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Nepalese President to pay State visit to Myanmar

At the invitation of U Win Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, the Right Honourable Mrs. Bidya Devi Bhandari, President of the Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal, will pay a State Visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in the near future. —MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw speaker discusses regional development tasks with locals in Myawady

AMYOTHA Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than met with locals from Myawady Town, Phalu Village in Phalu Village church compound.

At the meeting Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker said the Hluttaw had the legislative power, the Union Government had the executive power and the Supreme Court of the Union had the judiciary power according to the Constitution. In exercising these powers, the three must not interfere with what the other was doing but need to coordinate with one another. People are urged to openly raise matters and requirements and the Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker will do the best he can.

Next the locals raised education, health, road and bridge requirement matters of the village and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker gave comments and suggestions to ensure coordination based on the responses of sector wise officials.



SEE PAGE-2 Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than delivers the speech at the meeting with locals from Phalu Village in Myawady. PHOTO: MNA



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Amyotha Hluttaw speaker discusses regional development tasks with locals in Myawady

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Afterwards Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker made cash donations to lay a concrete road in Myawady Town Phalu Village and relevant departmental officials presented cash supports to 69 handicapped persons from Phalu Village Tract.

In his concluding speech, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker said

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker presents greets villagers from Phalu Village Tract in Myawady District yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

a policy of "people's voice is Hluttaw's voice, people's wish is Hluttaw's wish and people's expectations are fulfilled by the Hluttaw" was being established and for this reason Hluttaw representatives were in constant contact with the people to hear the voices of the people and to learn their wishes and requirements. He thanked the people for openly raising issues and matters and pledged to fulfill the requirements of the people. The Speaker then cordially greeted the locals who attended the meeting. — Htain Lin Aung (IPRD) (Translated by Zaw Min)

Nay Pyi Taw Zoo and Safari Park teeming with visitors

Interview by Han Lin Naing
Photo by Michael Htan

Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden and Safari Park were found to be teeming with visitors during the Thadingyut public holidays. Following are the voices of the official and the visitors.

U Myo Min Htat, administrator, Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden and Safari Park

There were more visitors this holiday compared to last year's Thadingyut holiday. There was an average of six to seven thousand visitors every day. The zoo had 38 animal species totaling nearly six hundred. I'd like to invite all to visit and enjoy the zoo and the park.

Daw Swe Nwe Win (merchant, Tatkon Town)

I came from Tatkon near Nay Pyi Taw. I think there'll be more visitors tomorrow so I brought my children today. Tomorrow, I'll pay respect to my parents and elders in the neighborhood. I was busy last Thadingyut and didn't go anywhere. May all our people feel happy.

Ma Aye Thida Aung (Zeyathirit Town)

After visiting Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden and Safari Park, I'll visit pagodas around Nay Pyi Taw and also the Water Fountain Garden. I'm glad to have the chance to go around during the holiday. Tomorrow, I plan to go to Lay Khwin Moun-

tain near here. I'm not going to faraway places this Thadingyut.

Ma Sandar Tun (company employee)

I'm visiting Nay Pyi Taw from Hlinethaya during the holiday. Yesterday I went to Uppatasanti Pagoda, Bodhgaya and Water Fountain Garden. After visiting Safari Park, I'll return to Yangon later in the evening. It is convenient for workers like us to travel and visit places during long holidays.

Ko Zin (company employee)

I'm visiting Nay Pyi Taw from Yangon with my friends. We already went to markets and shopping centres in Nay Pyi Taw. After visiting Safari Park, we'll go to Water Fountain Garden and other parks. After staying in Nay Pyi Taw for two days, we'll return to Yangon and rest in our house during the remaining holiday.

Ko Soe Wai Lwin (gasoline station attendant)

After visiting Safari Park, I'll pay homage to Uppatasanti Pagoda. I'm given five day-off during the holiday but due to work requirement I'll go back to work. May all be happy and healthy.

U Htat Aung Lwin (General Administration Department)

As a public servant I came frequently to Nay Pyi Taw on work. But this time, I'm here on holiday with my family. After visiting the zoo, we'll go on to Safari

Park, Bodhgaya and Uppatasanti Pagoda. After going around Nay Pyi Taw today, I'll pay respect to my parents in Bago. This year Thadingyut holiday was five day so public servants can travel to faraway places.

Aung Htat Paing (company employee)

I came from Yangon together with a social welfare group. After visiting Nay Pyi Taw for a day, we'll return to Yangon. May our country prosper.

U Aung Than Hlaing (De-



U Myo Min Htat.

partment of Population)

Even though I'm a public servant, I hadn't been to Nay Pyi Taw before. This is the first time I'm here and I came together with my family. We went to Uppatasanti Pagoda and Bodhgaya yesterday. Today, we'll go to Safari Park, Lay Khwin Mountain, Water Fountain Garden and then return to Yangon. Most of our family members are workers and employees assigned in different places so it is only during such long holidays that we can come together and go on long trips. May our country be



Daw Swe Nwe Win.

prosperous and peaceful.

Ma Thet Thet Aung (grocery seller)

This is the first time I've been to Nay Pyi Taw. I'm visiting places we've never been to with my family. I've been yearning to visit Nay Pyi Taw for quite some time. It is quite a pleasant place. We came to the zoo first. There are many places to visit. We will visit pagodas and significant places here. After visiting the zoo, we'll go to Safari Park and Water Fountain Garden.

(Translated by Zaw Min)



Ma Aye Thida Aung.



People visit Nay Pyi Taw Zoological Garden in Nay Pyi Taw during the Thadingyut holidays yesterday.

Myanmar Tatmadaw goodwill delegation continues tour of Japan

A Myanmar Tatmadaw goodwill delegation visiting Japan led by Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief Senior General Min Aung Hlaing was hosted to a dinner by Nippon Foundation President Mr Yohei Sasakawa and Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association President Mr Hideo Watanabe at the New Otani Hotel Hoon No Ma Hall on the evening of 10 October.

At the dinner Nippon Foundation President Mr Yohei Sasakawa, Myanmar Ambassador to Japan U Myint Thu, Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association President Mr Hideo Watanabe, Komeito Party President and member of the House of Councillors Mr Natsuo Yamaguchi, CDP Party leader and member of the House of Representatives Mr Yukio Edano, Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare Mr Katsunobu Kato, former Minister for Defence Mr Itsunori Onodera, and Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance, member of Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and House of Representative Mr Taro Aso delivered messages of greetings.

The Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief in return offered his deep appreciation to Nippon Foundation President, Japan-Myanmar Friendship Association

President and officials for involving themselves deeply towards achieving peace in Myanmar. It was the duty of the people at the present to take lessons from the past and create a better future. Japan's financial assistances are measurable but do not have any strings attached to it and their impact on reducing pressures was not measurable and invaluable. Senior General Min Aung Hlaing spoke of his immense pleasure and honor and his appreciation for different organizations and people working together for Myanmar single-mindedly.

On the morning of 11 October, the Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief and party left Tokyo station by Shinkansen (bullet train) to Urasa to observe Japan's rail transport system. From there they inspected a brewery producing Japan's traditional Hakkaisan Sake in Minami Uonuma Town.

Later in the afternoon, the Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief met with Myanmar students attending the International University of Japan (IUJ) in Niigata Town. The Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief presented commemorative gifts to Rector Dr Hiroyuki Itami and head of faculty of post-graduate international relations studies Dr Aung



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing accepts commemorative gift from Nippon Foundation President Mr Yohei Sasakawa at the dinner event in Tokyo, Japan. **PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

Myo. He also presented food and cash gifts to the students.

From there, the Tatmadaw Commander-in-Chief and party went to visit Yabukami 2 Power

Station and Kamijo Power Station in Niigata Prefecture.

The Tatmadaw goodwill delegation then visited Sekijyosan Saifukuji Temple in Niigata Pre-

ecture Urasa Town, according to news released by the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services. — MNA (Translated by Zaw Min)

Union Minister opens Korean Ambassador's Taekwondo Championship

THE opening ceremony of 2019 12th Korean Ambassador's Cup Taekwondo Championship was held at Aung San Indoor Sports Stadium, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Region yesterday morning.

Present at the event were Union Minister for Health and

Sports Dr Myint Htwe, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Lay Sein, Ambassador of the Republic of Korea (ROK) to Myanmar Mr Lee Sang Hwa, Permanent Secretary Dr Thet Khaing Win, Department of Sports and Physical Education Director-General U Myo Hlaing and officials, officials from ROK

embassy, Myanmar Taekwondo Federation President U Mya Han and executive committee member, competing team leader, coaches and competitors and judges.

In his address to the event the Union Minister said Korean Ambassador's Cup Taekwondo

Championship was held since 2006 with an aim of prolonging the bilateral friendship and this was the 12th time it was being held. A total of 26 teams consisting of teams from six sports and physical education schools, ministerial department teams, state/region teams and club teams were participating with more than 550 competitors. The Union Minister thanks the Republic of Korea for raising the level of Taekwondo in Myanmar and for Myanmar to achieve success in international competitions.

Next, Ambassador of ROK to Myanmar Mr Lee Sang Hwa said cooperation programs were arranged and conducted in travel, culture, sports and other sectors to increase bilateral relations. The ambassador also spoke of his happiness in observing the development of Korea's traditional sports of Taekwondo in Myanmar. This was followed by Myanmar Taekwondo Federation President U Mya Han delivering a speech of appreciation.

Afterwards, the Union Minister, ROK Ambassador, officials

from the embassy, Sports and Physical Education Department Director-General and Myanmar Taekwondo Federation President U Mya Han greeted the competing teams and members and observed the competition.

Later in the afternoon the Union Minister attended a talk held in University of Medicine 1 explaining about the experience of Myanmar medical expert representative group's United Kingdom study tour from 22 to 30 September conducted under the invitation of Cambridge Global Health Partnership (CGHP) and Tropical Health & Education Trust (THET). The talk also covers arrangements made to open a National Medical Skill, Simulation and Research Center.

The Union Minister commented on using the experience gained in the study tour according to the country's situation, to continue cooperation with CGHP and THET group and the ministry's continued support for National Medical Skill, Simulation and Research Center. — MNA (Translated by Zaw Min)



Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe greets competitors at the opening ceremony of 2019 12th Korean Ambassador's Cup Taekwondo Championship at the Aung San Indoor Sports Stadium in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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Colourful lanterns selling well in Yenangyoung

THE residents of Yenangyoung Township, Magway region, purchased colourful lanterns during the Thadingyut festival, and the lanterns to be selling well in the local market, said Ko Mya Twin, a lantern seller.

The Thadingyut festival, the lighting festival of Myanmar, is held on the full moon of the Myanmar Lunar month of Thadingyut. During the lighting festival, people hang colourful lanterns in their homes.

Traditional lanterns are made from coloured paper and bamboo. Ahead of the crafting process, lantern makers collect and trim bamboo. Then they bend it into shapes and affix paper to the bamboo structure. Skilled artisans can shape lanterns into elephants, peacocks or even airplanes. Paper lanterns made of bamboo are becoming rare.

Lantern makers earn a



A man making traditional handmade lanterns at his workshop.

PHOTO: TINZAR HLAING (IPRD)

small profit by selling lanterns, because the lanterns' waterproof papers are ordered from

China. Lanterns are selling for between K1,500 and K 3,000 each, depending upon the size,

design and cartoon patterns.—Hsan Nyount (Yenangyoung) (Translated by Hay Mar)



Chinese travellers are seen at the entrance of Myanmar-China border gate. **PHOTO: SALAI VAN YOE HTAN (IPRD)**

Over 1,700 Chinese tourists visit Muse in 10 days

A total of 1,790 Chinese tourists booked return trips to Muse through the Myanmar-China border gate (Nandaw gate) from 1 to 10 October 2019, according to the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism in the Muse office.

"The Chinese tourists are visiting Muse daily through the Myanmar-China border gate (Nandaw gate). They visit tourist sites in Muse, through arrangements made by licensed tour companies," said U Han Zaw Lin, the Assistant Director from the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism in Muse office.

The Chinese tour groups are visiting such sites as the 105th Mile trade zone, ShweThamin Kyaungta, famous pagodas, the Yarga Myaung cave

pagoda, the municipal market and Pan Khan national races village.

To supervise the tourism business in Muse, the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism was formed to promote tourism in Muse and supervise tours.

The Chinese tourists visit Muse mostly on public holidays, such as the Chinese New Year in February, and other holidays in July, August and October.

The number of tourists visiting Muse has increased 30 per cent from January to June 2019, compared to the same period last year.—Salai Van Yoe Htan (IPRD)

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Five injured in traffic accidents on highway before Thadingyut holidays

THERE were eight traffic accidents on the nation's highways within two days of the Thadingyut holidays, resulting in five injuries, according to the highway police station.

"Many cars requested help on 12 October. One Buddhist monk and one layman were

injured in an accident. There were also problems related to vehicles, such as running out of fuel, said an official from the highway.

Many cars are travelling on the highway, and the traffic police are patrolling the highway during Thadingyut

holidays to reduce road accidents, in cooperation with the Red Cross Society and the fire brigade.

On 11 October, more than 800 cars per hour were travelling on the highway.

To reduce the number of road accidents, the traffic police

are also conducting regular educational talks and distributing awareness pamphlets.

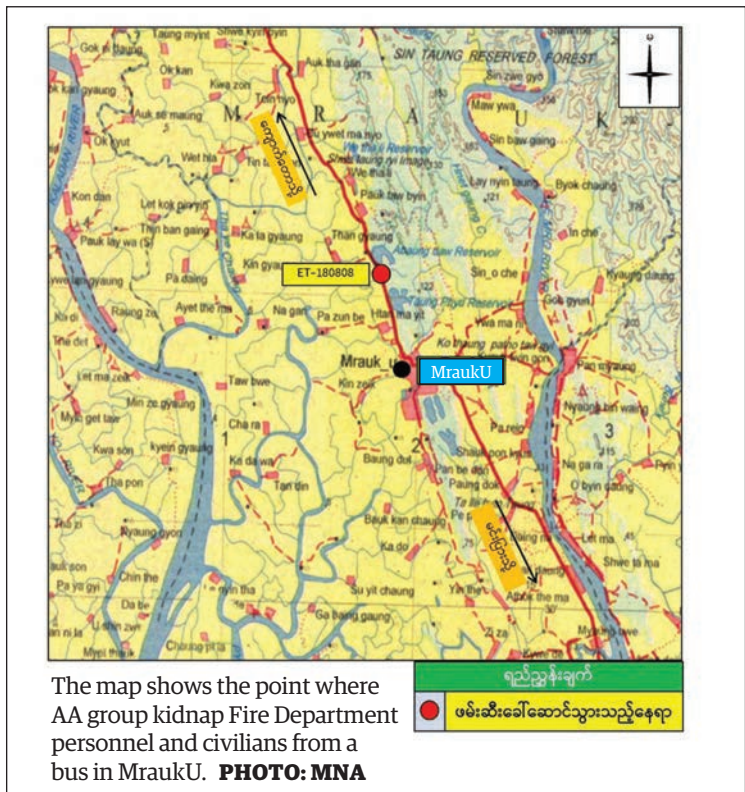
Those who need help on the highway can call the highway traffic police at 19 420888801-99.—Aye Cho

(Translated by Hay Mar)

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AA group abducts fire department personnel, civilians from bus in MraukU

AA group stopped a Shwepyith-it express bus near mile-post 127 of MraukU-Sittway road in Rakhine State MraukU Township and abducted 19 Fire Department personnel and 12 passengers on the bus on the morning of 11 October.

