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State Counsellor addresses 4th Myanmar Entrepreneurship Summit 2019 in Yangon

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi addressed the 4th Myanmar Entrepreneurship Summit 2019 organized by the Myanmar Young Entrepreneurs Association (MYEA) held at the Fortune Plaza, Thakayta Township, Yangon yesterday morning.

First, a video about award winning young entrepreneurs of MYEA was screened. MYEA youths then entertained by singing the MYEA Theme Song and performed dances.

In her opening address at the event, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi said the event was the 4th Myanmar Entrepreneurship Summit and recalled

attending the past three events every year. This was to show her faith in the capability of youths and to encourage them.

During the event last year in Nay Pyi Taw, she recalled about youths cooperating and participating in the process of making the country secure and economically strong. She had urged that this should be done based on developing technology in addition to retaining traditional values and practices. Youths had more innovative thoughts, creativity and physical strength than senior citizens. The past values were not to be forgotten. She urged that the good and best

of traditions, cultures and practices were to be maintained.

She said that during the period when the incumbent government took up the responsibility of governance, the aim was to set up an economic policy that would create a new generation of youths with all round capability.

It was important for youth who would become the future leaders of the country to become more and more outstanding in overcoming challenges. Youth leaders must place emphasis on cooperation. Nowadays all want to be leaders. This has been said repeatedly.

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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi delivers the opening speech at the 4th Myanmar Entrepreneurship Summit 2019 in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: MNA





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Vice President U Henry Van Thio inspects Hospitality Service, Tourism School in Yangon

VICE President U Henry Van Thio who was in Kachin State, Myitkyna, left for Yangon yesterday afternoon and was seen off at Myitkyna Airport by State Chief Minister Dr Khet Aung, State Hluttaw Speaker U Tun Tin, State Chief Justice U Tu Jar, State Advocate-general, auditor-general, ministers, Hluttaw representatives, ethnic cultural groups, Ethnic Kachin Entrepreneurs Association members, local people and officials.

In Yangon, National Tourism Development Central Committee Chairman Vice President U Henry Van Thio met with the Center for Tourism Development officials at Hospitality Service School meeting hall.

Also present at the meeting were Union Minister U Ohn Maung, Deputy Minister U Tin Myint, U Aung Htoo and U Tin Lat, Permanent Secretary U Aung Naing Oo and officials.

At the meeting, the Vice President was explained about the Hospitality Service School by officials and the Union Minister and Deputy Ministers provided additional explanations.



Vice President U Henry Van Thio visits the Hospitality Service and Tourism School in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

With regards to the explanations, the Vice President made a remark about the need to manage the tour regions and maintain the natural environment. People were to be

informed about increasing maintenance and cleanliness of the tour region and officials to study tourism management of other countries where tourism works were developed. Various means

were to be used for promoting the tour regions in the country, said the Vice President.

From there the Vice President went to the Tourism School on Mahabandoola Street and

met with officials.

At the meeting Ministry of Hotels and Tourism Deputy Director General U Myint Htwe explained about the school and the Union Minister and Deputy Ministers provided additional explanations.

The Vice President stressed the need to prepare for systematic management when tourist arrivals increase and then inspected the school.

When the Hotels and Tourism Ministry was established in 1992, Tourism School was opened mainly to conduct tour guide (basic) courses. At the present, with the support and assistance of international partner organization Luxembourg Development Cooperation Agency (Lux Dev), Hospitality Service School and Tourism School were transformed into the Center for Tourism Development (CTD). The schools have been conducting courses including tour guide, bedroom maintenance, housekeeping, hospitality, food and beverage, etc. — MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Union Minister for Defence to attend ADMM Retreat, 6th ADMM-Plus in Thailand

Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Sein Win and party left Yangon by air yesterday afternoon to attend ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Retreat (ADMM Retreat), 6th ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting-Plus (6th ADMM-Plus) meeting and related meetings in Thailand.—MNA ■

Joint Committee on Amending 2008 Constitution holds meeting 57/2019

MEETING 57/2019 of the Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution was held at Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

