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## President U Win Myint addresses teacher candidates of national races university



President U Win Myint delivers the speech at the meeting with students from University for the Development of the National Races of the Union in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

PRESIDENT U Win Myint received graduates from the University for the Development of the National Races of the Union yesterday morning at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw.

The students were the third batch to successfully complete the five-year education degree course. They paid their respects to the President and sought advice from him.

The event was attended by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ye Aung, Dr Pe Myint, U Min Thu, U Ohn Maung, Nai Thet Lwin; Deputy Ministers Maj-Gen Than Htut and U Win Maw Tun; departmental heads, the Rector, the Deputy Rector and teachers of UDNRU and officials.

The President first extended greetings to those at the ceremony and expressed appreciation in meeting with the students as he said the students have recently

completed the five-year education degree programme and have become potential architects who would build up the future of education for the country and its people. The President added that Myanmar comprised over 100 ethnic races who have lived together in unity for many years, sharing weal and woe. The divide and rule policy of colonialists left doubts, mistrusts and disagreements among the people from upper and lower Myanmar. This policy was one the underlying reasons for the prevailing internal armed conflicts in Myanmar, hindering the nation-building process of the country.

Seeing this root cause, successive state leaders have tried to work for infrastructure development, human resources development and poverty reduction programmes.

One part of these efforts in-

cluded the establishment of the Institute for Development of the National Races of the Union on 20 October 1964. It was promoted to a university on 10 March 1991 to offer higher level education for the ethnic people from border areas.

President U Win Myint also emphasized the importance of human resources for national development, and that the Education and Training Department under the Ministry of Border Affairs has offered a free education system of basic and higher levels for the ethnic people in border areas by setting up 45 youth training schools across the country, as well as the University for the Development of the National Races of the Union and the colleges of Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree in Yangon and Sagaing regions.

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## ROK's National Assembly Speaker receives Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker

REPUBLIC OF KOREA'S National Assembly Speaker Mr Moon Hee-sang received Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat and delegation at his office at the National Assembly Building in Seoul.

The Myanmar Hluttaw goodwill delegation was welcomed by the ROK's National Assembly Speaker and representatives at the National Assembly building.

During the meeting, they exchanged views on matters related to bilateral friendship and cooperation between the two nations, inter-parliamentary cooperation and legislative matters of both parliaments.

Afterwards, the Myanmar Hluttaw goodwill delegation accompanied by ROK officials looked around the Central Hall of the National Assembly.

Around noon, the Myanmar Hluttaw delegation was hosted a luncheon by the ROK's National

Assembly Speaker at the National Assembly.

Pyithu Hluttaw Judicial and Legal Affairs Committee Chairman U Tin Htwe, Pyithu Hluttaw Electricity and Energy Development Committee Chairman U Kyi Moe Naing and Pyithu Hluttaw Ethnic Affairs and Internal Peace Implementation Committee members U Kyin Wan and U Tun Kyaw and Myanmar Ambassador to the Republic of Korea U Thant Sin also attended the luncheon.

Afterwards, the Myanmar Hluttaw delegation accompanied by ROK officials visited the ROK's National Assembly Library, Hyundai Motor Studio and Sejong Culture Centre.

The Myanmar Hluttaw delegation visited the Republic of Korea at the invitation of ROK's National Assembly Speaker Mr Moon Hee-sang.— MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat is welcomed by the Republic of Korea's National Assembly Speaker Mr Moon Hee-sang at National Assembly Building in Seoul yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



Meeting 45/2019 of the Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

## Joint Committee on Amending 2008 Constitution holds meeting 45/2019

MEETING 45/2019 of the Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

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

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

(Translated by TTN)

## Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations receives British Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State



Union Minister U Thaug Tun meeting with Baroness Elizabeth Grace Sugg, British Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for International Development in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, U Thaug Tun, received the Baroness Elizabeth Grace Sugg, British Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for International Development at the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations in Nay Pyi Taw, yesterday. The British Parliamentary Under-Secretary was accompanied by Dan Chugg, the British Ambassador of United Kingdom.

Union Minister informed the British Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State and delegation of the wide range of reform carried out by Myanmar to open up its economy to foreign

trade and investment. He also informed the government's efforts for the development of Rakhine State including job creation, poverty reduction, women empowerment, improvement of the health and education sectors. He expressed appreciation for UK's humanitarian and development assistances to Myanmar.

The British Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State acknowledged the Myanmar government's effort to meet the challenges in Rakhine State. She affirmed that UK will continue to provide the development assistance to Myanmar as well as to support the investment promotion activities.—MNA ■

# Capable, confident civil service backbone of democracy: President tells varsity students

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He said education was the most fundamental requirement for human resources development, and that it developed the mental, ethical and physical development of the young people. Education was key to the prosperity of individuals and the whole country. And that the state established the UDNRU to generate capable teachers who would then share their knowledge at the basic education schools in remote areas after studying for five years theoretically and practically.

The President also expressed that the government was trying to develop the country into a Democratic Federal Union enjoying sustainable development in the world. In this regard, the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (2018-2030) has been adopted. The Goal 4 under this plan had focused on human resources and social development for a 21st century society, and it has set a strategy to improve equitable access to high quality life-long educational opportunities. It was the aspiration of every citizen with regard to education.

As Myanmar was implementing the National Education Strategic Plan (2016-2021), the teacher candidates need to have possessed 21st century skills and soft skills of personality.

The President also suggested them to train the students for the skills in collaboration, communication, critical thinking and problem solving, creativity and innovation and citizenship which were required to overcome various challenges in the world. He also advised to match these skills with honesty.

He also asked them to produce the students who can accept the concept of equality and diversity, respect democratic practices and human rights norms, and promote varieties of ethnic languages, literatures, cultures, arts and customs of ethnic people in 21 century knowledge era.

The President also said the



President U Win Myint greeting students from Batch 3 of University for the Development of the National Races at the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

capacity of teachers was pivotal to education reform to meet international norms, and that they were urged to continue life-long learning to develop professional skills and to share their knowledge again as only those who were seeking knowledge continuously could survive in the changing trend of globalization to be able to enjoy future opportunities.

He remarked that the fast-developing world had delivered both challenges and opportunities, and that it was important for all to build up their capacity for better chances. He also advised them to promote human resources of ethnic youths in accordance with the policies of the Ministry of Education on no discrimination at all levels of education, no one outside education and no dropout from schools.

The President firmly reminded the avoidance of narcotic drugs

in various forms for the young people as the illegal drugs would pose dangers on the young people.

According to the 2018 statistics of the Ministry of Health and Sports, there were around 93,000 injection drug users in Myanmar, with an increase in the drugs related communicable disease such as HIV, Hepatitis C and Tuberculosis. The President urged them to work for ensuring illegal drug-free schools as the government was eradicating narcotic drugs as a national task. He also called for developing union spirit that could protect sovereignty of the State and cultural heritage of the ethnic people who were living in the country with abundant natural resources.

The President also remarked that healthy lives and high level of education were the major resources for the future of the country and that these factors were the indicators to measure the development of a country. Lower living standards and lack of health knowledge were the underlying reasons for diseases, and that school healthcare services could help to disseminate this knowledge. He also advised to

develop the physical and mental well-being of the young people.

Regarding the principles of civil service staff, the President said the civil employees play a pivotal role in administrative pillar together with the other two pillars of legislation and judiciary of a country. He also remarked that capable and self-confident civil service employees were the main backbone for democratic practices due to their good ethics, free of bias, responsibility and accountability. These attitudes could make mutual trust between the public sector and the people as the performance of civil service staff represented the image and the value of the State.

The President also asked them to try their best for the socioeconomic development of ethnic people and to spread union spirit among national brethren, while he highlighted peace and stability for the development of the country by promoting education to ensure lasting prosperity resulted from the knowledge and education.

