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## State Counsellor attends opening ceremony of 35<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit, related summits in Thailand



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and leaders from the ASEAN countries pose for a documentary photo in ASEAN way at the opening ceremony of the 35<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit and related summits in Bangkok on 3 November. **PHOTO: MNA**

**S**TATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended the opening ceremony of the 35<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit and Related Summits hosted by Thailand in its capital Bangkok yesterday.

Myanmar delegation also attended the 22<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN-China Summit, the 16<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India

Summit, the 10<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-UN Summit and the gala dinner to mark the summits.

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Union Ministers U Thaung Tun, U Kyaw Tin, Myanmar Permanent Representative/ Ambassador to ASEAN U Min Lwin, Myanmar Ambassador

to Thailand U Myo Myint Than and officials attended the opening ceremony of the 35<sup>th</sup> the ASEAN Summit at the Grand Dimond of the Impact Muaung Thong Thani Commercial Complex at 9 am local time.

Prime Minister and Retired General Prayut Chan-ocha,

Brunei's Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah, Cambodian Prime Minister Samdech Techo Hun Sen, Singaporean Prime Minister Mr Lee Hsien Loong, Philippine President Rodrigo Roa Duterte, Indonesian President Mr Joko Widodo, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Repub-

lic Mr Thongloun Sisoulith, Malaysian Prime Minister Dr Mahathir Mohamad, Vietnamese Prime Minister Nguyen Xuan Phuc, state leaders and senior government officials of East Asia Summit Member Countries,

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# State Counsellor attends opening ceremony of 35<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit, related summits in Thailand



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attends the 16<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Summit in Bangkok yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attends the 22<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN-China Summit in Bangkok yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and leaders from ASEAN and China pose for a group photo at the 10<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-UN Summit in Bangkok yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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the UN Secretary General and the Secretary-General of ASEAN and dignitaries attended opening ceremony of the Summit.

tended 22<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN-China Summit held at the Sapphire-204 of Level-2 in the same venue. The summit reviewed ASEAN-China cooperation and exchanged views on promoting possible cooperation in the future.

Thai premier also presented ASEAN Prize 2019 to Dr Jemilah Mahmood for her leading role in various humanitarian missions and disaster management in the region.

First, Thai students performed with ASEAN theme song to open the Summit.

Prime Minister and Retired General Prayut Chan-ocha then officially inaugurated the 35<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit. The Thai premier also presented ASEAN Prize 2019 to Dr Jemilah Mahmood for her leading role in various humanitarian missions and disaster management in the region.

Then, the dancing troupe composed of artistes from 10 ASEAN member countries performed with the cultural dances.

The opening ceremony was concluded by screening the three video presentations of the ASEAN Training Centre for Social Work and Social Welfare, the ASEAN Centre for Active Ageing and Innovation and the ASEAN Centre for Sustainable Development Studies and Dialogue.

The State Counsellor then at-

tion in the future.

She also took part in the 16<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-India Summit held at the Sapphire-203 of Level-2 in the same venue. The summit focused on ASEAN-India cooperation and fostering cooperation.

She also participated in the 10<sup>th</sup> ASEAN-UN Summit which held talks on better collaboration.

Together with the State Counsellor, the summits were attended by Union Ministers U Thaung Tun, U Kyaw Tin, Myanmar Permanent Representative/Ambassador to ASEAN U Min Lwin, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Myo Myint Than and officials. In the evening, the State Counsellor attended the gala dinner hosted by Prime Minister and Retired General Prayut Chan-ocha for state leaders and senior government officials who attended the 35<sup>th</sup> ASEAN Summit and Related Summits.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



## State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talks with IMF head, FIFA president, Indian prime minister at separate meetings

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi held talks with the head of International Monetary Fund (IMF), the president of International Federation of Association Football (FIFA) and the prime minister of India at separate meetings at the Impact Muang Thong Thani Commercial Complex, the venue of ASEAN Summit and Related Summits in Bangkok.

of football techniques among youths, improvement of football techniques and football academies, cooperation between FIFA and the Ministry of Health and Sports and the Ministry of Education and meetings between globally acclaimed footballers and Myanmar youths.

The State Counsellor requested assistance from FIFA president to further enhance



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with Managing Director of International Monetary Fund Ms. Kristalina Georgieva. PHOTO: MNA

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi met Ms. Kristalina Georgieva, Managing Director of IMF, at Impact Sapphire-104, the venue of the ASEAN Summit, at 3.45 pm local standard time.

At the meeting cordial discussion were centred on continued provision of momentary and financial techniques, development of market economy and banking business, sharing of financial experiences and the best procedures of the countries at the initial stage of adopting the market economy and the challenges Myanmar is facing during its transition.

Afterwards, the State Counsellor met Mr. Gianni Infantino, President of FIFA, at 4:20 pm local standard time.

During the cordial discussion, talks were centred on development of Myanmar football, performance improvement of Myanmar men and women footballers, greater familiarization

youth's interest in sports, introduce a healthy lifestyle, promote team spirit and help Myanmar football to reach the top Asian ranking.

At 6:10 pm local standard time, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi held talks with Indian Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi at Impact Sapphire-109.

during the talks, they cordially exchanged views on extending cooperation between the two countries, exchange of high-level visits, continued constructive assistance from India, and ASEAN-India cooperation, based on common interest, and other issues including cementing bilateral relations, trade, transport, soonest operation of Sittway port, a sector of Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project, demarcation of the remaining part of the common border between Myanmar and India, soonest reaching of cross-border



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with Indian Prime Minister Mr. Narendra Modi. PHOTO: MNA

traffic agreement, upgrading of female police training school in Yamethin, capacity-building for public servants, and human resources development.

Also present at the meetings were Union Ministers U Thaung Tun and U Kyaw Tin, Myanmar Permanent Secretary/Ambassador to ASEAN U Min

Lwin, Myanmar Ambassador to Thailand U Myo Myint Than and officials. — MNA

(Translation: TMT)



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talk with President of FIFA, Mr Gianni Infantino. PHOTO: MNA



# State Counsellor responds to the remarks made by the UN Secretary General on Rakhine issue

## Myanmar will not shirk its responsibility to take care of the security and rights of all those who must be protected

**S**TATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi responded to the remarks made by UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres regarding the Rakhine issue. She underscored that Myanmar will not shirk its responsibility to take care of the rights and security of all those whom it must protect.

In the opening session of the 10th ASEAN-UN Summit in Bangkok on 3 November 2019, the UN Secretary General expressed concern over the situation in Rakhine State and the plight of the refugees in Cox's Bazaar. He also stressed that it was Myanmar's responsibility to ensure a conducive environment for safe, voluntary and dignified

return of refugees.

In response to the remarks of the Secretary General, the State Counsellor underscored that the issue of Rakhine is a most complex one and that the UN and its agencies which have been present in the region for ten times longer than the present Government has been in office, must have some idea of the extent of the complexities.

She stressed that the Government will not shirk its responsibility to take care of the security and rights of all those who it must protect. She added that the Government of Myanmar was fully committed to take back the verified returnees based on

the bilateral agreement signed with Bangladesh and the trilateral agreement signed with UNHCR and UNDP. She expressed appreciation to ASEAN, the ASEAN Secretariat and the AHA Centre for their constructive contribution to our efforts in creating the most suitable environment to which the displaced people can return in peace and security and voluntarily. She reaffirmed Myanmar's intention to continue its work with the help of our friends who approach the problems in Rakhine in a practical and balanced way, according to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA



## SWRR Union Minister provides cash aid to charity school in Dimawhso

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye provided cash assistance for the Demawhso Myoma charity school at the Kayah State Hall in Loikaw Township, Kayah State yesterday.

The Union Minister also met with the staff of his ministry in Kayah State.

