesday, the 8th October 2019 Hindu temple Sri Sri Durga Bari No.307, Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon.

All are cordially invited to attend the Durga Puja Celebration with family and friends.

Durga Puja Celebration Committee 2019

CLAIM’S DAY NOTICE

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Consignees of cargo carried on M.V ISEACO GENESIS VOY. NO. (032 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 29-09-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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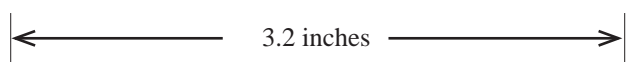
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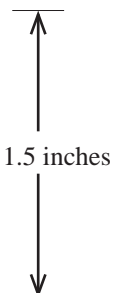
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This is a pleasant village

By Myint Maung Soe

I HADN'T been to the village for years. I left the village in 1988 and for the past thirty years or three decades, I went back sometime but never for long. The most was to stay a night and return so I know almost nothing about the village. I don't know what changes there were. Whether there were any changes in climate or weather or businesses were good or bad. Worse yet is the fact that my relatives didn't even know me anymore. For me, everything was new.

Ever since my parents passed away, I lost connection with the village. Although I had my siblings there, no contact was made unless there was some specific and strong reason. All were busy with their own works. Sometime I felt a yearning for the village but except for such few occasions I was so far away from the village.

But awhile ago, I have this strong unknown yearning to go back there. Full Moon Day of Tawthalin was when my village was full of people. That was when there was a big offering ceremo-

ny to the monks. I decided to go back to my village at that time. So I ended up taking a night express bus from Yangon without making any prior arrangements.

My thoughts wander more widely as I sat on the bus. I was wondering what changes there'll be in the village. Will I find my friends of my youth? How did they go through their lives? Such thoughts came into my mind without stopping.

At 10 pm, the Shwe Mandalaircon express bus I was on left Aung Mingalar Express Bus Terminal. By coincidence, the MTV entertainment programme on the bus played a song about my native land of central Myanmar. That was a priceless song for a native of central Myanmar returning back home after staying long in the big city Yangon.

At about 5 am, the express bus reaches Meiktila Thegon gate. From there, it went along Meiktila-Kyaukpadaung Road and after about 10 minutes, reached Mondaing model village. Along the road were shops and green farmlands, patches of toddy palm forests, rows of



Historical Mondaing brick monastery in Mondaing model village, PHOTO: MYINT MAUNG SOE

Magyi, Kokko (*Albizia lebbek*) and Tama trees, village ponds and an occasional monastery showing a picturesque view of my home land.

There were many pagodas built since Konbaung era near my village and the historical Mondaing brick monastery was prominent at the entrance to the village. The huge brick monastery was built by U Pan Ya and Daw Sein Tha in Myanmar Era 1111 (1748). This was before Konbaung Dynasty, the last dynasty of Myanmar monarchy that was founded only in 1752. By now it was more than 270 years old! The monastery was where I first had my education until fourth standard. When I was young, the old pagodas were engulfed in bushes and vegetations but this time around, the surrounding areas of the pagodas were



Shwe Taunggyi Pagoda. PHOTO: MYINT MAUNG SOE

cleared of those eye sores. The pagodas were now teeming with devotees and visitors and some pagodas even had shops selling foods and gifts.

My boyhood friend Ko Saw Lwin who had opened a shop in a pagoda compound said, "This place has changed. It is now known as Htila Bagan and many far and near visitors come during religious days and weekends by cars and buses."

So the pagodas once engulfed in bushes and vegetations were now on open ground becoming Htila Bagan attracting devotees, visitors and business.

When I reached my sister's house near the pagoda, I was more surprised to see my sister and her husband watching a television. When I left the village, they didn't even have a radio and it was indeed a pleasant surprise

for me. My sister Ma Shwe Kyi said, "Now we have electricity. So everyone was using electric stoves for cooking and no one was collecting firewood anymore. With electricity, water was also readily available. Your niece dug a tube well and now with a flick of a switch, electric motor pumps up water for use."

My sister as well as all the villagers' life had changed due to availability of electricity. My life in the village was without electricity and each household use at least ten cart load of firewood a year. As our village had more than 500 households, imagine how much trees were cut and burnt as firewood. Deforestation worsened compounded the lack of rain in our central dry region. With electricity available now, trees can grow and become forests rather than forests depleted of trees for being turned into firewood.

Mondaing Village Tract chairman Ko Aye Lwin said a total of 24 villages in Mondaing Village Tract start to have electricity in April. Houses as well as roads were lit up with lights at dusk making it look more like an urban area than a rural area I once lived in.

Availability of electricity changes the life of the villagers. Cooking food was no longer a tedious job that starts with day long collection of firewood or cutting down trees. Rain fed water was plentiful during the raining season but being in the central dry region, there was serious shortage of water in other season. With electricity, pumps and tube wells, this was no longer an issue. Ease in preparing food

and obtaining water allows villagers to give more time toward productive activities. Availability of electricity also prompts enterprising villagers to start small scale enterprises which in turn improve the general economic situation of all. The improvement and development of the economy was obvious with every household having motorcycles and televisions. There were even 17 households with cars and trucks. These vastly improved the travel of people and flow of goods to nearby town of Meiktila that was a considerable distance without motorized transport.

The school in the village was just a middle school when I attended it. Now it was upgraded to high school. Youngsters from our village as well as nearby villages were now attending this high school. When we were young, we had to go to Meiktila to attend high school resulting in many dropping out of school after middle school. Now, our youngsters will become better educated with a high school at a convenient distance from home.

Htila Bagan attracts visitors and business. Electricity improves the lives of the villagers as well as the economy. These development combined with availability of high school education will definitely improve further the socio economic lives of the people in the coming few years.

My little village that I left in search of greener pastures had become a green pasture itself.

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The night scene of Mondaing model village. PHOTO: MYINT MAUNG SOE

Maldive Int'l Challenge: Thet Htar Thuzar misses final with a loss to Viet Nam's Thi Trang

MYANMAR Badminton star Thet Htar Thuzar faced a 1-2 loss to Viet Nam Badminton player Thi Trang in the semifinals of the women's single event at the Maldives International Challenge 2019, held yesterday at the Ekuveni multi-purpose stadium in Malé, Maldives.