He then called for the collective strength of all national people with their powers in strong belief, unity and knowledge in building

a powerful country in the world.

The President also urged to reapply the knowledge received from this excursion tour in their respective areas, and finally advised to generate ethical citizens, to train for 21st century skills and soft skills in personality, to persuade the local people for conserving national prestige and for cherishing the country, to take part in local development programmes, to respect languages, literatures, cultures and customs of ethnic people for thriving union spirit and to help the government in the efforts of peace, stability and rule of law.

After the President's speech, Poe Kayin student Ma Nan Yin Yin Htwe from Kawkaik township of Kayin State expressed words of thanks.

Then, the students presented a commemorative gift as a reminder of their excursion tour to the President.

Next, the President and Union Ministers posed for documentary photos with the students and attendees at the event.

After the ceremony, the President cordially greeted the students. —MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

Capable and confident civil service employees are the backbone of a democracy due to their ethics, freedom from bias, responsibility, and accountability.

## Border Affairs Union Minister hosts luncheon for national races university students

UNION MINISTER for Border Affairs Lieutenant General Ye Aung hosted a luncheon for Rector U Mya Win, teachers and 268 students from the Batch 3 of University for the Development of the National Races of the Union on Wednesday.

Before the luncheon at the ministry in Nay Pyi Taw, Lt-Gen Ye Aung delivered a speech to congratulate the students as they completed the degree.

The Union Minister also said the students to implement the advice of President U Win Myint on that morning, to

perform as good civil service personnel in education sector, to learn regional knowledge during excursion tours, to reapply the knowledge in works, to serve for the country and to develop human resources of the country.

Then, the Union Minister presented cash and served with luncheon before the Rector gave the commemorative gift for the excursion tour.

After the luncheon, all the attendees posed for documentary photo.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Union Minister Lt-Gen Ye Aung delivers the speech to congratulate the National Races University students at the luncheon in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

## ALI Union Minister receives Thai Ambassador, JETRO Managing Director separately

UNION MINISTER for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu received Thai Ambassador Mrs Suphatra

Srimaitrephithak and Managing Director of Japan External Trade organization-JETRO Mr Kazufumi Tanaka separately at

his office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting with Thai Ambassador Mrs Suphatra

Srimaitrephithak and delegation, they discussed matters related to establishing centres for providing agricultures and livestock technologies, manufacturing value-added products, the use of fertilizers that contain a low percentage of chemical residues and conducting more research projects.

They also discussed matters related to cooperation in rural development projects, agricultural insurances and microfinance businesses, seeds manufacturing which is vital source for agriculture, and cooperation in water resources development and irrigation technology sectors.

During the meeting with Mr Kazufumi Tanaka, the Managing Director of Japan External Trade organization-JETRO, and party, they discussed matters

related to investments from Japanese companies in the agriculture and livestock sectors of Myanmar, expanding local and foreign markets of dairy products with the dairy products development projects being invested in Myanmar by Japan's Noble Dairy Company.

They also discussed matters related to proper distribution of dairy products in the regions, the conditions of present actions and sustainable livestock sector development in accordance with 2018 livestock census of Myanmar, and potentials for promoting foreign investment and farmland utilization of Myanmar in accordance with rules and regulations.—MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



Union Minister Dr Aung Thu meets with a delegation led by Managing Director of Japan External Trade organization-JETRO Mr Kazufumi Tanaka in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

## Mass Walking marks 150<sup>th</sup> Birth Anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi

THE mass walking event to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's birthday kicked off in front of the Mahatma Gandhi Building in Bo Aung Kyaw Street yesterday morning (around 6am).

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Indian Ambassador Mr Saurabh Kumar and Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe first delivered speeches.

Afterwards, the Yangon Region Chief Minister, the Indian Ambassador and wife, the Yangon Mayor, Chairman of the Committee for 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's birthday celebration and officials unveiled

the signboard of 'The Mahatma Gandhi Memorial Trust' by pressing the button.

The Yangon Region Chief Minister, the Indian Ambassador and the Yangon Mayor then cut ribbons to start the mass walking.

Yangon Region Chief Minister, the Indian Ambassador and the Yangon Mayor accompanied by participants in the event started the walking from Bo Aung Kyaw Street through Strand Road, Sule Road and Bogyoke Aung San Road, and finished at the start point. — Yi Yi Myint

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, Indian Ambassador Mr Saurabh Kumar participate in mass walking event to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi's birthday yesterday. PHOTO: ZAW MIN LATT

## Union Minister for Education receives US Assistant Secretary of State

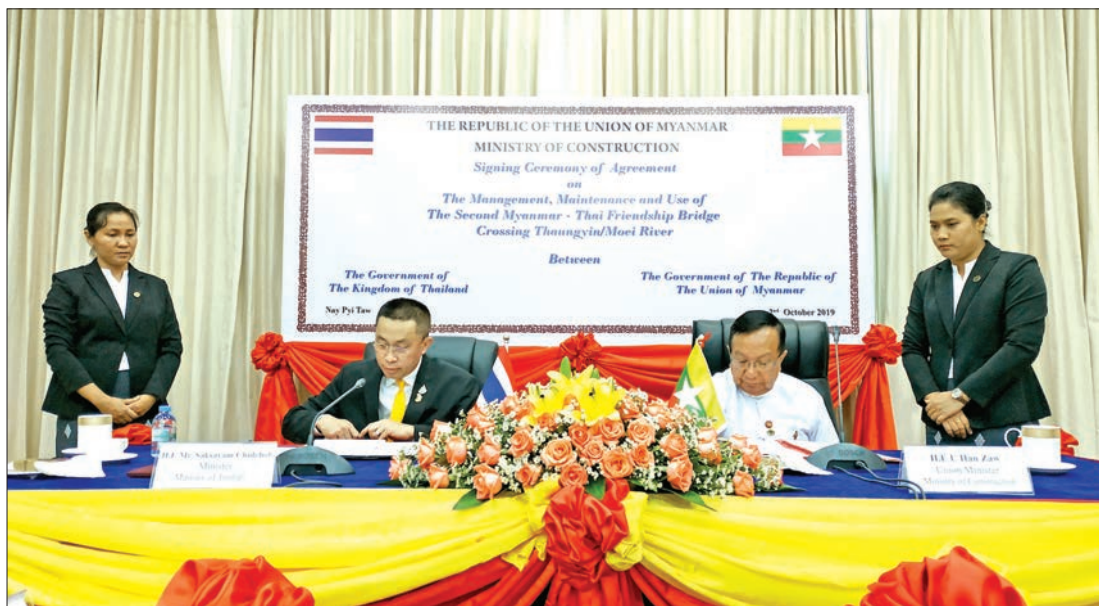
UNION Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi received the United States of America's Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs Ms Marie Royce at the guest hall of Yangon University of Foreign Languages in Yangon yesterday. During the meeting, they

cordially discussed cooperation education sector.—MNA  
(Translated by TTN)

Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi meets US's Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs Ms Marie Royce in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



## Myanmar, Thailand sign agreement for second Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge



Union Minister U Han Zaw and Transport Minister of Thailand Mr Saksayam Chidchob sign the agreement on the management, maintenance and use of the second Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar and the Government of the Kingdom of Thailand signed an agreement on the management, maintenance and use of the second Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge at the Ministry of Construction in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the signing

ceremony, Union Minister for Construction U Han Zaw said the bridge would be much beneficial for not only Myanmar and Thailand but also other regional countries as it was located on the trade route of Myanmar's Myawady and Thailand's Mae Sot as well as on the East-West Economic Corridor that crosses Da Nang city in Viet Nam and

Mawlamyine city in Myanmar. Transport Minister of Thailand Mr Saksayam Chidchob also delivered a speech.