The meeting was attended by Chairman of the Joint Committee Pyidaungsu Hluttaw

Deputy Speaker Pyithu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Aung @ U Tun Tun Hein, Deputy Chairman of the Joint Committee Amyotha Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Aye Tha Aung, Joint Committee secretary Dr Myat Nyana Soe, joint secretary U

Htay Win Aung @ U Pyone Cho and members who were representatives from political parties and Tatmadaw Hluttaw representatives and officials from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office.—MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)

Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Myanmar meets with Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD)

Special Envoy of the Secretary-General for Myanmar, Ms. Christine SchranerBurgener, and her team met with Chief Coordinator of Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine (UEHRD), Prof. Dr. Aung Tun Thet, and Chief Operating Officer of UEHRD, U Nyi Nyein Aye, at the UEHRD Office on Shwe Li Road, Yangon, yesterday.

During the meeting, they discussed the work of UEHRD in Rakhine and exchanged views on the provision of humanitarian assistance and resettlement efforts and cooperation with the international community.— MNA

Yangon Book Street sees rising sales



PHOTO: MNA

YANGON Book Street with about 70 book stalls has seen rising sales at the weekend

when talks related with literary are held at the Information Ministry's Shwe U Daung Hall

near the bookstreet.

"The Saturday-Sunday Book Street" with some 68 book stalls selling books on Theinbyu Road in Botahtaung Township is crowded with visitors every weekend.

With the assistance of the Ministry of Information, Yangon Region Government and Yangon City Development Committee, the Weekend Book Street and sales program has been held since 2017.—MNA

(Translated by KZL)

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If all wanted to lead who would be followers? All need to cooperate and march forward hand in hand. This was more important than wanting to be a leader.

This was why the youth affairs policy was established in November 2017 where the aims include youth development programs to be included in the country's policy and strategic plans and to enable the emergence of youths who can connect and be on par internationally.

Our government had full faith in the power of the country's youth. From the government side all round support from setting up policy to actual implementation were being provided. Works were done to ease the works of SMEs while efforts were made to smoothen and ease the entire business sector.

That was why Myanmar was the top 20 progressing countries in World Bank's Ease of Doing Business Index for 2020. Furthermore, when the present government took over in 2016 Myanmar was ranked 160 in ease of starting a business and that had risen significantly to the present rank of 70. Among ASEAN countries, Myanmar ranked fourth in ease of starting a business. But Myanmar still had much to do.

The country not only had economic policy set by the State but also had drawn up the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP) for reforming political, economic, social and natural environment according to sustainable development programs established by the United Nations. This national plan was now being implemented not only

by the public and private sector but also in cooperation with international organizations providing development assistance.

Looking at the day's event held with the theme "Entrepreneurship 4.0 - Adapting Businesses for the 21st Century," the aim was preparing for 21st century challenges faced by the entire business sector including the new generation youths. Discussion programs include a special and beneficial program of sharing experiences of not only successful international entrepreneurs but also the successful local entrepreneurs.

It was a great honor that at the ASEAN Leaders Summit and ASEAN Business & Investment Summit 2019 held in Bangkok, Thailand, Myanmar youths achieved ASEAN Business Award 2019 for Digitalized MSME award and Startup & Innovation Driver Entrepreneur Winner award. Efforts must be made toward achieving these awards as well as other awards in the coming years. Actually the best prize will be development of Myanmar and achieving sustainable peace. It was important not to lose sight of these.

In the day's event, Young Startup Award, Young Entrepreneurs Award, Social Enterprise Award, Inclusive Business Award and Technopreneurship Award will be presented by MYEA. The awards were to encourage youths to do more in their current works. The youths who achieved these awards are honored in advance.

Here, encouragement is made to those who did not achieve the awards. Awards are recognition of achieving a success. All have a chance to



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi observes the booth displayed at the 4th Myanmar Entrepreneurship Summit 2019 organized by Myanmar Young Entrepreneurs Association in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

achieve success in life. But think what success in life is. Success is not over others. Success is succeeding over self. All need to know their weaknesses and place special emphasis towards achieving success over those weaknesses.

The government had full confidence in the capability and future of young entrepreneurs and had set a strong political commitment to support them.

It was cooperating to set up policies and work processes together with ASEAN countries towards preparing for the forthcoming Industrial 4.0.