In the event, Kayah State Chief Minister U L Phaung Sho and officials said the Demawhso Myoma charity school took care of parentless, abandoned and poor children providing them with foods, shelters, education and etc. There are 120 students

who were studying from kindergarten to tenth standard.

The Chief Minister and officials reported on the needs of foods for the students to the Union Minister and party.

Afterwards, the Union Minister and party provided the Chief Minister and party with K 7.2 million cash assistance for the school's three month food supply.

The Union Minister, Deputy Minister and party then met with the staff of the ministry in Kayah State, and coordinated over the matters discussed by the staff. — MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye meets with staff of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement in Loikaw yesterday.  
**PHOTO: MNA**

## MOE holds workshop on assessment for primary, middle schools completion rates

MYANMAR Examinations Department of Ministry of Education organized the workshop on assessment for the completion rates of basic primary and middle schools at the University of Education in Yangon yesterday.

Speaking at the event, Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi said teachers were cooperating with parents, guardians and the public to promote cooperative learning, classroom conversation, critical thinking, problem solving and sustainable learning.

According to the JICA's research report, the results of the Grade-2 students learning with new mathematics text books in 2018 has improved, and they were interested more in the subjects of Myanmar, Painting, English, Math and Physical Training, the Union Minister said.

He said the rate of primary schools completion was higher year by year as primary school teachers were making constant efforts to teach reading, writing, and arithmetic to the students with the use of new methodologies from the new school curriculum. He also stressed the importance of constant efforts for classroom assessment, exam paper security at school, district and region/state levels, and implementing the procedures without bias to produce better human resource who are being graded with the assessment, and to pro-



Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi delivers the speech at the workshop on assessment for the completion rates of basic primary and middle schools at the University of Education in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

mote cooperation, accountability and creativity.

The Union Minister also urged teachers, Basic Education Department, Myanmar Examinations Department and officials to cooperate in compiling an assessment manual as the policy for it was already laid down.

Afterwards, Dr Kelvin Gregory from Oxford Policy Management discussed the basic education goals of Myanmar, learning assessment, while Assessment Expert Mr. Mostyn from ADB - EYE Project discussed the knowledge, skill, attitude and values that are important for learning process.

Daw Htay Htay Han and Daw Myat Myat Khaing from JICA - CREATE TEAM also discussed the information data for primary school assessment, and Dr Reg Allen from Oxford Policy

Management also discussed the assessment matters.

To create more learning opportunities, the levels of the basic education schools were being upgraded since April 2016. The populations of primary school students reached to 5,275,121 in 2018-2019 academic year and 5,178,775 in 2019-2020 academic year.

The populations of middle school students reached to 3,194,454 and high school student reached 1, 103,107 in 2018-2019 academic year.

There were 3,287,602 middle school students and 1,095,295 high school students in 2019-2020 academic year, according to the sources from the workshop.

The assessment workshop will be held till 5 November. — MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)



# Maritime trade up \$131.96 mln last month

THE value of Myanmar's maritime trade for the period between 1 and 25 October in the 2019-2020 fiscal year totaled US\$1.77 billion, an increase of over \$131.96 million compared to the year-ago period, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

During the previous period, maritime exports were valued at \$747.38 million, while imports were registered at \$1.028 billion. Compared to the same period in the 2018-2019 fiscal year, imports were lower by \$16 million, while exports registered a rise of \$148 million.

During the same period, the value of trade through the border gates was estimated at \$598.8 million, an increase of

\$20.69 million amid the strict confiscation of illegal and untaxed goods, and the suspension of trade by Myanmar's main trade partner, China.

Meanwhile, the country's total external trade reached \$2.37 billion, which was higher than the \$2.22 billion recorded in the year-ago period.

Myanmar exports agricultural products, fishery products, minerals, livestock, forest products, finished industrial goods, and other products, while it imports capital goods, consumer goods, and raw industrial materials.

The country currently has nine ports involved in sea trade.



The Yangon Port is the main gateway for Myanmar's maritime trade. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

Yangon Port is the main gateway for Myanmar's maritime

trade, and includes the Yangon inner terminals and the out-

er Thilawa Port. — Mon Mon (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

## India's possible purchase drives mung beans prices up to above K1.18 mln per ton

MUNG bean price breached K1.18 million per ton for FAQ (fair and average quality) in the domestic market following the news of India's possible purchase of more mung beans, according to Bayintnaung com-

modity depot.

India's October-end import deadline has already expired. However, India might purchase the beans when there is market demand.

The price of mung beans

has been gradually increasing since the end of September. Mung bean was priced at K853,000 per ton in early October, and is currently pegged above K1.18 million per ton, according to a commodity depot in Yangon.

At present, mung beans are fetching K1.18 million per ton in the Yangon market, an increase of some K300,000 per ton within one month.

At the 4th ASEAN-India Expo and Summit held last February, a Myanmar delegation, led by the Union Minister for Commerce and made up of pulses and bean merchants, forwarded a request to Indian government officials to purchase 400,000 tons of mung beans from Myanmar. But there has been no response to the request, according to the association.

India, the main buyer of Myanmar pulses, has announced an import quota of 150,000 tons for mung beans and 200,000 tons for pigeon peas for exporter countries. The import deadline had been set for the end of October.

Besides India, Myanmar beans are purchased by Bangladesh, Pakistan, Nepal, Dubai, Malaysia, Indonesia, China (Taipei), Japan, and other ASEAN and European countries. But the volume of demand remains small, according to the domestic pulses market.

The Ministry of Commerce has been conducting a series of discussions to sell Myanmar beans through government-to-government (G2G) pacts. In addition, the ministry has been exploring more external markets, said U Aung Htoo, the Deputy Minister for Com-

merce.

India's move to restrict the importation of pulses in August 2017, severely affected growers in Myanmar. The price of pulses also plummeted drastically.

In the 2017-2018 fiscal year, over 1.32 million tons of mung beans, pigeon peas, and green grams were shipped to foreign countries. But, the earnings were registered at just \$886 million, owing to the price drop, according to data provided by the Ministry of Commerce.

During the last FY 2018-2019, more than 1.64 million tons of various pulses were exported to foreign countries, with an estimated income of over one billion dollars. Also, the volume was up 300,000 tons compared to the year-ago period.—Ko Htet

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)



The mung beans are fetching K1.18 million per ton in the Yangon market. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

## Trade at Muse rises to over US\$350 mln in October

THE value of Sino-Myanmar border trade through the Muse gate soared to US\$352.8 million between 1 and 25 October, 2019, registering an increase of \$128.27 million compared to the corresponding period last year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

Exports through the Muse gate dropped significantly to \$240.7 million, while imports were valued at \$112 million. Both exports and imports climbed during 25 days of trade in the current fiscal year.

Muse is an important border gate in Myanmar and handles the largest trade volume,

but sometimes it experiences a sharp drop, as trade in agricultural products has been halted on account of China clamping down on illegal goods.

Myanmar merchants find it difficult to export goods to China through legitimate channels, as they find the tax levied by China too high. Therefore, rice confiscations and price manipulation often occurs.

The country needs to convert the government-to-government (G2G) agreement into a sustainable pact. Myanmar requires G2G or business-to-business (B2B) agreements for the trade of pulses and beans, corn,

sesame, fish, and shrimp, to grab a share of the Chinese market. The government and the private sector also needs to move forward through public private partnerships (PPP), according to the Myanmar Rice Federation.

Myanmar exports rice, sugar, pulses, sesame seeds, corn, dried tea leaves, fishery products, minerals, and animal products to China, while it imports agricultural machinery, electrical appliances, iron and steel-related materials, raw industrial goods, and consumer goods. — GNLM

(Translated by EMM)

## Two-day AgroChemEx Myanmar 2019 to be held on 6,7 Nov

AGROCHEMEX Myanmar 2019—the 12th International Agriculture Exhibition and Asia Crop Protection Forum, will be held on 6 and 7 November 2019 at the Rose Garden Hotel, Yangon.