Union Minister U Han Zaw and Transport Minister of Thailand Mr Saksayam Chidchob then signed the agreement and exchanged the signed documents. — MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

## Finn Under-Secretary of State arrives in Myanmar



A delegation of Finland led by Ms Nina Irmeli Vaskunlahti, Under-Secretary of State for external economic relations in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE delegation of Finland led by the Under-Secretary of State for external economic relations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, arrived in Nay Pyi Taw at 12:30 pm.

Ms Nina Irmeli Vaskunlahti and party were welcomed by Secretary of Finland Embassy in Myanmar Daw Than Than Lwin and officials at the Nay Pyi Taw International Airport.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

## 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management enters second day

THE 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) began at Shwe San Eain Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on 1 October.

During the second day session yesterday, Dr Ko Ko Naing, the Director-General of Department of Disaster Management from Myanmar, served as the Rotating Chairman of ACDM and MrKistoffer James E Purisima, the Assistant Secretary and Deputy Administrator for Administration from the Philippines, as the Joint-Chairman.

In the morning, the ACDM held talks with ASEAN Plus 3 countries— People's Republic of China, Japan and Republic of Korea— on collaborative plans, with ASEAN Plus 1 of Japan on

cooperation in disaster management and with representatives from UNDP and Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) on regional partnership programmes.

In the afternoon, the Governing Board of the AHA Centre held a meeting where Executive Director Ms Adelinal Kamal explained about activities of the centre on capacity-building training course in the regional countries, emergency assistance, information management and cooperation with the partner organizations.

The governing ASEAN members collaborated on the needs of AHA Center.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



The second day of 35<sup>th</sup> Meeting of ASEAN Committee on Disaster Management (ACDM) takes place at Shwe San Eain Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

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# Police to monitor hiring of tour guides

By Nyein Nyein

THE tourist police will verify whether tourists are hiring local tour guides or not, said Naw Pan Thinzar Myo, the Yangon Region Minister for Kayin Ethnic Affairs and the vice-chairperson of the Regional Tourism Committee.

“Although Myanmar has made it mandatory for tourists to hire local guides, tourists are only using guides from their own country. Those guides may misrepresent Myanmar culture. Additionally, this may lead to lack of jobs for local guides. So, the tourist police will now check whether local guides are being hired,” she added.

“We have already issued instructions to police to ensure that tourists hire local tour guides. We have often found that local guides are being hired by tourists, but English guides are being hired for Chinese tourists. Local guides are not getting jobs as tourists are only using guides from their own country. Therefore, we need to resolve the issue. We need to keep a check on this at the entry gates,” said Naw Pan Thinzar Myo.

“To check tour destinations,



A tour guide explains about the history of the Shwedagon Pagoda in Yangon. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

such as Shwedagon pagoda and Botahtuang pagoda, the tour police can screen QR codes from tour guides' ID cards, which are issued to them on hand-phones. Thus, the tourist police can determine whether they are local guides or not. So, we have already made arrangements for the tour police to use technology to check whether tourists are hiring local tour guides or not. For this, the tourist police will have to undergo training next month,” she added.

If the tourist police find the policy is being disobeyed, the local agent, who tied up with the tour company, will face legal action, said Naw Pan Thinzar Myo.

Currently, Chinese tourists are opting for cheap tour packages offered by Chinese tour agencies, which are also known as zero dollar or zero budget tours. But, they are being asked to buy jade lots at set shops, she said.

Myanmar receives US\$50 per person from Chinese tourists for issuing visas. The tourists are spending a minimum of \$60 per day. Local tour companies hire entire hotels and restaurants for zero budget tours, in cooperation with Chinese tour companies. As a result, the enterprises make money, while the government loses out on income.

At present, most of the tour-

ists entering Myanmar are from China. Between January and July, 2018, more than 640,000 tourists visited Yangon. During the same period this year, the number of tourists crossed 740,000, said U Naing Win, the director of the the Yangon Region Directorate of Hotels and Tourism.

Earlier, the hotels and tourism sector was regulated by the Union government. After the implementation of the Myanmar Tourism Law 2018, the sector has been decentralized and power has been devolved to the region and state governments, said Naw Pan Thinzar Myo.

Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein is the chairman of the regional tourism committee. The committee also includes officials from the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Culture, the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, the Department of Environmental Conservation, the Yangon City Development Committee, the Union of Myanmar Travel Association, and Civil Society Organizations as members.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

## Thrice as many foreign visitors as locals coming to watch Ayeyawady dolphins

THE number of foreign visitors coming to watch cooperative fishing with Ayeyawady dolphins has been three times higher than local visitors this year, according to U Maung Lay, the leader of the Ayeyawady Dolphins Conservation and Cooperative Fishermen Team.

Between January and September, more than 1,430 tourists and over 430 locals observed demonstrations of fishing with the dolphins.

“This year, Japanese visitors came for video shooting for more than one month. We were booked for the entire day, and they paid high rates. Local people are also interested in watching fishing with the dolphins.



Fishermen are catching fish with the help of dolphins in the Ayeyawady River near Mandalay. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

Tourists have been visiting every day since the start of the tour season,” said U Maung Lay. Germans topped the list of foreign visitors. According to travel data, about 73 foreign and 90 local travellers watched the Ayeyawady dolphin shows in 2016, while 95 foreign and

183 local travellers watched them in 2017. The number increased to 183 foreign and 402 local travellers from January through May, 2018. Groups of private school students have also been coming down to observe the dolphins. “The dolphin conservation and commu-

nity-based tourism projects have been successful. We have implemented dolphin conservation and community-based tourism projects in eight villages. Now, local people are earning extra income from cooking, selling souvenirs, and showing dolphins,” said U Han Win, the head of Dolphin Conservation.

A demonstration on fishing with dolphins can fetch K40,000 for one boat owner. A single boat can carry two foreign passengers or four local passengers in one trip. The implementation of community-based tourism has helped increase the number of tourists significantly year by year.—Khaing Satt Wai

(Translated by Hay Mar)

## Illegal teak smugglers using state-owned elephants arrested in Wuntho

OFFICIALS on Monday arrested five men for smuggling illegally harvested teak logs from the Kapyin Lwin protected public forest, Wuntho Township, Katha District, Sagaing Region. They were reportedly using state-owned elephants for logging teak. Acting on a tip-off, a combined team, which included

staff from the forest department, searched the Kapyin Lwin protected public forest and found 35 illegally harvested teak logs, weighing 13.766 tons, 169 teak lumbers, weighing 2.1026 tons, and other related equipment. The teak was felled in the forest and logging was done with the use of the state-owned el-

ephants. The logs were meant to be sent to a saw mill. During the operation, officials arrested five men on charges of smuggling and illegal logging. They have been identified as Win Cho, Hsan Lin Tun, Aung Myo Thu, Lin Aung, and Htet Paing from Thakalkyin village, Indaw Township. Currently, they are in the

custody of the Wuntho police.

The owners of the illegal saw mill, identified as Zaw Moe Oo from Hsin Gone village, Saw Min Oo, and Mahout Thet Naing Oo, managed to escape. The police have launched a search for them in cooperation with local residents.—Lu Aung (Katha)

(Translated by Hay Mar)

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## NREC Union Minister discusses eco-friendly matters with Finnish delegation

UNION Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation, U Ohn Win, received a delegation led by Ms Nina Irmeli Vaskunlahti, Finland's Under-Secretary of State for External Economic Relations, at his ministry yesterday.