It was already mentioned that the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP) that would develop the entire

socio-economic condition of the country has been drawn up and implemented.

Systematic plans and arrangements were made to ease not only in starting business but to ease the entire business environment.

Young entrepreneurs are urged to actively cooperate and participate in the process of stabilizing and developing the country. U Sett Aung was jokingly asked about percentage of women participation. In the first year event, it was 49 percent. Second year was above 50 percent and was wondering whether it was now approaching 60 percent. This was a bit worrying for the men. Development and progress need to be the same. Women can give a hand. Lending a hand differs from leading from the front. There would be more strength if they walked hand in hand. Friends going together hand in hand differ from one leading and another following. Youths, be they men or women need to move forward hand in hand in a balanced manner.

The State Counsellor said present and future challenges were to be used as opportunity and urged to work hand in hand with the government for the country's development and become a force for the country.

After her speech, the State Counsellor took a commemorative group photo with attendees and inspected the exhibits displayed.

Next, she met and encouraged youths from MYEA in the guest hall. Afterwards the Summit continued with explanation on a policy between government and young entrepreneurs that should be set up, Ambassadors and successful local business persons sharing experiences, explanation of the country's economic policy and entrepreneurship policy, connecting Myanmar young entrepreneurs and local business persons with foreign investors and customers and honoring of successful young entrepreneurs.

Exhibits of the 4th Myanmar Entrepreneurship Summit Award winners, SMEs, partner and sister associations were also displayed at the event.

Present at the ceremony were Union Ministers U Kyaw Tint Swe, U Min Thu, U Win Khaing, Dr Than Myint, Dr Myint Htwe, U Thaug Tun and U Kyaw Tin, State/Region Chief Ministers U Phyo Min Thein, U Hla Moe Aung and U Win Thein, Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun, State/Region ministers, Hluttaw representatives, Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UM-FCCI) officials, foreign Ambassadors and diplomats, business partner organizations, MYEA officials and members, local and international experts, business persons from States/Regions and invited guests.— MNA ■

(Translated by Zaw Min)



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with youths from the Myanmar Young Entrepreneurs Association yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor receives Froland Mayor and chairman of “Aung San Suu Kyi Park”



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, Norwegian Froland City Mayor Mr Ove Gundersesn and “Aung San Suu Kyi Park” executive committee chairman Salai Jhon Than Tam Nag and party pose for a documentary photo in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received Norwegian Froland City Mayor Mr Ove Gundersesn and “Aung San Suu Kyi Park” executive committee chairman Salai Jhon Than Tam

Nag and party at No. 54, University Avenue, Bahan Township, Yangon yesterday afternoon.

During the call, the Froland City Mayor and park executive committee chairman explained

about the expansion and reconstruction of the park and the State Counsellor expressed her appreciation.

Next, the State Counsellor, Froland City Mayor and park

executive committee chairman exchanged gifts and executive committee chairman presented the State Counsellor with a park history book. Afterwards the State Counsellor and the

party led by the Froland City Mayor and park executive committee chairman planted a Myanmar-Norway Friendship Tree in the compound.

In honor of Nobel Laureate State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, “Aung San Suu Kyi Park” was established in Norway, Froland City. The park was opened in 2016 by former Norwegian Prime Minister Kjell Magne Bondevik.

The initial idea was for Nobel Laureate State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi to plant a special tree from Myanmar in the peace park as a symbol of human unity. Some locals proposed this idea to the Froland City mayor. In April 2016, the municipal board allocated a site in Froland Verk Grand Garden to construct Aung San Suu Kyi Peace Park.

Local people volunteered labour for Aung San Suu Kyi Park also called Peace Park that was officially opened on 19 June 2016. A bronze bust of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi sculpted by a famous Norwegian sculptor was put up in the park and a special statue of Daw Aung San Suu Kyi made by a Myanmar hand crafter U Nge Zaw was also unveiled on the opening day of the park. — MNA
(Translated by Zaw Min)

10th dialogue on TVET held in Yangon

JOINTLY conducted by ASEAN Quality Assurance Network-AQAN of the Ministry of Education and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit-GIZ of the Government of Germany, 10th Regional Dialogue on TVET with the theme “Advancing the quality of TVET in ASEAN—the Practice of quality development and quality

assurance” in Yangon from 14 to 15 November.