The express bus 6J/xxxx carrying 31 passengers, 19 Rakhine State Fire Department personnel and 12 civilians, was driven by U Nyi Nyi Hein of Mandalay Region Chanmyath-

azi Township's Aungpinle Ward together with assistant U Ko Oo and bus attendant U Myint Soe @ Yamin Soe. The express bus left Mandalay for Sittway on the afternoon of 10 October and on reaching mile-post 127 at about 9:50 am on 11 October it stopped for a man in civilian cloth at the roadside who was signaling the bus to stop. Once the bus stopped about 18 armed men from AA group in sportswear emerged from

the forest and abducted the 31 passengers into the forest. As the driver, driver assistant and bus attendant were released with the express bus, the bus arrived in Sittway later.

AA group was conducting acts of disrupting peace and rule of law as well as abducting public servants and innocent civilians, according to news released by Myanmar Police Force. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Two new species of frog discovered in Magway Region

RESEARCHERS from Mandalay University and Moscow State University have discovered two new species of frogs in Magway Region.

Dr Than Zaw from the Zoological Department of Mandalay University and Nikolay A Poyarkov of Moscow State University found a population of two new species at Paukin Village in Pakokku Township and Kanpauk Village in Yezagyo Township, and named them *Microhyla irrawaddy* and *Microhyla fodiens*.

near Ayeyawady Bridge in Pakokku Township.

After DNA tests it was found that the frog is a new species. As we found it near the Ayeyawady River, we included "Irrawaddy" in its name. The other frog is from Kanpauk Village in Yezagyo Township," said Professor Dr Than Zaw.

Local residents are familiar with the new species, but they have been recorded as new species. — Aung Thant Khaing

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



Holotype of *Microhyla irrawaddy* sp. nov. (ZMMU A5965), male

Myanmar and Russian scientists discover new species of frog.

Deputy Minister for Information receives Xinhua News Agency Vice President



Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun holds talks with a delegation led by Xinhua News Agency Vice President Mr Zhang Sutang at Ministry of Information guest hall yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

DEPUTY Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun received Xinhua News Agency Vice President Mr Zhang Sutang and party at Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday afternoon.

During the meeting, matters related to the main duties and responsibilities of the ministry, technology development and changes in media, pros and cons of social media and the impor-

tant role of media in increasing bilateral understanding and cooperation were openly and cordially discussed. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Myanmar earns over \$700 mln from rice exports

Myanmar earned over US\$700 million from 2.30 million tons of rice and broken rice exports during the 2018-2019 fiscal year (FY), according to the Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

Myanmar rice and broken rice exports declined by over 1.4 million tons this year, compared to fiscal year 2017-2018.

Myanmar rice exports declined this year because rice exports to China through the border gates have decreased by nearly half, said an official from MRF.

Currently, China has purchased only 20,000 bags of rice weighing 1,000 tons from Myanmar. More than 27 per cent of rice and broken rice was exported by Myanmar through border gates, while over 72 per cent was transported by sea. Myanmar exports rice mainly to China, the Philippines, and European and African countries through sea routes and inland trade routes. Last year, Myanmar exported over 740,000 tons of rice to China.

Rice from the countryside

has been slowly working its way into Yangon's rice market. A 48 kg bag of Myaung Mya Pawsan rice was selling at Ks 40,000-44,000, and a bag of Pawsan rice was selling for Ks 38,000-40,000, according to Warden and Bayintnaung Markets. Myanmar has also signed a Government to Government agreement to export 100,000 tons of rice to China by the end of 2019.

Myanmar grows 14 million tons of rice per year and consumes 10 million tons.—Aye Maung (Translated by Hay Mar)

Iraqi and Vietnamese directors scoop top prize at Busan film festival

BUSAN (South Korea) — An Iraq-Qatar co-production looking at life in war-torn Baghdad and a Vietnamese tale of a young bookie struggling to support himself and his loved ones have shared the top award at the 24th Busan International Film Festival.

Iraqi director Mohanad Hayal's "Haifa Street" and "Rom", from Vietnam's Tran Thanh Huy, won the festival's New Currents award, which hands out two prizes of \$30,000 to first- or second-time Asian directors, early Saturday.

"The decision was tough and these two films are not first and second, this was not a horse-race," said New Currents jury head Mike Figgis, the Oscar-nominated director of "Leaving Las Vegas".

"We saw a lot of great work from young, exciting filmmakers who understand the art of cinema."

"Haifa Street" was a film with tension from beginning to end, the jury said in a statement.

"This is a mature, grown-up movie and the director exhibited

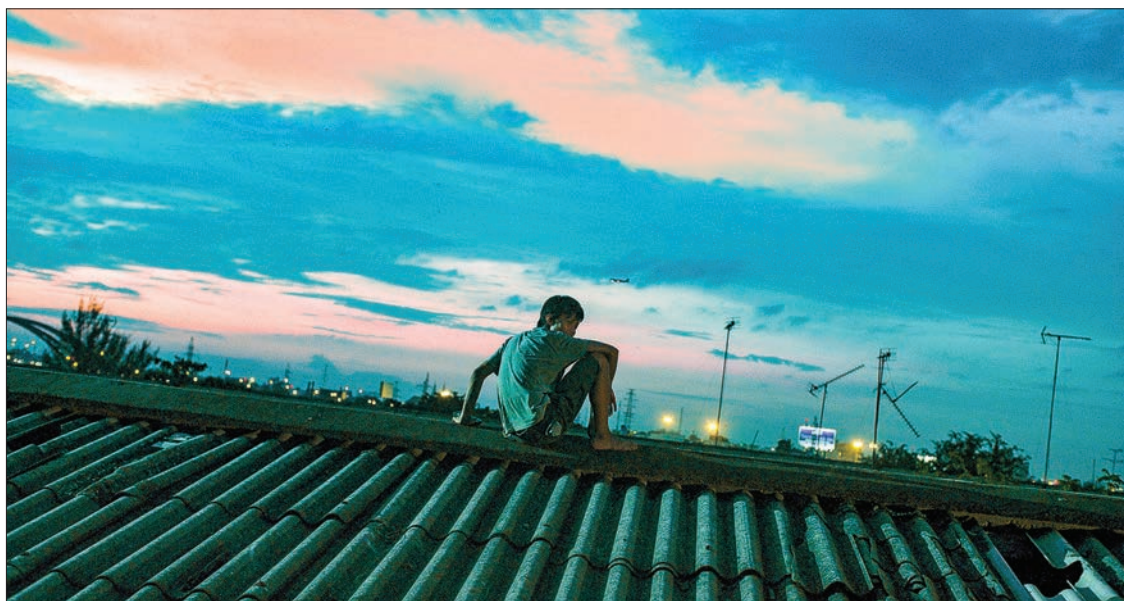
a confidence and understanding of cinema language which set the film apart," their statement read. "Good to see a strong gender-balanced cast."

The New Currents jury praised "Rom" for "it's amazing energy".

Among the Hollywood stars to grace this year's event were previously Oscar-nominated Timothee Chalamet, with thousands waiting for his red carpet appearance alongside co-star Joel Edgerton, before the screening of their new film "The King".

Japanese auteur Hirokazu Kore-eda was in town to collect the Asian Filmmaker of the World award while the Korean industry was out in force, led by opening night host Lee Hane. This year's festival comes during unprecedented interest in Korean cinema, thanks to the global success of director Bong Joon-ho's Oscar favourite "Parasite".

That film is rolling out this week in the United States — after claiming a Palm D'or at Cannes in May — but there was a wealth of



'Rom', from Vietnam's Tran Thanh Huy, won the festival's New Currents award alongside 'Haifa Street'.

PHOTO: AFP

other local talent on display, with a buzz building around the likes of Yoon Dan-bi's sweeping family drama "Moving On".

BIFF had opened with the threat of Typhoon Mitag looming and with hundreds of flights to Korea cancelled, but skies cleared and the festival was able to go ahead with a series of outdoor screenings at venues

across the city. "There was the possibility of chaos but in the end there were no problems," said BIFF chairman Lee Yong-kwan.

The festival announced on Saturday it intended to expand its film funding efforts, including more TV and streaming platform content, and building a Korean cinema museum.

This year BIFF screened

299 films from 85 countries, with 118 world premieres, and almost 200,000 attending across its 10-day run.

The event ends on Saturday night with the official prize-giving, and with the world premiere of Korean director Lim Dae-hyung's mother-daughter relationship drama "Moonlit Winter". — AFP ■

2019 New Zealand Lifestyle and Travel Expo kicks off



People communicate during the 2019 New Zealand Lifestyle and Travel Expo in Auckland, New Zealand, on 12 October 2019. PHOTO: XINHUA

AUCKLAND (New Zealand) — The 2019 New Zealand Lifestyle and Travel Expo kicked off in New Zealand's biggest city Auckland on Saturday.

The opening ceremony started with Maori's welcome dance and singing the Chinese song "Jasmine," performed by a Rotorua Maori family.

Ruan Ping, the Chinese consul general in Auckland said that tourism has indeed become an important part of Chinese daily life. "China is New Zealand's second-largest source of overseas tourists. But in terms of holiday spending, China had already ranked the 1st and continues to

grow. The free and independent travelers, which constitute 60 percent of overall Chinese visitors, are steadily going up."

The joint construction of China's Belt and Road Initiative is bearing some early harvests and will have deep and long-term impacts on the economy, Ruan said.

He hoped New Zealand will continue to create a good atmosphere and provide more convenience for Chinese tourists.

Guo Zongguang, director of the China Culture Centre in Wellington, said the expo provides an opportunity to promote the relationship among China, New Zealand and the Pacific regions.

Raymond Huo, New Zealand Member of Parliament, hailed the achievement in cultural exchange between New Zealand and China.

The expo is not merely about tourism, but also about promoting the good relationship between New Zealand and China in different levels, and it is not only in an economic and business sense but also brings culturally and socially meaning, Huo highlighted.

Paul Yeo, the industry relations manager at Tourism New Zealand, encouraged Chinese to bring friends and families to enjoy the unique scenery of New Zealand.

"New Zealand's second-largest international visitors' market is China, growing from a very small beginning, to be the second-most important source. We welcome our Chinese visitors, with 16 flights arriving in this country every week, not only in 2019 but also in the future," Yeo added.

The travel expo features unique New Zealand travel products, with approximately 80 exhibitors including tourism agencies, tour operators, airlines, and food companies across China, New Zealand and the Pacific regions.—Xinhua ■

K-Pop's BTS rocks out in ultra-conservative Saudi

RIYADH (Saudi Arabia) — The Saudi capital burst into life with the cheers of young fans of Korean pop group BTS as they performed in the kingdom seeking to transform its ultra-conservative image.

The seven members of the wildly popular K-pop band were sweating it out as they danced and sang Friday night in front of thousands of Saudis and expatriates in Riyadh's 70,000-capacity King Fahd International Stadium.

"I am very happy that they are here in Saudi Arabia for the first time," said a young girl, Amira, who wore a veil loosely over her head.

"I hope that there will more of these kinds of concerts," she told AFP.

Another young Saudi, who asked not to be named, said she was happy that her country was "opening up to pop music".

She added that she was a big fan of BTS songs and that they had "personally touched" her.

Many welcomed the group's decision to perform in

Saudi Arabia, which has loosened decades-old restrictions on entertainment as part of a push to improve its image and attract tourists in a broader plan to diversify its economy away from oil.

But others criticised BTS for performing in the kingdom due to its oft-criticised human rights record and targeting of dissidents and homosexuals.

While the contentious liberalisation drive has also seen women gain some more freedoms, including being able to drive and travel more independently, the crackdown on rights campaigners and dissidents has intensified at the same time.

As Saudi Arabia boosts its entertainment offering, its record has put off some artists, including rapper Nicki Minaj, who pulled out of the Jeddah World Fest in July, citing human rights concerns.

Janet Jackson, 50 Cent and Chris Brown were among artists who did not turn down the kingdom's invitation to perform. — AFP ■

Boeing splits CEO, chairman role amid MAX crisis



Dennis Muilenburg will remain chief executive of Boeing and a director, but will no longer be chairman of the board. **PHOTO: AFP**

NEW YORK (United States) — Boeing unveiled a shift to its leadership structure on Friday as it manages the 737 MAX crisis, announcing that Dennis Muilenburg will remain chief executive but step down as chairman.

The company said splitting the roles would allow Muilenburg to focus full time on running the company “as it works to return the 737 MAX safely to service” while ensuring full support to customers sharpening Boeing’s focus on safety.

“This decision is the latest of several actions by the board of directors and Boeing senior

leadership to strengthen the company’s governance and safety management processes,” it said in the statement.

The company named David Calhoun, currently lead independent director, to serve as non-executive chairman.

Calhoun said the “board has full confidence in Dennis as CEO and believes this division of labor will enable maximum focus on running the business with the board playing an active oversight role.”

Boeing’s top-selling 737 MAX plane has been grounded since mid-March following two deadly

crashes that killed 346 people.

Boeing is targeting regulatory approval for the plane’s return to service this year following upgrades, but the aerospace giant has noted government authorities will have the final say.

A report Friday by international aviation regulators criticized the US Federal Aviation Administration’s certification of the MAX.

It said the agency lacked the necessary manpower and expertise to evaluate key flight-handling changes on the plane and also delegated too much to Boeing staff.—AFP ■

High-stakes conflict threatens DR Congo gorillas

KAHUZI-BIEGA NATIONAL PARK (DR Congo) — Aged almost 17 years, Bonane is an eastern lowland gorilla, a survivor in a critically endangered species reduced to about 250 members in DR Congo’s Kahuzi-Biega National Park.

For an hour each day, the gorilla and his dozen-strong family host a handful of wildlife tourists, guided by armed eco-guards.

Their home is a haven in the province of South Kivu — a battleground for rival militias for a quarter of a century.

But this refuge also faces an emerging threat from a conflict with local Pygmies, who claim that they were robbed of ancestral lands when the park was extended in the 1970s.

Last year, Pygmies began to move onto land inside the park’s perimeter and started to cut down trees, mainly to make charcoal. According to the park authorities, Pygmies have destroyed 350 hectares (864 acres) of woodland — an act of deforestation that gnaws away at the gorillas’ habitat. In 1994, the park was listed by UNESCO as among World Heritage Sites in danger.

“The invasion began in August (2018). In December, it accelerated,” said Hubert Mulongoy, the park spokesman.

At least three people have been killed in clashes between the Pygmies and park rangers, although the circumstances of the deaths remain unclear.

In Munyange village on the edge of the park, Pygmy chief Jean-Marie Kasula said his community had simply “decided to return to our land in strength”.

“We’ve been suffering for 48 years,” he said. “(...) This is our Eden!”

The interview was abruptly cut short by Kasula when he angrily rejected questions he deemed “political.”

‘Manipulation’

Underpinning his response is a complex story involving powerful men and long-standing resentment, mixed with a high-octane election year in 2018.

The park’s management say a community of about 6,000 Pygmies living on the edge of the park have been egged on by influential figures in the region.

Army officers, provincial ministers, members of the provincial legislature and traders were outraged when a new park director, De-Dieu Bya’Ombe Balongelwa, set about closing their farms, located deep inside the park, after his appointment in April last year. “There were armed men on the farms. These were purely military operations,” Balongelwa told AFP.

“The farmers vowed to use every means to undermine us. Using the Pygmies to come and destroy the park is one of them,” said the director, who is given round-the-clock protection by two armed rangers.