During the meeting, both sides exchanged views on technical support for water distribution, purification and treatment, possible cooperation on generating energy from waste, a strategic plan for waste management and its implementations, cooperation on overseeing industrial and other wastes to ensure they

meet set standards, manufacturing solar panels, producing pulp from eucalyptus trees and other fast growing plants, producing biomass from agriculture and forests, establishing forest plantations managed by a region, and the implementation process of the ten-year reforestation strategy.—MNA ■ (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Union Minister U Ohn Win holds talks with Ms Nina Irmeli Vaskunlahti, Finland's Under-Secretary of State for External Economic Relations yesterday.  
**PHOTO: MNA**



## Union E&E Minister, Finnish, US officials hold talk over energy sector



Union Minister U Win Khaing holds talks with Ms Nina Irmeli Vaskunlahti, Finland's Under-Secretary of State for External Economic Relations, in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

UNION Minister for Electricity and Energy, U Win Khaing, met separately with Ms Nina Irmeli Vaskunlahti, Finland's Under-Secretary of State for External Economic Relations, and officials from the US-ASEAN Business Council at his ministry yesterday.

During his meeting with the Foreign Under-Secretary, they discussed cooperation on renewable energy sources with Finnish companies working in the energy sector, generating energy from waste products, sharing technology and experience on clean and smart energy, finding sustainable solutions to

natural resources, future plans for generating, transporting and distributing electricity, loans for developing the electricity and energy sector, and the further implementations concerning the MoU for developing the electricity sector signed on 30 July 2018.

During the meeting with the US-ASEAN Business Council, led by its President Mr Alexander C Feldman, and officials from the US Embassy, they discussed investments concerning basic infrastructure for electricity and energy, improving cooperation between both nations and future projects.—MNA ■ (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

## Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye discusses human rights, gender equality issues in ROK

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye separately visited the Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission of Korea and the Minister for Gender Equality and Family during his visit in the Republic of Korea.

While meeting with Ms Choi Young-ae, the Chairperson of National Human Rights Commission of Korea, Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye held talks on the efforts of Myanmar in democratic reform and human rights in accordance with UN conventions such as Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC), the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) that monitors the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (CRPD) and

the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights (ICESCR), signing of Myanmar in the Optional Protocol to the CRC on the Involvement of Children in Armed Conflict (OPAC) at the 74<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly, the cooperation of ministry with Myanmar National Human Rights Commission in taking actions against human rights abuse, implementation on the recommendations for youth training schools and departments, potentials for development in multi-sector cooperation between Myanmar and ROK, collaboration between National Human Rights Commission of Korea and Myanmar, cooperation with international communities including ASEAN in the issue of displaced persons from Rakhine State, and strengthening cooperation between ASEAN countries and ROK in the New

Southern Policy.

In making discussions with Minister of Gender Equality and Family Ms Lee Jung-ok, the Union Minister exchange views on women's participation in democratic reform of Myanmar, gender equality and the role of women in the Union Peace Conference—21<sup>st</sup> Century Panglong, the efforts of government in establishing a democracy federal union, the formation of Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs with the participation of government ministries, women organizations and civil societies, prevention against gender based violence, justice for the victims in gender based violence, rehabilitation works, vocational trainings, implementation of joint communique on Prevention and Response to Conflict-Related Sexual Violence, Protection Women against Women in



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye shakes hands with Ms Choi Young-ae, the Chairperson of the National Human Rights Commission of ROK.  
**PHOTO: MNA**

Conflicts after signing with UN Special Representative of the Secretary-General Ms Pramila Patten, women development programs, the role of young people and youth policy, the enactment

of Child Rights Law (2019) in Myanmar, teenager issues and possible cooperation between the two ministries.—MNA ■

(Translated by Aung Khin)

# Unicode spells brighter service system for Myanmar

IT has been some time since the Myanmar language was integrated for use in typing with computer systems. First there was CE, used widely in the 1990s, and then Academy, the Win series and with the advent of mobile phones the Zawgyi font came on the scene.

Then came Myanmar 1, Myanmar 2, and Myanmar 3 to supply letter images, metric letters, pinni, khit and other symbols.

With all these positives and benefits presenting themselves before us, we need to change our font system together with the government ministries, which have done the same.

of understanding this Unicode system, thus making automatic digital translation easier.

With all these positives and benefits presenting themselves before us, we need to change our font system together with the government ministries, which have done the same. Other countries that have adopted this system are able to provide better services to their citizens. Myanmar should follow suit and quickly adapt to this system.

The Union Government had announced they will be completely switching to Unicode on 1 October 2019 and are swiftly implementing these changes.

But for people who do not need to compile or access databases nor will be regularly communicating with government offices, changing to Unicode is not compulsory. They can continue using the system they are comfortable with and no one will object to their freedom to choose.

However, we believe that converting to Unicode now will have great advantages in the long-run. Changes are always hard at the beginning, but the results they will achieve can be incomparable in the bigger picture.



# “Tourism and Jobs: A Better Future for All”

By Hnin Lae (Tourism)

GENERALLY, jobs, income international relations, and high social standards are acknowledged as the characteristics of tourism. Tourists may have various reasons for visiting different destinations. A tourist will spend money for services and goods during his visit. So, tourism is a business of providing services, food, accommodation, transport pleasure, safety, and new experiences and so on for a guest his private visit.

Nowadays, countries are prioritizing the task of developing their economy, improving living standards of citizens, generating jobs and reducing unemployment, and they have found that tourism is the best answer to all those priority sectors. So, they adopt master plans and strategies for tourism development.

### Jobs

World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) conducted an annual analysis quantifying the global economic and employment impact of travel and tourism in 185 countries and 25 regions of the world. The World Travel & Tourism Council's research reveals that the tourism sector accounted for 10.4% of global GDP and 319 million jobs, or 10% of total employment in 2018. The division of overall spend is firmly weighted towards the leisure market, which represented 78.5% of the total compared with 21.5% for business spend, and the sector accounted for 6.5% of total global exports and 27.2% of total global service exports. Domestic tourism, which represented 71.2% of all tourism spending in 2018 and had the strongest growth in developing nations, continues to support opportunities by spreading development and regional economic benefits and building national pride.

In fact, tourism is a smokeless industry that ensures indirect benefits for the supporting businesses and also generates income for the state and all strata of life of the people.

The tourism industry benefits all the stakeholders from horse carriage drives, tour guides and companies to hotels, restaurants, transporters and souvenir shops. The food and beverage industry and agro-industry are also enjoying the indirect benefits of the tourism business. Generally, a



Tourists observe the Buddhist traditions at a monastery in Mandalay. PHOTO: AUNG THANT KHINE

government of a nation is among the main players of its tourism industry together with private enterprises, non-governmental organizations and local communities and people.

### The government's role

The government is the main organization that is adopting and realizing tourism policies, inviting investments, facilitating the functions of the tour and travel companies, transporter companies and other businesses, recruiting manpower for the industry, taking safety measures and arranging international connections. In turn,

for the tourism industry, apart from the people who are directly involved in it. Their attitudes, hospitality, and support are of vital importance. As community-based tourism has direct involvement of the residents, their suggestions, views, and trends should be taken into account. Their roles should be enhanced through training, transparent reports on the benefits and proceeds. Many developing countries are effectively using community-based tourism as the driving force behind employment reduction and job generation programs.

Myanmar started community-based tourism in 2015. The Min-

As community-based tourism entails direct involvement of residents, their suggestions, views, along with current trends should be taken into account.

the government can channel the revenues and investments from the industry in the national economic drive and in protecting and preserving national heritage, culture, and archaeological sites and improving the living standard of the people.

### Local residents

The involvement of resident communities is also important

### Tourism and the role of women



International travellers visit an open market in Mandalay. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

Women are joining the tourism sector that generates more jobs than other industries. If compared with other industries, the number of women taking part in the industry is two times higher. Their roles range from handicraft business to hospitality services. So, women are earning income for their households, and in some cases, they the breadwinners of a household, thus helping improve the socio-economic and living standards their families. So we must promote the role of women in the tourism industry. They should enjoy equal rights with their male

counterparts and should be given the leading role in some issues or businesses. Besides, there should not be any gender discrimination in any workplace or occupation. Moreover, women should be provided with proper training and encouragement and support to run small or medium tour businesses.