The two-day discussion attracted officials of the Ministry of Education, senior officials responsible for education and labour from ASEAN nations, delegates from private institutions and officials.—Yi Yi Myint

(Translated by KZL)



The 10th dialogue on TVET being held in Yangon on 15 November. **PHOTO: ZAW MIN LATT**

Prophet Muhammad Day held in Yangon



Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko delivers the speech at the ceremony to mark the Prophet Muhammad Day in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

ORGANIZED by Ahmadiyya Muslim Association, the Prophet Muhammad Day was held in Yangon yesterday.

At the event held at M3 Food Centre, U Maung Maung Khin of Ahmadiyya Muslim Association recited the Quran and U Zarni Min Aung and group sang religious song praising Prophet Muhammad.

Afterwards, Union Minister for Religious Affairs and Culture Thura U Aung Ko delivered an address.

U Tin Maung Latt of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Association gave talks on peace of human society and Prophet Muhammad.

Next, Saya U Hsan Min Naing of Hindu faith, Vanavasi Forest Monastery Sayadaw

Bhaddanta Sumana, Rev Dr Aye Min and Vice Chairman of Bahai faith Saya U Shwe Thi expressed their views on Prophet Muhammad.

The event came to an end with talks on human rights and fairness by U Hla Mying of Ahmaddya Muslim Association. — MNA

(Translated by KZL)



The Myanmar Investment Commission approve eight projects yesterday which will create 1,739 job opportunities for Myanmar citizens. **PHOTO:MNA**

MIC okays eight investment projects with over 1,700 job opportunities

THE Myanmar Investment Commission (MIC) approved eight projects yesterday totalling US\$ 165.853 million and Kyat 99,543.358 million, which will create 1,739 job opportunities for Myanmar citizens.

The projects are in the manufacturing, real estate, service, livestock and fishery sectors. The decision to approve the projects came at the meeting of the MIC in Yangon yesterday, chaired by

MIC Chairman U Thaung Tun and attended by nine members.

By the end of October, the countries with the largest investment in Myanmar were Singapore, People's Republic of China and Thailand.

The top sector is Oil & Gas, which accounted for 27.29%, followed by the Power sector at 25.77%, and manufacturing sector at 14.04% of the total permitted foreign investment.—GNLM

Singapore continues to stand with Myanmar to support country's economic development

THE Singapore Association of Myanmar (SAM) and the Singapore Institute of International Affairs (SIIA) hosted the Myanmar-Singapore Business Summit 2019 at Novotel Yangon on 14 November to discuss investment and business opportunities in Myanmar.

Those at the summit discussed how the Singapore business community can deepen its partnerships with Myanmar and encourage investment in the country.

Following the series of policy reforms and initiatives introduced by the Myanmar Government to attract investments in recent years, the Summit was organised to provide business leaders with insights into Myanmar's economic outlook, global business trends, and funding avenues for Singapore-Myanmar partnerships.

The Summit featured panel sessions on topics, including Global Trends and Perspectives for Myanmar, Funding Avenues for Singapore-Myanmar Partnerships, and Insights from

Singapore, Inc. in Myanmar.

As of February 2019, Singapore is Myanmar's largest source of foreign investment. The city-state has invested more than USD 22 billion, nearly 30 percent of total foreign investment in Myanmar, according to August 2019 data from Myanmar's Directorate of Investment and Company Administration (DICA).

Also, notes the the Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Singapore has been Myanmar's main source of foreign investment in 2019.

In September 2019, Myanmar and Singapore signed an agreement to promote and protect investment between the two countries, paving the way to boost trade relations. According to the agreement, both governments pledged to assist investors to ensure that the process for transferring assets to their home countries remains trouble-free, and to settle disputes in accordance with international rules and regulations.—GNLM

Myanmar-Bangladesh border trade increases in 2019-2020 FY

BORDER trade between Myanmar and Bangladesh reached US\$ 3.8 million as of 1 November in the 2019-2020 fiscal year, according to a report released by the Ministry of Commerce.

Border trade during the period increased by \$2.3 million, compared with the same period last year, when the total bilateral border trade was only \$1.5 million.