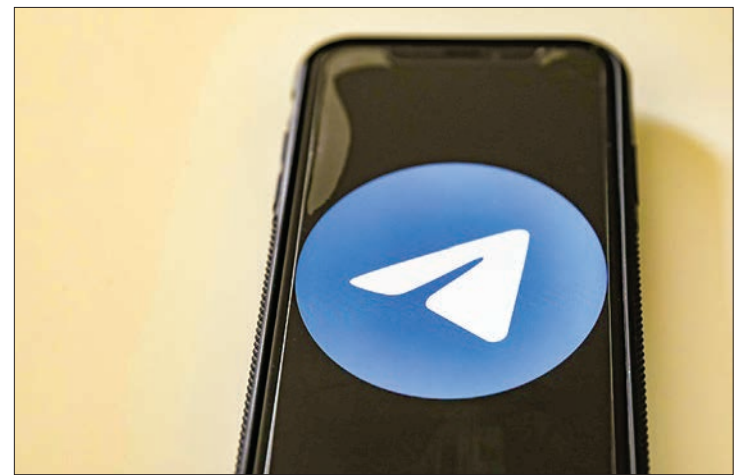
“I’ve done what others didn’t dare do.” Marine Gauthier, a university academic and consultant in forestry management, said it was “plausible” that the Pygmies were being manipulated, “but that doesn’t detract from their long-standing and genuine anger.” Park authorities say some Pygmies are among the ranks of the rangers and are doing what they can to ease the conflict.

The deforested zone is a tiny slice of the protected terrain — a tropical highland treasure almost the size of Delaware, extending over 6,000 square kilometres (2,300 square miles).

The park reaches up to neighbouring North Kivu and Maniema, largely lawless provinces where militia violence, poaching and illegal traffic in minerals are rampant.—AFP ■



The gorillas have dwindled to just 250 in the park, their last sanctuary. **PHOTO: AFP**



Messaging app Telegram has 300 million monthly users worldwide and raised more than \$1.7 billion in funds in the US and overseas through a cryptocurrency issue. **PHOTO: AFP**

US regulators block Telegram from raising funds through cryptocurrency

NEW YORK (United States) —US securities regulators won an emergency court order Friday to block the messaging application Telegram Group from raising funds by selling unregistered cryptocurrency to investors.

The US Securities and Exchange Commission said Telegram sold 2.9 billion digital tokens called “Grams” without registering the tokens as securities and disclosing risks to investors.

The company, whose encrypted messaging program Messenger has some 300 million monthly users worldwide, raised more than \$1.7 billion in funds from US and overseas investors.

The SEC said in a complaint filed in US District Court in New York that Telegram had planned for the Grams to be delivered to consumers by the end of October.

Purchasers of the Grams would then be able to resell them on the open market in sales that would be facilitated

by Telegram and its affiliates, the SEC said.

“Defendants plan to sell billions of securities that will quickly come to rest in the hands of US investors without providing those investors important information about their business operations, financial condition, risk factors and management,” the SEC complaint said.

The SEC requested a temporary restraining order saying “once Grams reach the public markets, it will be virtually impossible to unwind the Offering, given that many purchasers’ identities will be shrouded in secrecy, and given the variety of unregulated markets where Grams may be sold, including platforms that promise anonymity and encryption capability to mask transactions.”

The SEC in the past year has ramped up its efforts to combat companies raising funds through questionable digital currencies, which it said are ripe for potential fraud.—AFP ■

Loans and assistance needed to expand coffee market

JUST as agricultural products, such as rice, beans and pulses, bring in significant foreign currency, also coffee can become an important cash crop.

This is because Myanmar's coffee is high grade. In coffee quality specifications used throughout the world, a Cupping Score of 80 and above is considered a special grade coffee, and coffee produced in Pyin Oo Lwin, Ywangan and Thandaung has a score of between 84 and 90, while coffee produced in Chin State was of special quality, reaching a score of 96.

Coffee is a type of high-value industrial crop. The Arabica coffee produced by the Ywangan region in Shan State is recognized worldwide as a specialty coffee. In addition, it is an organic product. Now, Arabica coffee is in high demand in foreign countries and it is being sold at a fair price.

Further, the Union Government is encouraging farmers to expand Myanmar's coffee market and to boost production of coffee with local and foreign investment.

Our coffee has a high potential in the country to replace instant coffee mixes imported from abroad. But, we need more cooperation between coffee growers and related departments to gain a strong market and to promote Myanmar coffee exports.

Even though our natural environment is suitable for growing internationally certified coffee, we currently have to import over 160 tons of coffee seeds worth over US\$420,000, over 6,000 tons of instant coffee mix worth US\$23 million and more than 6,200 tons of coffee powder worth US\$16 million yearly.

Two years ago, Myanmar produced some 8,000 tons of coffee. Yet, the country exported 200 tons of coffee in 2017, 300 tons in 2018, and 500 tons this year. Myanmar is exporting coffee to Russia, China, the US, Germany, Japan, South Korea, and Singapore.

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Hence, to substitute imported coffee we should first boost coffee production. To do this, there is a need to distribute high-quality seeds, explain cultivation methods to farmers, develop plans for laboratories and cooperate with private and international organizations to elevate the quality of coffee and, in turn, raise prices. We also need to hold coffee forums to seek out foreign markets.

To expand the coffee market investors need support in the form of loans and assistance by relevant departments.

There are ten State-owned coffee farms and nine private farms which have been granted GAP certificates.

It has been reported that the Agricultural Department has pledged to help growers tackle challenges in boosting the quality of production. In this, the Myanmar Coffee Association and private entrepreneurs are cooperating to promote Myanmar's coffee.

Hence, we are confident that we will surely achieve great success in this drive to expand Myanmar's coffee industry.



Let us welcome Lord Buddha back to Earth

By Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt
(Maha Saddharma Jotika Dhaja, Sithu)

THE seventh month of Myanmar lunar Calendar Thidin-kyut corresponds to October. Literal meaning of Thidin-kyut is "rain retreat is ended" Monks with the waso vows of residing in the monasteries during crops growing period of three months Waso, Wakhaung and Tawthalin [July, August and September respectively] are free to go out.

Astrologically named Tula [Libra] the zodiacal sign of this month is a man holding a balance. The asterism "Asawani" and the Moon shine astride in nocturnal firmament. Five different species of aquatic flower Lotus [Nymphaea alba], Red Lotus [Nymphaea Rubra], Blue Lotus [Nymphaea Stellata], Padoma Lotus [Nelumbium Speciosum] and Poun Najei Kya [Ixora Arborea]. Hence Lotus flower is traditionally designated as the flower of this month. White and Padoma Lotus are very sacred for Buddhists. Lotus is the symbol of purity as it is perfect in beauty, fragrance and purity stemming out of the muddy water. Besides Lotus symbolizes peace, prosperity and progress. Its beauty brings physical and mental peace. Lotus multiply very quickly and very much covering the entire aquatic body, enticing all winged and watery creatures birds, bees, wasps, butterflies, tiny insects, all watery creatures fish, tortoise etc, etc. Four Lotus flowers and one lotus bud represent four Buddhas already revealed and on but represent the upcoming Buddha—Miteya Buddha.

On the full-moon night of Thidinkyut Lord Gotama Buddha returned to Earth, human kingdom after he completed his Sermon of Abhidhamma in the Kingdom of devas Tavatimsa Lord Gotama Buddha went up to Tavatimsa to deliver Abhidhamma to fulfil his filial duty

to his mother Maha Maya who became Santussita deva. The filial debt of gratitude to mother is that mother conceives child in her womb, that she gives birth to the child and that she feeds the child her breast milk to grow up.

Lord Gotama Buddha observed his seventh lent in Tavatimsa to preach his mother of previous existence now Santussita deva his philosophy Abhidhamma. Sitting on the brown emerald slab called Pandukambala under the shade of Pinle Kathit, Tree or Coral Tree [Erythrina Indica]. Lord Buddha expounded the

dha. Many devas accompanied Lord Buddha holding celestial regalia. Pancha Thinkha deva with five hair knots, on the right played Veluha harp in praise of Lord Buddha, Sayama Deva held a yaktail flywhisk, Satusita Deva held a ruby studded gold fan and Sakka Deva blew

Vizayuttara Conch shell to celebrate the auspicious occasion. All deities of the whole Universe gathered to pay their homage to Lord Buddha as best they could. The stair-ways were illuminated by the lights radiated from the deities. At the gate way of the city of Sankassa Nagura on

earth, Lord Buddha set foot on Earth. The welcoming crowd paid a resounding welcome homage to Lord Buddha the entire city was lit by oil lamps. The full moon above in the sky and oil lamps flickering.

To commemorate this great event Myanmar people annually hold Tavatimsa Festival or Simee Myintmoe Festival or Thidinkyut Light Festival Myintmoe [Mt Meru upon which is Tavatimsa]. In the time of Myanmar Kings, Light Festival of Thidin Kyut was held and celebrated without fail. A special fund was issued from Royal Treasuring Special committees and sub-committees were formed by royal order. Minister, civil and military services men were tasked to the successful holding of this festival. Replicas of Mt Meru were built on four sides of the royal palace city, on which the grand descent of Lord Buddha from Tavatimsa was reenacted accompanied with religious songs and music. Their Majesties and the court made entourage visiting Pandals of Replica Mr Meru Oil lamps line up the streets from Palace city to prominent Pagodas in four directions. Music, dance song entertainments were held. Their Majesties gave awards, cash and kind to outstanding performers. Myanmar chronicles [history books, as well as Treaties, kept detail account of Thidin Kyut Light festivals. Prominent Treaties was Loka Byuhar or Inyones Sardan compiled by Minister Thri U Zana of Inwa period of Myanmar history. It was a treatise of Court Ceremonies and Monthy

Festivals.

Light Festival of Thidin Kyut lasts three successive nights the 14th waxing moon day, the 15th Full moon day and 1st waning moon day. On the 1st waning day begins Puja festival Myanmar Buddhists have Five Categories whom you owe infinite gratitude namely (1). The Buddha, the Dhamma, the Samgha, Parents Acariya [Teachers, Superiors, Bosses, etc.]. So on the 1st waning moon of this month Acariya Pujas are held across the country, school, colleges, Universities, Government Ministries, Departments, Companies Armed Forces Army, Navy and Air. Regardless of race, religion, rank and creed all hold and participate in such pujas.

The recipients of Pujas are all age groups and all faiths, Buddhists, Hindus, Muslims, Chris Liam, Puja makers are the same. They offer cash or kind to the puja-recipients and beg pardon from them saying they might have committed physically, verbally or mentally against their teachers, superiors, bosses. The recipients utter three times sadu [well done] three times and unanimously exclaim all are pardoned and wish them success, health and long life. The same pujas are paid to your parents and elders in your family.

Festive mood is always created by music, songs and dance. Performing arts always accompany happy and joyous events and occasions. Free lunch and free feast for all friends, strangers as well.



PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR



Yangon women light candles on Shwedagon Pagoda the festival. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

seven sections of Abhidhamma to his mother "Santussita deva and all gathering of devas and Brahmas of all universes. On the full-moon day of Thidinkyut, the Abhidhamma delivery came to end.

Lord Buddha told Sakka Deva that he would return to human world. Whereupon Sakka Deva created three Stair ways (1). Gold Stair-way on the right side for the devas (2). Silver stair-way on the left for all Brahmas and (3). Ruby stair-way in the middle for Lord Bud-

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Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Saturday 12th October, 2019)

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

FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF THE 13th October, 2019: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Naypyitaw, (Southern and Eastern)Shan and Kayah States, scattered in Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Taninthayi Regions, Kachin 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: Likelihood of continuation of scattered rain or thundershowers in Naypyitaw, Mandalay and Bago Regions, Shan and Rakhine States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 13th October, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 13th October, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 13th October, 2019: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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



The file photo illustration shows a man exhaling smoke from an electronic cigarette in Washington, DC on 12 September 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**

Patients back in hospital after 'EVALI' vaping illness

WASHINGTON (United States)—Some patients who have been discharged from hospital after recovering from lung injury associated with vaping have had to be readmitted, US officials said Friday as they named the mysterious illness that has killed 26.

Authorities issued new clinical guidance and are now referring to the condition as “e-cigarette or vaping product use associated lung injury” or “EVALI.”

Around 1,300 people have fallen ill since March, almost all hospitalized, with the rate of new cases showing no signs of slowing despite a series of dire public health warnings.

A 17-year-old this week became the youngest person to die from the illness, and 80 percent of cases are among individuals under 35.

Anne Schuchat, a senior official with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), told reporters: “We’re aware of a handful of individuals who have been readmitted for clinical care after discharge for lung injury. We need to understand these accounts better.” She added the number was “less than five” and the time between discharge and readmission ranged from five to 55 days.

It is not yet clear what was responsible, with theories including a resumption of vaping, that the injury had left patients more susceptible to infectious disease, that steroid treatment had made them vulnerable to infection, or steroid treatment was halted too quickly.

The CDC recommended every patient return for outpatient follow-up within seven days. Schuchat told reporters nationwide research suggested products containing THC, particularly those obtained off the street or from unknown sources, were linked to most of the cases and play a major role in the outbreak.

Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) is the main psychoactive component of cannabis and more than three-quarters of patients reported using it either exclusively or with nicotine products.

Ned Sharpless, the acting head of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), reported that among samples tested of THC containing products, 47 percent contained Vitamin E acetate which is used as a cutting agent and is harmful when vaporized and inhaled.

But authorities cannot definitively exclude nicotine products, since 13 percent of all patients reported nicotine use only. A CDC spokeswoman later told AFP that because the information was self-reported, it was potentially unreliable.

“Specifically, patients might not always know what substances they use or might be hesitant to reveal use of substances that are not legal in their state.”

For now, investigators suspect that some portion of the cases are due to a risky practice linked to the preparation of THC, but cannot say for certain whether other cases have other causes innate to the vaping process.—AFP

Emirati astronaut returns home to hero's welcome

ABU DHABI (United Arab Emirates)—An Emirati astronaut who became the first Arab to reach the International Space Station received a hero's welcome home on Saturday.

Hazzaa al-Mansoori of the United Arab Emirates was greeted by Abu Dhabi's powerful Crown Prince Mohammed bin Zayed Al-Nahyan at the capital's airport.

Men, women and children lined a red carpet to welcome back Mansoori and his colleague Sultan al-Neyadi — who underwent the same training and

served as a backup astronaut.

Children rushed towards the first Emirati spaceman to present him with flowers and hugs, as a group of men performed the traditional Yola dance.

Although Mansoori's mission was short — eight days in total — it has been the source of great pride in the UAE, a newcomer to the world of space with ambitions to send an unmanned probe to orbit Mars by 2021.

The 35-year-old former military pilot's whirlwind mission has had wall-to-wall coverage in Arab media. He returned to Earth on 3

October. Mansoori arrived home on Saturday following a stopover at the Roscosmos training base in Star City outside Moscow.

“This truly has been an international collaboration and I am humbled to have been part of this,” Mansoori tweeted shortly before his arrival.

Mansoori flew to the ISS after the UAE signed a contract with Roscosmos to allow him to become a “spaceflight participant”, a term used for people from outside the main space agencies who take short trips to the station. — AFP ■



Russian Space Agency rescue team members and United Arab Emirates specialists carry United Arab Emirates astronaut Hazzaa al-Mansoori shortly after the landing of the Russian Soyuz MS-12 space capsule about 150 km (90 miles) south-east of the Kazakh town of Dzhezkazgan on 3 October 2019. **PHOTO: AFP**

Amazon calls for government regulation of facial recognition tech

WASHINGTON (United States)—Amazon is endorsing the idea of government regulation of facial recognition technology, as part of a wide-ranging statement of its principles on a range of social and political issues.

The US tech giant, which has come under scrutiny by antitrust enforcers and has been criticized over its use of facial recognition software, set out its positions in a statement posted late Thursday on its corporate website.

Some of those stances, such as its endorsement of a raise in the federal minimum wage, were previously disclosed by Amazon.

The statement also reiterated recent comments by Amazon founder and chief executive Jeff Bezos on efforts to battle climate change.