### Social benefits

The development of tourism will bring infrastructure development for many sectors and places, especially the remote areas. The industry will act as an engine of growth for improving the transport

sector, water and electricity supply, education, language proficiency and perspectives of the people of faraway places. Community-based tourism allows people of remote areas to have the chance to share or exchange cultural and social values with visitors from many different places of the world. In this way, they will cherish and understand the culture and traditions and archaeological heritages more.

According to the World Tourism Organization report on tourism towards 2030, the future brings enormous opportunities for tourism to take centre stage in the political and economic agenda, seeking recognition for its contribution to economic growth and development. It also brings added challenges and responsibilities for our sector to take the lead in mitigating its potential negative impacts on host communities and the environment. It will be the leader in protecting and preserving the

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### Correction

Please read “Win Kyaing (Myanmar Fisheries Federation) for the writer of the article titled “Myanmar Fisheries Sector: Current status, opportunities for policy reform” on Page 8 of the 2nd October issue of the Global New Light of Myanmar. GNLM regrets it.—GNLM

### Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Wednesday 2nd October, 2019)

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

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 3 October, 2019:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Upper Sagaing Region and Kachin state, fairly widespread in Shan State, scattered in Lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Chin and Rakhine 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:** Continuation of likelihood of rain or thundershowers in Sagaing and Mandalay Regions, Kachin and Shan States.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 October, 2019:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 3 October, 2019:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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## National Day, Armed Forces Day of ROK celebrated in Nay Pyi Taw

THE Embassy of the Republic of Korea celebrated the National Day and the Armed Forces Day in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The event at the Hilton Hotel began with the national anthems of Myanmar and the ROK.

Afterwards, Ambassador of Korean Mr Lee Sang-hwa and Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu extended greetings.

Next, invited guests had the documentary photos taken and enjoyed the dinner.

During the dinner, the artistes of the Fine Art Department performed with Myanmar and Korean cultural dances.

Also present at the event were U Myo Nyunt, Chairman of the Constitutional Tribunal of the Union, U Hla Thein, Chairman of



Union Minister Dr Aung Thu addresses the reception of the Republic of Korea National Day and the Armed Forces Day in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**



the Union Election Commission, Union ministers Dr Pe Myint, Dr Aung Thu, U Thant Sin Maung, U Ohn Win, Dr Myint Htwe, U Soe Win, U Thaug Tun and Nai Thet Lwin, Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo, Chairman

of the Nay Pyi Taw Council Dr Myo Aung, Lt-Gen Than Tun Oo of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army), Chairman of the Amyotha Hluttaw Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Committee U

Kyaw Thiha, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Myint Maw, deputy ministers Rear Admiral Myint Nwe, U Aung Hla Tun, Dr Ye Myint Swe, U Win Maw Tun and Dr Tun Naing, Deputy Attorney-General U Win

Myint and their wives, permanent secretaries, directors-general, diplomats, military attaches and invited guests.—MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

## Union Minister for Health and Sports attends high level and related meetings on UHC

UNION Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe attended a high level and related meetings on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) held in New York, United States from 22 to 25 September and arrived back to Yangon on the evening of 30 September.

Under the invitation of Stop TB Partnership Executive Director, the Union Minister attended a TB Innovation Summit 2019 on 22 September and participated in a round table talk as a speaker together with Brazil minister of health.

Next, the Union Minister met with New York based Myanmar doctors association members and discussed for the Myanmar doctors who had become US citizens to visit and provide health care in Myanmar and to share experience and knowledge. Later the Union Minister met with chief executive officers of Washington DC based FHI 360 group.

On 23 September, the Union Minister attended the high

level meeting on UHC held at United Nations headquarters in New York. Speeches were delivered by 74<sup>th</sup> UN General Assembly chair, UN secretary general, WHO director general and World Bank president at the opening ceremony. Meeting attending presidents, prime ministers and health ministers then delivered speeches on behalf of their respective countries and Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe delivered a speech on behalf of the country.

Later in the day, the Union Minister attended a meeting held by Business Council for International Understanding on increasing the momentum of health care on non-contagious disease.

On the morning and afternoon of 24 September, the Union Minister met with General Electronic and One Sight Foundation and later attended a discussion on Eliminating Poor Vision in a Generation.

Afterwards, the Union Minister met with KIRK Humanitarian Group Chairman and



Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe delivers the speech at the high level and related meetings on Universal Health Coverage (UHC) in New York, United States on September 23. **PHOTO: MNA**

Program Director and accepted the pledge by KIRK Humanitarian group to continue providing medicines for Myanmar and to

continue cooperating in research on expecting mothers.

On 25 September, the Union Minister attended the Goalkeepers 2019 Program organized by

Bill and Melinda Gate Foundation discussed matters relating to Myanmar designated as Goalkeepers.—MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

## Legal affairs working committee discusses child labour eradication



Deputy Attorney General U Win Myint attends the meeting of legal affairs working committee for eradication of child labour in Myanmar. **PHOTO: MNA**

LEGAL affairs working committee for eradication of child labour in Myanmar held its third meeting at the Union Attorney-General's Office in Nay Pyi Taw on 1 October.

Deputy Attorney General U Win Myint, the chairman of working committee, presided over the meeting and delivered a speech.

He said that eradication of child labour is a national duty of

the country, and a national level committee and eight working committee have been formed to perform this task.

He added the legal affairs working committee will focus on better laws to eradicate child labours.

Yangon Region, Bago Region, Ayeyawady Region, Kayin State and Mon State were designated as prioritized project areas,

while his committee has been implementing 11 processes.

The working committee will also report the findings in legal issues to the national committee.

The representatives of relevant departments, Nay Pyi Taw Council, and members State/Region governments also discussed the implementation of committee.—MNA ■

(Translated by Aung Khin)

# Fishery exports cross \$700 mln



Labourers processing fish for export at a marine product factory. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

EXPORT earnings from the fisheries sector in the period from 1 October, 2018 to 20 September, 2019 in the 2018-19 financial year reached US\$709 million, an increase of \$21.9 million from the year-ago period, according to statistics released by the Commerce Ministry.

In 11 months of this FY, the export volume of fishery products crossed 540,000 metric tons, according to the Commerce Ministry. This year, fishery exports have risen, but the price offered is much lower than that during the same period in the previous fiscal, said an official from the Commerce Ministry.

Myanmar fisheries products, such as fish, prawns, and crabs, are exported to markets in 40 countries, including China, Saudi Arabia, the US, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, and countries in the European Union.

Earlier, only fish caught in the wild were allowed to be exported to the EU market. At

present, Myanmar is exporting farmed fish, prawns, and crabs to the EU.

Saudi Arabia's suspension of fish imports from Myanmar, beginning April last year, has affected rohu fish suppliers. Myanmar keeps only 25 per cent of rohu fish for local consumption and exports the remaining 75 per cent to Saudi Arabia, UAE, as well as Bangladesh.

Myanmar's exports to Saudi Arabia account for 30 per cent of its farm-raised fish exports and 40 per cent of rohu exports.

The Myanmar Fisheries Federation is making concerted efforts to increase fishery export earnings by developing fish farming lakes which meet international standards and adopting advanced fishing techniques.

There are over 247,000 acres of fish farms and 240,000 prawn breeding farms across the country. Myanmar exported 340,000 tons of fishery products worth \$530 million in the 2013-2014 FY,

330,000 tons worth \$480 million in the 2014-2015 FY, 360,000 tons worth \$500 million in the 2015-2016 FY, 430,000 tons worth \$600 million in the 2016-2017, and 560,000 tons worth \$700 million in the 2017-2018 FY, according to the Commerce Ministry.