The country's exports to Bangladesh totaled \$3.8 million,

while its imports were \$0.03 million during the period.

Usually, Myanmar's exports exceed imports in bilateral trade with Bangladesh, conducted by sea or land. In bilateral border trade, goods move mainly through the Sittway and Maung-taw trade stations.

The products traded between the two countries include bamboo, ginger, peanuts, saltwater prawns and fish, dried plums,

garlic, rice, mung beans, blankets, candy, plum jams, footwear, frozen foods, chemicals, leather, jute products, tobacco, plastics, wood, knitwear, and beverages.

Meanwhile, Myanmar's border trade with four neighboring countries, China, India, Thailand and Bangladesh, totalled \$881 million, shared by \$613 million in exports and \$268 million in imports.—Zwe (Translated by Hay Mar)



Myanmar's border trade with Bangladesh conduct mainly through the Sittway and Maungtaw trade stations. **PHOTO: AUNG YE THWIN**

Nearly 7,300 employees' flats constructed in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Yangon within three years

From 2016-2017 fiscal year to 2018-2019 fiscal year (FY), nearly 7,300 employees' flats were constructed in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Yangon Regions, according to the Ministry of Construction.

The employees' flats were constructed mostly in Mandalay region. The employee housing projects were implemented_158

buildings with 2,276 rooms in 2016-2017 FY, 159 buildings with 2,534 rooms in 2017-2018 FY and 159 buildings with 2,482 rooms in 2018-2019 FY. A total of 476 buildings with 7,292 rooms were constructed within three years.

The Urban and Housing Development Department under the Ministry of Construction is

constructing the employees' housing estate in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Yangons, spending the Union Fund. The department has also been constructing the employees' housing estate with spending of Regional and States' Fund since 2013-2014 FY.

Within three years, the department constructed 520 flats in Kachin State, 318 flats in Kayah

State, 150 flats in Kayin State, 162 flats in Chin State, 1,262 flats in Sagaing region, 252 flats in Taninthayi region, 672 flats in Bago region, 552 flats in Magway region, 1,530 flats in Mandalay region, 252 flats in Mon State, 666 flats in Rakhine State, 732 flats in Shan State and 224 flats in Ayeyawady region.

The department construct-

ed the apartments in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay and Yangon regions in order to enable the purchase of those flats by the low-income earning people including civil staff. Moreover, the department is selling these flats with a long term installment payment system.—Aye Cho

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Paddy yields might decline after torrential rains in Dala

PADDY yields are likely to decline this year because of torrential rains in Dala Township, Yangon Region, said officials.

Some paddy fields, which are almost ready to harvest, were destroyed by earlier rains which flooded them.

"Some paddy fields in Dala Township are ready to harvest, while others have already yielded their crops. We found some paddy fields inundated with rain water, and some have been damaged by water," said U Than Htut Aung, a local grower from Htoo Gyi Village.

"With water overwhelming paddy fields, we built drainage for the water to flow out, so that the paddies suffered less damage," he added.

"This year, paddy production is likely to decline, as now is the time for paddy yields. Al-



Paddy yields are likely to decline this year because of torrential rains in Dala. PHOTO: MG YIN OO (DALA)

though we have built drainages, there will still be some mud in the paddy fields. There is also no space to store the harvested

paddy. The price of paddy is only Ks 500,000 per 100 baskets, so we cannot make profits," he added.

Paddy plantations can grow

a maximum of 80 baskets per acre in Dala Township. One basket weighs 46 lbs.—Mg Yin Oo (Dala) (Translated by Hay Mar)

Shwepyitha housing project houses to be available in December

SHWEPYITHA housing project, which is located at No. 19 Wingabar Ward, is 60 per cent completed and the houses are to become available by the end of December, according to the Pawt May Eain Social Development Association.

"The project is expected to finish soon. In the First Phase, a total of 264 houses are being constructed in Shwepyitha. So far, 60 per cent have been completed. Houses are 12x25 wide and 14x25 wide. Upon completion of the project in Shwepyitha, we will build new housing projects in South Dagon and North Dagon," said Daw Ban Li Zar Aung, founder of Pawt May Eain Social Development Association (Insein).

