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VP U Henry Van Thio opens ASEAN ministers meeting on rural devt, poverty eradication



Vice President U Henry Van Thio addresses the opening ceremony of 11th ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (AMRDPE) and related meetings in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Vice President U Henry Van Thio addressed the opening ceremony of the 11th ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (AMRDPE) and related meetings held at the Horizon Lake View Resort Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

In his speech the Vice President said ASEAN member countries alternatively conduct ASEAN and related meetings as well as activities and it was a pleasure and honor to host AMRDPE and related meet-

ings. On behalf of the Myanmar government the Vice President expressed his appreciation towards the ASEAN Secretariat and officials from member countries for their support and assistance towards successfully holding this meeting after the duty of chair for this meeting for 2019 was taken up.

It's been 52 years since ASEAN was established. It is a regional organization formed to live together in a region where stability, peace, security, sustainable development, co-pros-

perity and social development prevails, and with the identical wish of developing vital interests of member countries, good examples and aims. The combined force of the three pillars of ASEAN support the establishment of a socially responsible and people centered community that has political equity and economic integration.

Under the heading of the third pillar of ASEAN – ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community – rural development and poverty eradication is included. In ad-

ressing issues pertaining to rural development and poverty eradication and in narrowing the development gap in the region, member States are striving together in the spirit of "ASEAN Help-ASEAN." This would include documenting best practices and challenges of ASEAN member States in implementing their respective policies and programmes on rural development and poverty eradication and to facilitate information sharing among member States. It was for this

reason that AMRDPE was held biennially while Senior Officials Meetings were held annually. This was the 11th AMRDPE and 16th SOMRDPE.

It was thankfully found that not only member countries but China, Japan and Korea also support the implementation processes. Conducting ASEAN+3 Village Leaders Exchange Program at Kuala Lumpur in October 2018 was meaningful toward the development of rural community.

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MP U Kyaw Thaug. PHOTO: MNA



MP U Tun Tun. PHOTO: MNA



MP U Thein Tun. PHOTO: MNA

MP U Zaw Hein.
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THE second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw's 14th regular session held its third-day meeting at the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw meeting hall

yesterday where Hluttaw representatives discussed US\$ 100 million loan from World Bank International Development

Association (IDA) for Ministry of Education to implement all inclusive quality education programme. Hluttaw representa-

tives also discussed Joint Public Accounts Committee Report (15/2019).

\$ 100 million IDA loan

The matter of \$ 100 million loan from World Bank IDA for Ministry of Education to implement all inclusive quality education programme was discussed by U Kyaw Thaug of Sagaing Region constituency 1, U Tun Tun of Pwintbyu constituency, U Thein Tun of Kyaunggon constituency, U Zaw Hein of Taninthayi Region constituency 7, U Oo Tun Maung of Ponnagyun constituency, U Saw Victor Clyde of Thandaunggyi constituency, Tatmadaw Amyotha Hluttaw representative Major Naing Myint, U Myint Oo of Magway constituency, U Saw Tun Mya Aung of Papun constituency, U Win Myint of Magway Region constituency 8, U Myint Lwin of Twantay constituency, U Khin Maung Thi of Loilem constituency and U Ko Ko Naing of Saging Region constituency 8.

Joint Public Accounts Committee Report 15/2019

Joint Public Accounts Committee Report 15/2019 on

the committee's findings and comments on implementation of construction works included in the fiscal year 2018-2019 budget for Ministry of Education Basic Education Department was discussed by Daw Cho Cho of Ottwin constituency, U Win Win of Minbu constituency, U Win Maung of Magway Region constituency 6, U Than Aung of Ngaputaw constituency, U Myint Kyi of Katha constituency, U Aye Win of Ingaup constituency, U Tin Aung Tun of Magway Region constituency 5, U Kyaw Gyi (a) U Ohn Khin of Minhla constituency, U Than Soe (a) Than Soe (Economic) of Yangon Region constituency 4, U Kyint Khant Pau of Chin State constituency 6, U Htein Win of Ayeyawady Region constituency 4, U Shwe Ko of Kyaukpadaung constituency, U Kyaw Myint Oo of Mandalay Region constituency 10 and U Kyaw Min of Letpadan constituency.

The fourth-day meeting of the 14th regular session of the second Pyidaungsu Hluttaw is scheduled for 13 November.—Aung Ye Thwin, Aye Aye Thant

(Translated by Zaw Min)

11th AMRDPE held in Nay Pyi Taw

11th ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (AMRDPE) was held at Horizon Lake View Resort Hotel, Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The meeting was chaired by alternative chairman Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu.

The meeting was attended by ministers for rural development of ASEAN member States, ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General and officials.

At the meeting views were exchanged on the importance of sectorwise cooperation, sustainable development goals, handling climate change, social protection, strategy to strengthen implementing changes related to industrial sector, establishing a regional community that had good

response, poverty eradication and reducing regional development gaps and discussions held on increasing momentum toward achieving Sustainable Development Goals (2030) and ASEAN 2025.

The meeting also recognizes and supports all countries in the ASEAN region cooperating in implementing country and region level policy works toward becoming a responsive, sustainable and all-inclusive ASEAN community, approved and supported in general to draw up rural development and poverty eradication Master Plan.

Similarly, the meeting put on record progresses in implementing the ASEAN Framework Action Plan on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (2016-2020) and preparation for Framework Action Plan (2020-2025).—MNA
(Translated by Zaw Min)

Gala Dinner for ASEAN Leadership Award held in Nay Pyi Taw



Union Minister Dr Aung Thu addresses at the Gala Dinner for the 4th ASEAN Leadership Award on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

THE Gala Dinner for the 4th ASEAN Leadership Award on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication, its 11th Ministerial Meeting and related meetings was held at Nay Pyi Taw's Horizon Lake View Resort Hotel yesterday evening.

The event was attended by Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu, ministers of ASEAN member nations, Deputy

Minister U Hla Kyaw, ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General, ambassadors, high-ranking ASEAN officials, representatives of dialogue partner countries to ASEAN, invited guests and other officials. Dr Aung Thu and ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General Mr Kung Phoak first delivered separate opening addresses. This was followed by a video presentation on the Awardees of 4th ASEAN Leadership Award on

Rural Development and Poverty Eradication. This was followed by Dr Aung Thu and Mr Kung Phoak conferring additional rewards to the awardees, which includes NGOs, CSOs and private sector organizations of ASEAN member nations. Guests were treated to traditional Myanmar dance performances during the dinner. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

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Similarly conducting 12th ASEAN-China Forum on Social Development and Poverty Reduction and ASEAN-China-UNDP Symposium on Localization of SDGs and Realization of Poverty Eradication held in 2018 were significant programs toward poverty eradication. In addition to ASEAN+3, rural development and poverty reduction were also conducted through civil society organizations such as Asian Partnership for the Development of Human Resources in Rural Asia (AsiaDHRRA). Participation of the private sector in rural development and poverty eradication need to be organized. As government, civil society organizations, private and rural organizations cooperate, work together and exchange experiences, the socio-economic situation of rural people in ASEAN region will develop. ASEAN+3 Senior Officials Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (SOMRDPE+3), 8th ASEAN Public-Private-People Partnership Forum, Gender Mainstreaming Workshop on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication and 4th ASEAN Leadership Award events will be held together in this meeting while a field visit programs has been arranged. Participants in the meet-

ing include not only government representatives of ASEAN member States but also representatives from civil society and private sectors supporting ASEAN's aim of becoming a people centered community. The theme of these meetings was "Shaping resilient rural communities towards the attainments of SDGs." Ever since the rural development and poverty eradication sector was implemented under the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community, it was aimed to support ASEAN's effort towards achieving United Nations Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). The theme was established and to be abided by in order to support the efforts of achieving United Nations Sustainable Development Goals by 2030. All were urged to discuss, suggest and share successes and experience for member States to achieve rapid rural development and significantly reduce poverty year by year.

The majority of the member States' citizens lived in rural regions and poverty was high. At the time when member States were required to prioritize raising the people's living standard and eradicate poverty the outcome of these meetings will bring forth success in these work and let us all strive towards rural development and poverty eradication in



Vice President U Henry Van Thio observes the booth displayed at the exhibition of the opening ceremony of 11th ASEAN Ministers Meeting on Rural Development and Poverty Eradication (AMRDPE) and related meetings in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

all ASEAN member States before 2030, said the Vice President.

Next, Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr Aung Thu and ASEAN Secretariat ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General Mr Kung Phoak delivered messages of greetings.

Afterwards, Vice President U Henry Van Thio and attendees took a commemorative group photo and observed the exhibition booths of ASEAN member countries.