MFF Vice President Dr Toe Nandar Tin said the federation has asked the government to tackle problems faced in the export of farm-raised fish and prawns through G2G pacts and ensure smooth freight movement between countries to bolster exports. According to the MFF, integrated poultry and fish farming cannot ensure food safety, which is a requirement for export. Therefore, the federation has asked for the formulation of a law to restrict that kind of mixed farming. Fish farming must be conducted as a large-scale project to get access to Project Bank loans, according to the MFF. — GNLM

(Translated by Eim Myat Mon)

# Domestic investments touch K1,694 bln, \$473.29 mln as of fiscal year end

DOMESTIC investments by Myanmar citizens reached K1,694 billion and US\$473.29 million as of the end of the current fiscal year, including expansion of capital by existing enterprises, according to a press release issued by the Myanmar Investment Commission.

Between 1 October, 2018 and 27 September, 2019, 171 local enterprises were allowed to invest in various sectors, with estimated capital of over K1,432 billion and \$379.65 million.

The investments flowed into the real estate, manufacturing, hotels and tourism, construction, industrial estate, energy,

mining, livestock and fisheries, agriculture, and other services sectors, according to figures from the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration.

To simplify the verification process of investment projects, the Myanmar Investment Law allows the region and state Investment Committees to grant permissions to local and foreign proposals, where the initial investment does not exceed K6 billion, or \$5 million.

While some projects no longer need MIC approval, businesses that are strategic to the government require a permit

from the commission. In addition, those businesses that have large capital investments exceeding \$5 million and that may have a possible impact on the environment and the local community need to be approved by the DICA proposal assessment team. With a fast-track way to set up a business in Myanmar having been introduced, investors can apply to the MIC or the state and regional investment committees for endorsing investment proposals, depending on the business type. — GNLM

(Translated by Eim Myat Mon)

# Myanmar likely to improve Ease of Doing Business ranking post WB report: DICA

By Nyein Nyein

MYANMAR is expected to move up in the Ease of Doing Business ranking in 2020 against last year, following the initial report of the World Bank, according to U Thant Sin Lwin, the Director-General of the Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

Myanmar has been ranked as one of the top 20 improvers in Doing Business 2020 by the World Bank, based on the number of reforms and the degree by which the country's ease of doing business score has improved in five initiatives; two of which are directly related to the DICA.

"The first initiative is that Myanmar launched an online company registry platform, merging several procedures and reducing the need for in-person interaction. The country showed improvement in starting a business indicator. When Myanmar had been placed a lowly 171 in Doing Business Ranking 2019, it was ranked 154<sup>th</sup> in starting a business. We expect it will improve its ranking this year. The second initiative is the enactment of the Myanmar Companies Law in which directors' stipulated duties and changes in shareholding are

embodied. Therefore, we expect better results in the 2020 report," said U Thant Sin Lwin.

Myanmar expects an under-100 ranking in Doing Business 2021, said U Aung Htoo, the Deputy Minister for Commerce, who is also a part of the Improving Ease of Doing Business Ranking working group.

Myanmar was ranked 171<sup>st</sup> among 190 countries in the World Bank's Doing Business 2018 report. The country remained 171 in the 2019 report.

The Myanmar Investment Commission under the Ministry of Planning and Finance is targeting a rank of 100 in 2020, 80 in 2025, 60 in 2030 and 40 in 2035, according to the Myanmar Investment Promotion Plan.

The World Bank has determined ease of doing business rankings based on 11 indicators: starting a business, obtaining construction permits, getting electricity, registering property, getting credit, protecting minority investors, paying taxes, trading across borders, enforcing contracts, resolving insolvency, and managing labour, all of which were incorporated into the indicators in 2018.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

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# Steps taken to draft National Land Law



Union Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo addresses the work Committee meeting on Drafting the National Land Law and Harmonization of Laws Related with Land Management in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

**THE** Work Committee on Drafting the National Land Law and Harmonization of Laws Related with Land Management held its first meeting at the Office of the

Union Attorney-General in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the meeting, Chairman of the work committee Union Attorney-General U

Tun Tun Oo detailed about the duties of the committee saying that the committee is obliged to amend and add the existing laws related with land management as

part of efforts for drafting the National Land Law and for bringing harmonization among the laws related with land management in consistency with the National

Land Use Policy-NLUP.

He pledged that the National Land Law would guarantee sustainable land management, land rights, giving protection to rights of ethnic minority groups, settling land disputes and encouraging responsibility and accountability for investment.

The work committee was formed to implement the tasks of the National Land Use Council, which was established to implement the National Land Use Policy.

To support the work committee, the Work Group for Supporting Drafting the National Land Law was also formed to support the work committee.

The work committee will conduct national-level workshops so that the people can participate in drafting the law. The work committee will also provide guidelines to the supporting group to draft the law. At the meeting, members of the work committee, the supporting committee and experts.—MNA  
■ (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

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## AICHR discusses commonalities of EIA in ASEAN member states

THE ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) held a Regional Consultation on Commonalities of EIA in ASEAN Members States and Advancing a Harmonized and Rights - Based Approach to EIA in ASEAN at the Melia Hotel in Yangon yesterday.

During the meeting, Professor Dr Amara Pon-sapich, the Chair of the AI-

CHR, Ambassador (Rtd) U Hla Myint, the Myanmar Representative of AICHR, U Hla Maung Thein, the Director General of Environmental Conservation Department, and Mr Andrew Raine, the Head International Environmental Law Unit of United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP), delivered speeches. The meeting was attended by representatives

of ASEAN countries to the AICHR, environment and human rights experts from ASEAN regional and international organizations, experts from international organizations, civil society organizations and representatives of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation.—MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



ASEAN Intergovernmental Commission on Human Rights (AICHR) held a meeting in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: MNA



PHOTO: MNA

## CBM Governor receives US-ASEAN Business Council delegation

THE CENTRAL Bank of Myanmar Governor U Kyaw Kyaw Maung received Ambassador of the United States Mr Scot Marciel, US-ASEAN Business Council President Mr Alexander C

Feldman and party at the Zabuthiri Hall of CBM in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed matters related to increasing economic cooperation between the two coun-

tries, trade and investment, services of banks and financial affairs, insurance, development of information communications technology, progress of electronic cash transaction and E-pay-

ment system in finance and banking sector of Myanmar, and development of Myanmar's financial sector and capital market. —MNA

(Translated by TTN)

## Singapore film crew documents Myanmar's hair trade

A SINGAPOREAN filming crew recently filmed Thet Nay Lin's business in buying, cleaning and exporting human hair from Pyawbwe Township, and the livelihood of small business of local residents.

The film crew first filmed women donating hair at Yegu Myoma Monastery in Mayangone Township, Yangon. They took scenes of the presiding abbot sharing how donating hair is a meritable act and the longest hair donated in record was the 550 feet long 'Shwe-ze-pin da-dar' (Golden



Singaporean filming crew shooting business in exporting human hair in Pyawbwe Township. PHOTO: MNA

hair bridge) in Alaungdaw Katapa garden, Sagaing Region. The film crew also documented the hair trade in Yangon and Mandalay regions and Chinese bicycles donated in Hmawbi, Tantapin and

Taikywi townships.

The filming is scheduled for broadcast with the Assignment Asia programme on CGTN Online Channel, which is based in China.—MNA (Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

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Open tenders are invited for service of the following operations in United States Dollars.

Sr. No	Tender No	Description	Remark
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Tender Closing Date & Time - 15-11-2019, 16:30 Hrs

Tender Document shall be available during office hours commencing from 16<sup>th</sup> October, 2019 at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No.44 Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

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## Cambodian PM fires arrest warning to fans of his arch-rival

PHNOM PENH — Cambodia's premier Hun Sen on Wednesday threatened to arrest supporters of his nemesis Sam Rainsy if they mobilise for the opposition figure-head's much-trumpeted return from self-exile next month.