The exhibition will provide an opportunity for agrobusinesses to find new partners and obtain latest updates through exchanging information on developments in agriculture and Asian crop production with leading industry experts.

About 50 exhibitors from foreign countries will display their new products and provide

the latest technology regarding agricultural chemicals, pesticides, fertilizers, crop protection, biotechnology and the agrochemical industry. A business matching program with potential manufacturers and suppliers is being held, along with a seminar.

Last year, AGROCHEMEX & AGRO MYANMAR 2018 attracted 45 exhibitors and 1.189 trade visitors. Those seeking to attend can register at: [bit.ly/AgroChemExMyanmar19\\_VisitorRegistrationForm](http://bit.ly/AgroChemExMyanmar19_VisitorRegistrationForm).—GNLM (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)



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Operational grievance mechanism implemented in Mann Oil Field



The dance troupe performs traditional dance and song to raise awareness about Operational Grievance Mechanism in the Mann oil field. PHOTO: MNA

The MPRL E&P Pte Ltd conducted a campaign to raise awareness about the Operational Grievance Mechanism-OGM in the Mann oil field where the oil and gas exploration company is carrying out win-win cooperation with the state-owned Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise. At the event at Maebaygon

Village near the Mann oil field, the MPRL E&P Pte Ltd has displayed its cooperate social responsibilities and sought advices from the public. Troupe of local school children competed in the contest of dance and songs titled "Advice, Discuss and Cultivate the future generation".

Over 100 students from 11 Basic Education High Schools participated in the programme. Performance of the employees of Mann Oil Field and an exhibition of the products produced by the trainees of the vocational courses conducted under the CSR activities have also attracted over 1,500 stu-

dents and local people. The OGM has been launched in the Mann Oil Field since 2016 with the aim of establishing friendship cooperation between the organizations in the Mann Oil Field and local people.—MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

Helmets distributed to public in Nay Pyi Taw

THE township's administrators and traffic police force from Nay Pyi Taw conducted the road safety education campaign, delivering helmets sponsored by Mytel free to the public on Saturday. Staff from Mytel Nay Pyi Taw Branch distributed 100 helmets to public in Nay Pyi Taw during the campaign.—Maung Lumaw (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



Traffic police delivering the helmets to public in Nay Pyi Taw on 2 November. PHOTO: MAUNG LUMAW

Traffic death toll reaches 3,930 nationwide from Jan to Sept

A total of 3,930 people were killed and 18,596 injured in 12,084 traffic accidents in Myanmar in the January-September period this year, according to data released by the Road Transport Administration Department.

Bago Region topped the list with 1,850 accidents, followed by Yangon with 1,767 accidents, and Mandalay with 1,448 accidents. The highest number of

traffic deaths was registered in Yangon Region, with 519. During the year, there were 386 traffic accidents, registering 74 dead and 736 injured, on Myanmar's busiest Yangon-Mandalay highway.

In the corresponding period of last year, 13,061 traffic accidents occurred countrywide, leaving 3,899 people killed and 19,919 injured.—GNLM (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

1,900 Yaba pills seized in Kengtung, over 300 in Kalaw

LOCAL Police in Kengtung, eastern Shan State, confiscated 1,900 Yaba pills from a motorbike on 2 November, according to a report released by the Myanmar Police Force yesterday.

The team comprised of members of the local anti-drug squad and police searched a vehicle driven by Myo Hein on the Kengtung-Mongkhet Road in Kengtung and found the drugs.

Similarly, Heho police found 19 Yaba pills from a man namely San Toe in Kalaw. In connection with the case, the police discovered 294 Yaba pills from a hut in a crop field

owned by Kyi Nyo in the same area. Those who involved in the cases have been charged under the Anti-Narcotic and Psychotropic Substances Law.—GNLM



## Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko attends 22<sup>nd</sup> ASCC Council Meeting, 27<sup>th</sup> SOCA child rights publication in Thailand

MYANMAR delegation led by Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko attended the 22<sup>nd</sup> ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council Meeting (ASCC) and the 27<sup>th</sup> Senior Officials' Meeting for the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (SOCA) held in Bangkok, Thailand, from 31 October and 2 November.

The Union Minister signed agreements in the "Advancing Partnership for sustainability" the theme developed during the ASEAN chairmanship term of Thailand in 2010/9, the establishment of ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community centers which will be implemented by Thailand, and the six declarations of the ASEAN Joint Statement on Climate Change to the 25<sup>th</sup> Session of the Conference of the Parties to the UNFCCC (COP25), the Declaration on the Protection of Children from All Forms of



Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko and ministers from the ASEAN countries pose for a documentary photo at the 22<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community Council in Bangkok. **PHOTO: MNA**

Online Exploitation and Abuse in ASEAN, the ASEAN Declaration on the Rights of Children in the Context of Migration, Bangkok Declaration on Advancing Partnership in Education for 2030

Agenda for Sustainable Development in ASEAN, the Joint Statement on Reaffirmation of Commitment to Advancing the Rights of the Child in ASEAN and the ASEAN Leaders' Dec-

laration on ASEAN Vaccine Security and Self-reliance.

The ASEAN minister also approved on the Regional Guidelines and Procedures to Address the Needs of Victims

of Trafficking in Person, Especially Women and Children, the ASEAN Statement on Promotion of Good Governance and Acceleration of an Agile Civil Service in a Digital Economy, and the Regional Action Plan for the Implementation of the ASEAN Declaration on Strengthening Education for Out-of-School Children and Youth.

They also discussed the ASCC Blueprint 2025, plans for ASCC activities, Plan for Action on Declaration of Culture of Prevention, and the convening of the ASCC fact-finding mission to Timor-Leste and the secondment of ASCC officer to the permanent missions to ASEAN.

The Union Minister and party also attended a joint publication entitled "Children in ASEAN: 30 Years of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.—MNA

*(Translated by Aung Khin)*

## Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe attends neurosurgical meeting in Yangon



Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe delivers the speech at the Myanmar, American and Korean's Neurosurgical Meeting 2019 in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE Myanmar, American, Korean's Neurosurgical Meeting 2019 was held at the Melia Hotel in Yangon yesterday morning.

At the ceremony, Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe suggested senior medical experts at home and abroad to share the video records on joint operations to the junior surgeries across the country.

He also requested medical experts from the United States

and the Republic of Korea to give advice on curriculum reforms in neurological surgeries at the pre-graduate and post-graduate levels at medical universities of Myanmar.

He also remarked on the importance of preoperative care and postoperative care in any surgery.

The Ministry of Health and Sports is building a new hospital specializing in neuro and cardio care with the Japanese grant, and it will become

a hospital for treatments of advanced heart disease and neurosurgical operations after it is completed in 2020.

The meeting was attended by medical specialists from Henry Ford Hospital of the United States, professors and associated professors of Ajou University of the ROK, Myanmar medical professors, doctors and nurses.

Senior medical experts shared knowledge on neurological diagnostic tests, operation equipment, neurological cancer, intensive cares, and records on neurological injuries.

The new generation of Myanmar neurologists also made their discussions.

The well-experienced neurological experts will conduct operations together with Myanmar doctors at the North Okkalapa General Hospital for two weeks up to 14 November.

The Henry Ford Hospital from the United States also donated US\$20,000 worth of neurophysiological machine and \$ 15,000 worth of brain scanner infrascan machine to the Ministry of Health and Sports.—MNA

*(Translated by Aung Khin)*

## Deputy Information Minister coordinates library services in Thandaunggyi Township

DEPUTY Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun visited Thandaunggyi Township in Kayin State yesterday.

He held a meeting at the township public library with Pyithu Hluttaw MP U Saw Victor Kha Laik, Amyotha Hluttaw MP Naw Chris Tun, local renowned persons and library committees to discuss development programmes, developing reading

habits of people, child reading corners, public talks and expanding library services.