As the match is a semifinal, both players started the match seeking to advance to the finals.

The match for Thet Htar Thuzar was not an easy one, as her opponent, Thi Trang, has a higher world ranking than Thet Htar Thuzar.

Thi Trang holds the World Ranking of 64, while Thet Htar Thuzar is currently ranked 68.

There were three rounds completed, and in the first round of the semifinal, Thet Htar Thuzar suffered a defeat to Thi Trang 14-21. Next, Thet Htar Thuzar was

THI TRANG (B) VU	VS	THET HTAR THUZAR
21	GAME 1	14
15	GAME 2	21
21	GAME 3	16

MATCH GAME RESULTS H2H RANKING

again victorious, winning over Thi Trang in the second round of the match 21-15.

In the third round, Thet Htar Thuzar seemed to have lost some of her concentration and missed a number of shots by her opponent Thi Trang, ending the match at

16-21.

After Thet Htar Thuzar's 1-2 loss to Thi Trang, the three rounds total points were 14-21, 21-15 and 16-21, as Thet Htar Thuzar lost the final match and the chance at the championship title.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

CTFA U-19 tourney: Myanmar suffers 0-1 loss to Chinese Taipei

MYANMAR U-19 national football team suffered a 0-1 loss to the Chinese Taipei U-19 team in their first group match of the 2019 CTFA U-19 International Tournament in Kaohsiung, Taiwan yesterday.

Both teams played energetically from the start, using long and short passes while launching their opening attacks.

Chinese Taipei deserved the win, with its players executing and tackling well. Throughout most of the match, Chinese Taipei controlled the ball and passed crisply.

Although Myanmar displayed speedy play at the beginning, its strikers could not penetrate their opponent's defence line due to some hesitations.

By taking advantage of the

lack of concentration of Myanmar's defence, Chinese Taipei scored its first and winning goal at 25 minutes with a fast action header.

After the goal, Myanmar played more actively than their previous play.

Myanmar opened its attack, as it sought an equalizer in the second half.

The two teams played well and showed a reliable defence line and fixed middle line, resulting in the ball being passed mostly around the midfield area of the pitch in the later minutes of the second half.

Though Myanmar had many chances to tie the score, Myanmar's strikers could not find the net, with their kicks remaining far from the goal until the final whistle.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Liverpool win ugly to romp clear in Premier League as Kane saves Spurs



Liverpool midfielder Georginio Wijnaldum celebrates his goal against Sheffield United. PHOTO: AFP

LONDON (United Kingdom)—Liverpool sent out an ominous warning to the rest of the Premier League on Saturday, proving they can win ugly as Harry Kane rescued 10-man Tottenham.

Frank Lampard's Chelsea beat Brighton 2-0 at Stamford Bridge, winning at home for the first time in the league under their new manager, courtesy of a Jorginho penalty and a Willian strike.

Elsewhere, there was a first league win of the season for Wolves, against bottom club Watford, while West Ham's draw at Bournemouth lifted them to third in the table.

Jurgen Klopp's Liverpool

won their seventh Premier League game out of seven to pull eight points clear ahead of Manchester City, thanks to Georginio Wijnaldum's fortunate strike in a 1-0 victory at Sheffield United.

The European champions looked short on invention against the well-organised Blades until Wijnaldum's shot from the edge of the box 20 minutes from time trickled between the legs of United goalkeeper Dean Henderson.

Liverpool, who have won 16 consecutive league games, finished a single point behind champions Manchester City in the Premier League last season but are now setting a searing pace as they chase their first

top-flight title since 1990.

"For us it was important to win, we had unbelievably big chances," Klopp told BT Sport.

"In the first half we had two big chances and in the second one which we scored from. These games, they are not all beauties and you have to work hard for the results."

The hosts had their chances to spring a huge shock against their off-colour opponents but all of their good work was undone with one mistake when Wijnaldum pounced on a loose ball 20 yards from goal.

His strike should have been easily handled by Henderson, who instead watched on in horror as the ball slipped under his grasp.

Kane strikes

Tottenham boss Mauricio Pochettino recalled his big guns for the Premier League game against Southampton at home, making 11 changes from the side that suffered a shock League Cup loss at Colchester in midweek.

Spurs had won just two of their opening eight games in all competitions before Saturday and looked in deep trouble when they were reduced to 10 men against Brighton.—AFP ■

Lampard gets first home league win as Chelsea beat Brighton

LONDON (United Kingdom) — Frank Lampard admitted he was relieved to finally earn his first home Premier League win as Chelsea manager after goals from Jorginho and Willian sealed a 2-0 victory against Brighton on Saturday.

Lampard had presided over two draws and a defeat in the league at Stamford Bridge since the Blues legend was hired from Derby in the close-season.

A League Cup thrashing of minnows Grimsby in midweek was Lampard's only win on home turf until Jorginho's second half penalty broke Brighton's resistance.

Willian bagged the second goal to guarantee Chelsea that avoided failing to win their open-

ing four home league matches for the first time since 1986-87.

"The home games have been frustrating for different reasons, so today is a nice one. You are aware of it. You want to win," Lampard said.