Rainsy, who has lived in France since 2015 to avoid jail for convictions he insists are politically motivated, has promised a dramatic return on November 9, Cambodia's Independence Day.

Seeking to maintain his support base after years outside the country, Rainsy has urged

supporters — including among the armed forces — to unite to topple Hun Sen and restore democracy to the poor Southeast Asian nation.

Hun Sen, who has ruled the kingdom for 34 years, has hit back with a new barrage of arrests and threats.

"Those who join the campaign to destroy the country and peace on November 9 will be prosecuted," Hun Sen warned Wednesday in a typically bombastic speech. In his absence, Rainsy's opposition Cambodia



Hun Sen, who has ruled Cambodia, for 34 years, has hit back at his rival with a new barrage of arrests and threats. **PHOTO: AFP**

National Rescue Party (CNRP) has been dismantled through court rulings and intimidation. Dozens of opposition activists have been arrested over recent weeks for allegedly agitating for the government to be toppled during Rainsy's mooted return.

Last week, Rainsy and several opposition officials were charged with plotting a coup, which carries up to 30 years in jail. The court also warned that anyone deemed to be a co-conspirator could face 20 years in prison.—AFP ■

### NEWS IN BRIEF

#### North Korea likely fired submarine-launched ballistic missile: South Korea

SEOUL — North Korea fired early Wednesday a projectile believed to be a submarine-launched ballistic missile, or SLBM, South Korea's presidential office said.

South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff said the projectile was launched at 7:11 am from the sea, northeast of Wonsan in the eastern part of North Korea.

Japan's top government spokesman, Yoshihide Suga, said Tokyo is still analyzing the information and did not confirm it was a submarine-based missile. After flying about 450 kilometers and reaching an altitude of about 910 km, the projectile likely fell into Japan's exclusive economic zone off the western prefecture of Shimane, according to South Korea's Joint Chiefs of Staff and the Japanese government. If proved correct, it would be the first projectile fired by North Korea since 10 September, and the 11th since May. There were no immediate reports of damage to vessels or planes in the area.

—Kyodo News ■

#### Pig farmers pessimistic as China tries to talk down swine fever

PEKIN — Sun Dawu sighs sadly when asked about the death of thousands of his pigs, killed by the African swine fever outbreak that has been decimating hog herds across China.

"The pig farm was completely destroyed," he says quietly, fanning himself from the heat and flies on his large Hebei province farm outside Beijing.

"It's a painful process, it's painful to watch them die. We buried all the dead pigs five metres underground." More than a year since swine fever began to spread across the country, China's pig farmers are wary of replenishing their stock — and the disease could become a political and economic liability for the government. Frustrated after a month of official stonewalling, Sun posted pictures of the dead pigs on social media platform Weibo — quickly attracting tens of millions of views and forcing the local government to respond.— AFP ■

## Singapore's 'fake news' law takes effect as critics sound alarm

SINGAPORE — Singapore's new law to combat "fake news" came into effect Wednesday despite criticism from tech giants and activists, who labelled the tough rules a "chilling" attempt to stifle dissent.

The law gives government ministers powers to order social media sites to put warnings next to posts authorities deem to be false, and in extreme cases get them taken down.

Facebook, Twitter and Google — who have their Asian headquarters in Singapore — were given temporary exemptions from a handful of provisions in the act to give them time to adapt.

If an action is judged to be malicious and damaging to Singapore's interests, companies could be hit with fines of up to Sg\$1 million (RM3 million), while individuals could face jail terms of up to 10 years.

Authorities in the tightly controlled country — long criticised for restricting civil liberties



Authorities in tightly controlled Singapore — long criticised for restricting civil liberties — insist new measures are necessary to stop falsehoods circulating. **PHOTO: AFP**

ties — insist the measures are necessary to stop the circulation of falsehoods that could sow divisions in society and erode trust in institutions. But the laws have sparked outrage from rights groups, who fear they could stifle

online discussion, tech companies and media organisations.

Journalist and activist Kirsten Han, who is the editor-in-chief of independent media outlet New Naratif, said the legislation was "extremely worrying".

"It's such a broad law that it's hard to predict how it's going to be applied. What's of immediate concern is the chilling effect and the further entrenchment of self-censorship," she told AFP.—AFP ■

## Rally held in Hong Kong after teenager shot by police

HONG KONG — A rally was held in Hong Kong on Wednesday in protest at the shooting of an 18-year-old high school student by police during a clash the previous day on the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

The male teenager was critically wounded in the chest when he was shot by a riot police officer

at close proximity, but he was in stable condition Wednesday after surgery, according to local media.

In Hong Kong, National Day celebrations were largely overshadowed by violence that left over 100 protesters and police officers injured, including two critically.

The Hong Kong government on Wednesday con-

demned the protests, which have become increasingly violent since they began in June, over a now-abandoned bill that would have allowed Hong Kong citizens to be sent to mainland China for trial.

Students were among the participants at the protest rally held near the wounded teenager's school on Wednesday.

The student was hospitalized in critical condition after being shot with a live round during a clash in Tsuen Wan in the New Territories, according to local media.

Footage uploaded online showed him wielding a metal rod at police standing at arm's length when the shot was fired.—Kyodo News ■

## Johnson promises 'compromise' Brexit offer to Brussels

MANCHESTER — Prime Minister Boris Johnson said he would submit "compromise" plans for a Brexit agreement to Brussels on Wednesday but again warned that Britain was prepared to leave the European Union later this month without a deal, despite fears it could herald an economic slump.

In his closing speech to his Conservative party's annual conference, Johnson said the plans would address the contentious issue of how to keep open Britain's border with Ireland.

"This is a compromise by the UK," he told delegates in the northwestern city of Manchester, adding that he hoped EU leaders "understand that and compromise in their turn".

But he emphasised that if they did not, Britain would still leave the EU on October 31.

A no-deal exit "is not an outcome we seek at all. But let me tell you my friends it is an outcome for which we are ready", he said, to big cheers from delegates.

Johnson is expected to speak to European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker later on Wednesday to discuss the revised offer.

The Confederation of British

Industry said a no-deal would be "a historic failure of statecraft" which would dog growth and trade "for years to come".

### Leaked blueprint

Johnson, a leading "leave" campaigner in the 2016 EU referendum, took office in July vowing to deliver Brexit at the end of this month in all circumstances.

But like his predecessor Theresa May, he has struggled against a hostile parliament and the complexities of untangling four decades of EU integration.

His promise to leave without a deal was derailed when MPs last month passed a law demanding he seek to delay Brexit if he has not reached an agreement by an EU summit on October 17.

Johnson is now racing to renegotiate the exit terms May agreed with Brussels, which were rejected by the British parliament three times.

His proposals focus on finding an alternative to her controversial "backstop" plan, which aims to keep an open border between British Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland after Brexit. The current arrangement would keep Britain in an effective



Britain's Prime Minister Boris Johnson prepared his keynote speech for the annual Conservative Party conference in Manchester, northwest England, on 1 October, 2019 which he'll deliver on the final day on 2 October, 2019. PHOTO: AFP

customs union with the EU, which critics argued would force London to abide by the bloc's rules indefinitely.

Johnson said his plan would "under no circumstances have checks at or near the border in Northern Ireland".

It would seek to protect cross-border agricultural trade by extending existing regulatory arrangements — indicating Northern Ireland will continue following some EU rules.

But the province will remain part of the same customs territory as mainland Britain, he said.

"We will allow the UK — whole and entire — to withdraw

from the EU, with control of our own trade policy from the start," he said. The Daily Telegraph newspaper reported the plan would potentially create two new borders — regulatory checks between mainland Britain and Northern Ireland along the Irish Sea, and customs checks on the island of Ireland.

It added that Johnson wanted to keep this arrangement until 2025, when the devolved assembly in Belfast would be able to decide how to proceed.