The Deputy Minister also arrived at the township office of Information and Public Relations Department, and discussed knowledge dissemination and information sharing of the staff.—Naw Law Mu (Thandaunggyi)

*(Translated by Aung Khin)*



Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun visits the mini museum in Thandaunggyi Township yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



# The quest for larger share of external market

**P**ANTANAW Township in Ayeyawady Region will have the largest aquatic industry in Southeast Asia when the multiple fish farming projects being carried out are completed. The projects involve all the different sectors of aquatic operations, from hatching, raising fingerlings, fish farming, processing, cold storage, feeder factories and laboratories for research and development. The project will establish an aquatic industry with a production capacity of over USD 3 billion, and generate over 6000 jobs. So, it is obvious that its early completion matters very much.

Sadly, Myanmar cannot vie with its neighbours for a larger market share, despite the high global demand for aquatic products. The country has plenty of aquatic resources from its rivers, inland

lakes and coastal seas. But weaknesses in various sectors have denied us from gaining a competitive edge. So, if we carefully look into the causes behind these weaknesses, we will find that many of them originate in the production sector, as the quality of our products rarely meet international standard, and we lack mass production techniques to meet consumer demand on time. Also, we are still unfamiliar with good farming practices. Those are some of the reasons that put us behind others in the race.

"We still lag behind others in fishing, farming and value-added production technologies, amidst the plenty of aquatic resources we have," said Vice President U Henry Van Thio during his inspection of the Ayeyawady Integrated Food Industry Complex. Apart from indicating the current trends in the country's aquatic industry, the

Vice President said, "In our competition with our neighbors, we need master plans that must be jointly implemented by the government and private sector, after selecting appropriate sites for setting up aquatic farming zones in states and regions." In this regard, we need faster action in effectively setting up such zones for the benefit of local and national concerns.

Basically, the production sector is responsible for improving product quality, until reaching international standards and increasing quantity to ensure meeting global customer demands. Subsequently, the production sector needs capital, technology and adoption of good farming practices. So, the task may look enormous, but nothing is unconquerable, and we will continue our quest for a larger share of the external market through the inclusive participation of all stakeholders.



# Humanity for all

By Arakan Sein

**T**HE title was given by Hans Haug For The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. It is doubtless correct not to ascribe the foundation of the Red Cross to a single person, but to the "Committee of Five" as a whole which more-over very soon found friends and active helpers in European Countries. The members of the International Committee for Aid to Wounded Soldiers were very different in age, profession and experience and yet they all supplanted, promoted and supported one another.

They were inspired by the same basic feeling and the same basic idea and could direct their strength in joint work to the goal

set by Dunant. All five members had the fate of the sick, wounded, imprisoned and socially disadvantaged at heart and all were set on finding ways and means of diminishing the suffering of war victims.

The five members of the Red Cross were aware of their limitations and the smallness of their country; but they were optimistic, courageous and keen on action.

In 1859, the 31-year-old Genevese citizen, Henry Dunant, was a witness to the suffering caused by the battle of Solferino which led to the liberation of upper Italy from Austrian domination. As night descended on the battlefield after only 15 hours of hard combat between

the French-Italian and Austrian troops, about 40,000 would lay in their blood. Dunant heard their screams and moaning, their calls for help which were frequently in vain as the medical services were insufficient for the enormous

affairs. Then he took decision to commit the Solferino experience which still haunted him to writing. For a year he devoted himself to this with diligence and through reflection. The more he gave attention to the northern campaign,

filled my heart, I was aware of intuition, vague and profound, my work was an instrument of God Will; it finite consequence for mankind.' The book 'A Memory of Solferino' appeared in 1862. Factually and actually it described, the preparations for and the course of the battle and painted with shattering vividness the picture of suffering which had become so deeply embedded in Dunant's soul. This suffering and dying of thousands of young soldiers could to a large extent have been avoided if medical services had not again proved almost totally inadequate.

In passing I would like to describe our Henry Dunant Medal winner Sai Aung Hlaing Myint. He was 21 years old when he

received the medal at the 23<sup>rd</sup> International Committee of the Red Cross Conference in Bucharest, Romania in 1977. Eighteen people had won the award, but he was the youngest. He was only third Henry Dunant Medal recipient in all of Asia. The Red Cross member and ethic Shan rescued a soldier from a sunken truck after diving for about 20 minutes in icy Ayeyawaddy River in Kachin State in January, 1976.

In conclusion, the author would like to urge our Myanmar people to do noble things to win international awards in the hope of supporting the tasks left behind by Henry Dunant and Sai Aung Hlaing Myint so that our Myanmar people would be proud of them in the world.

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task. In this terrible situation, which frightened and appalled him, Dunant was driven to action. After the dreadful days in Solferino, Dunant returned to Geneva to see first of all to his business

the more he saw before him the misery of the war-wounded and gave the thought to the question of how repetition of such a calamity could be avoided." In this state of pent-up emotion which

# Education, however distant, is not a far cry from us!

By Dr Thazin Lwin (YUDE)

**W**HEN I was at the airport, it was 9:00 o'clock sharp in the morning on 14th October 2019 - Sunday the full moon of Thadingyut. Excited as I was with the thought of attending the 33rd Annual Conference of the Asian Association of Open Universities (AAOU 2019) Conference in Lahore, it hurt me a bit to think that I would miss the full moon of the year that welcomes the bright Krittika, my favorite lunar asterism in the sky, which represents a family of seven chicken according to Myanmar traditional mythology and which resembles a family, a team, a department to me in a way.

2020 and beyond

The morning sky itself was bright and clear at around 11:30 when TG 2302 carried me off, bound for the Savarnabhumi Airport. But I could not take much care of the sky, which I, lonely as I may be, might have been doing as a serious fan of flying. I was then busy myself thinking of what I had prepared for my paper, and reading the invitation letter again from the Virtual University of Pakistan. I was indeed short of time as I had to read in the morning session the following day. I had prepared a paper just in time, as I previously had not had the intention,

to read there under the theme of the conference "Open Distance Learning: 2020 and beyond". What have we the educators of distance education been doing for 2020 and beyond?

Before the educators from all over the world I would soon present the challenges we have had in redressing distance education. At our Yangon University of Distance Education, the computer-mediated communication (CMC) has served as a new platform of the distance learning systems and as a source of innovative opportunities. However, with its separation of assessment from study, it has also brought about remarkable challenges.

The transit flight did not take long before I could let my mind away into these thoughts. At 1:25 pm, I arrived in Thailand and had a late lunch. The next flight for Lahore was at 7:50 pm.

Several hours later, I saw some familiar faces turning up, the faces of those who went together to the OU-5 meeting (of five open universities) held in Surabaya, Indonesia in 2016. Alas, they would also go there and we could have sort of a party there. I amused myself with the thought that many old mates of mine would be with me, though I was the only Myanmar attendant to that conference in Pakistan.

The working loads of my paper naturally, (or unnaturally

but willingly) gave way to amusing greetings, lovely smiles, and friendly warmth of chats.

When we stopped chatting and regained control of ourselves, it was 10:30 pm and we found ourselves at the Allama Iqbal Airport, Lahore in Pakistan, ready to leave for the Pearl Continental Hotel, where we were staying and attending the three-day-long conference.

After the morning shower and a quick breakfast, I was in the Crystal Hall for the inaugural session of the conference.

Exgaging views

In no time did I read my paper - followed by the sudden activities of chairing a session and working as a moderator in a session and so on. We exchanged our views and gave advice we could afford. Now is the time for the gist of my presentation.

There were also some over-riding concerns YUDE has had over several years. A lot of criticisms pointed out that decline in the educational quality of the country in the 1960s onward had been linked with the political situations of the country, but with recent political changes in transition, education became an object of attention as a starting point towards the development of the country in general and that of economy in particular. As part of its vision to generate a socie-

ty capable of challenging today's heated issues, therefore, YUDE incorporates the challenge of updating its scope into a wider perspective.