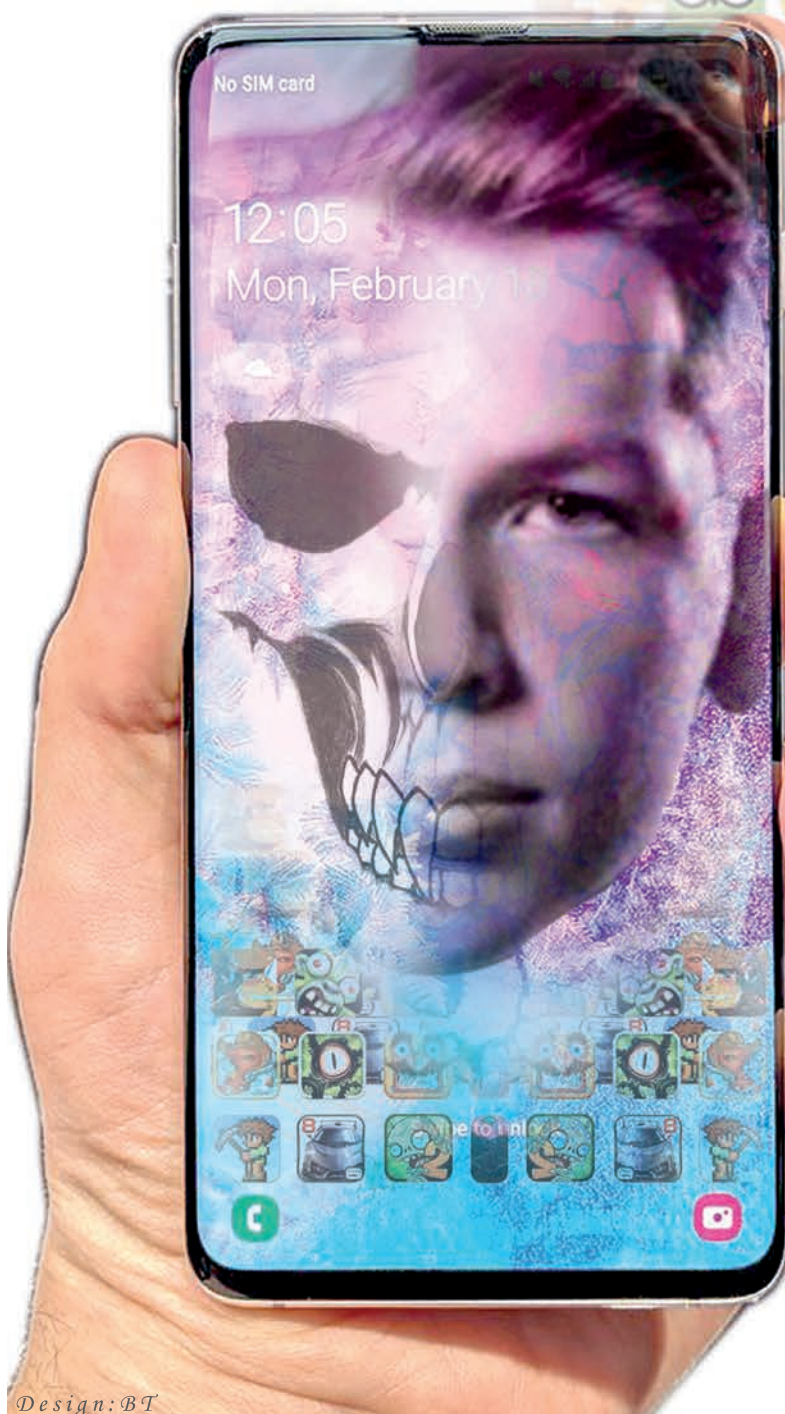
"You could almost feel the frustration at half-time because we hadn't put the ball in the net. Hopefully this gives everyone confidence. "Because of the no wins here you fear the worst, but there was a different feel today. I felt the goal was coming and the penalty was the moment."

Chelsea's third league win this season was just reward for a dominant display that backed Lampard's belief his raw team can challenge for a top four finish.—AFP ■



Chelsea midfielder Jorginho scored the opening goal from the penalty spot against Brighton. PHOTO: AFP

Mobile phones, Double-edged swords



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There is a saying, "Birds die flying in the sky. Men die inventing and thinking on the earth". We all agree with this saying. The advance of science and technology has brought the different parts of the world into closer touch with one another than ever before. We can reach distant lands within a brief short time with the help of flight. We can communicate with people far away by means of the telephone and the wireless. Among them, mobile phones are one of the things scientists have invented to make us convenient for a better life.

The world has witnessed a significant growth of mobile phones in the recent years. Also in Myanmar, there has been an enormous increase in the number of mobile phone users. Mobile phones are the most commonly used devices in our society. No one can deny that this rapidly evolving gadget has changed our life styles to different direction.

Regardless of gender, how old they are or how young they are, everyone uses a mobile phone without any age limit. A mobile phone or smart phone is not only a communication device but also a gadget which integrates several useful tools.

However, we should notice that even a coin has both sides, head and tail. Similarly, mobile phones have good and bad effects, So we should analyze the pros and cons of using mobile phones.

To start with the good point, mobile phones help us in several ways. We can make or receive calls wherever we go since they are hand-held

portable devices. We don't need to worry about how far we are apart. We can communicate with each other within a few seconds. Moreover, today's mobile is not only to make voice call but also to enjoy video call so that especially those people who have been separated each other for a long time can see each other through a phone screen. So we can say that a mobile phone changes our earth to a global village.

Another advantage of using mobile is that it can serve as a tool for quick reference not only for lecturers but also for learners. The difference between students who were in the previous ages and today students is that formers had to go to library to find references but latters just need to surf the internet resources such as Google, Chrome, YouTube and many other helpful websites by using mobile phones. Those who are studying English language need to install Oxford Advanced Learner's Dictionary Application, which is quick and easy to use in their phones. When they don't know the meaning of the word, they just touch the Application on the screen easily. Therefore, mobile phones are a great help for all students.

Another evident advantage is that mobile phones make us our lives free from worries and anxieties whenever we see or watch a comedy or funny video on Facebook. Moreover, we can do online shopping with the help of mobile phones. So we don't need to go to supermarkets or outside ourselves to buy the things we want. Everything from ordering a pizza to calling to check movie times is easier with a mobile phone, as the communication device you need is right at your finger tips. So mobile phones are convenient to use for everyone.