On facial recognition, Amazon said it believes that “governments should act to regulate the use of this technology to ensure it's used appropriately.”

The company noted that it offered its own set of guidelines for facial recognition that “protects indi-

vidual civil rights and ensures that governments are transparent in their application of the technology.”

Thursday's statement said governments “should work quickly to put in place a regulatory framework” for the technology, which has been used increasingly around the world amid criticism on privacy and civil liberties concerns.

Amazon also said it supports diversity and rights of persons of any gender, race, ethnicity, age, religion and sexual orientation and “strongly” endorses immigrant rights and immigration reform.

The company said it will back US federal privacy legislation “that requires transparency, access to personal information, ability to delete personal information, and that prohibits the sale of personal data without consent.”

The federal minimum wage of \$7.25 per hour in the US “is too low and should be raised,” Amazon said, noting that it has promised to pay a minimum of \$15 an hour and has encouraged others to follow suit. — AFP ■

N. Korea demands Japan compensate for “sinking” of fishing boat

BEIJING—North Korea on Saturday accused Japan of deliberately sinking a North Korean fishing boat that sank following a collision with a Japanese patrol vessel this week and demanded compensation, according to the Korean Central News Agency.

The patrol ship of the Japanese Fisheries Agency “committed a gangster act of sinking our fishing vessel which was on a normal navigation,” a North Korean Foreign Ministry spokesperson asserted in response to a question put by KCNA.

Although the crew was rescued by the Japanese side, the unnamed spokesperson claimed their safety was “subjected to a serious threat.”

“We strongly demand that the Japanese government compensate for the infliction of the material damage by sinking our vessel and that it work out steps to prevent a recurrence of such

incident,” the spokesperson added.

The collision occurred at around 9 a.m. Monday, some 350 kilometers northwest of the Noto Peninsula in Ishikawa Prefecture, with the North Korean ship sinking about 20 minutes later, according to the Fisheries Agency and the Japan Coast Guard.

All of the crew members that abandoned the fishing boat were rescued and handed over to another North Korean boat that was in the area, the coast guard said.

The incident took place near an area in the sea called Yamatotai, known as fertile waters for squid and other types of fish. The agency believes the North Korean boat was illegally catching squid.

Japan’s Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga, the top government spokesman, said Friday that Japan is weighing the release of video footage showing the collision.—Kyodo News ■

Modi, Xi bid to bury India and China’s differences



India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi (R) told Chinese President Xi Jinping their summit would launch a ‘new era of cooperation’ between the Asian giants. PHOTO: AFP

MAHABALIPURAM (India)—India’s Prime Minister Narendra Modi called Saturday for a “new era” in relations with China as he held talks with President Xi Jinping aiming to overcome troublesome differences between the world’s two most populous nations.

Modi and Xi strolled along a pristine Bay of Bengal beach and held one-on-one talks from chairs overlooking the ocean before their delegations sat down to

official negotiations at the historic resort town of Mahabalipuram, south of Chennai.

The two leaders met for the second time in 18 months in a bid to ease tensions over border disputes, the troubled Kashmir region and China’s domination of trade between their huge economies. They reaffirmed a pledge made at the last summit in Wuhan, China, that “both sides will prudently manage their differences and not allow differences

on any issue to become disputes,” said an Indian government statement. Modi said the Wuhan summit had given “increased stability and fresh momentum to our relationship”.

“Our Chennai vision today has launched a new era of cooperation between our two countries,” he added. Xi said in his opening remarks to the summit delegations that he and Modi held “candid discussions as friends.”—AFP ■

One dead as ‘unprecedented’ Typhoon Hagibis slams into Japan

TOKYO (Japan)—Powerful Typhoon Hagibis slammed into Japan on Saturday, killing one even before making landfall and prompting authorities to issue their highest level of disaster warning over “unprecedented” downpours.

More than 7.3 million people were placed under non-compulsory evacuation orders as officials reported serious flooding and several landslides that left at least three people missing. More than 30 were injured, four seriously.

Even before making landfall, Hagibis caused enormous disruption, forcing the cancellation of two Rugby World Cup matches, delaying the Japanese Grand Prix and grounding all flights in the Tokyo region.

It crashed into Japan’s main Honshu island just before 7:00pm local time (1000GMT), barreling into Izu, a peninsula southwest of

Tokyo, the Japan Meteorological Agency (JMA) said. The storm has weakened, but was still packing gusts of wind up to 216 kilo-

metres per hour (134 miles per hour) around an hour before the central eye hit the shore. And it claimed its first victim hours be-

fore arriving on the coast, when strong winds from its outer bands flipped a car in Chiba east of Tokyo and killed the driver.—AFP ■



Hours before the worst of the storm arrived, its outer bands killed a man in Chiba, east of Tokyo. PHOTO: AFP

Indonesia marks Bali bombings anniversary

DENPASAR (Indonesia) — Dozens of mourners on Saturday commemorated the 17th anniversary of the Bali bombings that killed more than 200 people on the Indonesian resort island, as Islamic militant attacks continue to plague the country. Grieving families and representatives from several embassies laid flowers and lit incense sticks at a memorial in the popular tourist hub Kuta, where radical Islamists detonated bombs in 2002.

A candlelight vigil was also being held to mark the country’s deadliest terror attack and remember the 202 victims — mostly foreign holidaymakers from more than 21 countries. Local militant group Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) was blamed for the bombings, which took place at two popular night spots, which accounted for all the victims, and the US consulate.—AFP ■

US-China partial trade deal: the main points

WASHINGTON (United States) — US President Donald Trump on Friday announced a partial trade deal with China after talks in Washington with Vice Premier Liu He.

Here are the main points of the agreement, which has yet to be signed.

A deal, in principle

Trump said he hoped to have a deal signed with President Xi Jinping “in four weeks, five weeks, something like that.”

The signing could take place in the middle of November in Chile on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit.

“We have a fundamental understanding on the key issues... but there is more work to do,” Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin told reporters.

“We will not sign an agreement unless we get, and can tell the president, that this is on paper.”

Mnuchin said Liu needed “to



Vice Premier of the People's Republic of China Liu He shakes hands with US President Donald Trump. PHOTO: AFP

go back to do some work with his team, but we have made a lot of progress over the last two days,” signaling that approval from the highest level in Beijing would be sought. Previous apparent break-

throughs have faced opposition in Beijing and seen a resumption of the trade war.

Agriculture

China has pledged to rap-

idly increase purchases of US farm goods to \$40-50 billion a year -- a sharp rise that would be more than double the level in 2017. In 2017, before the trade war started, China imported

\$19.5 billion of US farm output, falling to just over \$9 billion in 2018.

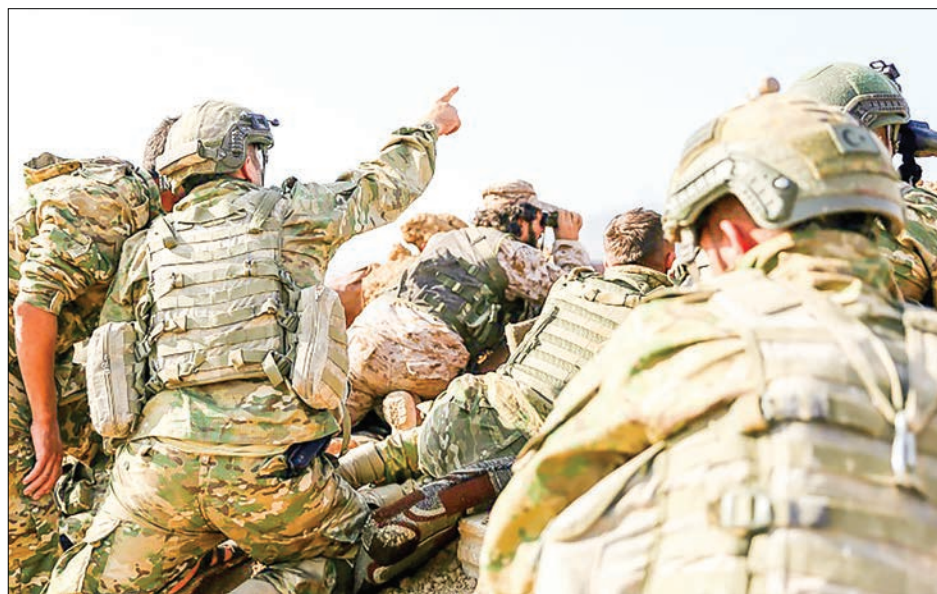
Financial services and currencies

“We’ve had good discussions with... the head of the People’s Bank of China, their central bank,” Mnuchin said Friday.

“We have also had extensive discussions on financial services opening up their markets to our financial services firms. So we have pretty much almost a complete agreement on both of those issues.

“Currency has been a very big concern... and we have an agreement around transparency into the foreign exchange markets and free markets, so we are very pleased with that.”

The US Treasury in August branded China a currency manipulator, accusing Beijing of deliberately weakening the yuan to gain unfair trade advantages. —AFP ■



Turkish troops and their Syrian allies step up their offensive against Kurdish forces, thrusting into the key border town of Ras al-Ain. PHOTO: AFP

Turkey steps up assault on Syria Kurds defying sanctions threats

RAS AL-AIN (Syria)—Ankara stepped up its assault on Kurdish-held border towns in northeastern Syria on Saturday, defying mounting threats of international sanctions, even from Washington.

Buoyed by a night of steady advances in the countryside, Turkish troops and their Syrian allies entered the battleground town of Ras al-Ain, sources on both sides said. The Turkish defence ministry hailed its forces’ capture of the first Kurdish-held town of the offensive so far. But Ras al-Ain’s Kurdish defenders denied the town had fallen and an AFP correspondent near the

town said Turkish troops and their Syrian allies had entered but had yet to capture it.

The Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces, who were the main ground partner in the US-led campaign against the Islamic State group, have taken mounting losses against the vastly superior firepower of the Turkish army.

At least 20 SDF fighters were killed in clashes overnight, taking their losses since the Turkish offensive began on Wednesday to 74, the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, a Britain-based war monitor, said. —AFP ■

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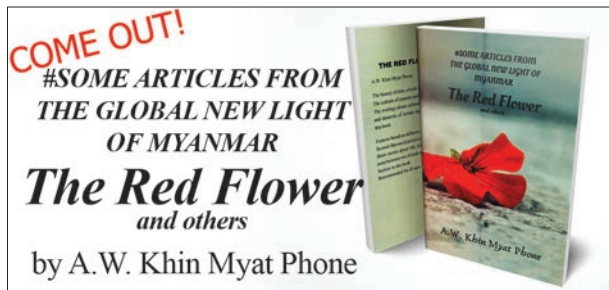
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Dala Shipyard constructing marine vessels for 150 years



Ships under the construction at the Dala dockyard. PHOTO: NAING LIN KYAW.

By Naing Lin Kyaw
(Dala)

DALA Shipyard in Yangon Region, Dala Township, Aungmyingala Ward had been constructing and maintaining marine vessels for more than 150 years to transport people and goods over water.

During fiscal year 2019-2020 the shipyard will construct one tugboat and two container barges for Inland Water Transport.

Oldest shipyard

Of the six shipyards owned and operated by Inland Water Transport, Dala Shipyard was the oldest. It was established just after the second Anglo-Myanmar war and was more than 150 years old now. It was established in 1865 by Irrawaddy Flotilla Co., Ltd. and was gradually expanded.

Name change and transfer of ownership

After Myanmar gain independent, Irrawaddy Flotilla Company was nationalized in 1 June 1948 and the shipyard became a government owned shipyard. The company became Inland Water Transport Board. In 1 March 1971, it became Inland Water Transport Corporation and by 1 April 1989, the name changes to Inland Wa-

ter Transport while the shipyard continued to conduct ship repair and construction works.

Question on future plan raised in Hluttaw

During the last week of August, Amyotha Hluttaw rep-

resentative U Htwe Tin and officials visited Dala Shipyard. Afterward questions were raised in the Hluttaw on plan to upgrade the long serving shipyard or to open a school where marine technology and related subjects can be taught.

low cost role in transporting of people and goods. With a wide delta area, long coast line, major rivers flowing through the country and despite the development of other land and air transport modes, marine transport will still play an important and cheap role



An old building being seen at the Dala dockyard. PHOTO: NAING LIN KYAW.

representative U Kyaw Htwe, Pyithu Hluttaw representative Dr Sein Mya Aye, Yangon Region constituency 1 Hluttaw representative U Tun Yin, Yangon Region constituency 2 Hluttaw

Transporting to people and goods

Marine transport was the cheapest mode of transport and Inland Water Transport had been playing an important, cheap and

in Myanmar for transporting people and goods. Dala Shipyard will also continue to play an important role in this.

(Translated by Handytips)





PHOTO: ZIN LIN MYINT

Initially the project was to be implemented by government budget but as this will take some time to complete a decision was made to implement it under a public-private partnership arrangement. Tender winning Berjaya Company will implement the project in a short time frame with full conveniences for the people who'll live in it.

Implementation of housing projects

Yangon was expanding and basic infrastructures were being increasingly constructed and implemented. However, there still are requirement for housing and Yangon Region government was striving toward implementing low cost, fair price housings in outlying township of Yangon.

This will allow young individual as well as family wise settling in Yangon where there are many job opportunities. Ille-

Dagon Seikkan Smart City

By Zin Lin Myint



PHOTO: ZIN LIN MYINT

EFFORTS were being made from all directions toward making Yangon a developed city like other cities of the world. It was being implemented through short term three to five years project to long term projects. One such project is Dagon Seikkan Smart City project that will soon be implemented.

At Malaysia-Myanmar Connect 2019 event held on 30 August 2019 Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein said, "Dagon Seikkan Smart City project will be implemented in cooperation with top Malaysian company Berjaya. The project will provide apartments for retiring 30,000 public servants."

Dagon Seikkan Smart City is situated near Yangon Region Dagon Seikkan Township Mya Yi Nanda Street and Shweli Street on a 70.05 hectare plot of land. Total cost of the project is estimated to be about Kyat 941.8 billion.

Apartments for public servants

The apartments in the project will be for public servants serving in Nay Pyi Taw who are retiring in 2020 said the Chief Minister. These apartments were for retiring public servants who want to live in Yangon.

The project was being implemented with a private company in order to complete it in a short time frame so that retiring public servants from Nay Pyi Taw can retire with ease. That was why a public company was involved in this project and after a tender was invited, top Malaysian company Berjaya won the tender to implement the project.

Three phase project

Dagon Seikkan Smart City project will include apartments, condominiums, shop houses, retail market area, farmer market, multi-function halls, schools and basic social infrastructures. The project will be implemented in three phases. As a lot of retired public



servants will be living in Dagon Seikkan Smart City, physical activity centers, sports areas and parks will be included.

Indications of becoming a developed area

Dagon Seikkan Smart City is about 15 km east of downtown area of Yangon. Due to this short distance from downtown Yangon, the area will become populated in a short time and develop rapidly.

gal settling were causing many social and other problems. Projects like Dagon Seikkan Smart City will provide proper living areas that will reduce such problems.

(Translated by Handytips)

ONE Championship: Aung La N Sang to battle Brandon Vera in Tokyo today

BURMESE Python Aung La N Sang will battle Filipino heavyweight champion Brandon Vera at the ONE Championship: Century in Tokyo, Japan today (13th October).

Aung La N Sang posted on his social media page yesterday, "Tomorrow it's all going to be done. I face Brandon Vera in the One Championship Circle. It's an honor for me to face someone I've been a fan of for the last decade."

The bout between Aung La N Sang and Brandon Vera will be the main event of the ONE Championship: Century for light heavyweight world championship.