Community Housing projects are being built in Hal-lingtharyar, Shwepyitha, Dagon (South, North and East) and Da-



Shwepyitha housing project in Yangon is 60 per cent completed and the houses are to become available by the end of December. PHOTO: SHWE MYINT OO (SHWEPYITHA)

gon Seikkan townships. About 10,000 houses will be built in each township. The construction inputs will also be provided for those housing projects.

For implementation of the housing projects, Pawt May Eain Social Development Association has surveyed the population lists, including those who live in the squatters and

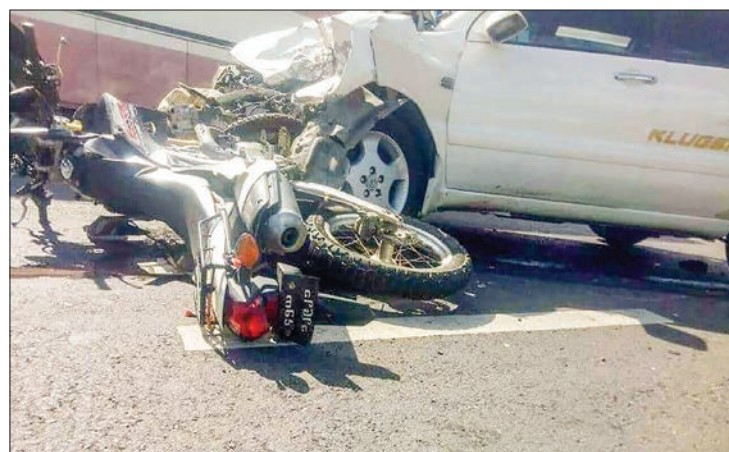
dormitories.

"We are trying to finish these projects in December. We have only 13 days left," said an official in charge of the Shwepyitha construction site.

"The association has performed surveys for the housing project. We are also listed in their survey. We attended their meeting, where they explained

in detail about their project. We have to borrow Ks 3 million from them. After that, we will be given back Ks 76500 per month, including capital and interest for 70 months. This time, we are going to have our own houses," said a local woman, who is listed among the 246 people.—Shwe Myint Oo (Shwepyitha) (Translated by Hay Mar)

French man killed in car-motorcycle crash in Myinmu



A French man dies in a car-motorcycle crash at the Gway Pin Taw Village, Myinmu Township on 16 November. PHOTO: LU AUNG (KATHA)

A French man died on Saturday in a car-motorcycle crash at the Gway Pin Taw Village in Myinmu Township, Sagaing Region, Myinmu Myoma Police station confirmed.

The French man, identified as Mr Duvernay Roger Francois, 76, from Lyon City in France, was riding motorcycles together with three other French citizens en route to Monywa from Sagaing before the motorcycle he rode was rammed by a white Kluger car

coming from the opposite side of the road that tried to overtake.

He was killed on the spot and his dead body was transported to the Mandalay General Hospital via the Myinmu Hospital.

The driver of the car was identified as Kyaw Ye Aung from Thalae Par Village, Ayadaw Township. Police arrested the driver and filed a case against him for his reckless driving.—Lu Aung (Katha) (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

France, Italy, Germany hand over Myanmar digitized film, documentary to MoI

UNION Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint attended the Myanmar 100 Handover Ceremony at the Film Development Centre in Bahan Township, Yangon, yesterday morning, and accepted a digitized copy of the Hmone Shwe Yi movie, along with a scenic documentary about Yangon.

The ceremony was attended by the Italian and Australian ambassadors to Myanmar, the charge d'affaire of the Embassy of France in Myanmar, Memory Cinema members, departmental officials, Film Development Centre members, Myanmar Motion Picture Organization Patrons, Chairman and members, movie and television producers, Save Myanmar Film members, movie enthusiasts and news media personnel.

Patron of Myanmar Memory Cinema Movie Festival Academy Daw Swe Zin Htike explained about transferring Myanmar motion picture heritage movies to mark the centennial of Myanmar's motion picture.

This was followed by Mrs S'everine Wemaere of Memory Cinema Group, who said that France, Switzerland and Germany jointly digitized the movie "Mya Ganaing" in 2016, while France and Singapore digitized "Pyo Chit Lin" in 2017 and handed them over to Myanmar in 2018.