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By C. T. O

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

- 37.He is obstinate and impulsive.
38.She is sociable, frank and magnanimous.
39.National solidarity is essential.
40.He is manly and generous.
41.That little town is very lively.
42.They are sincere and friendly.
43.The flowers in that garden are very lovely.
44.She is very childish.
45.That officer is sometimes womanish.
46.We are not selfish.
47.This kind of paper is smooth and nonabsorbent.
48.He is homeisck.
49.He is absent today.
50.All the girls are present.
51.He is not only trustworthy but also reliable.
52.They are straightforward and truthful.
53.He is very smart.
54.Some are illiterate.
55.This subject is as deep as it is wide.
56.Those countries are wealthy and powerful.
57.He was cunning.
58.They were tough and rough.
59.We were under-fed and ill-housed.
60.She was very popular with the young men.
61.The roads are narrow, muddy and dirty.
62.The morning was misty and windy.
63.The soil is soft and fine.
64.Her voice is clear, sweet and rich.
65.She is old and feeble.
66.They are proud, arrogant and boastful.

- 67.Professors are absent-minded.
68.He was thick-skinned.
69.She is tight-fisted.
70.The food was partly sweet and partly sour.
71.Her future is gloomy.
72.The curry was salty.
73.Your arrival is timely.
74.Water is inseparable.
75.In an army, discipline is indispensable.
76.No man is infallible.
77.Your intention was noble but your methods were illegal.
78.The spirit is willing but the flesh is weak.
79.I was very sorry to hear the news.
80.The room was smoky, noisy and crowded.
81.She is very understanding.
82.She is very quiet.
83.Mother is considerate.
84.Most nurses are very patient.
85.They are religious.
86.Their faces are bright with happiness.
87.She is very fashionable.
88.I am optimistic.
89.They are human.
90.Burmese is very flexible.
91.Love is soft and hard, warm and cold, far and near, sweet and bitter.

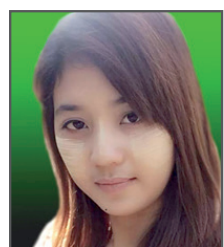
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Verbs to "Have" ပိုင်ဆိုင်မှုကြိယာ

- 1. Has, have, had တို့သည် ပိုင်ဆိုင်မှုပြ ကြိယာများဖြစ်သည်။
HAS ကို အနည်းနာများနှင့် တွဲဖက်သုံးစွဲရသည်။ အတိတ်ကာလအတွက် HAD ကို သုံးရသည်။
1. Ko Ko has a house of his own.
ကိုကိုမှာ သူ့ကိုယ်ပိုင်အိမ်တစ်လုံးရှိသည်။
2. Father has a horse.
အဖေမှာ မြင်းတစ်ကောင်ရှိသည်။
3. Mother has a younger brother.
အမေမှာ မောင်ငယ်တစ်ယောက်ရှိသည်။
4. He has many friends.
သူ့မှာ သူငယ်ချင်းများရှိသည်။
5. She has a lot of money.
သူမမှာ ငွေများစွာရှိသည်။
6. We have our own problems.
ကျွန်တော်တို့မှာ ကိုယ့်ပြဿနာနှင့် ကိုယ်ရှိကြသည်။
7. They have no relatives.
သူတို့မှာ ဆွေမျိုးသားချင်းမရှိပါ။
8. We have no class today.
ငါတို့မှာ ယနေ့ အတန်းမရှိပါ။
(Countable နာမ်များနှင့်တွဲလျှင် အများနာမ်သုံးရသည်ကို သတိပြုပါ)
9. Mary has a lamb.
မေရီမှာ သိုးငယ်တစ်ကောင်ရှိသည်။
10.This room has six windows.
ဤအခန်းတွင် ပြူတင်းပေါက်ခြောက်ခုရှိသည်။
11.I have only one daughter.
ကျွန်တော်မှာ သမီးတစ်ယောက်တည်းသာရှိသည်။
12.I have a dog.
ကျွန်တော်မှာ ခွေးတစ်ကောင်ရှိသည်။
13.You have a job.
သင့်မှာ အလုပ်တစ်ခုရှိသည်။
14.The night has a thousand eyes.
ညတွင် မျက်လုံးတစ်ထောင်ရှိသည်။
15.Every nation has an army.
နိုင်ငံတိုင်းတွင် စစ်တပ်တစ်ရပ်ရှိသည်။
16.Every house has a kitchen.
အိမ်တိုင်းတွင် မီးဖိုချောင်တစ်ခုရှိသည်။
17.Birds have wings.
ငှက်များတွင် အတောင်များရှိသည်။
18.Trees have leaves.
သစ်ပင်များတွင် အရွက်များရှိသည်။
19.Seas have fish and fish have fins.
ပင်လယ်များတွင် ငါးများရှိသည်။ ငါးများတွင် ဆူးတောင်များရှိသည်။
20.She has a smiling face.
သူမမှာ ချိုပြုံးသောမျက်နှာရှိသည်။
Am, is are, was were များကို "ဖြစ်သည်" နှင့်ဆုံးသောစာကြောင်းများ "ရှိသည်" နှင့်ဆုံးသော စာကြောင်းများအဖြစ် တည်ဆောက်ပုံသုံးစွဲမှုနှင့် adj များကို ယင်းတို့နှင့် တွဲဖက်၍ ကြိယာများအဖြစ် သုံးပုံကို တင်ပြခဲ့ပါသည်။ ထို့အပြင် has, have, had တို့ကို "ပိုင်ဆိုင်မှု" ပြုကြိယာအဖြစ် သုံးပုံကိုလည်း တင်ပြထားပါသည်။
အောက်ပါတို့မှာ ယင်းကဲ့သို့သော စာကြောင်းများကိုသုံး၍ တည်ဆောက်ထားသောစာပိုဒ် (Paragraphs) များဖြစ်သည်။
လေ့လာပါ။
1. My name is Tet Tu. I am son of U Ba Kaung and Daw Thein Shin. I am in the 10th standard. My school is No 1 Insein Basic Education High School. Father is a University teacher. Mother is a librarian. I have only one elder sister. Her name is Swe Swe Moe. She is 18. She is a University student. She is in her second year. I am tall and dark. I am healthy and strong. I have a fine build. My hair is neither too long nor too short.
ကျွန်တော်နာမည်သည် တက်တူဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ကျွန်တော်အသက် ၁၆ နှစ်ရှိပါပြီ။ ကျွန်တော်သည် ဦးဘကောင်း ခေါ်သိန်းရှင်တို့၏ တစ်ဦးတည်းသောသားဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ကျွန်တော် ၁၀ တန်းကျောင်းသားဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ကျွန်တော်ကျောင်းသည် အမှတ် (၁)အင်းစိန် အခြေခံပညာအထက်တန်းကျောင်းဖြစ်ပါသည်။ အဖေသည် တက္ကသိုလ် ဆရာတစ်ဦးဖြစ်၍ အမေသည်စာကြည့်တိုက်မှူးတစ်ယောက်ဖြစ်သည်။ ကျွန်တော်မှာအစ်မတစ်ယောက်သာရှိပါသည်။ သူမနာမည်မှာ ဆွေဆွေမိုး ဖြစ်သည်။ သူမသည် အသက် ၁၈ နှစ်ရှိပြီ။ သူမသည် တက္ကသိုလ်ဒုတိယနှစ် ကျောင်းသူတစ်ယောက်ဖြစ်သည်။ ကျွန်တော်သည် အရပ်ရပ်ပြီး အသားမည်းသည်။ ကျွန်တော်ကျန်းမာသန်စွမ်းသည်။ ကျွန်တော်မှာ ကြည့်ကောင်းသော ကိုယ်လုံး ကိုယ်ထည်ရှိသည်။ ကျွန်တော်ဆံပင်မှာ မရှည်လွန်း မတိုလွန်းပါ။