The co-main events are the bouts between Japan's Shinya and Filipino Honorio Banario, Brazil's Bibiano Fernandes and Philippines' Kevin Belingon, Thai fighter Rodtang Jit-

muangnon, along with Brazil's Walter, Armenian-Italian Giorgio Petrosyan and French-Algerian Samy Sana.

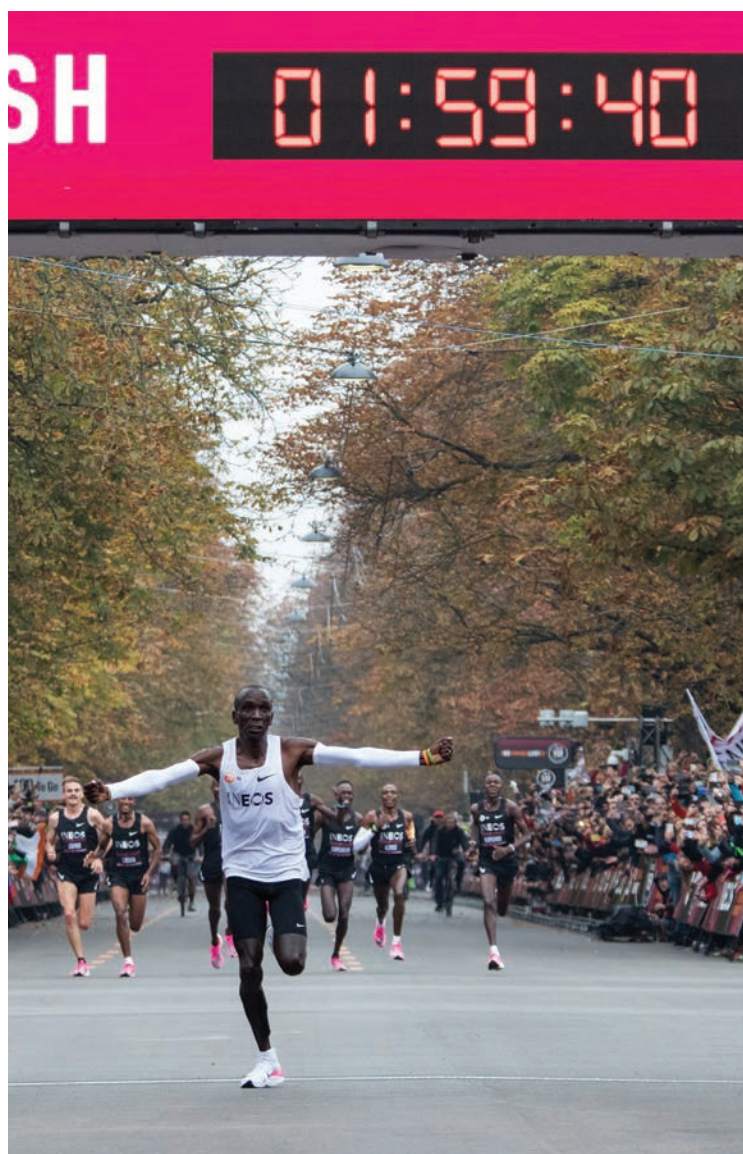
The prelims 5 is the bout between Japan's Mei Yamaguchi and Taiwan's Jenny Huang in women's atom weight class, the prelims 4 is the bout between two Japanese fighters Yosuke and Arjan Bhullar in heavy weight class, the prelims 3 is the bout between Japan's Shoko Sato and Brazil's Rafael Silva in Bantam weight class, the prelims 2 is the bout between Brazil's Hernani Perpetuo and Japan's Hiroyouki Tetsuka in welter weight class and the prelims 1 is the bout between two Japanese fighters Koshi Matsumoto Takasuke Kume in light weight class.

The bout between Aung La N Sang and Brandon Vera is scheduled for around 5pm. — Kyaw Khin ■



Burmese Python Aung La N Sang (l) and Filipino heavyweight champion Brandon Vera (r).
PHOTO: AUNG LA N SANG FACEBOOK PAGE

'Super-human' Kipchoge smashes mythical two-hour marathon barrier



Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge (white jersey) celebrates as he crosses the finish line at the end of his attempt to bust the mythical two-hour barrier for the marathon on 12 October 2019 in Vienna. PHOTO: AFP

VIENNA (Austria) — Kenya's Eliud Kipchoge on Saturday made history, smashing the mythical two-hour barrier for the marathon in the "best moment" of his life on a specially prepared course in a vast Vienna park.

With a time of 1hr 59min 40.2sec, the Olympic champion became the first ever to run a marathon in under two hours in the Prater park with the course readied to make it as even as possible.

"I'm the happiest man today. The message that no human is limited is now in everybody's mind," an elated Kipchoge told reporters after the run, adding he expected more athletes to match his feat in the future.

"From the first kilometres I was really comfortable. I have been training for it for the last four and a half months, and above all I have been putting in my heart and in my mind that I'll run an under-two-hour marathon."

The 34-year-old already holds the world record for the distance with a time of 2hr 01min 39sec, which he set in the flat Berlin marathon on September 16, 2018.

But accompanied by a pos-

se of 41 pacemakers, who took turns to support him, and a car in front of them setting the pace, Kipchoge bested his mark, making good on a failed attempt two years ago in Monza, Italy.

Maintaining a very regular pace at around 2:50 minutes per kilometre, he passed the finish line gesturing and smiling, describing his approach to the finish as "the best moment of my life".

The founder of the main sponsors, Ineos, British billionaire Jim Ratcliffe, took a personal interest in the challenge.

"That last kilometre where he actually accelerated was super human," said Ratcliffe, who himself competes in Ironman triathlons.

Kipchoge had been 11 seconds in advance at mid-race as fans lining the course, many waving Kenyan flags, loudly cheered him on.

Kipchoge's coach, Patrick Sang, said the Kenyan had "inspired all of us that we can stretch our limits in our lives".

Kipchoge told reporters earlier this week that his attempt in the Austrian capital was about "making history in this world, like the first man to go to the moon". —AFP ■

Rugby World Cup warned of fresh cancellation as typhoon slams into Japan

TOKYO (Japan) — Rugby World Cup officials warned that a third match could be cancelled and urged fans to stay safe as a powerful typhoon slammed into Japan on Saturday, leaving two people dead.

Ireland confirmed their place in the quarter-finals with a 47-5 bonus-point win over Samoa — the only game possible as Typhoon Hagibis smashed into the country, causing serious flooding and several landslides.

Organisers had already taken the unprecedented step of scrapping England's game against France and New Zealand against Italy on Saturday over the unusually large typhoon.

They warned Namibia and Canada of the "potential of cancellation" of their game on Sunday in Kamaishi, which was badly hit in the 2011 earthquake and tsunami disaster.

"We have advised the Namibia and Canada teams of the current situation and potential of cancellation, and our message to fans not currently in Kamaishi is not to travel before confirmation of the match status," World Rugby said.—AFP ■

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Mt Kyaikhtiyo tour in 24 hours

By K Author

It was around 7 pm on 7th October in Yangon. Phoe Kyaw and Wai Wai set out their tour to Mount Kyaikhtiyo from downtown. It was their first-ever trip. Instead of exciting about the trip, the couple tried to release from work stresses as the tour was not on the Thadingyut holiday which falls from 11th to 15th October.

It took the couple about two hours to Aung Mingalar Bus Terminal. They arrived at the bus station around 9 pm and bought the tickets of 9:30 pm.

The bus to Mount Kayikhtiyo was about to leave in a few minutes. From the bus, Phoe Kyaw looked outside the bus and saw many people going here and there under brightly shining lampposts in the compound. On the way to Mount Kyaikhtiyo, nothing could be seen outside the bus except lampposts.

It was exactly 1 am on 8 October when the bus operator announced that the bus has arrived in Kinpon Camp and all the passengers to surely check the things they carried before they left the bus.

Surrounded by darkness, a guest house was dimly lit at the place where the bus stopped. Some boys were pursuing passengers to rent rooms in the guesthouse, saying that the transport to Mount Kyaikhtiyo run only in the daytime.

Without knowing where to go in the darkness, new comers to the place, mostly rented the rooms. The rooms of the guest house are priced from K 10,000 to 40,000 a night. The rooms priced K 10,000 are so-called room with no bed stands and no furniture. They only provided two pillows, two blankets and a mat to sleep on the floor. Most passengers rented K 20,000 rooms which are neatly equipped with air conditioning, bed stand, mattresses and television except private toilet and bed room.

It was around 7 am on 8th October when the couple checked out the guesthouse. It took them about ten minutes on foot to the Kinpon Camp station to climb up to Mount Kyaikhtiyo. They had breakfast near the station and Wai Wai said, "let's us ride cable car." Phoe Kyaw nodded.

The cable car ticket box is under the same roof with the cars which go to Mount Kyaikhtiyo. Two salesgirls smiled at them and explained about their cable cars routes and ticket fares. One of the salesgirls said, "A cable car can be ridden individually or with other passengers at the wishes of the riders."

The cable car route starts only from Rathe Taung (Mount Hermit) which is one of the mountain between Kinpon Camp and the mountain where the Kyaihtiyo Pagoda (the Golden Rock) is located. Cable car fare is K 5,000 per one for a one-way trip and K 7,000 for a round trip. The tickets for a round trip are valid for two days.

The seats of the cars are very tight. Each car departs from the Kinpon Camp station when all 42 seats are full. The bus fare to the top of the mountain was K 3,000

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By C. T. O

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

A. He first gathered the egg. Then, he miked the cows, Next, he fed the pigs. Afterwards, he filled the pots with water. သူ ပထမဦးဆုံးက ဝက်ကောက် (စုဆောင်း) ခဲ့သည်။ ထို့နောက် သူ နွားမ များကို နို့ညှစ်ခဲ့သည်။ နောက် ဝက်များကို အစာကျွေးခဲ့သည်။ ပြီးနောက် သူအိုးများကို ရေဖြင့် ဖြည့်ခဲ့သည်။

B. Ko Ko joined the Rangoon University in 1956. He majored in Myanmar. He wanted to be a writer. He worked hard. He read a lot. He also studied English. He wanted to master both English and Burmese. He passed his examinations every year. He also made a lot of friends. He took part in the sports activities of the University. He graduated in 1959.

ကိုကို ၁၉၅၆ ခုနှစ်တွင် ရန်ကုန်တက္ကသိုလ်သို့ ဝင်ရောက်ခဲ့သည်။ သူ မြန်မာစာအဓိက ယူသည်။ သူ စာရေးဆရာတစ်ယောက်ဖြစ်ချင်သည်။ သူကြိုးစားသည်။ သူစာများစွာ ဖတ်သည်။ သူအင်္ဂလိပ်စာကိုလည်း လေ့လာခဲ့သည်။ သူ အင်္ဂလိပ်စာရေး မြန်မာစာပါ တော်လှိုင်သည်။ သူစာမေးပွဲကို နှစ်စဉ်အောင်သည်။ သူမိတ်ဆွေများစွာလည်း ရခဲ့သည်။ သူတက္ကသိုလ်အားကစားလုပ်ငန်းများတွင်လည်း ပါဝင်ဆင်နွှဲခဲ့သည်။ သူ ၁၉၅၉ ခုနှစ် တွင် ဘွဲ့ရခဲ့သည်။

Yesterday morning I got up early. I burshed my teeth and then washed my face in the bathroom upstairs. I came downstairs and had tea. Afterwards I went to town. I took the No 8 bus. I got down at the Sule Pagoda bus stop. I had an appointment with a friend in the Bandoola Park. I got there a few minutes early. I sat down on a bench to wait for my friend. There were many people in the park. Most of them were Chinese nationals. Some were taking physical exercises. They were swaying their bodies to and fro slowly. Some were just strolling. Some were sitting on the benches and watching others. Some were drinking tea from flasks they had brought with them.

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He was sitting at the counter and drinking beer. A young pretty lady was standing in front of him. They were talking. He was telling her something and she was laughing.

There were many persons in the restaurant. Some were sitting at tables and drinking beer. Some were listening to the music coming from a troupe. Some were smoking. Some were having dinner. A woman came in, walked up to him, slapped him and went out.

သူသည် ကောင်တာတွင်ထိုင်၍ ဘီယာသောက်နေသည်။ သူ့ရှေ့တွင်လှပသော မိန်းမပျိုတစ်ယောက်ရပ်နေသည်။ သူတို့ စကားပြောနေကြသည်။ သူက သူမကို တစ်ခုခု ပြောနေ၍ သူမက ရယ်နေသည်။ စားသောက်ဆိုင်ထဲတွင် လူများစွာရှိသည်။ အချို့သည် စားပွဲများတွင် ထိုင်၍ ဘီယာသောက်နေကြသည်။ အချို့တို့သည် တီးဝိုင်းတစ်ဝိုင်းမှ ဂီ တာသံကို နားထောင်နေကြသည်။ အချို့တို့သည် ဆေးလိပ်သောက်နေကြသည်။ အချို့ တို့သည် ညစာစားနေကြသည်။ အမျိုးသမီးတစ်ယောက်ဝင်လာ၍ သူ့ဆီလျှောက်သွားကာ ပါးချလိုက်ပြီးနောက် ထွက်သွားသည်။

(နောက်ဆုံးစာကြောင်းပါ လှုပ်ရှားမှု မြန်ဆန်ပုံကို and နှင့် ဆက်ထားသည်ကို သတိပြုပါ။) We went on a picnic last Sunday. We went to the Thadu

Lake. We went in a car. There were altogether five of us. We left early in the morning. It was a fine morning. The morning breeze was cool and fresh. We sang all the way. We arrived there at about 6:30. We left the car under a big tree and went up to the Pagoda terrace.

We saw many visitors there. Some were sitting in the rest houses and listening to the sermons. Some were going here and there. Some were worshipping at the statues of Buddha. Some were offering flowers and candles. Some were looking at the paintings on the walls. Some were ringing the bells. Some were feeding the fish and tortoises in a pond nearby.