Also present at the occasion were Union Ministers Thura U Aung Ko, Dr Aung Thu, U Ohn Win, U Thein Swe, Dr Win Myat

Aye and U Kyaw Tin, Deputy Minister U Hla Kyaw, ministers from ASEAN member countries, ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General, diplomats, high ranking officials from ASEAN countries, representatives of ASEAN dialogue partner countries, invited guests and officials.— MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)



JMC-U Chairman Lt-Gen Yar Pyae accepts cash donation from Chinese Special Envoy Mr Sun Guoxiang at the handover ceremony. **PHOTO: POE HTAUNG**



Peace Commission Vice Chairman U Thein Zaw presents an appreciation letter to Chinese Special Envoy Mr Sun Guoxiang at the handover ceremony. **PHOTO: POE**

PRC donates \$ 600,000 combined to Myanmar's peace efforts

The People's Republic of China donated US\$ 300,000 each to the Peace Commission and the Joint Ceasefire Monitoring Committee in a ceremony held at the National Reconciliation and Peace Centre (NRPC) in Yangon yesterday.

Firstly, Peace Commission Vice Chairman U Thein Zaw said China has made donations in cash and motor vehicles to aid Myanmar's peace process before. He said the have conducted numerous peace talks in China and received the best hospitality and assistance from the host nation.

The Vice Chairman said that apart from a few areas, most of Myanmar has ceased all conflicts. He said the China-Myanmar border is lengthy yet all fighting has halted along it. Only a few small areas still have armed conflict, unavoidable for various reasons.

Next, Mr Sun Guoxiang, Special Envoy for Asian Affairs of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of China, explained

the reasons for the donations. He said it shows China's strong support for the Pauk-Phaw relationship between Myanmar and China and towards Myanmar's comprehensive peace process.

Next, the Special Envoy handed over \$ 300,000 to the Peace Commission, which was accepted by U Thein Zaw. The Vice Chairman spoke words of gratitude for the donation and explained the progress of the peace process.

The event was attended by Peace Commission Secretary Lt-Gen (Rtd) Khin Zaw Oo, Peace Commission members, Peace Commission advisory board members, and members of the Peace Commission support groups.

Likewise, officials from China handed over \$ 300,000 to the JMC as a peace fund, which was accepted by JMC-U Chairman Lt-Gen Yar Pyae, who gave certificates of honor in return.

The Lt-Gen explained the organi-

zation of the JMC, which has one committee for the Union-level, five for the state/region level, and two for the local level. He said the JMC will form new local-level committees in areas with the highest rate of conflicts, establish Local Civilians Monitor groups, and educate residents of conflict-stricken areas on the workings of the JMC.

Next, Mr Sun Guoxiang delivered an address and took a documentary photo with attendees.

The donation handover ceremony to the JMC was attended by JMC-U Vice Chairman U Ko Ko Gyi, Secretary-1 Dr Shwe Kah, Secretary-2 Col Wunna Aung, JMC-U members and support groups.

China has donated a total of \$ 1 million towards Myanmar's peace efforts, with \$ 400,000 to the Peace Commission and \$ 300,000 each to the Peace Commission and JMC-U.— Ye Kaung Nyunt ■

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



Union Minister Dr Than Myint visits the Myanmar exhibition booths at the 2nd China International Import Expo (CIIE) in Shanghai. **PHOTO: MNA**

Myanmar products on display at 2nd China Int'l Import Expo

The 2nd China International Import Expo (CIIE) kicked off on 5 November at Shanghai's National Convention and Exhibition Center.

A Myanmar delegation led by Union Minister for Commerce Dr Than Myint attended the opening ceremony. Representatives from 155 countries and 22 international organizations and more will be attending the expo.

Chinese President Mr Xi Jinping addressed the opening ceremony with his keynote speech on 'Openness and Co-

operation for a Shared Future'. This was followed by separate addresses from presidents of other countries in attendance.

In the afternoon, Dr Than Myint attended the Second Hongqiao International Economic Forum held at the same center.

On the morning of 6 November, the Union Minister visited the Myanmar exhibition booths at the expo and interacted with the booth owners, asking them of the market situation of the products on display, any challenges they may

be facing, and whether they needed any form of assistance.

From there, the Union Minister and delegation visited the 1400-year old Jing'an Temple in Shanghai. They paid homage to presiding monk Dr Hui Ming and toured the temple. They then visited the Pilot Free Trade Zone nearby. The import expo will continue till tomorrow, while showcasing food products, jade and jewellery from 35 Myanmar companies. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Conservation of Shwenandaw Monastery to get US aid

US Embassy in Myanmar granted US\$ 300,000 more for conservation efforts of Shwenandaw Monastery, also known as Shwe Kyaung, a popular tourist attraction in Mandalay Region, according to a statement of US Embassy.

The US Embassy has contributed \$1.1 million including \$500,000 in 2014 and another \$300,000 in 2016 for the work.

US Ambassador to Myanmar Scot Marciel said the aid of US for the historic monastery will benefit not only local people in Myanmar but also in-

ternational visitors to study this important traditional cultural heritage of Myanmar.

The World Monuments Fund, one of organizations based in US and local craftsmen has been conducting the conservation work since 2014, with partial funding from the US Ambassador's Fund.

WMF has researched the whole building and renovated the stairs and veranda, the ruins teak woodwork replaced by hard-wood, Pyinkado, and restored work on decorative mythical creatures.

Due to its historical facts and magnificent architectural works, Shwenandaw Monastery has been listed one of seven monasteries protected of Myanmar's archaeology survey since 1919.

Before passing away, King Mindon lived in Shwenandaw palace. Under the reign of King Thibaw, King Mindon's son, the building was relocated to a site outside of the Mandalay Palace moat and was transformed into a monastery. — MNA

(Translated by TTN)

Public Announcement for remonstrations

Inn National League Party, headquartered at Yonegyi Road, near Taik Nang Bridge, Kantha Ward in Nyaungshwe in Southern Shan State, submitted an application for registration as a political party in accord with the Section 5 of the Political Parties Registration Law on 4-11-2019. In their application they mention that they will use the name, the flag and the emblem as described hereunder.

In accord with Section 14 (d) of the Political Parties Registration Rules, it is hereby announced that those who want to remonstrate with the UEC about the party's name, flag and emblem may submit a complaint along with the supporting evidence within seven days starting from issuance of this announcement.

Union Election Commission

Inn National League Party Flag



Inn National League Party Emblem



Public Announcement for remonstrations

Myanmar People's Democratic Party (MPD) headquartered at No.3, U Ba Thin Road, Bago Ward, Htauk Kyant in Mingalardon Township in Yangon Region, submitted an application for changing their political party's flag and the emblem in accord with the Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law. In their application they mention that they will use the flag and the emblem as described hereunder.

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Union Election Commission

Myanmar People's Democratic Party (MPD) Flag



Myanmar People's Democratic Party (MPD) Emblem



Government, UN agencies discuss resettling IDPs in Rakhine State



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye and attendees pose for a documentary photo at the coordination meeting of Working Committee on Resettling Returnees in Nay Pyi Taw on 7 November. **PHOTO: MNA**

The Working Committee on Resettling Returnees held a coordination meeting at the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement on 7 November.

Committee on the acceptance and resettlement of returnees Chairman and Union SWRR Minister Dr Win Myat Aye, working committee Chairman and Deputy Minister U Soe Aung, Joint-Chairman and Rakhine State Minister for Electricity, Industry and Transportation U Aung Kyaw Zan, UEHRD representatives, department officials and representatives of UN agencies attended the meeting.

Dr Win Myat Aye spoke first at the meeting. He said that while there have been people who fled their homes in Rakhine State during the ARSA attacks in 2017, there were also people who sought shelter in the closest homes of their relatives and the committee has been trying to resettle them.

He said as his ministry handles resettlement and socio-economic development in the region,

they formed the Committee for Accepting and Resettling Returnees and two relevant working committee in July 2018. He said his ministry has conducted numerous fieldwork to ensure genuine information is gathered to effectively assist the various processes.

The Union Minister said the State Counsellor mentioned the delicate yet complicated nature of the Rakhine State issue during the 10th ASEAN Summit in Bangkok. She said the UN agencies who have been located in Rakhine longer than the incumbent government should have a better understanding of the complexity of the issue.

The Union Minister they will firmly uphold the bilateral agreement between Myanmar and Bangladesh, and the trilateral agreement with UNHCR and UNDP to verify and accept and IDP returnees. He said they have already drawn a national strategic plan to resettle internally displaced persons and close down temporary IDP camps.

He said UN-Habitat has been helping with constructing residences, and authorities have been conducting work on the ground. Relocation and resettling of IDPs in nearby villages are already starting, said the Union Minister.

Next, Deputy Minister U Soe Aung said they are beginning the internal resettlement process with two villages in Maungtau Township. He urged relevant UN agencies and other officials to discuss the housing, education, healthcare, security and other matters suitable for the region.

This was followed by State Minister U Aung Kyaw Zan explaining the local cabinet's work in the internal resettlement process.

Afterwards, representatives from UNHCR, UNDP, and UN-Habitat discussed possible areas of cooperation, attendees provided suggestions, and the leading officials gave instructions where necessary. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

MoI discusses textbook printing process with external printing houses

DEPUTY Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun organized a meeting with private printing houses to discuss procedures to adhere to in printing, publishing and distributing school textbooks for 2020-2021 Academic Year at the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Firstly, in his capacity as Chairman of the Subcommittee for Printing and Publishing School Textbooks, the Deputy Minister said new curricula for the coming academic year have

been implemented. He said the number of books to be printed has gone up in line with the increased classes.