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)

Let us lift up the one who is falling down



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In the secular world, there are many people who are falling down from their current status of life and there are also many people who are down hearted. The task of lifting up the one who is falling down and encouraging the one who is down hearted are liked by most people. However, not everyone can be able to lift such people up and encourage them. The ones who can be able to lift them up and encourage them are called the man of philanthropy.

Philanthropy is 'Parahita' in Pali terms meaning to have a keen interest in the welfare of others in both worldly affairs and the way to escape from worldly desires and attachments except that of oneself and perform it. To directly summarize its meaning, it performs the welfare of all kinds of creatures. The people who perform the welfare of all kinds of creatures are the man of philanthropy. The organization that performs the welfare of all kinds of creatures is philanthropic organization. The attitude that performs the welfare of all kinds of creatures is philanthropic mind.

Performing the welfare of the others is the way of Noble persons. It can also be said that they are the one who possess the attitude of the Bodhisattva (Bodhisatta). As they are performing the welfare of others, they cannot heed their own interest and benefit as well as they repay their time own time to the others. Therefore, all of them are the ones of Noble attitude, aren't they?

Only when the ones who are performing the welfare of the many other people cannot be said as the man of philanthropy, the one who is performing the welfare of the certain person who is in his surroundings and actually needs

necessary aids can be said as a man of philanthropy. That is why he or she has the attitude of performing the welfare of the other. In this case, the one who needed aids is convenient due to the man of philanthropy who helped the other as much as he could. It is like the example in which a piece of straw is greatly reliable for a drowning man. It is more essential to fulfill the needing one as much as one could than counting the amount of aids.

The Bodhisattva (Bodhisatta) helped the welfare of others not distinguishing whether one was the relative or not, in His every existence. Finally, when he became the Lord Buddha, He performed the good of the others without caring His life until His cessation of strife. The ways of the man of philanthropy are identical to that of Bodhisattva (Bodhisatta) and so is their attitude of performing for the others. Therefore, the work of philanthropy can be done just by the Noble people but not everyone.

Beneficial Flowers

not letting their egos late at night
those getting up early for others' right
their hands,
unable to nurture young florets
be able to clean weed yet;
for our garden,
Oh! they're not ugly flowers, then.



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Besides, almost up-to-date mobile phones have HD camera function. That's exactly the point we use them not only for making and answering call but also for taking photographs. Some teenagers install B612 or 360 Camera Application in their phones. When there is a celebration such as wedding ceremony, birthday party, staff party and other significant events, we can take group photos for a remembrance. These photos will be a memory for us when we are moved from one place to another. Moreover, when we feel boring, we can enjoy listening to music by touching Music Player Application, which we installed in our phones. Also a mobile phone acts as a clock. So we can set alarm to wake us up when it is time to get up. For the facts mentioned above, mobile phones are one of the useful things in our daily lives.

We all know that using mobile phones provides us great advantages. On the other hand, we should be aware of its disadvantages. From a medical point of view, the frequently use of mobile phone can damage the users'

eyesight. This can cause most teenagers to wear thick glasses because they use mobile phones too much all the time. Some teenagers, especially students spend their precious time using phones instead of studying lessons. As a result, they become addicted to playing online games such as Clash of Clans (COC), Mobile Legends(ML)and PUBG Mobile. These games take too much time and they are harmful to the players. To play these network games, the players have to buy the prepaid card. So it costs a lot. If they play these games with their phones all the time, they will stay up late without doing their job or studying school lessons. Their performance at school will drop notably. In my opinion, students of today are leaders of tomorrow. If they fail the exam and they fail to carry out their tasks, we will lose great and brilliant leaders of the country we love.

The excessive use of mobile phones can do worse certain relationships. For example, in a home, if family members use the mobile chatting with the people from Viber or Messenger, surfing the internet and playing games, they do not have much time to have chitchat with their

family members. If they do so all the time, their home will not be a home sweet home. To show love, sympathy, empathy, understanding, compassion and warmth to their families is a must for all family members.

Moreover, some people use mobile phones in the wrong way. They search some porn websites and download nude photos and videos. This leads to rape, especially child sexual abuse (child molestation). An adult or older adolescent uses a child for sexual stimulation without controlling his mind when he sees nude photos or videos. This is the worst effect of the use of mobile phones all the world.

In conclusion mobile phones play an important part in people's lives in all countries. It is natural that the use of mobile phones has two sides, good and bad. However, we should be aware of its cons. If we use them properly, we will get its pros. But we will get its cons if we use them in the wrong way. Let's use the mobile phones being aware of their effects, to be the masters but not to be the slaves of mobile phones.