As a result of the research, that challenge has brought forth benefits, too. The opportunities in more activities are seen whenever new changes are triggered. There will be more chances of encouragement and support from the other stakeholders with the success of any activity. More challenging and more engaging learning experiences can be created to enable the related community to keep abreast with the times. However, that challenge has the unpredictable threats. It is made open to criticism and blame for any mistakes with the growing attention of others. It may have to resort to the former teaching methods (due to difficulties that could be solved through strategic management and critical thinking). Time allotment or management should be considered for achieving the ambitious goals; otherwise, its aims and objectives will be seen 'groundless' and 'fruitless'.

Alternative plans

Starting from around 1999, YUDE had alternative plans to install an open education system.

As has been seen, YUDE tries to provide the best learning opportunities to its enthusiastic

students. It uses the innovative assistance of ICT support team, the experience of the educators working at Yangon University of Distance Education and also the help insights from the UK-based Transformation of Innovation by Distance Education (TIDE). Among the player teams, special mention should be made about TIDE (currently working for the betterment of online pedagogic methods), ICT Support Team, Related Academic Departments, the Rector and the Administrative Board. With the helpful hands of these teams, YUDE is offering more effective and more applicable courses than ever.

Online teaching

To the benefits of both partners, YUDE is presently assisted by TIDE in many of such aspects.

TIDE trains one batch after another of teachers with a view to coping with modern online teaching methods and helps them come up with new teaching ideas. Thus, every single department in YUDE has now prepared various online courses such as certificate, diploma, bachelor and master degrees. In Chemistry Department, for example, we have finished the preparation of courses in 'Good Manufacturing Practice for Food Safety' and 'Water and Sanitation for Public Health' for the coming academic year. These innovative infrastructures are all oriented

towards fully three-month online certificate courses conducted under the auspices of the Ministry of Education, Myanmar.

I was admitted to the 33rd AAOU Annual General Body Meeting in voting for presidency and new memberships. While I had my free time, I went on a study tour with some other attendants several cultural and educational centers around as well as to the Virtual University of Pakistan.

Education projects

AAOU expressed willingness to help our educational projects with exchange programs, research activities, publications of research journals, and conferences. I met with potential partnerships who wanted the 35<sup>th</sup> AAOU Annual Conference to be hosted by Myanmar in 2021 - following the arrangements of Sri Lanka to host the 34th Conference in 2020.

In retrospect, our country was proud of a good educational system in the region, but it had swings, sways and falls against the winds and tides of the circumstances we had. Now, we need a change - a change towards the good. We must always bear in mind that education will never be a far cry from us even though it is distance education. The reason is education is now open to all.



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## Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November, 2019)

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

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2019:** Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region, scattered in Ayeyarwady Region and isolated in Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Regions, Shan, Rakhine, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States. Degree of certainty is (80%). Weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining Regions and States.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthyai Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35)m.p.h. Sea will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (6-9) feet in Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthyai Coasts and about (4-6) feet off and along Rakhine Coast.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Likelihood of scattered rain or thundershowers in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyarwady and Taninthyai Regions, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States.

**FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2019:** Partly cloudy.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2019:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 4<sup>th</sup> November, 2019:** Partly cloudy.

## 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](mailto: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



## World's biggest trade deal to be delayed to 2020: draft ASEAN statement

BANGKOK — The signing of the world's largest trade pact will likely be kicked back to 2020, according to a draft statement by Southeast Asian leaders, delaying a deal craved by China to offset a painful tariff war with the US.

The 16-nation Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) spans from India to New Zealand and includes 30 percent of global GDP and half of the world's people.

Objections by India have dashed hopes of finalising the pact at this weekend's Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) summit in Bangkok, where members of

the 10-nation bloc have been joined by the premiers of India and China.

"Most market access negotiations have been completed and the few outstanding bilateral issues will be resolved by Feb 2020," said a draft agreement obtained by AFP.

Negotiations have sputtered for several years, but the statement said the text of all 20 chapters was now complete "pending the resolution of one" member, believed to be India.

But it said all members were "committed to sign the RCEP" next year in Vietnam, which will take over the ASEAN chair.

New Delhi is worried its small businesses will be hard hit by any flood of cheap Chinese goods creating "unsustainable trade deficits" — Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi said in an interview published by the Bangkok Post.

Beijing sees RCEP as a central pillar of its trade strategy for its Asian neighbourhood, and it is backed by the leaders of ASEAN and who represent a 650 million-strong market.

Concluding the deal has been made more pressing by the brutal tit-for-tat trade war with the US, which has chipped back at growth in China, the world's second-largest economy.



The Association of Southeast Asian Nations will likely delay finalising a regional trade pact at a summit in Bangkok. PHOTO: AFP

RCEP — which includes the 10-nation ASEAN bloc along with China, India, Japan, South Korea, Australia and New Zealand — accounts for 40 percent of global commerce.— AFP ■

## New cocoa deals help peasant farmers, but not enough



Cocoa farmers use hooked knives to break open the cocoa pods on a plantation near Sinfra in Ivory Coast's Central region. PHOTO: AFP

YAMOOUSSOUKRO — The willingness of some multinational firms to pay a cost-of-living bonus for African cocoa planters is welcome but will not save many farmers from grinding poverty, industry sources say.

Ivory Coast and Ghana, which together account for more than 60 percent of global cocoa production, initiated deals with chocolate makers in July, adding a "living income differential" (LID) to prices.

Barry Callebaut and Nestle, two world leaders in cocoa products, confirmed that they would pay a supplement of \$400 (almost 360 euros) per tonne above the market price to help farmers, in the wake of announcements during an October meeting of the World Cocoa Foundation in Berlin.

The neighbouring West African countries in June said they would set the minimum price per tonne at \$2,600 (2,330 euros) for the 2020/2021 season.

Nestle "have already started buying 2020/2021 cocoa with the living income differential", declared the world's largest food and beverage company in a statement.

"The LID will help improve farmers' living income and complement all our efforts to improving the lives of farmers," it said.

Barry Callebaut, another firm with headquarters in Switzerland, declared that it agrees with the principle enabling the Ivorian and Ghanaian governments to back a minimum cocoa price to cocoa farmers.— AFP ■

## Saudi bourse sags as giant Aramco listing looms

RIYADH — Saudi stocks sagged two percent Sunday after the announcement that the blockbuster listing of state energy firm Aramco was headed its way, as analysts warned it risked overwhelming the local bourse.

After years of repeated delays, Aramco on Sunday announced its intention to float an unspecified percentage of its shares on the Tadawul stock market, the region's biggest capital market.

The state-owned company

however said there was no decision yet on the second part of the IPO to list on an international stock market, raising doubts that this much-anticipated step will ever happen.

The local bourse lost 1.99 percent to 7,590.33 points during the session.

Ellen Wald, author of "Saudi Inc.", said that listing on the domestic market without any plans for an international offering was risky because it could "completely overweight" the local market.— AFP ■

## Singapore-on-Thames? London's City mulls post-Brexit future

LONDON — With a crucial election, Brexit and potential trade deals looming, the future of the beating heart of Britain's financial sector will be shaped in the coming months.

The spectre of a "Singapore-on-Thames" — a highly deregulated British financial sector like the city-state — is the dream of some pro-Brexit financiers, who have criticised European rules that they believe are holding them back.

But regulators don't appear to be in a mood to tear up the

rulebook just yet.

"It has been 10 years since the financial crisis and the subsequent reforms we put in place, and now is the right time to review our approach to regulation," Nausicaa Delfas, from the UK Financial Services Authority (FCA), said this week.

"Brexit provides added impetus to look at things again."

At a London conference on the issue, Barnabas Reynolds, who specialises in UK and EU regulation at law firm Shearman & Sterling, said the regulators

should look at everything.