Over hundred million textbooks need to be printed this year, said the Deputy Minister, of which MoI's Printing and Publishing Department (PPD) will handle 48.638 million and 76.62 million will be handed over to external printing houses through a tender system. He requested the external printing houses to give their earnest collaboration again, as

they have done in the years before, to print high-quality teacher guidebooks and textbooks.

Next, sub-committee secretary and Director-General of PPD U Aung Myo Myint explained the guidelines for external printing houses to adhere to.

Textbook Distribution Subcommittee Secretary and Basic Education Department Director-General U Ko Lay Win explained the points of cooperation related to the entire process, and Vice Chairman of the subcommit-

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Head of service organization confirmed

The President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has confirmed the appointment of U Aung Soe Win, Director-General, Planning and Administrative Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs on the expiry of one-year probationary period.

Public Announcement for remonstrations

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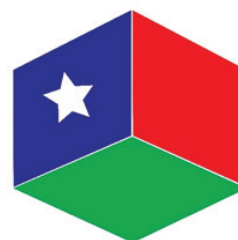
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Union Election Commission

Union Pa-O National Organization Party Flag



Union Pa-O National Organization Party Emblem



Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun delivers the speech at the meeting for printing and distribution of school textbooks for 2020-2021 academic year yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

tee, MoI Permanent Secretary U Myo Myint Maung, provided his input to the meeting.

This was followed by attendees engaging in general discus-

sions to which the Deputy Minister provided suggestions and advice and finally delivered the closing speech. — MNA

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New auto import policy for 2020 released

IMPORTS of only left-hand drive vehicles would be allowed under the 2020 vehicle import policy, according to news released by the Commerce Ministry.

Additionally, import permits will be issued for private cars belonging to no earlier than the 2017 model year. Private cars meant for non-commercial purposes would be imported under a consignment system, according to the release.

To individually import vehicles with engines under 1,350 CC, the model year would have to be 2018 or later. Passengers vehicles

such as mini-buses, city buses, express buses, and commercial trucks manufactured in 2016 or later would be allowed to be imported under the new policy.

For private cars donated from abroad under the free-of-charge (FOC) license system, the model year would need to be 2018 or later.

Public buses from the model year 2016 or later would be allowed to be imported. Vehicles imported for religious use would need to be from the 2016 or later model years. Fire trucks, machinery, ambulances, and hearse

vehicles manufactured in 2011 or later would be allowed for import.

Heavy equipment that cannot be driven on public roads such as excavators, bulldozers, wheel loaders, and tower cranes would be allowed to be brought into the country as long as it is 15 years old or less.

The new vehicle import policy would affect cars imported using slips issued in return for de-registration of old vehicles, cars imported under a consignment system, individually imported cars, cars with black license plates, vehicles for reli-

gious use, mini-buses, passenger buses, vehicles donated from abroad under the FOC system, fire trucks, ambulances, hearses, state-owned vehicles, and machinery which cannot be driven on public roads, such as excavators, bulldozers, and asphalt finishers.

According to market watchers, some people may not be able to afford new cars due to high prices, some may opt for an installment plan, while many would choose to purchase second-hand cars.— Ko Khant

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Over 4 mln gravel pits opened annually for construction businesses: association

WITH the aim to develop the construction sector in Myanmar, 2,500 entrepreneurs are opening more than 4 million gravel pits annually to cater to local construction businesses, according to the Myanmar Construction Stone Manufacturers Association.

"Our gravel production is

also important for the development of the construction sector. Earlier, we were using river rocks for construction, which adversely affect the environment. Now, we are producing over 4 million gravel pits in rocky mountains using technology. Those gravel pits are being used in the local construction

sector," said U Zaw Min Aung, chairman of the association.

"At present, different sizes of construction stones are being produced in the states and regions, especially in Mon, Taninthayi, and Mandalay. These stones are being used in the construction of roads, big projects, construction of build-

ings, and urban development projects, such as building of hotels and airports, and housing projects," he said.

The Myanmar Construction Stone Manufacturers Association has 36 branch offices in other states and regions.— Myint Maung

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Athletes from 10 countries to participate in Kalaw Trail Run



4th Kalaw Trail Run will be held on 7 and 8 December in Kalaw Town, Shan State. **PHOTO: ZARNI MAUNG**

WITH the aim of developing the tourism industry, Run My-

anmar will hold the 4th Kalaw Trail Run on 7 and 8 December

in Kalaw Town of Shan State. Runners from 10 countries will participate in the race, according to a media conference held on Wednesday at the Rose Gardener Hotel.

The Kalaw Trail Run 2019 will have four events—a 51-km ultra marathon, a 25-km multiple terrain run, a 12-km loop in the hills to the east of Kalaw, and a 4-km fun run aimed at encouraging new runners and children to participate in the race.

"The ultra 51K is a challenging course, with a total elevation of 2,075m, and its highest point is 1,607m above sea level. While not long by international

ultra-distance standards, the course is certainly tough enough to test most trail runners," said Ole Rehlaender, a member of the Run Myanmar team.

The 51-kilometer race has been added this year and 45 competitors, 80 per cent foreigners and 20 per cent Myanmar citizens, are expected to take part in it.

Currently, the registration for the 51-kilometer race has been closed. Registrations for the remaining events can be completed till 24 November on the website www.run-myanmar.com.—Zarni Maung

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Landslide kills one, leaves three injured at Phakant mining site

ONE miner was killed and three others were injured in a landslide on 6 November at a Phakant mining site belonging to the Aung Hein Min company.

According to a report, the landslide occurred around 10:30 pm on Wednesday at the site of a previous mudslide reported on 28 July. In the earlier incident, a 500-foot high cliff along the mine had collapsed into a lake below, killing 19 people, including security guards, company staff, and miners.

In the latest landslide, one miner, identified as Aung San Win, 32, died on the spot, while three others — Myo Htet Aung, 25, Wai Hlaing Oo, 30, and Myint Win, 27 — were injured and taken to Phakant Hospital.

Rescue operations were conducted at the spot by the Seikmu village administrator group, the Fire Services Department, and other related groups.— Tar Lin Maung (IPRD)

(Translated by La Wonn)



Annual edible oil consumption crosses 1 mln tons: trade body



Palm Oil Networking Seminar held in Yangon on 8 November 2019.
PHOTO: MYINT MAUNG

MYANMAR'S annual edible oil consumption has risen to over 1 million tons, according to the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association.

"In the past, our country consumed only groundnut oil and sesame oil. With the increase in population and the development of food businesses, edible oil has to be imported. Now, Myanmar edible oil consumption has increased to over 1 million tons per year," said U Myint Kyu, Chairman of the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association.

Myanmar oil crops such as

sesame, groundnut and sunflower are used to produce 400,000 tons of oil per year. With an increase in local consumption, Myanmar imported 650,000 tons of oil.

"Earlier, our edible oil entrepreneurs imported cloud point 10 quality edible oil from abroad. Oil of that quality is being used in neighboring countries. But now, we are importing cloud point 8, high-quality edible oil because we want people to consume healthy oil," said U San Lin, vice chairman of the Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association.

"Edible oil is imported

mainly from Malaysia and Indonesia. However, the price of edible oil from Malaysia has increased this year, and so we imported oil from Indonesia, where the price is a bit cheaper than Malaysia," he said.

Myanmar has imported only cloud point 8 and IO-DING 58 quality edible oil with the permission of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), he added.

To allow local people to get healthy edible oil at a fair price, a Myanmar-Malaysia Edible Oil Network workshop was held on 8 November at the Sule Shangri La hotel in Yangon. The workshop was jointly organized by the Myanmar Edible Oil Entrepreneurs Association and the Malaysia Edible Oil Council.

The workshop was attended by U Zaw Min Win, President of the UMFCCI, Dr. Kalyana Sundram, CEO of the Malaysia Edible Oil Council and representatives, Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association chairman and officials, and officials from the FDA.—Myint Maung

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Workshop on catalyzing finance for agricultural value chains held

THE UK-aid funded DaNa Facility and the Myanmar Economic Association (MEA) organized a workshop on 'Agricultural Value Chain Finance: policy, practice and inclusion' on 8 November in Yangon.

The workshop brought together stakeholders from the government, the private sector, NGOs, donor organizations, and research institutes to review the current state of policy and practice, emerging reforms and developments, and discuss opportunities to expand access to agricultural finance in the coming years.

Financial products and services that flow to or through any point in an agricultural value chain — starting from inputs for production of the product to the end consumer — that enable investments that increase

stakeholders' income and growth and competitiveness of the chain were discussed at the workshop.

Agriculture represents over a quarter of the Myanmar economy and provides employment to over two-thirds of its people. Financing models that leverage value chain connections to lower the cost of financing, manage risk, and enhance inclusivity can play an important role in the development of the rural economy.

"While agricultural value chains are increasingly well-researched, there is still much more to learn, which requires further knowledge-building, including research. Research has the potential to benefit practitioners and policymakers by providing a solid evidence base for policies, development

programs, and private sector investment," said Ms. Dulce Simmanivong, Regional Manager for the Australian Centre for International Agricultural Research (ACIAR).