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Fishing and livelihoods of local people in **Maungmakan**

By Htoo Wai Yan (Pulaw), Yan Naung Soe (Mitta), Tin Moe Latt (Pulaw), Si Si Cho (Kawthoung), Khin Sandar Oo (Pyigy Mandaing)

Fishing is a major source of income for local residents of the Rakhine, Taninthayi and Ayeyawady coastal areas. During our recent visit to Maungmakan Beach in Launglon Township, Dawei District, Taninthayi Region, we witnessed the daily lives of local families who rely upon fishing for their livelihoods.

Visit to Maungmakan Village

During the fishing season, small fishing boats, locally called Boat-Ma and carrying five or six crew members, go to sea early in the morning. In the rainy season, they return in the evening, but in summer they spend about three days at sea before returning.

When they arrive back on shore, their families and daily wage workers sort out the fish caught by each boat, prior to their catch being sold.

First, they sort out fish and crabs, which are marketable in China and Thailand, while other fish, such as crabs and oysters, are sold in the local market. "It's not easy to make ends meet with a big family," said Daw Chit Su, a housewife who has been working in fishing for over 30 years, "but somehow we manage."

Despite working for 30 years, her family does not have any savings.

She sometimes must decide not to send their children to school when the fishing boats could not go to sea due to severe weather. "We have struggled for education for our children," said Daw Chit Su.

Life at sea

While some own fishing boats, other families are fishing on a manageable scale, using tradition-

al nets and floating balls.

"I have been working this kind of fishing since I am 20 years old. I had to overcome dangers at the risk of my life," said U Nyi Nyi Lat, "In one incident, I had to swim for two hours to reach shore."

But, those who own fishing boats have found easy business, especially in rainy season.

U Thet Naing, who owns a fishing boat, said he has to hire five crew members to fish in the season for each trip at a cost K10,000 per head. The marine resources in Maungmakan are supplying food to local people and supporting their livelihoods.

Translated by Nat Ye Hla



PHOTOS: Thein Ko Lwin

SUNDAY COMICS



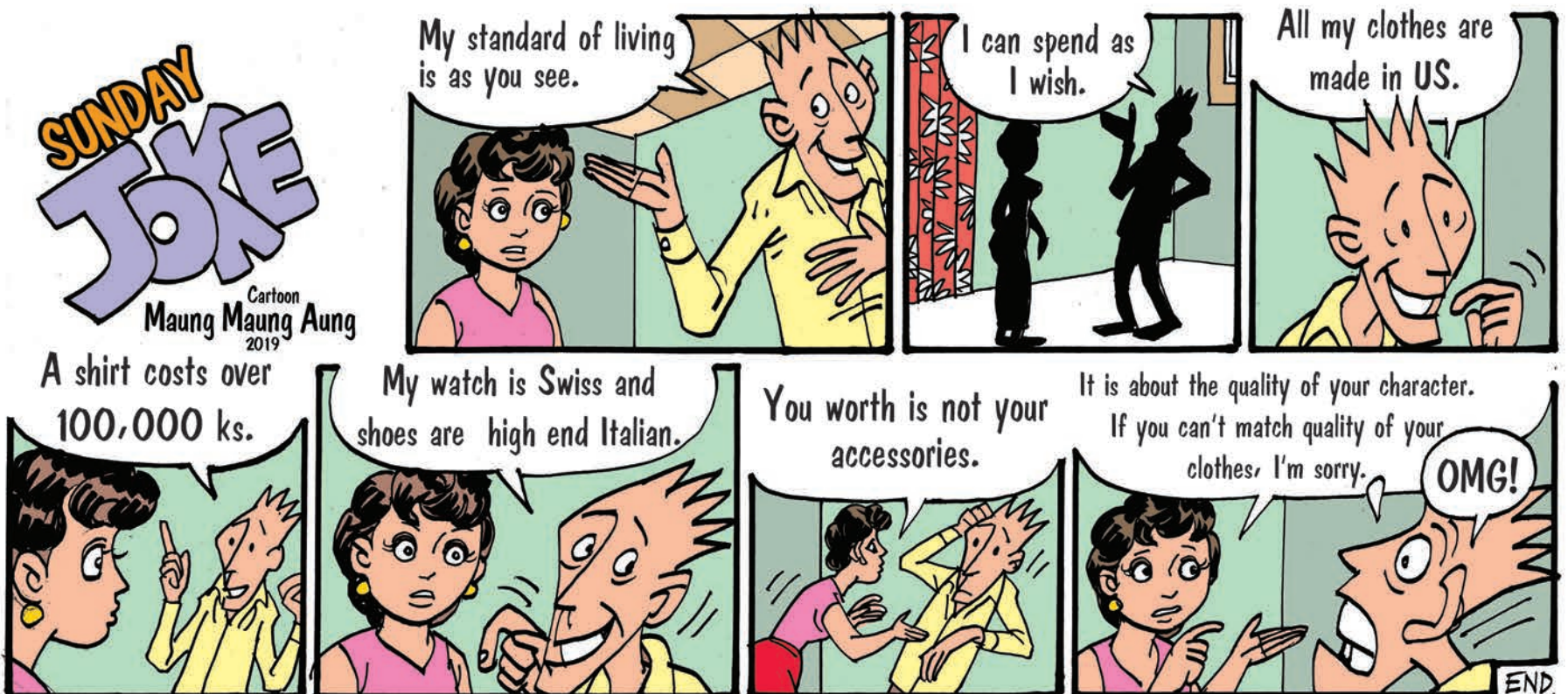
PEOPLE WILL BE PEOPLE

Cartoon
Maung Shwe Win



SUNDAY JOKE

Cartoon
Maung Maung Aung
2019



'Chop' The One; 'Cut' The Other ?