Like many in the City — the financial hub in central London — he did not see "what's wrong" with the idea of a Singapore-on-Thames.

European financial rules, although designed under Britain's influence, have restricted the sector's ability to compete with Wall Street, he added.

Fintech boom

The Governor of the Bank of England, Mark Carney, thinks differently.— AFP ■



# Beijing says 'ready to work' with ASEAN on South China Sea rules

BANGKOK—Beijing said Sunday it is “ready to work” with Southeast Asian nations on a code of conduct in the flashpoint South China Sea, where it is accused of building up military installations and bullying fellow claimants.

China claims most of the resource-rich waterway, a major global shipping route that has long been a source of tension in the region. For years, the 10-member Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) has been locked in talks for a code of conduct for the sea, where China is accused of deploying warships, arming outposts and ramming fishing vessels.

The agreement, set to be finished in 2021, will lay out conduct guidelines for the sea along with conflict resolution parameters.

On Sunday, China’s premier Li Keqiang said the first reading of the document -- a chance for all members to comment on the draft terms -- was “a very impor-



China’s premier Li Keqiang (2<sup>nd</sup> from left) said the first reading of the document was ‘a very important landmark’. PHOTO: AFP

tant landmark”. “We stand ready to work with ASEAN countries building on the existing foundation and the basis to strive for new progress” on the guidelines, he said. He added that China wanted to “maintain and uphold long-

term peace and stability in the South China Sea”.

The Philippines -- which has sparred with China in the sea -- said Sunday that Beijing is committed to the code, despite its broad claims to the waterway.

“It recognises the fact that if it doesn’t agree to a code of conduct then there will be turmoil in the region,” presidential spokesman Salvador Panelo told reporters in Bangkok on the sidelines of ASEAN. — AFP ■

## China launches new Earth observation satellite

TAIYUAN—China on Sunday launched a new Earth observation satellite, Gaofen-7, which will play an important role in land surveying and mapping, urban and rural construction and statistical investigation, according to the China National Space Administration (CNSA).

The Gaofen-7, launched on a Long March-4B rocket at 11:22 a.m. (Beijing Time) from the Taiyuan Satellite Launch Center in north China’s Shanxi Province, is China’s first civil-use optical transmission three-di-

mensional surveying and mapping satellite that reaches the sub-meter level, CNSA said.

The satellite and carrier rocket were developed by the China Academy of Space Technology (CAST) and the Shanghai Academy of Spaceflight Technology under the China Aerospace Science and Technology Corporation.

The users of the Gaofen-7 satellite will be mainly from the Ministry of Natural Resources, the Ministry of Housing and Urban-Rural

Development and the National Bureau of Statistics. Via the same carrier rocket, three other commercial and scientific experiment satellites including one developed for Sudan were also sent into space.

The development of the Gaofen-7 has achieved a breakthrough in sub-meter level 3D mapping camera technology, meeting the highest mapping accuracy requirement among the Gaofen series Earth observation satellites, CNSA said.—Xinhua ■

## Toll in Philippine quakes climbs to 21



The 6.6-magnitude and 6.5-magnitude quakes struck the Philippine island of Mindanao two days apart. PHOTO: AFP

MANILA—The death toll in two powerful quakes that struck the southern Philippines in the past week has risen to 21, authorities said Sunday, as survivors struggled to access food and water.

The 6.6-magnitude and 6.5-magnitude quakes hit the island of Mindanao two days apart, destroying buildings and displacing tens of thousands of residents.

Some villagers staying under tents near a highway were begging for help from passing motorists, carrying placards asking for food and water, TV footage showed.

Rescuers had found more bodies, many crushed by falling debris and landslides caused by the violent shaking, the national disaster council said.

The quakes also left 432 residents injured with two people still missing, it added.

Thursday’s big quake was the third since mid-October in the Mindanao region, which makes up a third of the Philippines.

Temporary shelters have been set up to house more than 20,000 displaced individuals -- many already there since the first quake struck on October 16, leaving seven people dead. — AFP ■

### NEWS In BRIEF

#### 15 killed, 35 injured as bus plunges into river in Nepal

KATHMANDU—A passenger bus veered off a road and plunged into a river in a mountainous region of central Nepal on Sunday, killing at least 15 people and injuring 35 others.

The accident happened at Sukute village of Sindhu-palchowk district, located 45 kilometers northeast of Kathmandu, police said.

The bus, which was traveling from Dolakha district to Kathmandu, fell about 50 meters and landed upside down in the river, which is quite deep along that section of the road, Prajwal Maharjan, police chief of the district, told Kyodo News by phone.—AFP ■

#### Bangladesh Nobel laureate granted bail by court

DHAKA —A court in Bangladesh’s capital gave bail to Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus on Sunday afternoon over the firing of his three employees.

Dhaka 3<sup>rd</sup> Labour Court acting Chairman Zakia Parveen granted the order when Yunus, chairman of Grameen Communications appeared before the court. He was given bail in connection with three cases filed over the sacking of three employees.—Xinhua ■

#### Sri Lanka election chief censors state TV ahead of polls

COLOMBO— Sri Lanka’s election commission said it would censor a state-owned TV station in an unprecedented move after accusing the network of bias against the former president’s brother, who is standing in upcoming polls. The surprise move came after the Independent Television Network (ITN) aired a programme alleging loyalists to the previous regime had thwarted a corruption probe into strongman ex-president Mahinda Rajapakse’s family.— AFP ■



## A year before 2020 election, a divided and 'angry' America



US President Donald Trump told supporters at a rally November 1, 2019 in Tupelo, Mississippi that Democratic leaders were "mentally violent". **PHOTO: AFP**

WASHINGTON—America on Sunday kicks off the one-year countdown to Election Day 2020, with President Donald Trump betting an "angry" Republican surge can deliver him a second term, as the Democratic battle to win back the White House heats up. The building political clash -- dramatically fueled by the House of Representatives' impeachment inquiry into Trump -- appears to virtually guarantee another year of sharp division in a nation long weary of such drama.

Polls suggest the country couldn't be much more divided.

The latest projection from a

University of Virginia political science team points to a dead-even 2020 race, with each party leading in states totaling 248 electoral college votes, 22 short of the 270 needed for election.

The division is reflected in the House, where the vote Thursday to formalize the impeachment inquiry passed almost entirely on party lines -- more partisan than any of the three previous impeachment votes in US history.

### 'Mentally violent'

As that inquiry proceeds, Trump has lashed out in increas-

ingly angry, personal and crude terms, seeking to damage his political foes while energizing a fiercely loyal base.

In a speech Friday in Tupelo, Mississippi, he called Democratic leaders "mentally violent," denounced the impeachment inquiry as a "hoax" and said former vice president Joe Biden, once a Democratic frontrunner, was getting "slower and slower."

Trump has even retweeted, with apparent approval, a warning by an evangelical pastor that his impeachment could "cause a Civil War like fracture in this Nation."—AFP ■

## Iran's Khamenei rules out talks with US

TEHRAN—Iran's supreme leader on Sunday again ruled out negotiations with Washington, a day before the 40th anniversary of the hostage crisis at the US embassy in Tehran.

"Those who see negotiations with the US as the solution to every problem are certainly mistaken," Ayatollah Ali Khamenei said during a speech to mark the anniversary, according to his official website.

"Nothing will come out of talking to the US, because they certainly and definitely won't make any concessions."

On November 4, 1979, less than nine months after the toppling of Iran's American-backed shah, students overran the embassy complex to demand the United States hand over the ousted ruler after he was admitted to a US hospital.

It took a full 444 days for the



Iran unveiled new anti-American murals on the walls of the former US embassy ahead of the 40th anniversary of the Tehran hostage crisis. **PHOTO: AFP**

crisis to end with the release of 52 Americans, but the US broke off diplomatic relations with Iran in 1980 and ties have been frozen ever since.