Delegates were given the opportunity to share their knowledge and experiences with nationally and internationally recognized experts through presentations, panel discussions, and networking opportunities at the workshop.

"Improving agricultural productivity and encouraging inclusive development through agricultural finance value chains is an important issue for Myanmar economy," said U Kyaw Min Htun, chairman of the Myanmar Economic Association.—GNLM

(Translated by Hay Mar)

The Central Bank of Myanmar announced the new round of foreign bank licensing on 7th November. Following is the full-text of the announcement.—GNLM

CBM announces new round of Foreign Bank Licensing in Myanmar

7th November 2019

OVER the past years the Central Bank of Myanmar has initiated a process to open the domestic banking market to foreign banks. Two rounds of stringent licensing process were successfully completed, the first in 2014 and the second in 2016. A total of 13 reputable financial institutions were granted permission to open a Branch and conduct onshore wholesale banking business. The Central Bank of Myanmar is pleased to have welcomed these reputable institutions into the country and is thankful for their contribution to the Myanmar economy as well as their support to deepen economic ties with corporations and investors from their respective countries.

Encouraged by this success and in line with the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan, the Central Bank of Myanmar has decided to further liberalize the Banking market. To do so, a third round of foreign bank licensing will be initiated and opened to foreign banks with representative offices in Myanmar.

Two types of Licenses will be issued in the upcoming round of licensing. Foreign banks may apply either for a Branch or for a Subsidiary License.

- For a Branch License, the wholesale banking permissible products and services remain unchanged from the existing foreign bank Branch License. Licensees will be allowed to establish one place of business only. A minimum paid-in capital of USD 75 million will be required for operation, with USD 40 million to be locked-up for two (2) years with the Central Bank of Myanmar.
- For a Subsidiary License, wholesale banking activities will be allowed at the start of operations. In addition, onshore retail banking activities will be permitted under the Subsidiary from the 1st of January 2021. Subsidiaries will be allowed to establish up to ten (10) places of business being branches or off-site ATMs. A minimum paid-in capital of USD 100 million will be required for operation.
- Conversion of existing foreign bank Branch into Subsidiary will be allowed starting from June 2020. Three (3) full years of activities as a Branch in Myanmar will be required before submitting a request for conversion to the Central Bank of Myanmar. Further information on the conversion process will be provided by the Central Bank of Myanmar in due time.

From the 1st of January 2020, foreign bank ownership into a Myanmar domestic bank exceeding 35% of the capital of the domestic bank may be permitted on case by case basis.

As immediate next step of the upcoming licensing round, a request for Expression of Interest (EOI) will be shared with eligible banks by the Central Bank of Myanmar.

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Friendly investment climate key to attracting investors

A RECENT fabricated story about 100 Korean businesses planning to shift to Bangladesh from Myanmar has made our commitment stronger to create a favorable, facilitative, and friendly investment climate that will open up more investment opportunities for investors.

The Myanmar Investment Commission and the Commercial Attaché of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea have refuted the rumour and said that most of the Korean investments are flowing into the oil and gas sector, followed by the manufacturing sector.

Since we opened up our economy with reforms, we have introduced a range of ambitious, holistic, and inclusive policies and regulations, each carefully crafted to promote best practices in business as well as to incorporate good governance.

With an understanding of the importance of foreign investments for the development of a country, we are also streamlining procedures to remove bottlenecks and accelerate the implementation of reforms.

The challenge for us today is to ensure that we take full advantage of this period of dynamic change and tremendous opportunity, without losing sight of the importance of stability.

Taking lessons from China, which attracted foreign investments by establishing special economic zones about 40 years ago, we have strategically liberalized several key economic sectors. The Myanmar Investment Law enacted in 2016 has made investment applications clear and guaranteed rights, including tax exemptions, and protections to investors.

In accordance with the 2008 State Constitution, the government guarantees it will not nationalize any investment carried out in accordance with the law. Except under certain conditions, the government guarantees it will not take measures which expropriate, or are likely to result in the termination of an investment. If an investment needs to be withdrawn or discontinued, investors need to be given compensation.

Believing that quality investment, one that is responsible and sustainable, can and must play a role, we have adopted a broad-based, equitable, responsible, sustainable, and inclusive growth strategy today.

The challenge for us today is to ensure that we take full advantage of this period of dynamic change and tremendous opportunity, without losing sight of the importance of stability.

While inviting investments, we are also facing challenges of stability at home.

Internal conflicts have erupted in Myanmar for many years after independence and people have had to bear their brunt.

As a result of these conflicts, we lag behind neighboring countries in political, economic, social, and many other areas.

We must remain aware that without peace and stability, we cannot build infrastructure for investment and business, and our economy cannot compete with those of regional countries.

It is clear that investors will establish their businesses in areas that have stability, are facilitative, and have capable human resources.

We believe that we can strengthen our commitment to building a friendly investment climate to attract investors for a win-win result.



Monywa and I

By Prof Dr Aung Tun Thet

IT has been a little over a year since I visited Monywa. This time, I was invited by U Aung Kyi, Chairman of the Anti-Corruption Commission (ACC), to talk at a seminar on combating corruption. And so, I made my way to Monywa via Mandalay.

I have a keen interest in countering corruption. I have studied it from a young age. It was during my time at the United Nations that I discovered this was a critical matter. It was a mandatory process that could not be compromised.

When I returned to Myanmar, I urged Transparency International to proliferate the annual Corruption Perception Index (CPI) among the public. A person can tell the standard a country maintains by glancing at its CPI rank.

The ACC took care of everything for my trip to Monywa. I took an early flight to Mandalay. I was greeted at TadaU Airport by some officials and got on the car prepared for the trip to Monywa. The event held there had the topic 'Building Integrity in the National and Private Sectors'.

Whistleblowing

I tried to prepare something different in Monywa from my previous occasions. The main topic would focus on the concept of whistleblowing. Most people associate it with sports as in when the referee blows into his whistle and assigns a yellow card or red card to the offending player. Something else to note is that the referee also has to blow the whistle to signal a successful goal.

But the whistleblowing I am referring to is when an employee of either a government department or business entity decides to uncover shady or immoral activities in their organization.

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albeit indirectly. I talked about the need to provide protection and legal aid for whistle-blowers.

As the event was attended by the ACC Chairman, the event saw people of high rank such as members of the regional cabinet, Hluttaw representatives, businesspeople, department heads, and members of civil society organizations. It was quite productive.

Currently, the United States is facing some serious consequences of whistleblowing directed at none other than its President. His inappropriate actions have been forwarded to Congress. The US House of Representatives is currently debating impeachment and the whistle-blower, or more, is given full protection.

As soon as I finished my lecture, I asked ACC Chairman U



Prof Dr Aung Tun Thet

Aung Kyi permission to excuse myself and made my way to Monywa University of Economics. Classes were closed, but the university was full of post-graduates and teachers who have been invited. I presented on leadership development for people taking care of the education sector and answered to questions from the audience.

Translated by Pen Dali



Myanmar to English Translation Paper Reading Session

By Lokethar

THE Myanmar to English Translation Paper Reading Session recently held in Yangon under the auspices of the Ministry of Information will indeed help promote Myanmar's image and culture to the world through translations of written material in Myanmar to English and writings about Myanmar in English.

The ancient writings in English (and other languages) by the travellers and traders from the Western world to Myanmar (then Burma) usually described the rule of the Myanmar Kings, their power and wealth, doing business with their Kingdoms and so on. They of course also wrote about the natural wealth of Myanmar- it's immense Teak forests, it's precious stone mines, it's oil reserves, it's splendid Golden Pagodas, It's wide rivers and fertile lands, it's ancient cities and so on. Very few writers in English wrote about the people and their lives.

During the period Myanmar was under the rule of the British from 1824 to 1948 after the three Anglo-Burmese Wars, there was much written about Myanmar (then Burma) by English and other foreign writers about the country and it's people. However their writings often did not always do justice to the Myanmar people, as quite a few of the writings were mostly portrayed in a "not very objective" way. In fact in some of these writings by foreigners, the Myanmarers were depicted as being proud and arrogant. That could have been true as most Myanmar people resented being ruled by the British. But that does not mean that Myanmarers were not "nice" to foreigners including their British rulers. Then there are writings which depict Myanmar officials as being self seeking and corrupt. That could have been also true as it was more or less the situation, with regard to many local officials in their "colonies".

During the British regime, there were quite a few Myanmar writers who wrote books and articles in the English language. The Myanmar writers in English language wrote about many aspects of Myanmar, including the political and economic situation of Myanmar. Generally political writings in English by Nationalist leaders criticizing the "Raj" were banned by the Government.

Nowadays however there are very few Myanmar writers who write books in English. During my foray to a Bookshop in a Modern Shopping Market in Tamwe Township, my query "Do you have books recently written by Myanmar authors in the English language?" drew a blank look from the sales person, but as if on second thought he thrust his hand into the bot-

tom of one display shelf and after groping around, took out a book written in English and with a grin handed it to me. Well you know what !? It was "Poems on Myanmar", a book written by me! There are very few book shops that carry (or display!) English books written by recent Myanmar authors. In fact, even the list of books pub-

lished every fortnight or every month, carried by some local news papers, very rarely contain books in English language by Myanmar authors.