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It was about 3.30 p.m. I was sitting at a dwarf table outside of the tea-shop. There was a motorbike coming towards the direction of which I was sitting. However, it halted at



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the entrance of a compound of the house which was the next door to the tea-shop. The rider of the motorbike let the white-greened child down from his bike. No sooner did the child go into the house quickly than the rider drove his bike away. At that moment, another motorbikes got to there one after another and so did the same as the former motorbike rider. As far as I am concerned, there would be about fifteen motorbikes got there and went away quickly. Finally, a motorbike which was ridden by a white-greened one halted at the same entrance and the person carrying a small basket went into the house again. However, that motorbike was propped there.

I believe you will understand the meaning of the scene I was seeing.

Although I was not looking at the scene deliberately, it entered into my eyes from the beginning

to the end. After the school, the children together with the teacher got to the house that accepted the round-table tuition. They were going to study their lessons already taught in school but they would study their lesson soon with the method that was not used at school. I would only like to know the responsible personals about the current ground-situation. I do not mean to take action on the respective teachers. If the teachers from the school do not do the tuition work, the parents are surely going to look for the ones who will teach their children as tuition.

The State-implementing Education System is KG + 12. It started in 2016 - 2017 academic year. It is now implementing in KG, Grade 1, 2 & 3 and Grade 6 in the current academic year 2019 - 2020. It will be completed in the academic year 2023 - 2024 and the whole Basic Education Level will be entirely transformed into

a new system. This State-implementing Education System is not the one in which all of what the teachers say are crammed into the head of the students and made them vomit again. It is the system which encourages the student to be thankful, to dare to think, to create something by themselves, to appear the attitudes to create something by themselves and to be mature their self-relying mind instead of relying upon the teachers and parents. The State is earnestly expecting the future society in which the students will possess the qualification of all-round development in the fields of not only academic lessons but also art, music, painting and sports.

As this is the transitional period, the old system and the new system are gradually mixing especially starting to transform and it still makes some teachers and parents confused. Some

greedy parents still want their children to stand first in the class. Only when the children are able to recite the lessons briskly, some teachers and parents think that their students and children are well-digested in their lessons. This is a false deep-seated belief. It roots in the mindset of both parents and teachers. Therefore, we can see sending children of KG to Grade 3 and also Grade 6 to their respective tuition classes. It can be seen not only in my town but also in Yangon, the commercial city, and Nay Pyi Taw, the capital city of Myanmar.

At schools, they are taught by the new methods: reciting, dancing, drawing, painting, cooperating, etc. However, when they get to the tuition classes after school, they are made reciting or learning by heart, writing again on the note books in line with the old teaching method that The State starts abandoning. As a result, the children who do not attend the tuition classes are seeming to be illiterate compared with those who go to the tuition classes. In this way, although it is not a rule to attend the tuition classes, it seems only when the children attend the tuition classes will be convenient. It is like the forced pulling the students down into the old system instead of being familiar with the new system and growing up in it.

There is a problem I would like to emphasize. Most of the children are puzzled whether they have to write down by their own thinking as taught in schools or they have to write down what they learn by heart, which their teachers gave them in the tuition

classes. What is more, when it is added with the greed of some parents who want to be show-off, KG + 12 Education system is like that 'The world is a sphere at school but flat at home.'

To succeed a new system, it is very important to change the basic mindset of those who will be participating in the implementation of it especially for those who are responsible personals and teachers of the Basic Education Level including the parents. In my opinion, responsible personals should do the continual inspections about how the staff are performing the system to be prospering. In addition, they should also explain the respective parents and listen to their voice of feedback. It will not be enough to ask for the figurative facts from the office of Township Education Officer. Just this work does not make the Education System prospering. It is necessary for the responsible personals that they have to go to the classrooms and observe how their teachers are implementing the New Education System. Otherwise, all of them will perform their works just as the duty. No matter how nice the New Education System is, The State will not be able to obtain the good results.

For every State, Education is the greatest and widest Politics.

Assuming the meaning of above sentence and bearing it in everyone's mind, only when all of us try our best, we will be able to achieve our goal. Otherwise, the situation 'Chop' the one; 'Cut' the other will be met again.



Coloured Youth

Red with anger, when scattered
Will the children of future ever recover?
Once they'd been raised in hopes of optimism,
Before the cheerfulness turns yellow with criticism.
Then the youngsters cried, when in good time
Has the pure whiteness left unpainted and come in shine?
Though with white they entered,
The sad world has imprinted their souls with colours,
Where colour blue is hardly personified as trust dealer.
Who stole the growth and energy from a natural peacemaker,
And instead, turned his green into jealousy and anger?
Who's ever blacked out their faith across the moonlight shimmering?
So, the end never implies a new beginning.
There comes the dusk falling,
With the toes scuffed and the shelter worn,
The youth still can't find a rainbow that has shone.
The time those golden dreams perished,
Mistrust and fear are all to be cherished.
"Where are the helping hands?", as they wish.

By Phyu Min Thu



INTERNATIONAL FLIGHT SCHEDULE



YANGON TO BANGKOK			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG706	5:50	8:10	Daily
8M335	7:40	9:25	Daily
UB-019	7:45	9:40	Daily
TG2304	9:50	11:45	Daily
PG702	10:30	12:30	Daily
TG2302	11:30	13:25	3,4,5,7
PG708	15:20	17:20	Daily
8M331	16:30	18:15	Daily
UB-017	17:25	19:20	Daily
PG704	18:20	20:20	Daily
TG306	19:45	21:40	Daily

BANGKOK TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
TG2303	7:55	8:50	Daily
PG701	8:50	9:40	Daily
TG2301	9:35	10:30	3,4,5,7
8M336	10:40	11:25	Daily
UB020	11:00	11:55	1,3,5,6,7
PG707	13:45	14:45	Daily
PG703	16:45	17:35	Daily
TG305	17:50	18:45	Daily
8M332	19:15	20:00	Daily
PG705	20:40	22:00	Daily
UB018	20:20	21:15	Daily

YANGON TO KUALA LUMPUR			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
AK505	8:25	12:40	Daily
MH741	11:30	15:50	Daily
OD551	12:25	16:45	1,4,7
MH743	16:15	20:30	1,4,6,7
OD553	23:55	4:20+1	2,3,5,6