Khamenei, however, said the Iran-US "disputes" did not start with the embassy takeover.

"It goes back to the 1953 coup, when the U.S. overthrew a national govt. -- which had made the mistake of trusting the U.S. -- and established its corrupt and puppet govt. in Iran," his Twitter account said in English.—AFP ■

## UNESCO rings alarm over rise in violence against media

PARIS—The United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) warned against the rise of violence targeting media and journalists on the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists, which falls on Saturday.

UNESCO said in the latest report, titled "Intensified Attack, New Defenses," that the number of killings of journalists jumped by 18 percent in the past five-year period (2014-2018), compared with the previous five-year period (2009-2013).

The report revealed that more than half of journalist fatalities took place in non-conflict zones in the past two years (2017-2018).

"This trend exemplifies the changing nature of killings of journalists, who are often targeted because of their

reporting on politics, crime and corruption," it said.

According to the report, almost 90 percent of cases of killings of journalists between 2006 and 2018 were unresolved worldwide.

"UNESCO holds to account all those who put journalists at risk, all those who kill journalists, and all those who do nothing to stop this violence. The end of a journalist's life should never be the end of the quest for truth," UNESCO Director-General Audrey Azoulay said.

The UN General Assembly proclaimed Nov. 2 as the International Day to End Impunity for Crimes against Journalists in a resolution adopted in 2013. The date was chosen in commemoration of the assassination of two French journalists in Mali in November that year.—Xinhua ■



Palestinian journalists run for cover from tear gas canisters fired by Israeli forces during a demonstration on World Press Freedom day near Betunia in the West Bank, 3 May 2016. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Five candidates running to replace ousted Algerian president Bouteflika

ALGIERS—Five candidates, including two former prime ministers, will run to replace ousted Algerian president Abdelaziz Bouteflika, the country's election authority said Saturday, amid widespread protests against the vote.

A total of 23 candidates had submitted their papers to run and five were approved, head of the election authority Mohamed Charfi told reporters in Algiers. The list will be passed to the constitutional council for final validation.

Former premiers Ali Benflis and Abdelmadjid Tebboune are considered front-runners in an election opposed by the mass protest movement that alongside the army forced Bouteflika to resign in April after 20 years in power. The other candidates are Azzedine Mihoubi, leader of the Democratic National Rally party (RND) that was part of Bouteflika's ruling coalition, former tourism minister Abdelkader Bengrina and Abdelaziz Belaid, head of the Front El-Moustakbel party.—AFP ■



# Japan to step up monitoring of defence firms' business conditions

TOKYO—The Defence Ministry will strengthen its surveillance of the financial conditions of domestic equipment suppliers to Japan's Self-Defence Forces, in an effort to ensure stable and safe procurement, a government source said Sunday.

It will also consider using state funds to bail out firms in the industry, which consists of many small and medium-sized businesses, in such cases as when

they face the threat of acquisition by foreign rivals, according to the source.

The ministry will start gathering information through credit research firms in fiscal 2020 to check defence-related companies' business situations. It has requested 10 million yen (\$92,000) to cover relevant costs under the state budget for the business year starting next April, the source said.—Kyodo ■



Photo shows the main gate of the Japanese Defense Ministry in Tokyo on Aug. 22, 2019. PHOTO: KYODO

## U.S. manufacturing sector contracts for third month in a row

WASHINGTON—Economic activity in the U.S. manufacturing sector contracted in October, the third month in a row, according to the Institute for Supply Management (ISM).

The U.S. Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) stood at 48.3 percent, bouncing back from the September reading of 47.8 percent, which was the lowest in a decade. Any reading below 50 percent indicates the manufacturing sector is generally contracting.

"Comments from the panel reflect an improvement from the prior month, but sentiment remains more cautious than optimistic," Timothy Fiore, chair of the ISM's manufacturing business survey committee, said in a statement. "Global trade remains the most significant cross-industry issue."—Xinhua ■

### THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE (INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER) (16 / 2019-2020)

1. Open tenders for 2019-2020 fiscal year are invited for supply of the following respective items in Myanmar Kyats.

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| (a)    | DMP/L-153(19-20) | Spares for Volvo Tractor (54) Items                            | Ks      |
| (b)    | DMP/L-154(19-20) | Spares for NAT C-245-125 Torque Converter (25) Items           | Ks      |
| (c)    | DMP/L-155(19-20) | Spares for Kobelco Excavator (73) Items                        | Ks      |
| (d)    | DMP/L-156(19-20) | Spares for Drilling Rig Drive Group (21) Items                 | Ks      |
| (e)    | DMP/L-157(19-20) | Spares for National C 300-100 (FH) Torque Converter (25) Items | Ks      |
| (f)    | DMP/L-158(19-20) | Spares for A 1700 PT Pump Ex USS Oil Well Rig (16) Items       | Ks      |
| (g)    | DMP/L-159(19-20) | Assorted Sizes of Seamless Steel Casing (3) Items              | Ks      |
| (h)    | DMP/L-160(19-20) | Assorted Sizes of TRI Cone Bits (10) Items                     | Ks      |
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| (o)    | DMP/L-167(19-20) | Assorted Sizes of Steel Wire Rope (10) Items                   | Ks      |

2. The Open Tender forms including Description of Materials / Qty with details specifications and Tender Terms & Conditions can be available during office hours commencing from **4 November 2019** at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No. (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

3. The interested Bidders should submit the **Technical Specifications with Original Bid Bond and Commercial Quotation in each separate sealed envelopes** on which to be addressed to the Managing Director, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in Tender Box of the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than **14:00 pm on 4 December 2019**.

4. Tender Closing Date & Time **4-12-2019, 14:00 pm**

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

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

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Consignees of cargo carried on M.V SINAR BANDUNG VOY. NO. (635 N/S) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4-11-2019 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T/M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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# Pa-O land with true natural beauties

By **Thiha** (the Traveller)

**P**A-O land or Pa-O region's Pinlaung Town was said to be very beautiful by those who were there. Those who had visited many regions of Myanmar would say that Myanmar is beautiful with its natural beauties. However the beauty of Pinlaung is somewhat in a majestic and peaceful way.

### How to go to Pinlaung

Pinlaung was a town midway between major cities so it is quite an awkward destination. From Yangon, most will take an overnight express bus to Loikaw reaching Pinlaung at an unearthly hour of 2:30 or 3 am. From Nay Pyi Taw, it can be reached via Kintha. By air, you'll land at Heho and then

drive down to Pinlaung for about two hour.

### Places to go in and near Pinlaung

There were some places to visit in Pinlaung but most drive out of town to visit villages, hike into forests or up a hill. Pinlaung was surrounded by natural greenery and there

### Pinlaung

It was a region once governed by saophas (local rulers or royalties) and the region was known as Loilon region. Now it is Pa-O Self-Administered Zone. It was in southern Shan State and was about 50 miles away from Taunggyi. Sao Moe Kyaw was Pinlaung (formerly Loilon) region's last saopha and relinquished his powers in 29 April 1959.

### Weather

Situated 4,820 ft. above sea level, weather in Pinlaung Town is cool. It also rain considerably in the raining season. For a person like me who came up from hot and humid delta area, the Pinlaung weather was very nice. Sometime water became frozen during the winter time.



SaMa Stone Inscription Pagoda.



Pinlaung Haw Nan

were many natural waterfalls and caves that are of interest. There were even places to go trekking or hiking or even rock climbing! As I'm not that sporty type of person, I'll only mention places that I went to.

### Pinlaung Haw or palace

The front end of Pinlaung Haw (palace) had collapsed while the back end was in a dilapidated condition looking at though it was hit recently by a strong earthquake and was on the verge of collapsing. Relatives of the saopha still lived in nearby houses and visitors

can pay a visit but be sure to be respectful toward the host. Comparing the sad state at the present with its glorious past could bring tears to those who tend to be sad.