Prior to the advent of the Democratic Government, Myanmar was pretty much closed to the world. There was hardly any mention of Myanmar in the international media except for

The recent Paper Reading Session on Translation of Myanmar to English will hopefully, promote more writings in Myanmar language about events and happenings in Myanmar to be translated into the English language.

foreign country. However the outcome of the investment was probably not up to expectations. It's mentioned here to make the point that projecting the Myanmar image abroad had been considered at the highest level of the Government.

The first Multi-party General Elections held in November 2010 in accordance with the new Constitution was perhaps a landmark event in Myanmar which raised interest (and curiosity?) around the world as to where Myanmar was heading. It was in fact a call for change, with so many political parties participating in the general elections. Subsequent "happenings" in Myanmar has kept international interest focussed on Myanmar.

Much has been written by many a Myanmar writer about happenings in Myanmar after the transition to the Democratic Government following the Multi-party General Elections. However the large part of the writings have been by Myanmar writers in the Myanmar language. Hence it catered largely to the Myanmar public. There are a few journals, magazines and the Global New Light of Myanmar Newspaper that are published in the English language.

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Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 2:00 pm Friday 8th November, 2019)

BAY INFERENCE: According to the observations at (15:30 hrs M.S.T today, the Very Severe Cyclonic Storm "BULBUL" over the Westcentral Bay and adjoining Eastcentral Bay of Bengal moved Northwards is centered at about (170) nautical miles South-Southeast of Paradip (Odisha), India, (245) nautical miles South-Southwest of Sagar Islands (West Bengal) (300) nautical miles South-Southwest of Khepupara (Bangladesh), (340) nautical miles Southwest of Sittwe (Myanmar) and (330) nautical miles Southwest of Maungdaw (Myanmar)..Weather is partly cloudy over the Southwest Bay and cloudy over the Andaman sea and elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL MORNING OF THE 9th November, 2019: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kachin and (Northern and Eastern) Shan States, scattered in Kayah and Kayin States, fairly widespread in Taninthayi Region, Southern Shan and Mon States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with isolated heavyfalls in Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Regions, Chin and Rakhine States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Frequent squalls with rough to very rough seas will be experienced Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (55-60)m.p.h. Sea will be moderate to rough elsewhere in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (10-15) feet in Deltaic, off and along Rakhine Coasts and (7-9) feet in Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Rain or thundershowers are likely to be fairly widespread to widespread in Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyarwady Regions, Chin and Rakhine States, scattered in Naypyitaw, Taninthayi Region, Kachin, Shan, Kayah, Kayin and Mon States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9th November, 2019: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

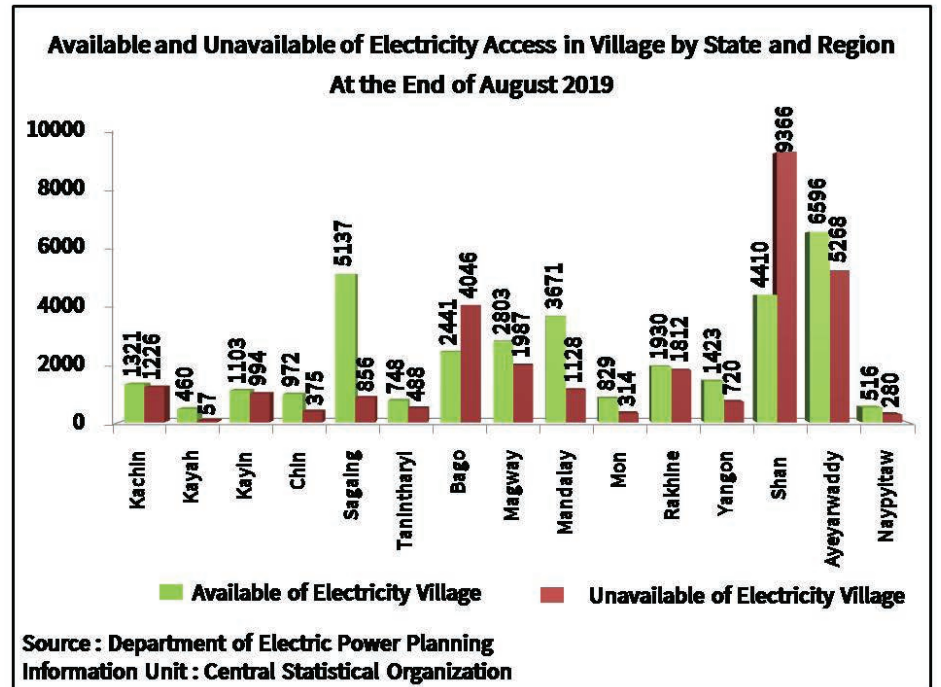
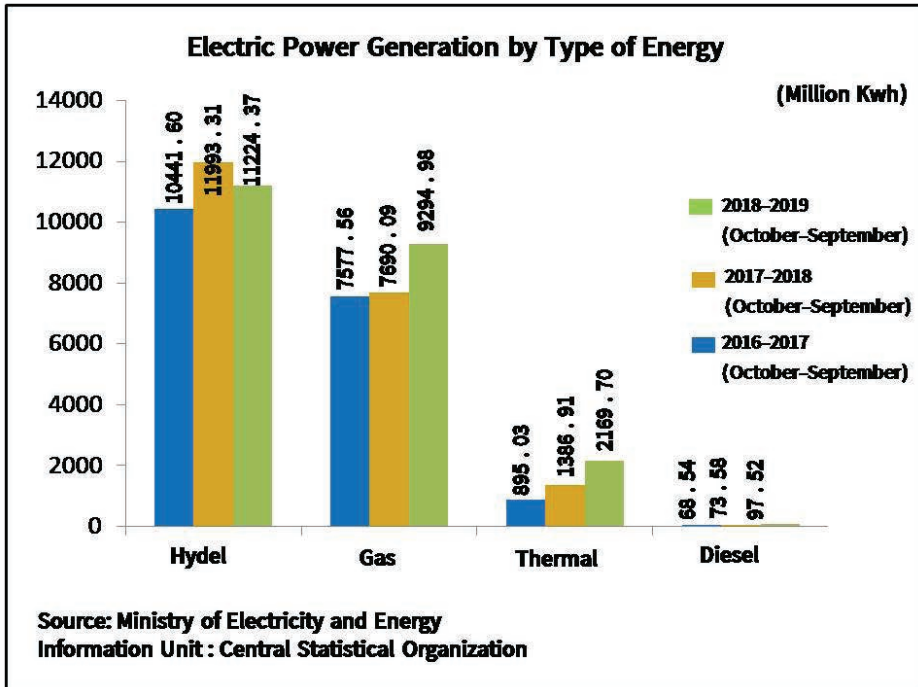
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FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 9th November, 2019: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

WEATHER OUTLOOK FOR WEEKEND: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Naypyitaw, Mandalay and Yangon Regions.

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Comparison chart reflecting foreign tourist arrivals at international airports, sea ports and border gates

Sr	Month	2017-2018 financial year			2018-2019 financial year		
		Tourist	Business	Total	Tourist	Business	Total
1	October	46693	21253	67946	52647	21005	73652
2	November	63529	21828	85357	77498	21482	98980
3	December	63522	19619	83141	82474	19538	102012
4	January	61123	20485	81608	93125	18689	111814
5	February	57450	18581	76031	100145	23949	124094
6	March	51461	25650	77111	95932	23693	119625
7	April	31198	20392	51590	71148	22848	93996
8	May	29096	21425	50521	67410	22123	89533
9	June	28844	18636	47480	65879	21714	87593
10	July	30496	20673	51169	78835	23245	102080
11	August	32068	19807	51875	88772	21955	110727
12	September	30768	21451	52219	81064	23721	104785
13	October	52647	21005	73652	91836	27590	119426
Total		578895	270805	849700	1046765	291552	1338317

Comparison chart reflecting foreign tourist arrivals at international airports, sea ports and border gates

Sr	International airports and border gates	September 2018		September 2019		Remark
		Tourist	Business	Tourist	Business	
1.	Yangon Airport/ Sea Port	39748	16061	51791	18261	
2.	Mandalay Airport	8183	3891	32628	4178	
3.	Nay Pyi Taw Airport	258	239	1031	381	
4.	Myeik Airport	0	0	0	0	
5.	Tachilek	3045	96	4460	148	
6.	Myawady	953	597	1159	4455	
7.	Kawthoung	330	93	363	105	
8.	Hteekhee	31	10	59	24	
9.	Tamu	96	14	300	35	
10.	Reedhorda	3	4	45	3	
Total		52647	21005	91836	27590	

In order to create more employment opportunities in Rakhine State, 116 trainings were organized for 2969 trainees in this reporting period. The following table provides details of the trainings organized in the past.