But the EU has warned many times it will not accept any attempt to put a time limit on the border plan.—AFP ■

## UN urges Australia to release Tamil family



Protesters hold up placards in Melbourne on 1 September, 2019, during a rally in support of a Tamil refugee family of four — including two Australian-born toddlers — who have been moved to the remote Australian detention centre on Christmas Island. PHOTO: AFP

SYDNEY — The United Nations has called on Australia's government to release a Tamil asylum seeker family from offshore detention, weighing in on a case that has galvanised huge public support.

The family of four have been held at the Christmas Island detention facility for the past month while their fight to stay in the country is before the courts.

Kokilapathmapriya Nadesalingam and Nadesalingam Murugappan, from Sri Lanka, arrived in Australia by boat separately in 2012 and 2013 seeking asylum and have not been accepted as refugees.

Their two children, Kopika and Tharunicaa, were both born in Australia and the family's legal battle hinges on the youngest daughter as her lawyer argues her claim has never been assessed. Lawyer Carina Ford made a submission to the UN's Human Rights Committee last month on the toddler's behalf.

In an 1 October letter, seen by AFP, the committee says in response that it "has requested the State party to transfer (the family) within 30 days into a community setting arrangement or to find another way to end their existing situation of detention".—AFP ■

## Iraq police fire to disperse new protests despite restraint calls

BAGHDAD — Iraqi security forces fired live rounds on Wednesday to disperse new protests in the capital, despite calls from top leaders for restraint a day after two demonstrators were killed.

The protests are the first significant popular challenge to Prime Minister Adel Abdel Mahdi, who formed his government

a year ago this month and who controversially blamed the violence on "aggressors" among the protesters.

On Wednesday, the iconic Tahrir Square in Baghdad where hundreds of protesters had gathered the previous day was sealed off by security forces, with some demonstrators gathering around

the edges.

Smaller crowds took to the streets in Al-Shaab in north Baghdad and Zaafaraniya in the south, an AFP correspondent reported, with riot police attempting to disperse them with tear gas and live rounds fired in the air.

Like the previous day, protesters railed against state cor-

ruption, failing public services and unemployment.

"I came out today in support of my brothers in Tahrir Square," said Abdallah Walid, 27.

He spoke to AFP in Zaafaraniya, where protesters were burning tyres on streets lined with riot police vehicles.—AFP ■

## NEWS In BRIEF

### In Syria camp, uncertain future for foreign IS orphans

AIN ISSA — Sitting in a wheelchair beside a metal fence in a camp in northern Syria, nine-year-old Ruqaya Mohammad raises a scarf over her face to hide from journalists.

The Egyptian girl lost her left eye, her legs and both her parents during battles against the Islamic State group in their last Syria redoubt in March.

She now lives in a large tent along with 23 other orphaned children of foreign IS fighters in a camp for the displaced in Ain Issa, under the care of older camp residents.

Aged 18 months to 13-years-old, the children were born to parents from Russia, Uzbekistan, Indonesia, Tajikistan, Egypt and Iraq.

"Among the children, Ruqaya moves me the most," said Sara al-Abdullah, a 37-year-old who helps look after the orphans.

"She always looks withdrawn, shy, and sad," said the widowed mother of three, one of nine women residents of the Ain Issa camp paid a small fee to help look after the children.

Outside the tent, tiny children's tops and trousers have been slung across the metal fence to dry.—AFP ■

### Cuba slams US denial of visas to medical delegation

HAVANA — Cuba's Foreign Affairs Ministry on Tuesday criticized the United States for refusing visas to a medical delegation scheduled to take part in a high-level meeting of the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO).

"We reject this arbitrary measure," the ministry said in a statement, adding "the U.S. government without justification is violating its obligations as host country of an international organization."

Washington is "once again trying to silence the voice of Cuba," it added.

On Monday, US authorities denied visas to Cuba's Minister of Public Health Jose Angel Portal and other officials who planned to attend the PAHO forum this week.—Xinhua ■

## Myanmar U-19 arrive back home with CTFA Cup silver medal



The Myanmar U-19 football players (in blue jerseys) were welcomed by officials from the Myanmar Football Federation yesterday at the Yangon International Airport. **PHOTO: MFF**

AFTER grabbing the silver medal at the Chinese Taipei Football Association's Invitational Cup, the Myanmar U-19 men's national football team arrived back at Yangon International Airport yesterday afternoon.

Team Myanmar, led by head coach U Soe Myat Min, were welcomed by officials from the Myanmar Football Federation, led by the general-secretary of the MFF, U Ko Ko Thein.

The invitational cup started on 28 September and was held at the Kaohsiung National Stadium in Kaohsiung City, Taiwan.

The Myanmar U-19 team

met with host Chinese Taipei U-19 team, the Hong Kong U-19 team, and the Gibraltar U-19 team from Europe in the tourney.

The Chinese Taipei team won the championship title with nine points from three wins.

The Myanmar team secured the second placed with six points from two wins and one loss.

Myanmar lost to Chinese Taipei by 0-1 in the opening match of the tourney on 28 September. The team drubbed Hong Kong by 6-0 on 1 October, and defeated Gibraltar by 2-1 on 30 September.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

## Premier League appoints David Pemsel as chief executive

LONDON — The Premier League has appointed David Pemsel as its new chief executive, announcing on Wednesday that he would take up the role “no later than April 2020”.

Last November, the league selected Susanna Dinnage for the post but, after accepting, she changed her mind and decided she no longer wanted the job.

The league said Pemsel's appointment had been approved unanimously at a special league shareholders' meeting.

Pemsel is chief executive of the Guardian Media Group.

Bruce Buck, the chairman of the Premier League nominations committee, said: “We are delighted to welcome David to the Premier League. His straightforward style and personal integrity make him an ideal person to lead the business.

“At the Guardian, he has

shown strong leadership through a period of change and transformation.” Buck praised Richard Masters for his performance in the role of interim chief executive. “I am thrilled to have been offered this incredible opportunity,” Pemsel said. “The Premier League is the most-watched football league in the world and I am very excited to be a key part of that.” Dinnage withdrew late in 2018 to remain in her role with the Discovery group of TV channels. Her appointment had been hailed as a significant step forward for women in sports administration. When Pemsel takes over he will become the permanent successor to Richard Scudamore, who first joined the Premier League as chief executive in 1999. He served as executive chairman from June 2014 until his retirement in November 2018.—AFP ■



Manchester City manager Pep Guardiola holds the Premier League trophy. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Grassroots festival, youth football tourney to be held in Sittway



A boy shoots a ball into a net during a grassroots football festival in Bago. **PHOTO: MFF**

WITH the aim of identifying, grooming, and training the next generation of youth footballers, a grassroots football festival and an U-14 tournament will be held in Sittway this month, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.

The festival and tourney will be supervised by the Myanmar Football Federation and the Myanmar National League, and will be mainly sponsored by Myanma Posts and Telecommunications (MPT), said an official.

The Grassroots Football Festival will be held on 20 October, and the opening ceremony for the U-14 football tourney

will also be held on the same day.

The U-14 Football Tournament 2019 will run from 21 to 29 October, according to the Myanmar National League.

During the grassroots football festival, children will learn new and innovative football skills, and then showcase their talent and participate in activities with friends and football trainers.

Grassroots football festivals are being organized to show the power of soccer to educate, inspire, and mobilize youth in Myanmar to overcome health challenges, live productive

lives, and be agents for change in their communities.

Grassroots festivals have also been held in Yangon, Mandalay, Mawlamyaing, and Taunggyi with hopes of improving youths' skills and health.

Similar grassroots football festivals were held last year across Myanmar, including in Mandalay Region, Shan State, Mon State, Yangon Region, and Bago Region. Local children studying at the Basic Education level can benefit from the festivals and improve their health and sports knowledge, and get opportunities to hone their football skills.—Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■