ကျွန်တော်တို့ ပြီးခဲ့သော တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့က ပျော်ပွဲစားသွားခဲ့ကြသည်။ ကျွန်တော် တို့သာ စုတန်သို့သွားခဲ့ကြသည်။ ကျွန်တော်တို့ကားတစ်စီးနှင့် သွားခဲ့ကြသည်။ ကျွန်တော်တို့ ကား တစ်စီးနှင့် သွားခဲ့ကြသည်။ ကျွန်တော်တို့ အားလုံးငါးယောက်ဖြစ်သည်။ ကျွန်တော်တို့ စောစောထွက်ခွာခဲ့သည်။ သာယာသောနံနက်ခင်းတစ်ခင်းဖြစ်သည်။ နံနက်ခင်း၏ လေ ပြည်လေညှင်းသည် အေးမြ၍ လတ်ဆတ်သည်။ ကျွန်တော်တို့တစ်လမ်းလုံးသီချင်းဆိုခဲ့ ကြသည်။ ထိုနေရာသို့ ခြောက်နာရီခန့်ခန့်တွင် ရောက်သွားသည်။ ကျွန်တော်တို့သည် ကားကို သစ်ပင်ကြီးတစ်ပင်အောက်တွင် ထားပစ်ခဲ့၍ ဘုရားရင်ပြင်တော်ပေါ်သို့ တက်ခဲ့ ကြသည်။

ကျွန်တော်တို့သည် လူများစွာကို တွေ့ခဲ့သည်။ အချို့တို့သည် ဇရပ်များထဲတွင် ထိုင်၍ တရားနာနေကြသည်။ အချို့တို့သည် ဟိုမှသည်မှ လျှောက်သွားနေကြသည်။ အချို့တို့သည် ဗုဒ္ဓ၏ဆင်းတုတော်များရှေ့တွင် ဝတ်ပြုနေကြသည်။ အချို့တို့သည် ပန်း များနှင့် ဖယောင်းတိုင်များကို ဆက်ကပ်နေကြသည်။ အချို့တို့သည် ခေါင်းလောင်းများကို တီးနေကြသည်။ အချို့တို့သည် အနီးအနားမှကန်တစ်ခုရှိငါးများနှင့်လိပ်များကို အစာကျွေး နေသည်။

(B) မြန်မာစာသည် "ဖြစ်သည်" နှင့် အဆုံးသတ်သော အင်္ဂလိပ်စာကြောင်းများကို အခြား "ကာလ" များဖြင့် တွဲဖက်သုံးစွဲပုံကိုလည်း လေ့လာပါ။

- 1. (a) was, were တို့သည် အတိတ်ကာလပုံဖြစ်သည်။
(b) အတိတ်တစ်ချိန်ချိန်တွင် ဖြစ်ပျက်ခဲ့၍ အတိတ်၌ပင် ကျန်ရစ်ခဲ့သော အကြောင်းအရာ များကို ဤကာလဖြင့် ဖော်ပြရသည်။
အတိတ်တစ်ချိန်ချိန်တွင် ဖြစ်ပျက်ခဲ့သော်လည်း ပြုလိုရင်း ဖြစ်သည်။ ပစ္စုပ္ပန်နှင့် တိုက်ရိုက်မသက်ဆိုင်။

(c) yesterday, many years ago, in 1948 စသည်တို့ကျသော အချိန်ပိုင်း ပြစကားလုံးများ၊ စကားစုများဖြင့် တွဲ၍ တွေ့ရတတ်သည်။

ဥပမာ -

- 1. He was a soldier during the Second World War. သူသည် ဒုတိယကမ္ဘာစစ်အတွင်းက စစ်သားတစ်ယောက်ဖြစ် (ခဲ့) သည်။
2. I was a University student in 1953. ၁၉၅၃ ခုနှစ်တွင် ကျွန်တော်တက္ကသိုလ်ကျောင်းတစ်ယောက်ဖြစ်သည်။
3. She was a widow about three years ago. လွန်ခဲ့သော သုံးနှစ်လောက်က သူမသည် မုဆိုးမတစ်ယောက်ဖြစ်သည်။
4. Myanmar was a colony then. ထိုစဉ်အခါက မြန်မာပြည်သည် လက်အောက်ခံနိုင်ငံတစ်နိုင်ငံဖြစ်သည်။
5. They were well-known footballers in those days. သူတို့သည် ထိုခေတ်က လူသိများသော ဘောလုံးသမားများဖြစ်ကြသည်။
6. We were children in 1948, the year Myanmar regained her independence. မြန်မာပြည် လွတ်လပ်ရေးရရှိခဲ့သော ၁၉၄၈ ခုနှစ်က ကျွန်တော်တို့သည် ကလေးငယ်မျှသာဖြစ်ကြသည်။
7. They were my pupils last year. သူတို့သည် မနှစ်က ကျွန်တော့်တပည့်များဖြစ်ကြသည်။

(C) (1) Has been, have been တို့သည် Present Perfect Tense ပုံဖြစ်သည်။

- (2) အတိတ် တစ်ချိန်ချိန်မှစ၍ ယခုအချိန်အထိ တစ်လျှောက်လုံးဖြစ်ပျက်ခဲ့သည်ကို ဖော်ပြလိုလျှင် ဤကာလကို သုံးရသည်။
(3) အတိတ် တစ်ချိန်ချိန်မှ စတင်သည်ဟု ဖော်ပြလိုလျှင် SINCE နှင့် တွဲဖက်သုံးစွဲ၍ အချိန်ကာလကြာရှည်မှုကို ဖော်ပြလိုလျှင် For နှင့် တွဲသုံးရသည်။

ဥပမာ -

- 1. Ko Ko has been a clerk since 1979.

- ကိုကို စာရေးဖြစ်နေသည်မှာ ၁၉၇၉ ခုနှစ် ကတည်းကပဲ။
2. She has been a nurse for over five years. သူမ သူနာပြုဆရာမတစ်ယောက်ဖြစ်နေသည်မှာ ငါးနှစ်ကျော်ပါပြီ။
3. They have been soldiers since 1979. သူတို့ စစ်သားများဖြစ်နေကြသည်မှာ ၁၉၇၈ ခုနှစ်ကတည်းကပဲ။
4. We have been University students for three years. ကျွန်တော်တို့ တက္ကသိုလ်ကျောင်းသားများဖြစ်နေကြသည်မှာ သုံးနှစ်ရှိပါပြီ။
5. Myanmar has been a member of the United Nations since 1948. မြန်မာပြည်သည် ကုလသမဂ္ဂအဖွဲ့ဝင်ဖြစ်နေသည်မှာ ၁၉၄၈ ခုနှစ်ကတည်းကပဲ။
6. They have been my customers for many years. သူတို့ ကျွန်တော့်ဖောက်သည်များဖြစ်နေသည်မှာ နှစ်ပေါင်းများစွာကြာပါပြီ။

(D) (1) Shall be, will be သည် အနာဂတ်ကာလပုံဖြစ်သည်။ (2) အနာဂတ်ကာလ တစ်ချိန်ချိန်တွင် ဖြစ်မည်ကို ဖော်ပြလိုလျှင် သုံးရသည်။

ဥပမာ -

- 1. He will be a doctor next year. နောက်နှစ်တွင် သူ ဆရာဝန်တစ်ယောက်ဖြစ်လိမ့်မည်။
2. She will be a teacher in 1987. ၁၉၈၇ ခုနှစ်တွင် သူမ ဆရာမတစ်ယောက်ဖြစ်လာလိမ့်မည်။
3. They will be soldiers at the end of this training course. ဤသင်တန်း အဆုံးတွင် သူတို့ စစ်သားများဖြစ်လာကြလိမ့်မည်။
4. We shall be members of the reading club next month. ကျွန်တော်တို့နောက်လတွင် စာဖတ်အသင်းဝင်များ ဖြစ်လာလိမ့်မည်။
5. I shall be a graduate in 1986. ကျွန်တော် ၁၉၈၆ ခုနှစ်တွင် ဘွဲ့ရတစ်ယောက်ဖြစ်လာလိမ့်မည်။
6. He will be a famous artist some day. သူတစ်နေ့သောအခါတွင် ကျော်ကြားသော ပန်းချီဆရာတစ်ယောက်ဖြစ်လာလိမ့်မည်။

(E) "ရှိသည်" နှင့် အဆုံးသတ်သော စာကြောင်းများကို အခြား "ကာလ" များဖြင့် တည်ဆောက်ပုံ သုံးစွဲပုံ လေ့လာပါ။

- (1) was, were တို့သည် အတိတ်ကာလကို ရည်ညွှန်းသည်။
(2) အတိတ်တစ်ချိန်ချိန်တွင် ဖြစ်ပျက်ခဲ့၍ အတိတ်မှာပင် ကျန်ခဲ့သောအကြောင်းအရာများ ကို ဤ "ကာလ" ဖြင့် ဖော်ပြရသည်။
(3) တိကျသော အချိန်ပြစကားလုံး၊ စကားစုများဖြင့် တွဲ၍ သုံးလေ့ရှိသည်။

ဥပမာ -

- 1. Ko Ko was at the Yangon University in 1964. ကိုကိုသည် ၁၉၆၄ ခုနှစ်က ရန်ကုန်တက္ကသိုလ်တွင် ရှိသည်။
2. He was at home last night. သူ မနေ့ညက အိမ်မှာရှိသည်။
3. She was in the hall when the explosion took place yesterday. မနေ့က ဗုံးပေါက်ကွဲမှု ဖြစ်ပွားသော အချိန်က သူမသည် ခန်းမကြီးထဲတွင် ရှိခဲ့သည်။
4. They were then in the boat on the river. သူတို့ ထိုစဉ်က မြစ်ပေါ်က လှေထဲတွင် ရှိကြသည်။
5. We were in Paris when the war broke out. စစ်ကြီးဖြစ်ပွားသော အခါက ကျွန်တော်တို့ပါရှိမှာ ရှိသည်။

(F) (1) has been, have been တို့သည် Present Perfect Tense ပုံဖြစ်သည်။

- (2) အတိတ်တစ်ချိန်ချိန်မှစ၍ ယခုအထိ တစ်လျှောက်လုံးဆက်တိုက် 'တည်ရှိ' ခဲ့သည် ကို ဖော်ပြလိုလျှင် ဤ 'ကာလ' ကို သုံးရသည်။
(3) since, for တို့နှင့် တွဲဖက်သုံးစွဲလေ့ရှိသည်။
1. She has been in the kitchen since morning. သူမ မီးဖိုထဲ ရောက်နေသည်မှာ မနက်ကတည်းကပဲ။
2. I have been in Yangon for two month. ကျွန်တော်ရန်ကုန်ရောက်နေသည်မှာ နှစ်လရှိပါပြီ။
3. They have been abroad for over three years. သူတို့ နိုင်ငံခြားရောက်နေသည်မှာ သုံးနှစ်ကျော်ပါပြီ။
4. She has been at the University since 1981. သူမ တက္ကသိုလ်ရောက်နေသည်မှာ ၁၉၈၁ ခုနှစ်ကတည်းကပဲ။
5. U Aye has been on the Ward People's Council for over three years. ဦးအေး ရပ်ကွက်ပြည်သူ့ကောင်စီဝင်နေသည်မှာ သုံးနှစ်ကျော်ပါပြီ။
6. He has been in Burma since Monday. သူ မြန်မာပြည်ရောက်နေသည်မှာ တနင်္လာနေ့ကတည်းကပဲ။

(G) (1) Shall be, will be တို့သည် အနာဂတ်ပုံဖြစ်သည်။

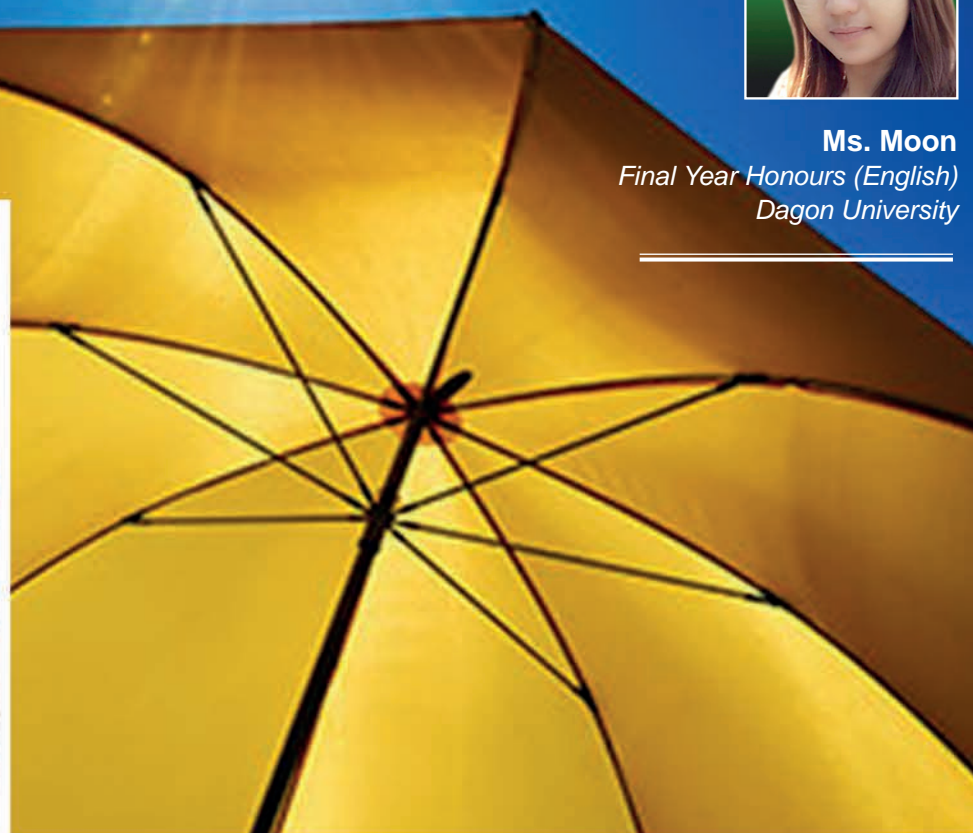
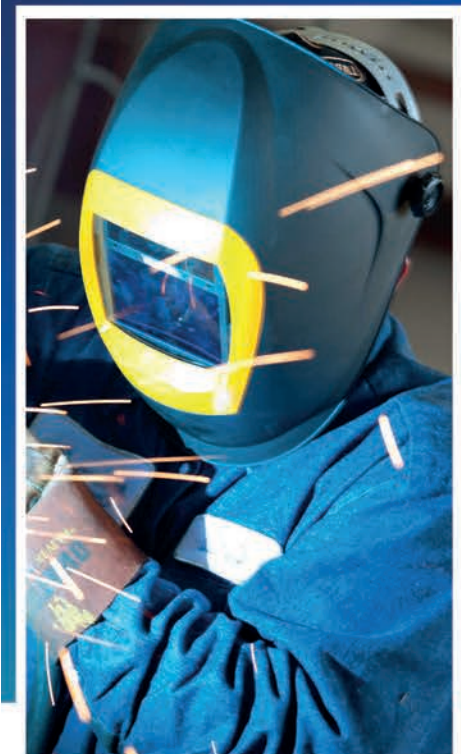
- (2) အနာဂတ်တစ်ချိန်ချိန်တွင် တစ်နေရာ၌ 'ရှိနေ' လိမ့်မည်ကို ဖော်ပြလိုသောအခါ သုံးရသည်။
ဥပမာ -
1. Ko Ko will be at home this evening. ကိုကိုယနေ့ညနေခင်းတွင် အိမ်မှာ ရှိနေလိမ့်မည်။
2. They will be at the University next year. သူတို့နောက်နှစ်ခါတွင် တက္ကသိုလ်ရောက်နေကြလိမ့်မည်။

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)

Nature but everyone should be aware with great care



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All of us have already known that the sun is the supreme above all the types of energy in nature. Walking and working under the soft and tender rays of sun is a pleasing and refreshing one. Especially, it is a very distinctive taste for sun-bathing during the cool moment of early winter morning like this season. In fact, the sun is a benefactor for all living organisms. Scientists, authors and poets have differently composed and similed about the sun from their respective aspects as all organisms including humans have a privilege of a moment-existence on the earth, one of the planets which circulate centering the sun. A moment-existence is a just limited time that is a period of particular years. However, humans observed the sun very well during their existence period and shared their useful observed information. Thus, that there is unbenefited one among many beneficial ones of the sun has been known not for long.

Its name is Ultraviolet (UV) ray. It is frightening as much as the beauty of its name. Originally, humans do not need to heed UV. This is why human possesses a naturally resistant thing called Melanin, a pigment which is present in the Malpighian layer of the epidermis of human skin. Melanin can almost totally prevent the UV. Nature is very lovely because it has installed the mechanism into human's body to defend the calamity that it offers by itself. However, Melanin is not potent now as it cannot vie with above harmful level of index 13. The danger level of index of UV is 11. The cause why the index is far

above over the index 11 will be presented when I have got an opportunity next time. Now, I am going to present the nature of the owner of the beautiful name called UV first.

UV is a type of radiation which is the portion of the electromagnetic spectrum between X-rays and visible light that is between 40 and 400 nm. The UV spectrum is divided into several groups such as Vacuum UV, Far UV, UVA (Ultraviolet rays 'A'), UVB (Ultraviolet rays 'B') and UVC (Ultraviolet rays 'C').