No.	Training	1 Jan - 30	1 May - 31	1 Sep - 31	1 Jan - 30	1 May - 31
		Apr 2018	Aug 2018	Dec 2018	Apr 2019	Aug 2019
		(No. of trainees/ No. of trainings)	(No. of trainees/ No. of trainings)	(No. of trainees/ No. of trainings)	(No. of trainees/ No. of trainings)	(No. of trainees/ No. of trainings)
1	Vocational training that meets market demand	-	467/20	893/28	370/27	726/11
2	Women-centered vocational training	568/42	491/19	779/30	730/28	799/34
3	Financial literacy/ business training	-	-	-	146/6	198/10
Total		568/42	958/39	1672/58	1246/61	1723/55

Transportation



Construction of Let Pan Su Bridge on Thandwe-Kinmaw Road



Construction of Ram Thit Kye Bridge on Peinne Taung-Ramree Road

In Rakhine State, 49 new bridges will be built, with 20 currently under construction and construction of 29 bridges under the new project is in progress. Of the 49 bridges, the construction work of Pan Phe Chaung Bridge, Let Pan Su Bridge and Ram Thit Kye Bridge has been 100% completed.

The other 46 including Kin Chaung, Pyon Shay, Kyauk Tan, Kha Yan Chaung, Yar Maung, Kha Yu Chaung Bridges are 50.04% completed.

For roads across the Mayu Mountain Range such as Kyauk Pandu-Inndin-Zedipyin Road and Kyein Chaung-Goppi Mountain Passes Road, the construction of new road, laying hardened foundation and the construction of 66 box culverts up to 50 feet in length are being carried out.



Construction of Kyauk Pandu-Inndin-Zedi Pyin Road



Construction of rural connectivity road in A-wa Village in Minbyar Township



Construction of rural connectivity road in Shauk Kone Village in Gwa Township

Golden Umbrella to be hoisted atop Eternal Peace Pagoda on Fullmoon of Tazaungmon

A ceremony to hoist the golden umbrella atop the Eternal Peace Pagoda constructed near Gangaw Flower Roundabout, Razathingaha Road, Dekkhinathiri Township, Nay Pyi Taw, will be held in conjunction with the consecration ceremony on the morning of full-moon day of Tazaungmone which 11 November 2019.

The Union government and citizens of Myanmar constructed the Eternal Peace Pagoda

under the leadership of Ashin Sandadika with an aim of eternal peace in the union. Of the nine auspicious ceremonies related to the construction of pagodas, six were already held.

The umbrella hoisting ceremony and consecration ceremony will be broadcast live on Myanmar Radio and Television.—Han Lin Naing, Hein Min Soe

(Translated by Zaw Min)



An umbrella hoisting ceremony and consecration ceremony of the Eternal Peace Pagoda will be held on 11 November 2019 in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

Japan Cultural Affairs Commissioner visits Yangon's film center, repository

YANGON'S Film Development Center received a visit from Japan's Commissioner for Cultural Affairs Mr Miyata Ryohei and his delegation yesterday. They also visited the Film Repository on Sasana Yeikthar Road in the same township.

The Japan delegation first visited the film development center at No. 50, Bahan Township and were greeted by center Chairman and Director-General of the Information and Public Relations Department, U Ye Naing, and staff. They observed the training courses, workshops, film analysis and the three renovated studios there.

The Film Development Center was established with the objective to provide quality training, facilitate discussion among the film community, and strengthen connections across all generations. The Japan delegation and Myanmar officials discussed the



Yangon's Film Development Center members hold talks with Japan's Commissioner for Cultural Affairs Mr Miyata Ryohei in Yangon.

PHOTO: MNA

three Japan Film Festival coming to Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay in December of this year and January in the coming year, and the Myanmar-Japan Classic Film Screening in Yangon in March 2020.

The Japanese delegation then observed the black and

white films and color motion pictures stored in the repository in addition to documentaries and DCPs. They discussed film preservation conducted in collaboration with Save Myanmar Film and the technical assistance required.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

Public announcement for safely reporting forced labour

MYANMAR has been cooperation with the International Labour Organization since becoming its member in 2007, setting up a reporting mechanism and addressing forced labour complaints.

A National Complaints Mechanism (NCM) has been in development in 2019. During the time period before the NCM is fully established, the High Level Working Group (HLWG) consisting of representatives from the Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population and relevant ministries is handling complaints of forced labour.

This being the case, victims of forced labours or concerned persons can safely contact HLWG and ILO via the following phone numbers and email addresses.

Phone: 067-3430184, 067-3430229, 067-3430274

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88 Generation Peace and Open Society conducts informative talks

88 Generation Peace and Open Society and Department of Education conducted a joint informative talk at Myitta Soe Private Middle School, Kawthoung on 7 November.

At the talk U Jimmy (a) Kyaw Min Yu and U Min Ko Na-

ing (a) Paw Oo Tun of 88 Generation Peace and Open Society spoke on the subject of "Future Youth and Education" and responded to questions raised by the students. The talk was attended by about 300 teachers and students from Myitta Soe and Alin Yaung private schools. Similar talks will be held in Kawthoung No 1 and No 3 Basic Education High School it is learnt.—Kyaw Soe (Kawthoung)

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

U Min Ko Naing (a) Paw Oo Tun of 88 Generation Peace and Open Society speaks to audience at informative talks in Kawthoung yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Erdogan criticizes EU for its attitude towards Turkey

BUDAPEST — Visiting Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan criticized here on Thursday the European Union (EU) for its attitude towards Turkey, which he termed as “far from constructive,” during a joint press conference with Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban.

“Recently, the EU’s attitude toward our country has been far from constructive,” Erdogan said, adding that in his opinion the EU also has failed to keep its word and failed to give Turkey as much money to hold back the flow of refugees as it had promised.

“Some 3.6 million Arabs and nearly 300,000 Kurdish refugees are currently in Turkey, and many of them want to move on to Europe,” he warned, adding that “due to the cooperation we have stopped the crowd so far.”

The Turkish president said he highly appreciated that Hun-



Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan (L) and Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban attend a joint press conference in Budapest, Hungary, on 7 November, 2019. PHOTO: XINHUA

gary has always supported his country’s accession to the EU.

Orban said it is not possible to stop the flow of migrants to Europe without Turkey.

“Hungary’s foreign policy is based on the assumption that migration to the EU cannot be stopped without Turkey. As a result, Hungary is a strategic part-

ner for Turkey, which has already stopped 350,000 illegal migrants this year alone,” he said.

Since 2013, Orban and Erdogan have met on an annual basis to discuss security issues — both countries are NATO members — and to assess the development of economic and cultural ties.—Xinhua ■

Catalan leader denies ties to jailed radical separatists

BARCELONA — The head of Catalonia’s regional government on Thursday denied having links to seven separatist activists jailed in September on suspicion of belonging to a “terrorist” group that planned to occupy the Spanish region’s parliament.

Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez, who is facing a general election on Sunday, had demanded that Catalan president Quim Torra explain after local media reported that members of the group had told investigators that the order to occupy the assembly came directly from Torra.

According to transcripts of tapped phone conversations included in court documents seen by AFP, two of the jailed activists discussed a plan to occupy Catalonia’s regional parliament in Barcelona with “the Catalan government inside” and “resist during one week”.

In the recorded conversations, one of the suspected leaders of the group implicated Torra and his predecessor Carles Puigdemont, who is currently in Belgium, calling them by the code names “Gandalf” and “Lisa”.

In a video of his interrogation by police which was leaked to the media, the man also said that the

plan “came from the presidency... from Torra”.

Catalonia’s regional government said in a statement that Torra “denies” the reports which lacked “any type of credibility”.

“Moreover, he maintains he never had any type of relationship with the detained,” the statement added.

“Threats and coercion”

Spain’s Guardia Civil police force suspects the activists had planned to occupy the Catalan parliament after Spain’s Supreme Court on October 14 sentenced nine Catalan separatist leaders to jail terms of up to 13 years,

prompting days of angry street protests.

Police in September arrested nine separatists, accusing them of belonging to a new and unknown group, the Tactical Response Team.

Spain’s top criminal court, which had ordered the investigation into the group, ordered that seven of them to be held in jail while the probe continues.

The court suspects the group allegedly intended to use “any means, including violent ones” to establish an independent republic and possessed materials that could be used to make explosives.—AFP ■



Protests have mounted since the Supreme Court jailed nine Catalan leaders last month. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

Tears, hope as foes reconcile before Bougainville independence vote

ARAWA — Once-sworn enemies in Bougainville’s cruel decade-long civil war are holding a series of reconciliation ceremonies, hoping shared tears and apologies can bury the past ahead of a landmark vote on the region’s independence from Papua New Guinea.

Former separatist fighters and PNG military are meeting face-to-face, trying to come to terms with a conflict that left up to 20,000 people dead in the bloodiest fighting the South Pacific witnessed since World War II.

Until a 1997 truce, George Diva was a fighter with the pro-independence Bougainville Revolutionary Army.

Now a 50-year-old, he still carries deep scars on his chest from a battle that left him unable to work. But he is adamant reconciliation is the only way the next generation can enjoy a brighter future. “We had enough loss, sorrow and pain,” he told AFP during a reconciliation ceremony this week on the neighbouring island of New Britain, where he fled.