### Saopha tombs

The tombs of saophas and families are in the town center near Mway Daw Pagoda. Their ancient titles and names can be examined from the cemetery record.

### Mway Daw Pagoda

Mway Daw Pagoda can be seen from afar across Kan Tha







Nam Hoo Pagoda Hill. PHOTOS: THIHA

Ya Lake as you enter Pinlaung Town. The lake itself was always crowded with local and foreign visitors.

#### Pinlaung Myoma Market

Although it is right smack in the middle of the town, it is usually busy only on the market days that were held once every five days. The market days are when exotic traditional Shan foods that were not readily available everyday even in other towns and villages were offered. Restaurants and eateries near the market also offer special dishes on the market days. It is advisable to check out when the next market day will be and time it to coincide with your visit in order to taste local Shan delicacies.

#### Loi Maung Taung or Loi Maung Mountain

The road beside the Mway Daw Pagoda will take you to Loi Maung Taung or Loi Maung Mountain. This is the highest peak near Pinlaung rising up to a height of 6,124 ft.

enjoy the sunset view and timed the ascent to coincide with the sunset.

#### Edible earth

There's a strange habit of eating earth in this region. The edible earth pits were right beside the road or trek up Loi Maung Mountain. For a visitor like me, the ordinary and edible earths were undistinguishable. It is best to check out with locals. Villagers roast the edible earth and eat it as a snack.

#### Nam Hoo Pagoda Hill

Nam Hoo Pagoda Hill near Pinlaung Town is a place where the town can be seen closely from above. Pintale Kyaik Hti Yo Pagoda is yet another place rising up above the town and yet near the town offering a close up view of the town from above.

Lone Naga Pat Pagoda is a must visit place if you were ever in Pinlaung. The views along the way to the pagoda were breathtakingly beautiful. The history of the pagoda was too mythical and I'll leave it for visitors to



Saopha tombs.



Pinlaung Haw Nan or Palace.



Edibal earth pits

At such height, the weather at the top of the mountain is severe and changes drastically in a moment. It might be misty but can become sunny and hot within a moment or the other way round. At the summit is a monastery, a pagoda and a communication tower. The mountain is very attractive for active sports persons, mountaineers and hikers alike. As the summit can also be reached by cars or motorcycles, even non-sporty person like me can enjoy the view up there. Inle Lake as well as other peaks can be seen from the summit. Most went up to

learn about it in their visit and to believe it or not! Near this pagoda is a small pond called Thitsa Khayu (snail) pond with many snails in it.

#### Sa Ma Kyauk Sar Pagoda

Sa Ma Kyauk Sar Pagoda or Sa Ma Stone Inscription Pagoda is right beside the path that'll take you to Lone Naga Pat Pagoda. In my mind the stone inscriptions looks more like a fossil remains of the snails! (to be continued as part two next week).

Translated by Handytips





## Air KBZ Fight 6: Too Too knocks out Japan's Tokeshi in fourth round

MYANMA Lethwei "Air KBZ Fight 6" was held at Thein Phyu Lethwei Stadium in Yangon yesterday, where Myanmar Lethwei star Too Too defeated Japanese fighter Tokeshi in the fourth round in the 76 kilo bout of the lethwei event.

As the bout was the main event, both fighters attacked aggressively from the start.

Too Too relied on strong punches in the first round, but Tokeshi blocked the punches to finish the first and second rounds.

The fight was more intense in the third round, with simultaneous punches by both fighters.

In the fourth round Too Too made a strong kick over Tokeshi

and Tokeshi requested a break.

After the break in the fourth round, Too Too scored a surprise headbutt to Tokeshi, as Tokeshi fell and did not recover.

In another event, Myanmar's Soe Lin Oo defeated Yar Mhan in a 71 kilo fight, winning in the fifth round with continuous punches.

In the 57 kilo bout, Myanmar's Saw Shwe Lay fought against Thailand's Chaggaphan, and the match ended with a victory for Saw Shwe Lay with a fourth round knock-out.

In the 61 kilo bout, Ye Thway Ni fought to a draw with Out Chin Lay. In the 63 kilo bout, Myanmar's Saw Dar Wait fought to a draw against Naing Win Tun.



Myanmar's Too Too (red) lands a punch on Japanese fighter Tokeshi (blue) in the main bout of the Air KBZ Fight 6 lethwei competition in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO:MLC**

In the 78 kilo event, Saw Nico defeated Hmawbi Zar Mani (Thaing Byaung Byan) in the sec-

ond round.

In the co-main event (women's lethwei fight), Myanmar's

women lethwei fighter Vo Ro Ni Ka fought to a draw against Italian Miriam.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

## AFC U-19 Women's Championship: Myanmar suffer 0-1 loss to South Korea

MYANMAR U-19 women's national football team suffered a 0-1 loss to South Korea's U-19 women's team in their final group B match of the AFC U-19

Women's Championship 2019 at the Institute of Physical Education Stadium in Chonburi, Thailand yesterday.

With the win, South Korea

advanced to the semifinal of the championship with six points earned during two wins and one loss.

Myanmar had already lost

the chance to compete for the championship due to their earlier 1-5 loss to team China on 31 October.

Headed by head coach Daw Thet Thet Win, Myanmar lined up with goal keeper Zu Latt Nadi, Naw Htet Htet Wai, Zun Yu Ya Oo, Nant Zu Zu Htet, Pont Pont Pyae Maung, Bawe Lyan Kane, Captain San Thaw Thaw, Moe Ma Ma Soe, Thazin Aung, Swe Mar Aung and Phyu Phyu Win.

Myanmar played a systematic attack style, but the South Korean players created few opportunities for Myanmar goals throughout the match.

Myanmar had a chance for a goal at the 10 minute mark when Pont Pont Pyae Maung's effort was blocked by Korean goalkeeper Lee Hyeon-ju.

Myanmar's Moe Ma Ma Soe was shown the red card after a foul on a goal-bound Hyun Seul-Gi at the 40 minute mark,

and Myanmar had to play with just ten players during the late first half.

With the remaining ten players, Myanmar still played strong in the second half, showing its best defense tactics.

Korea failed to make the icebreaker, even with the efforts of Choo Hyo-joo and Kim Soo-jin at 71 minutes.

Finally, South Korea found the opening goal while Lee Jeong-min kicked into the net and Myanmar goal keeper Zu Latt Nadi failed to stop the ball at 76 minutes.

The 1-0 win for South Korea allowed the team to advance to the semi-finals and still have a chance to win the championship and a place in the FIFA U-20 Women's World Cup Nigeria 2020.

South Korea will face Group A winners DPR Korea, while Japan will face Australia in Wednesday's semi-finals.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)



Myanmar's Pont Pont Pyae Maung (white) takes the ball and also blocks the South Korean player (red) during the AFC U-19 Women's Championship 2019 group B match yesterday at the IPE Stadium in Chonburi. **PHOTO:MFF**

## Online tickets to be available for AFC U-19 Championship 2020 Qualifiers

Online tickets will be available for the Myanmar U-19 men's national football team matches for the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) U-19 Championship 2020 Qualifiers, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.

The Championship will be held at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon from 6 November to 10 November.

The online tickets will be sold through the message box of the Myanmar Football Federation: <https://www.facebook.com/MFFMYANMAR/> and an automatic robot system will allow for the step by step method of buying tickets.

The Myanmar U-19 team has been placed in Group I of the qualifiers, along with two Asian star teams: South Korea

and China, as well as the ASEAN football team Singapore.

The Myanmar U-19 team will take on China U-19 team at 3:00 pm (Myanmar Standard Time) on 6 November, South Korea U-19 team at 6:00 pm (Myanmar Standard Time) on

8 November and Singapore U-19 team at 6:00 pm (Myanmar Standard Time) on 10 November.

Tickets are priced as K 1000 for the ordinary stands and K 2000 for the grand stands.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)