Artificial sources include tanning booths, black lights, curing lamps, germicidal lamps, mercury vapour lamps, halogen lights, high intensity discharge lamps, florescent and incandescent sources, and some types of lasers. Unique hazards apply to the different sources depending on the wavelength range of the emitted UV radiation.

UVA is the most commonly encountered type of UV ray. UVA exposure has an initial pigment-darkening effect followed by Erythema if the exposure is excessive. Atmospheric ozone absorbs very little of this part of the UV spectrum. UVA is needed by humans for synthesis of vitamin D. However, overexposure to UVA has

been associated with toughening of the skin, suppression of the immune system and cataract formation. UVA light is often called black light. Most phototherapy and tanning booths use UVA lamps.

UVB is typically the most destructive form of UV radiation because it has enough energy to cause photochemical damage to cellular DNA, yet not enough to be completely absorbed by the atmosphere. UVB is needed by humans for synthesis of vitamin D. However, harmful effects can include erythema (sunburn), cataracts and development of skin cancer. Individuals working outdoors are at the greatest risk of UVB effects. Most solar UVB is blocked by ozone in the atmosphere and there is concern the reductions in atmospheric ozone could increase the prevalence of skin cancer.

UVC is almost never observed in nature because it is absorbed completely in the atmosphere as Far UV and Vacuum UV. Germicidal lamps are designed to emit UVC radiation because of its ability to kill bacteria. In humans, UVC is absorbed in the outer dead cell layers of the epidermis. Accidental overexposure to UVC can cause corneal burns, commonly termed welders' flash, and snow blindness, a severe sunburn to the face. While UVC injury usually clears up in a day or two, it can be extremely painful.

The photochemical effects of UV radiation can be exacerbated by chemical agents including birth control pills, tetracycline, cyclamates, antidepressants, coal tar distilled found an antidandruff shampoos, lime oil and plastic diffusers used in office lighting. Sun-blocking lotions offer

limited protection against UV exposure.

Accidental UV overexposure can injure unaware victims due to the fact UV is invisible and does not produce an immediate reaction. Labelling on UV sources usually consists of a caution or warning label on the product or the bulb packaging cover or a warning sign on the entry way. Some type of emission indicator as required with laser products is rarely found. Reported UV accident scenarios often involve work near UV sources with protective coverings removed, cracked or fallen off. Depending on the intensity of the UV source and length of exposure, an accident victim may end up with a lost-time injury even though totally unaware of the hazardous condition. Hazard communication training is especially important to help prevent accidental exposures in the workplace.

All in all, exposure guidelines for UV radiation have been established by the American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists and by the International Commission on Non-ionizing Radiation Protection. Handheld meters to measure UV radiation are commercially available, but expert advice is recommended to ensure selecting the correct detector and diffuser for the UV wavelengths emitted by the source. UV radiation has numerous useful applications but increased awareness and control of UV hazards are needed to prevent accidental overexposures. I present this article to my dear reader in order to avoid the harmful UV rays which will be abundantly emitted soon in coming summer season using appropriate utensils which are within our reach.





Bilat Pyan old Myanmar Painting

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In the British Colonial Period [1885-1948 A.D.] England was commonly known and called "Bilat" (ဘီလာ) old Persians [Iran] called England "Bi Lat" which Myanmar used. So it is said Great Britain, United Kingdom [U.K] England London were also commonly used. In fact "Great Briain" and United Kingdom [UK] were not one single country. They are composed of England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland plus islands like the Isle of Wight, the Isle of Manx other archipelagos around. London is the Capital City of England. Edinburgh is the Capital City of Scotland. Swansea is the Capital City of Wales and Dublin is the Capital City of Ireland. Similarly, Ilse of wight and Ilse of Manx have their own Capital Cities. Great Britain and United Kingdom [UK] are the collective names of England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, Ilse of wright, Ilse of Manx and all archipelagos around.

In the early days of British

Colonial Rule those who returned home from U.K were called Bi Lat Pyan [ဘီလာပျံ] and honorific prefix to the name to be proud of. In those days highest salaried administrators were I.C.S [Indian Civil Service] highly educated University graduates trained by English liberal education to become black English man to serve under British Colonial Government honestly and faithfully. They were sent to Oxford or Cambridge Universities to learn British Parliamentary system, British law and constitution. English custom, tradition and culture. When they returned home they were also called Bi Lat Pyan ICS. "Heaven-born high salaried British service men who received good price in marriage market. Wealthy land owners liked to marry their daughters to them with handsome dowries.

Besides anyone who visited UK and returned home either privately or for other purposes were also Bi Lat Pyan prefixed to their

names. For example, one famous singer Dora Than Aye visited UK and on return home, she was renamed Bi Lat Pyan Than. Anyone, who returned from UK was Bi Lat Pyan. Even bells, Buddha statues, manuscripts or any objects of art that returned to Myanmar or sent back to its original place were prefixed "Bi Lat Pyan" such as Bi Lat Pyan Bells, Bilat Pyan Phaya [Buddha statue] Bilat Pyan Nat yok [Nat Image] Bi Lat Pyan kyauksa [stone inscription].

Famous male dancer Great Po Sein sent his son Kenneth Sein. Therefore the writer entitled this article Bilat Pyan old Myanmar painting. The following is its background history. The writer won the state scholarship of Myanmar Government and was sent to the London School of Economics and Political science, London University to get a Ph.D. Degree in International Relations (I.R) 1956-1960. Every day, on the way to and from this collage he saw old book

shops and antique shops where old books or old objects were sold. One day he dropped into one antique shop on Portobello Road downtown London. As he browsed around he found one old Myanmar painting on the wall. It aroused his interest. He repeated his visit to this antique shop not less than five times. The owner who was a British Jew noticed him as a student from Burma because of the Shan bag with the letter "Burma" slung on his shoulder.

"Hello, young man, I noticed that you are interested in this old painting of your country come closer to it, I'll show you proofs of its antiquity". He brought down the painting from the wall and showed the writer a piece of hand writing attached at the back which reads.

"Sir Frederick Roberts, to in Garrasein Headquarters, Mandalay Palace City 1885-86". You know this painting belonged to this great man. His family sold it out to my antique shop. It is quite historically important for Britain and Burma. I understand that you want it to take home. I priced it 35

pounds".

"Oh. No. Mr. I only have a monthly scholarship allowance of \$ 33 per month. I'll starve to death to pay for it \$ 35".

"I reduce it to \$ 30. You can pay me a piecemeal. A pound a month. I give you a receipt. When you settle all I'll give you accept and permission to take it out of the UK. I'll pack it properly for any transport, land, sea or air. A week later the writer made the deal with him by paying him 2 pounds for the first instalment. To cut the story short, by 1960 June the writer completed his Ph.D. Thesis I.R with flying colours. On receiving his good news Myanmar Embassy 19 A Charles street, London sent him home by S.S. Warwick shire British B B Line.

The writer went to the antique shop and explained to the owner about his home-bound sea journey within a week. He appealed to the owner to forget to remain \$5. He sympathized with the writer "You're a smart young man. I'll let you have it. So \$25 is O.K.". He packed the painting for the long journey and a certificate

styled windows, doors and wide verandas around, under which two Myanmar elderly gentlemen, sitting on the chairs and talking to each other. They were in full formal dress, with silk head-gears, silk over-coat and silk pasoe. Indian soldiers of the British army, Gurakha and Punjapee [Sepoy] were on guard at some distance. Not far from the building, out in the open is a Union Jack [English state flag] proudly flying in a freeze on the flag post which is encircled by typical floral pots of Mandalay Style.

In the foreground is a typical Myanmar court lady walking leisurely with her typical country gait. Her courtly coiffeur sending out hairs gracefully dancing in the breeze in the same way as the long filmy silk shawl on her shoulders also dancing in the breeze. The movements of these objects are executed with thin lines of typical Myanmar conceptual art. This Bilat Pyan Painting on Myanmar cotton cloth the writer proudly displayed in the reception hall of his large house, 33 Chancellor Road, Yangon University Campus for nearly 18 years. Then at his own house in New University Avenues, Yangon.

In 1970, one expert painting conservator from UNESCO came to preserve old Myanmar printings in the Museum. He examined the writer's Bi Lat Pyan painting. He appreciated and advised the writer not to use chemical paints to repair it. He lightened the gold gilt frame and sprayed with natural glue to prevent paint powder dropping. Now the writer turns 90 years and three months old on 2019 May 13. The Bi Lat Pyan painting is much older than me. The writer's old pupil working at National Museum Nay Pyi Taw repaired and renovated it. The hand writing of Sir Fredevds Roberts at the back had been destroyed by the Nagis storm. The original gold gilt frame was replaced by lacquered frame.

This painting today is 133 years [1886-2019] old. The writer held the meeting of his family, one son, four daughters and four grandchildren, telling them the background history of Bi Lat Pyan painting. Saying that if they all agreed, the writer would like to donate it to the Museum of his alma mater Yangon University which will celebrate its Centenary Anniversary in 2022 December. They all unanimously agreed with a cheerful chorus of Yes, we agree Pa, Grand Pa, though the painter's name is not found in this picture, it could be one of the then well known palace painters Saya Chom or Saya Pone. ■■■

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for taking out of the U.K. The day the writer moved into the cabin of S.S Warwick shire, he received all what the antique shop man sent. The writer sent him a note of thanks. The painting was on a cotton cloth framed with gold gilt wood. The paints were natural products. No, chemical colours were used. chalk, char coal, soot, egg shell, cow dung, indigo, [rJe,f] ochre, Tamarind and acrasia roots were used. So the colours are still fresh. But due to old age and loosening of frame, colour pounders began to drop.

It was a very clever combination of perspective art and conceptual art. Myanmar art is conceptual linear art. Different lines are used thick, thin, close objects in the painting alive and moving. Sir Fredrick Roberts headquarters was a typical Myanmar wooden building inside the palace City. Built on raised brick footings high enough for sweeping and cleaning underneath. With Myanmar



Dancing Elephant Festival, unique cultural celebration in Kyaukse

By LU AUNG

Traditional Dancing Elephant Festival in Kyaukse, which is a popular festival in Myanmar, has attracted local and foreign visitors.

It always celebrates in two days (the day before full moon day & the full moon day of Thidingyut in October).

In the two-day festival, teams performed their elephant dummy dances and competed in front of a panel



It was at this spot that the king built Shwe-tha-lyuang Pagoda, which remains there to this day.

In this year's celebration, the competition teams from various wards of Kyaukse, accompanied by drums, oboe, cymbals, brass gongs and bamboo clappers, toured around the Kyaukse Myo Ma bazaar three times.

The roads and streets during

of judges in different prize categories. It's a marvellous performance of two men together to dance in rhythm. A huge Elephant figure is made of bamboo and paper.

The festival is celebrated every year since the 11th Century, the era of King Anawrahta, and usually kicks in Thadingyut.

Legend has it that King Anawrahta obtained several Buddhist relics on a trip to

China. Upon his return to Myanmar (Burma), he decided to build a pagoda to house the precious relics. He strapped the relics to the back of his



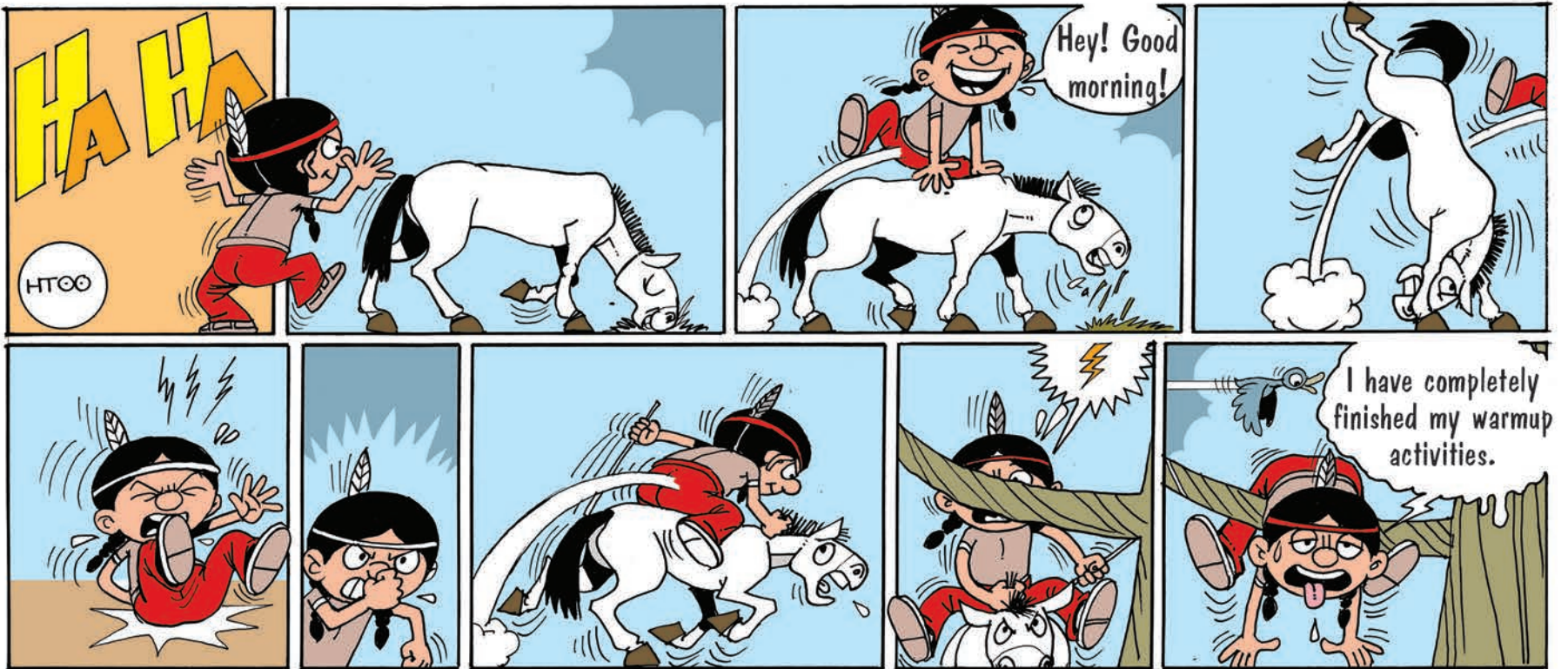
elephant and told the elephant to choose a suitable spot for the new pagoda.

The elephant walked straight to the hill east of Kyaukse and knelt.

this year's festival were crowded with pilgrims as well as tourists, some of whom travelled great distances in order to observe this unique cultural celebration.