“We don’t want to fight any more.” Tens of thousands like him were displaced as the internecine and complex conflict raged through the 1990s, amid extrajudicial executions, torture, mass killing and the arrival of foreign mercenaries from Britain and beyond. “I killed one of my own cousins,” Diva said.

“I killed more people, but I have made compensation for the lives I took.” To cap the 20-year peace process, more than 200,000 Bougainvilleans will from November 23 go to the ballot box to choose between independence from Papua New Guinea or more autonomy.

The island territory’s residents — many of whom feel culturally closer to the nearby Solomon Islands than Papua New Guinea’s complex patchwork of tribes and language groups — are expected to back independence.

The process then requires a “negotiated outcome” between the central and regional governments to achieve final status.—AFP ■



Women in tribal colours take part in a reconciliation ceremony — part of efforts to ensure a brighter future for Bougainville. PHOTO: AFP

Romania presidential hopefuls court crucial emigrant vote

PARAIESTI — With a religious icon pinned to a wall, washing hung out to dry, and a table and two chairs standing on a terrace, Paraiesti looks like almost any other village in rural Romania — at least at first glance.

But Paraiesti is actually more of a ghost village where, with a population of just 250 people, nearly one house out of every two stands empty.

The state of abandonment only becomes apparent on closer

inspection: wooden pillars are cracked, roofs partly caved in, and yards tangled with weeds.

“There aren’t many people left on this street. Most are gone or have died,” says Viorica Balasoiu, 70, who lives alone in her house on a steep hill.

Since the fall of communism 30 years ago, about four million Romanians out of a total population of 20 million have left the country in search of better-paid jobs elsewhere.—AFP ■

Daimler mulls slashing 1,100 senior jobs: report

FRANKFURT AM MAIN — German luxury car-maker Daimler plans to cut 1,100 management jobs worldwide in fresh efforts to cut costs as it grapples with expensive recalls and a slowing global market, a German newspaper reported Friday.

The cull would see the Mercedes-Benz maker slash one tenth of all senior roles in Germany alone, the Sueddeutsche Zeitung wrote, citing an email sent to staff by the group's works council.

Daimler CEO Ola Kallenius will unveil details of the layoffs at a capital markets day in London on Thursday, it said.

According to the daily, Kallenius will also ask German workers to refrain from asking for pay hikes as the group weath-



Daimler badly wants to cut costs. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

ers headwinds from global trade tensions, costly recalls and a massive "dieselgate" fine.

Daimler refused to comment on the "speculations", saying in a statement that it remained "in a constructive dialogue with worker representatives".

But it warned that the group needed to take action to tackle "major

challenges worldwide".

Like its rivals, the Stuttgart-based firm is spending billions in the shift towards the electric, autonomous vehicles of the future.

It has also been hit with mass recalls linked to faulty Takata airbags and to diesel cars allegedly fitted with software to dupe emissions tests.

—AFP ■

Alibaba sets eyes on \$15 bn Hong Kong listing: report

BEIJING — Chinese on-line retail titan Alibaba is hoping to raise up to \$15 billion in a Hong Kong IPO, a report said Friday, which would be the city's biggest listing for nine years.

The share sale by Asia's biggest company would also come as Hong Kong authorities battle months of sometimes violent protests that have dented the financial hub's economy and reputation.

Alibaba is looking to scoop up between \$10 billion and \$15 billion in the initial public offering,



Alibaba had planned to list in Hong Kong in the summer but called it off as the city was hit by protests and the China-US trade war bit. PHOTO: AFP

Bloomberg News cited unnamed sources as saying, and is looking to hold a hearing into the move — as mandated by the Hong

Kong exchange rules — next week. The firm declined to comment on the report when contacted by AFP.—AFP ■

International Foundation For Electoral Systems (IFES)

Due to a typo in the previous announcement, **The International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES)**, has extended the deadline for a **Request for Quotations for Technology Equipment** in Myanmar (RFQ-20-002) to November 19, 2019. Interested vendors can find details about the RFQ at: https://www.ifes.org/sites/default/files/addenda_no_3_rfq-20-002_technology_equipment_in_myanmar.pdf

Japan's Idemitsu Kosan boosts lubricant output in Indonesia by 80%

BEKASI (Indonesia) — Japanese refiner Idemitsu Kosan Co. has launched a new lubricant plant equipped with an automated production system to beef up its output in Indonesia by some 80 percent.

An opening ceremony for the plant was held on Thursday in the West Java provincial city of Bekasi, east of Jakarta.

Idemitsu invested \$52 million to build its second Indonesian lubricant plant on an 80,000-square-meter tract of land in the Greenland International Industrial Center in Cikarang, West Java, according to the Indonesian government.

The plant has started to make engine oil for cars and motorcycles as well as industrial oils, as does the existing plant, increasing

the firm's total annual output capacity in the country to 115,000 kiloliters from 65,000 kl.

In line with the country's policy to update the industry, the new plant is equipped with automated filling and contamination prevention systems, with inventory and product information shared with the company's head office in Japan through a computer link.

"Demand for lubricants is expected to grow further along with the growing population in Indonesia. It is an important market with good prospects," Kazuiku Nyudo, vice president of Idemitsu's local arm, P.T. Idemitsu Lube Techno Indonesia, told NNA on Thursday. —Kyodo News ■

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Modern sculptural works in wider market

By Myint Maung Soe

In line with the saying, which goes: “Ten kinds of flowers which humans neither offer to the Buddha images nor to gods,” the art of sculpture is one of Myanmar traditional arts and crafts. The works of sculpture can be identified as optional and modern ones. The optional sculptural works have been flourishing in the Myanmar’s sculptural arena since yore but emergence of the modern sculpture is not much long time.

Myanmar sculptors focus on carving the statues based on 550 Jataka stories in the embryo lives of the Lord Buddha as well as daily living events of the people in the past. Such kinds of sculptural works have been produced for many years.

However, the modern sculpture has entered the arena of Myanmar arts and crafts for some years. After the cyclonic storm Nargis had hit Myanmar in 2008, the Central Cooperative Union has been organizing a wooden sculpture contest on a yearly basis. The optional sculptural contest has been held in Yangon Region yearly with the aim of not wasting trunks of rain trees which fell in past years. In this regard, the optional sculpture means the sculptural works freely created by sculptors with the use of their favourite woods based on their thoughts.

The modern sculpture is different from original structures and forms. It is shaped in modernized thoughts, similar to that of the modern arts. It is one of the sculptural works in innovative measures. It can be said that modern sculptors emerged in the Myanmar sculptural arena due to the thing that the Central Cooperative Union inserted such event into the contest in addition to the optional sculptural event in past three or four years. Currently, sculptors carve modern sculptural works which are in high demand of the market.

Recently, a large number of modern sculptural works made of Yintaik (*Dalbergia cultrate*) were showcased in the Yangon Region’s hotels and tourism show where visitors praised in wonder of significantly modern sculptural works.

“Modern sculptural works are more favourite among the visitors than ordinary works. The formers are in high demand of the market. Hence, sculptural entrepreneurs focus on gathering of modern sculptural works. The best wood to carve the modern sculptural works is Yintaik (*Dalbergia cultrate*). All these works are made of Yintaik (*Dalbergia cultrate*) specifically,” said Daw Aye Aye Kyaing, manager of Yintaik World Sculpture Industry on Waizayanta Road in South Okkalapa Township.

PHOTOS: MYINT MAUNG SOE





Yintaik (*Dalbergia cultrate*) trees generally thrive in the tropical part of Bago mountain ranges. In its nature, the tree cannot be used in producing furniture. The trunks of the trees are small but long. So, it is used in carving statues of sculpture. The wood is hard, rigid and ponderous. The central part of the trunk is hollow.

“Generally, the trunks of Yintaik (*Dalbergia cultrate*) plants are about 10-12 inches in diameter. Its smell is bad. The smell of the trunk does not have fragrance. Wood is black so it can be carved well to make sculptural works. The large trunk has a hollow in the axis. So, it cannot be created as sculptural works. Suitable size in diameter of the trunk is the best for carving sculptural works,” said Daw Aye Aye Kyaing.

Currently, modern sculptural works are in higher demand of international market than that of local one. Especially, modern sculptural works are favourite in the Chinese market. Yintaik (*Dalbergia cultrate*) wood is carved to produce elephant, horse, dragon and frog statues for the Chinese market. Most of the modern sculptural works are shaped in structures of Myanmar belles carrying water pots.

It was reported that Yintaik (*Dalbergia cultrate*) plants can be carved for 500-1,000 kinds of sculptural works. Production of modern sculptural works is gradually increasing in the market with high demand. Works of the sculptors are better and better. However, Yintaik (*Dalbergia cultrate*) plants are rare year by year. Hence, the sculptural works made of Yintaik (*Dalbergia cultrate*) wood may be rare in the future. Consequently, the modern sculptural market may reach the highest position. Whatever it maybe, sculptors in Myanmar sculptural arena have posted a milestone in carving the modern sculpture showing capability of market competitiveness in keeping abreast of other sculptural works across the world in addition to shaping the significant works of traditional sculpture.