KUALA LUMPUR TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
AK504	6:45	7:55	Daily
MH740	9:10	10:25	Daily
OD550	10:15	11:30	1,4,7
MH742	13:55	15:05	1,4,6,7
OD552	21:45	22:55	2,3,5,6

YANGON TO SHANGHAI			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
MU2099	22:15	1:35+1	2,4,6

SHANGHAI TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
MU2100	2:35	8:50	3,5,7

YANGON TO DHAKA			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
BG061	14:15	16:00	1,3,6

DHAKA TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
BG060	10:45	13:30	1,3,6

YANGON TO DON MUEANG			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
DD4231	8:05	9:50	Daily
FD252	8:30	10:15	Daily
SL201	9:25	11:15	Daily
FD254	17:30	19:15	Daily
FD258	19:25	21:15	Daily
SL207	20:45	22:45	Daily
DD4239	21:00	22:45	Daily

DON MUEANG TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
DD4230	6:20	7:05	Daily
FD251	7:15	8:00	Daily
SL200	7:35	8:25	Daily
FD253	16:10	17:00	Daily
FD257	18:05	18:55	Daily
SL206	18:55	19:45	Daily
DD4238	19:30	20:15	Daily

YANGON TO SEOUL INCHEON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
KE472	23:15	7:35	Daily

SEOUL INCHEON TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
KE471	18:15	22:10	Daily

YANGON TO DUBAI			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
EK389	2:20	5:40	5,7

DUBAI TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
EK388	9:15	17:25	1,3,5,7

YANGON TO TAIPEI			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
CI7916	10:45	16:20	1,2,3,4,6,7

TAIPEI TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
CI7915	7:00	9:50	1,2,3,4,6,7

MANDALAY TO BANGKOK			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG710	14:05	16:30	Daily
PG714	19:10	21:35	1,3,5,7

BANGKOK TO MANDALAY			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG709	11:55	13:20	Daily
PG713	17:00	18:25	1,3,5,7

YANGON TO GUANGZHOU			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
8M711	8:40	13:15	2,4,5,7
CZ3056	11:25	15:55	3,6
CZ3056	17:30	22:00	1,5

GUANGZHOU TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
CZ3055	8:30	10:20	3,6
8M712	14:15	15:50	2,4,5,7
CZ3055	14:40	16:30	1,5

YANGON TO KUNMING			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
CA416	12:15	15:45	Daily
MU2012	13:10	20:05	3
MU2032	16:00	19:50	Daily

KUNMING TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
MU2011	8:20	12:10	3,7
CA415	10:45	11:15	Daily
MU2031	14:30	15:10	Daily

MANDALAY TO DON MUEANG			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
FD245	12:45	15:00	Daily

DON MUEANG TO MANDALAY			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
FD244	11:00	12:15	Daily

YANGON TO BEIJING			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
CA906	23:50	5:50+1	1,3,5,7

BEIJING TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
CA905	19:30	22:50	1,3,5,7

MANDALAY TO KUNMING			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
MU2568	10:20	13:25	1,3,5,7
MU2030	16:10	19:25	Daily

KUNMING TO MANDALAY			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
MU2567	8:55	9:20	1,3,5,7
MU2029	14:55	15:10	Daily

YANGON TO SINGAPORE			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
UB001	7:30	12:00	Daily
8M231	8:20	12:50	Daily
SQ997	10:35	15:10	Daily
3K582	11:15	15:50	1,3,4,5,7
UB003	16:15	20:45	Daily
MI519	17:35	22:10	1,2,3,4
SQ995	17:35	22:10	5,6,7
MI521	18:30	22:55	3,4
3K584	19:15	23:50	1,2,5,6,7

SINGAPORE TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
SQ998	7:55	09:20	Daily
3K581	8:55	10:25	1,2,5,6,7
UB002	13:15	14:45	Daily
8M232	13:50	15:20	Daily
MI518	15:15	16:40	1,2,3,4
SQ996	15:15	16:40	5,6,7
MI520	16:10	17:35	3,4
3K583	16:55	18:35	1,3,4,5,7
UB004	21:45	23:15	Daily

YANGON TO HO CHI MINH			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
VN942	12:10	15:05	1,3,4,6,7

HO CHI MINH TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
VN943	9:30	11:05	1,3,4,6,7

NAY PYI TAW TO BANGKOK			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG722	19:35	22:30	1,2,3,4,5,7

BANGKOK TO NAY PYI TAW			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG721	17:00	18:55	1,2,3,4,5,7

YANGON TO HONG KONG			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
KA251	1:25	6:00	1,2,3,4,6,7
UB8027	7:25	12:05	3,5,7
KA275	17:05	21:50	1,3,5,7

HONG KONG TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
UB8028	13:05	14:50	3,5,7
KA250	21:50	23:45	1,2,3,5,6,7
KA254	14:20	16:10	1,3,5,7

YANGON TO TOKYO			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
NH814	21:45	6:50+1	Daily

TOKYO TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
NH813	11:15	16:05	Daily

YANGON TO DOHA			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
QR919	7:40	11:55	1,3,4,6,7

DOHA TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
QR918	20:00	5:30	2,3,5,6,7

YANGON TO CHIANG MAI			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG724	13:10	15:05	Daily

CHIANG MAI TO YANGON			
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE
PG723	10:40	12:35	Daily

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AI = Air India	MU = China Eastern Airlines
AK = Air Asia	NH = All Nippon Airways
BG = Biman Bangladesh Airlines	PG = Bangkok Airways
CA = Air China	QR = Qatar Airways
CI = China Airlines	SL = Thai Lion Air
CZ = China Southern	SQ = Singapore Airways
DD = Nok Airline	TG = Thai Airways
FD = Air Asia	TR = Tiger Airlines
KA = Dragonair	UB = Myanmar National Airlines
KE = Korea Airlines	VN = Vietnam Airlines

DATE	4 = Thursday
1 = Monday	5 = Friday
2 = Tuesday	6 = Saturday
3 = Wednesday	7 = Sunday

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