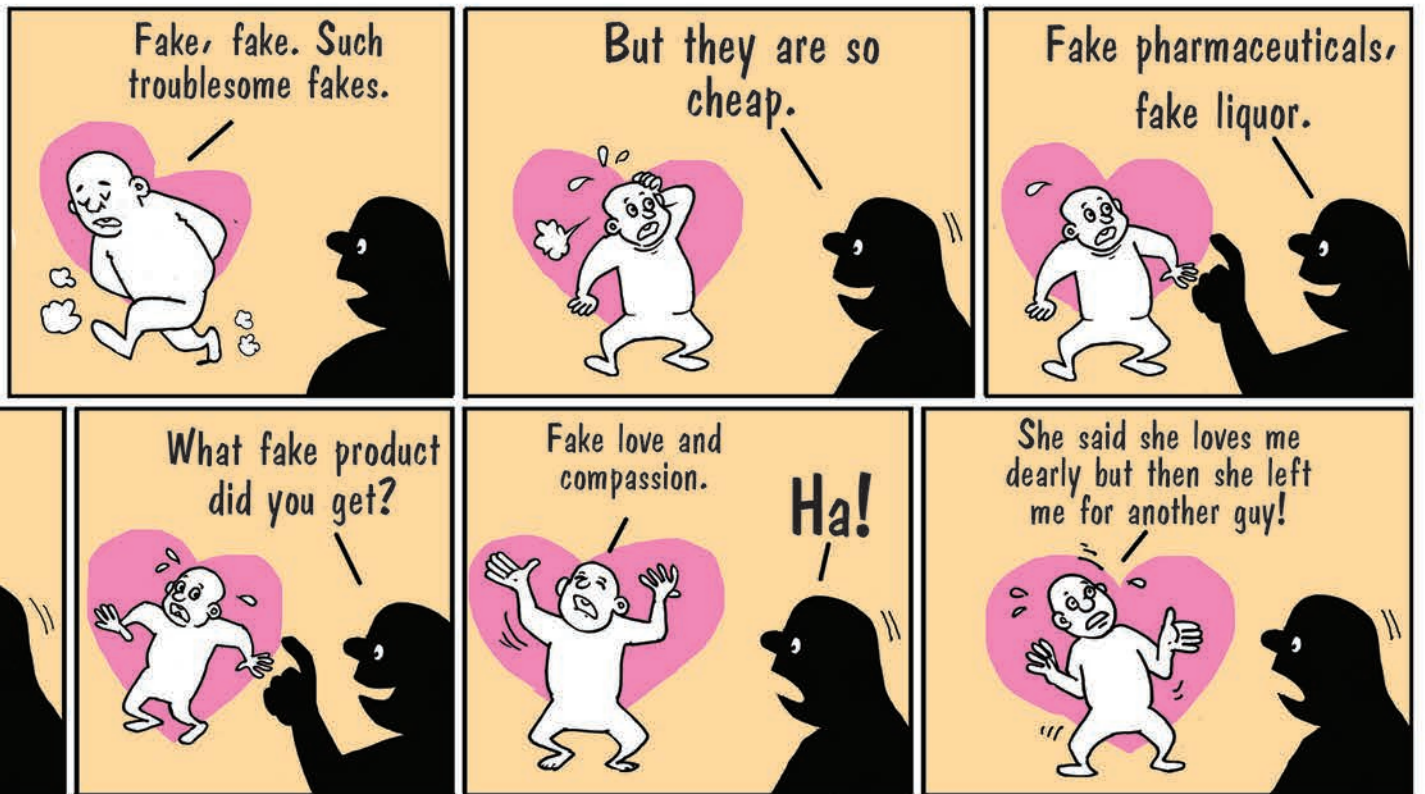
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SUNDAY COMICS



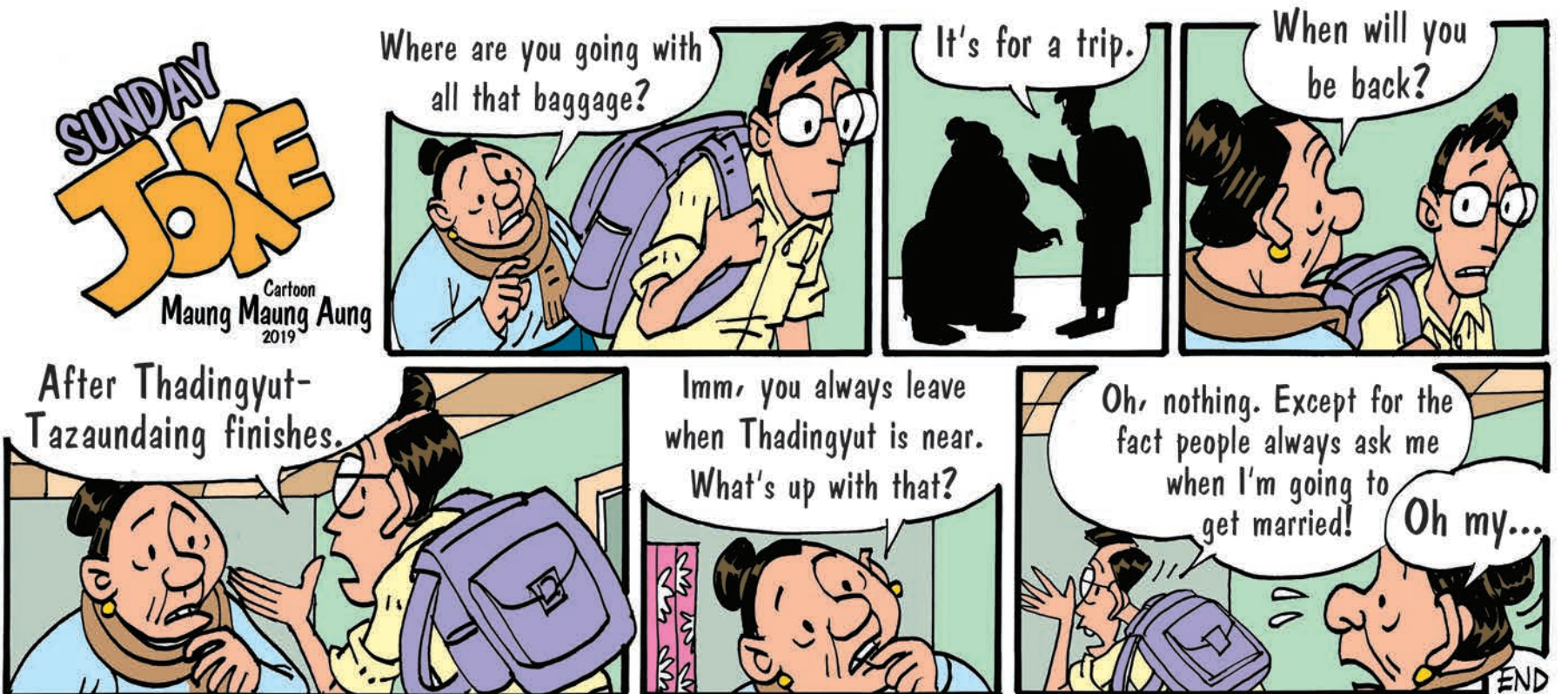
PEOPLE WILL BE PEOPLE

Cartoon
Maung Shwe Win



SUNDAY JOKE

Cartoon
Maung Maung Aung
2019





Dealing with Criticism



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There are two ways of criticism in the world. The one is positive criticism while the other is negative. The positive brings the progress while the negative the regress. However, the ones who always yearn for the development take positive criticism as supporting things while they will always avoid the negative with the heedful mind for their success.

There are people who always speak well. But, the important thing is it is not sure these sweet words bring us profits. The ones who utter righteous and sweet words give us more advantages than those who utter only sweet words.

But, in the world, the ones who utter righteous and bitter words are hardly found. There are two kinds of those who find our errors and criticize them. They are the ones who blame us for our profits and the ones for our loss.

In our daily lives, though we can always encounter with those who always find our errors and blame us, it is hard to meet with those who

mend our errors with good intentions.

Once upon a time in Italy, there was a young painter. He painted a picture. Then, he showed it to every artist and asked for their views. They always said it was really a masterpiece.

So, the young painter himself was so satisfied with his work that he found no weakness in it. He always enjoyed his work every day.

One afternoon, he brought his painting to the downtown area and made a show there. He also hung a letter beneath his painting in which "Anyone who finds a weakness in this painting mark a drop on it."

In the evening, when he went there to check what happened there, he found his painting was full of drops and his painting had become just a black-board. He felt so depressed that he heavily cried out.

His father was a wise man. So he said his sons

"Don't feel so depressed, my

son. You see how little spiders are making their webs tirelessly. Whenever their webs were destroyed, they tried again. Like this, my son, you paint again which is similar to the old one exactly. Then, you hang it again in the same place. But, mind you, you don't write as you did before. Change it.

You write to anyone who finds a weakness in this painting please mend it well."

The young painter did as his father said. He drew a similar painting and hung it in the same place. This time, he found no one marked a drop on it.



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for one-way trip, and the fare to Rathe Taung where cable car line starts was K 2,000. The cable car station at the foot of Rathe Taung is beautifully decorated with flowers and other things including house models to take photos.

Riding cable car, passengers can enjoy the aerial views of the greenish mountains, and the view of bluish sky and the golden Kyaikhtiyo Pagoda.

The sun was brightly shining when the couple set foot on Mount Kyaikhtiyo. Near the car and cable car stations on the mountain, bearer men and women were asking travelers to hire them for carrying baggage. There were also chairs carried by bearers. The aged or sickly tourists mostly rode the chairs.

On the way to the pagoda, guest house agents are advertising for rooms, asking almost every passengers to rent. Following one passenger to another, flowers and

ready-made meal (soon) sellers are selling their goods.

Around the pagoda, there are buildings where Buddha images are enshrined and the buildings where people can view and bow to the pagoda. Some pilgrims are offering meals, water, light and incense sticks in the building where Buddha images are enshrined. The couple sat at a building near the Golden Rock and bowed to the pagoda.

The waterfall which is not far from the pagoda is also popular. The couple arranged to go there, but, no car transported there on that day as it was in off-season. Therefore, they had lunch on the mountain and went down back to Rathe Taung, riding cable car.

It took about half an hour them to climb up Mount Hermit. On the mountain, the couple took meditation for 20 minutes, and said they felt that the top of Mount Hermit way very peaceful and quiet.

It was around 4 pm when they arrived back at Kin-

pon Camp. There was no regular bus running to Yangon from the Kinpon Camp later 1 pm. There are only a last bus in Kyaikhto Town for Yangon that leaves at 4:30 pm which is about 30 minutes' drive away from the Kinpon Camp.

When the car from Rathe Taung arrived at Kinpon Camp, a bus ticket agent was selling tickets for Yangon with K 4,000. The bus had no air conditioning. But the couple bought tickets for Yangon as they didn't want to go Kyaikhto. On the bus, it was hot, but the things being seen through the bus windows were very beautiful.

The bus after driving about 3 hours arrived at Saw Bwar Gyi Gone in Yangon around 7 pm which was around the same hour of the previous day when Phoe Kyaw and Wai Wai began their tour to Mount Kyaikhtiyo. The round trip only took them about 24 hours.



The importance of a Good Teacher



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Our state is striving to raise the standard of education in our country. In my honest opinion, the attainment of international standard in education depends on the shoulders of teachers because they are the main pillars of the higher education and fully responsible to produce well-disciplined citizens. Therefore, the role of teachers, needless to say, is important nowadays.

A teacher is a person who gives the instruction of lessons to pupils. In other words, he is the guide to the youths. The youths generally have no sound reasoning power. It is highly probable that they may go astray. Hence, it is important for a good teacher to teach his pupils book lessons and train them on how to become moral men.

A good teacher plays an important part not only in raising the standard of education of our country but also in character building of a nation. Of course, teachership is not a garland of honour and respect but a garland of patience and concern to be adorned by the students. In other words, a good teacher is the noblest servant of his students. It is true that the most faithful servant always fulfils his master's desire.

Similarly, a good teacher always gives his helping hand in every difficulty of his students. Unselfish service is his motto. His character is stainless pure and flawless. No teacher can ever win the confidence of his students unless he possesses good moral

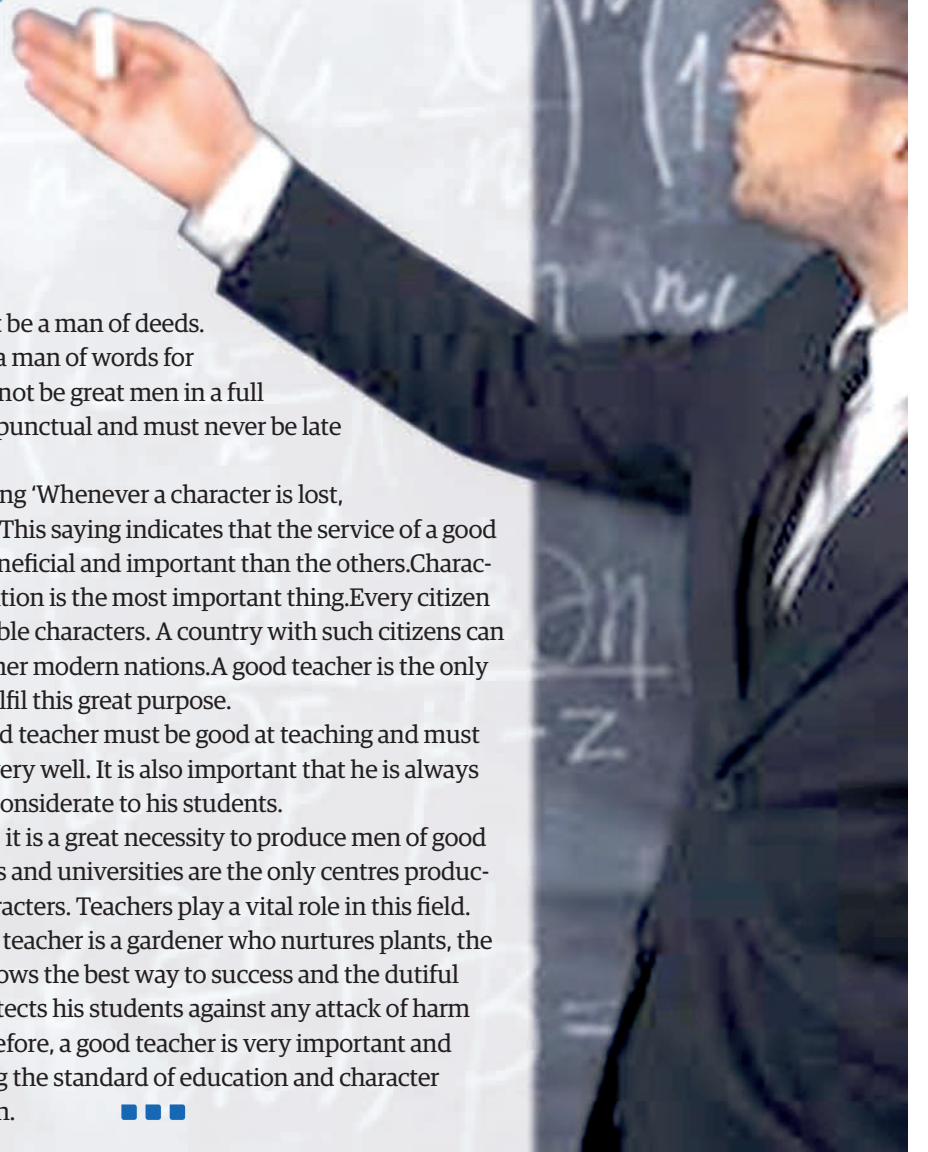
character. He must be a man of deeds. Never must he be a man of words for great speakers cannot be great men in a full sense. He must be punctual and must never be late to work.

There is a saying 'Whenever a character is lost, everything is lost.' This saying indicates that the service of a good teacher is more beneficial and important than the others. Character building of a nation is the most important thing. Every citizen should possess noble characters. A country with such citizens can go abreast with other modern nations. A good teacher is the only person who can fulfil this great purpose.

Besides, a good teacher must be good at teaching and must know his subject very well. It is also important that he is always kind, patient and considerate to his students.

In conclusion, it is a great necessity to produce men of good characters. Schools and universities are the only centres producing such good characters. Teachers play a vital role in this field.

In fact, a good teacher is a gardener who nurtures plants, the best guide who shows the best way to success and the dutiful protector who protects his students against any attack of harm and damage. Therefore, a good teacher is very important and essential for raising the standard of education and character building of a nation.



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	
OD5530	1:20	5:45	3	
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 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	1:20	4:35	1,2,4	

DUBAI TO YANGON				
FLIGHT	DEP	ARV	DATE	
EK388	9:15	17:25	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 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 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 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	

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 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	23:35	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	

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 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	

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	

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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		

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

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