Translated by Than Tun Aung



Useful Information

JAPANESE CUISINE

AJISHIN

No.192, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Myanmar Plaza, 4th Floor, Yankin Township, Yangon, Myanmar. Ph: 09-970890390, Time- 10:00 to 23:00 (Open Daily)

ANAIMO

No. 300, Mahabandula Park Street, Kyauktada Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-378022. Time- 11:30-14:00/ 17:30-22:00 (Saturday only evening and Sunday off)

BIKKURA SUSHI & SASHIMI JAPANESE RESTAURANT

No. 16, Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-799566917, 09-36714873. 10:30-22:30 (Open Daily)

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No. 75/ AB Boyar Nyunt Street, Dagon Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-260031197/ 09-420231330. 10:00-22:00 (Sunday Off)

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Level (1), Garden Wing, Beside Lobby Lounge. (Inside Sedona Hotel), Yangon Ph: 09-258322223/ 09-261322223. Lunch 11:30-14:30/ Tea Time 14:30-18:00/ Dinner 18:00-23:00 (Open Daily)

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No. 37, Kabar Pagoda Road, Inside of Inya Lake Hotel, Yangon. Ph: 09-260031197 09-420231330. 11:00-22:00 (Open Daily)

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A-1, Star City, Kyaik Khaik Pagoda Road, Thanlyin Township, Yangon. Ph: 056-23150-53/ 056-23313-318 (Ext-1183)/ 09-2560-75020. 11:00-21:00 (Open Daily)

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A-1, Star City, Kyaik Khaik Pagoda Road, Thanlyin Township, Yangon. Ph: 056-23150-53/ 056-23313-318 (Ext-1183)/ 09-2560-75020. 11:00-21:00 (Open Daily)

FUJINOBO

(Cherry Hill Hotel) No. 520/4 A, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Shwe Gone Daing, Bahan Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-450067052, 06:00-09:30/ 11:30-14:00/ 17:00-22:30 (Open Daily)

FURUSATO

No. 137, West Shwe Gone Daing, Bahan Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-556265/ 09-73081914. 11:00-14:00/ 17:00-22:00 (Open Daily)

GEKKO

535, Merchant Street, Kyauktada Township, 4th Quarter, Yangon. Ph: 01-386986, 09:00-23:00 (Open Daily)

HIMARI MYANMAR

Pearl Condo, Block D, Ground Floor, Units-G-10, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-775330494. 11:30-14:00/ 14:00-22:00 (Open Daily)

HOKKAIDO JAPANESE RESTAURANT

No. 24/ 26, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Golden Hill Tower(A), Bahan Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-250537315. 11:00-14:00/ 17:00-21:30 (Open Daily)

HOT POT KING and Hot pot and BBQ Buffet Restaurant

No-26/27, Thitsar Road and Corner of Wai Za Yan Dar Road, South Okkalapa, Yangon. Tel- 09 777777 008, 09 09 777777 009, 09 777777 883.

Hot Pot City 8 Miles

No(33), Kyaik Wine Pagoda Road (7.34 km) 095 Yangon, Ph: 09 797 799111, 11:00-22:00 (Open Daily)

101 Hot Pot & Sushi

No.141, West Shwegondaing Road, Bahan T/s. near Yuzana Hotel. (1.78 km), 11201 Yangon., Ph: 09 777 799101. 4:00 PM to 10:00 PM

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14/14B Kanbawza Street Golden Valley (1) Bahan Township (1.71 km), Yangon. Ph: 09443399701, 09443399702, 11:00-23:00

HOTEL

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No. 35, Taw Win Road, Dagon Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-229860 01-229861.

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No. 40, Natmauk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-544500/ 01-544244.

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No. 520/4 A, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Shwegon Daing, Bahan Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-559722.

HOTLE 51

No. 154/ 156, 51st. Upper Pazundaung Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-200823/ 09-429918554.

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No.93(A), Hnin Si Gone Road, Ahlone Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-228566/ 01-2301700/ 01-1221731.

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No.37, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Yangon. Ph: 01-9662866/ 01-9662857-9.

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No.17, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Yankin Township, Yangon. Ph: 01- 650933.

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No.459, Pyay Road, Kamayut Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-2305858.

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No. Corner of Bogyo Aung San Road and Shwedagon Pagoda Road, Yangon, Ph: 01-9253810.

PARK ROYAL

No.33, Alan Pya Phaya Road, Dagon Township, Yangon, Ph: 01-250388.

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No.65, Corner of Sule Pagoda Road and Merchant Street. Ph: 01-382687.

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No.171, Upper Pasodan Road, Yangon. Ph: 01-371992/09263440500.

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No.129, Corner of Dhammazedi Road and Inya Road, Yangon. Ph: 01-526289/ 01-526298/ 01-526305.

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No. 1, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, Yankin Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-8605377.

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No. 223, Sule Pagoda Road, Kyauktada Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-242828.

SUMMIT PARTVIEW HOTEL

No. 350, Ahlone Road, Dagon Township, Yangon. Ph: 01-211888/ 01-211966.

AFC U-19 Championship 2020 Qualifiers: Myanmar lost 0-3 to South Korea

THE Myanmar U-19 men's national football team suffered a 0-3 defeat against the South Korean team in the Group I match of the AFC U-19 Championship 2020 Qualifiers, held yesterday at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon.

Myanmar lined up with goalkeeper Pyae Phyoo Thu, Wai Yan Soe, Captain Si Thu Moe Khant, Thet Hein Soe, Nyan Lin Htet, Aung Ko Oo, La Min Htwe, Ye Min Kyaw, Naung Naung Soe, Pyae Sone Naing, and Hein Htet Aung.

Team Myanmar was led by head coach U Soe Myat Min.

Though Myanmar was playing against one of Asia's best teams, the team did not play defense and launched an open attack, using the same speed, stamina, and power as the South Korean players.

Team Myanmar forced the play at the start with neat and

tidy tackling, but better passes and deliveries from South Korean players occasionally kept Myanmar's midfield and defense busy.

Due to some misunderstandings among Myanmar defenders, South Korea scored three consecutive goals in the middle of the first half.

With South Korea leading by three goals, Myanmar changed tactics in the second half and played more carefully.

Team Myanmar had scoring opportunities in the second half, but the South Korean goalkeeper cum captain Baek managed to block all strong kicks by Myanmar strikers.

There were no goals in the second half till the final whistle, and the match ended with a win for South Korea. With the victory, South Korea will advance to the next stage of the tourney.



South Korea's Kim (white) tries to get the ball past Myanmar players (red) during yesterday's group match for the AFC U19 Championship 2020 Qualifiers at Thuwunna Stadium in Yangon. **PHOTO: MFF**

As Myanmar had faced a 0-2 loss against China on 6 November, the team is out of the

reckoning for the championship. Myanmar will next play Singapore on 10 November though

the two teams have no chances of qualifying for the AFC U19 Championship 2020.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Myanmar national women's team in China for friendly matches



Players from the national women's team train at the Taihu Football Centre in Suzhou, China. **PHOTO: MFF**

THE Myanmar national women's football team trained at the Taihu Football Centre in Suzhou, China yesterday ahead of friendly matches against Chinese football teams, according to the Myanmar Football Federation.

The team is playing friendly matches to prepare for the upcoming 2019 South East Asian Games, which will be held in the Philippines.

The team will undergo training in China for eight days — from 8 to 15 November.

Team Myanmar left for China on 7 November. The team is being led by head coach U Win Thu Moe for the training sessions and friendly matches in China.

Team Myanmar will play a friendly match against the Jiangsu Suning Women's F.C., and two friendly matches against China Women's Youth Selection Team, said a source with the MFF.

After their training tour, head coach U Win Thu Moe will select the final list of players

who will compete in the upcoming 2019 SEA Games women's football event, for which Myanmar has been placed in Group A along with Malaysia and host Philippines.

Myanmar will take on the Philippines on 26 November in the opening match of the women's football competition at the SEA Games. The competition will be held from 26 November to 9 December at the Biñan Football Stadium in Biñan, Laguna, the Philippines.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Yangon United signs midfielder Aung Kyaw Naing

YANGON United has signed midfielder Aung Kyaw Naing from Ayeyawady United on a two-year contract, according to the football club's official website.

"I am very pleased to join Yangon United, one of the best teams in the Myanmar National League. I had got a chance to join the club earlier. At the time, I thought I was not ready to join the club and I had passed up the chance. But now, the head coach and the team officials have made another offer, and I am eager to come here. It has been my dream to be in Yangon United since I began my footballer life. Now, my dream has come true," said Aung Kyaw Naing.

"I will do my best as far as

I can for the club. And, please, watch my performance on the pitch and advise me. And, I will deliver what our fans want and will help the team lift the trophy," he added.

The 26-year-old midfielder is a graduate of the Institute of Sports and Physical Education.

Aung Kyaw Naing started his professional career with the Nay Pyi Taw F.C. He played for the team for four years. He moved to Ayeyawady United in 2015 for two years. Next, he joined Balestier Khalsa Club of Singapore and then the Angthong Club in Thai League-2 for another two years. Then he came back home and joined Ayeyawady United in 2019.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)



Midfielder Aung Kyaw Naing (L) and an official hold the insignia of the Yangon United F.C. as part of the player's signing ceremony. **PHOTO: YUFC**