In 2018, France, Italy and Germany jointly digitized "Hmone Shwe Yi", which was delivered to Myanmar yesterday.

U Okka of the Save Myanmar Film Group reviewed the collecting and maintenance of Myanmar's cultural heritage movies and documentaries.

Afterwards, Union Minister Dr Pe Myint said Memory Cinema Group's sponsoring the Memory Film Festival was ensuring the restoration of Myanmar's heritage films, and preventing them from disappearing.

He also disclosed that Japan has restored the Japan Yin Thwe (Japanese Offspring) film and planned to deliver the digitized movie to Myanmar.

The Union minister also noted that the Korea Film Council was planning to digitize the "Payinyaung" Myanmar film, adding that restored Myanmar films and films digitized by international partners will be screened at the Centenary of Myanmar Movies celebration.

He also stressed the need to restore documentary films, which are as valuable and interesting as feature movies.

The Union Minister invited international communities to help develop Myanmar's film sector by cooperating with the Myanmar Film Development



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint delivers the speech at the Myanmar 100 Handover Ceremony at the Film Development Centre in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

Centre of the Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information.

Afterwards, the Italian Ambassador and the deputy chief of mission of the Embassy of France explained the process of digitizing the Hmone Shwe Yi film, as well as the preservation of historic films and documentaries in their countries.

They also expressed their willingness to find and digitize other ancient Myanmar films in their countries, and to help in the restoration and preservation of

ancient films in Myanmar.

Afterwards, the Italian Ambassador and the deputy chief of mission of France handed over the digitized Home Shwe Yi film to the Union Minister. Also, the Australian Ambassador presented a documentary film of scenes of Yangon, as well as cutting down trees, while using elephants in Myanmar.

Hmone Shwe Yi Film was shot in 1970 and directed by Win Oo. Win Oo, Aung Lwin and Khin Than Nu acted in the movie. It won the Best Movie Award and

Win Oo also received the Best Actor Award.

The Hmone Shwe Yi film has been stored in the Ministry's archive.

The Memory Cinema Group also digitized the Mya Ga Naing film shot in 1934 and Pyo Chit Lin film shot in 1950, and handed them over to the Ministry of Information.

Mya Ga Naing Film was listed by UNESCO as a documentary of the country's heritage.—MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

International Day of Tolerance observed in Mandalay



The International Day of Tolerance being convened in Mandalay yesterday. PHOTO: TIN MAUNG/MIN HTET AUNG (MAN SUB-PRINTING HOUSE)

Religion for Peace-Myanmar (RfP-M) organized an event to mark the International Day of Tolerance at the Hilton Mandalay Hotel in Mandalay yesterday.

At the event, Archbishop of Mandalay Marco Tin Win made a greeting remark, and followed by the speeches of Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs and

Culture U Kyi Min, President of Religion for Peace-Myanmar U Myint Swe and RfP International Honorable President Bishop Gunnar Stalsett.

Afterwards, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Islamic and Bahabi religious leaders spread loving-kindness and recited prayers. Officials from different

religions then read the Declaration of Principles on Tolerance.

The International Day for Tolerance was annually observed since 16 November 1995 to generate public awareness of the dangers of intolerance. — Tin Maung/Min Htet Aung (Man Sub-printing house) (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

NASA overpaid Boeing by hundreds of millions of dollars: auditor

WASHINGTON (United States) — NASA "overpaid" Boeing by hundreds of millions of dollars on a fixed contract to develop a spaceship to carry astronauts to the International Space Station (ISS), an audit report has said, compensation it called "unnecessary." The US has relied on Russia to transport its crews to the ISS since the end of the Space Shuttle program in 2011, but has hired Boeing and SpaceX under multi-billion dollar contracts, with the two companies already two years behind schedule. "We found that NASA agreed to pay an additional \$287.2 million above Boeing's fixed prices to mitigate a perceived 18-month gap in ISS flights anticipated in 2019," the inspector general's report issued Thursday said.

"We question \$187 million of these price increases as unnecessary costs," it added.

The auditors determined the amount of additional spend-

ing was not required because the risk of such a gap occurring was minimal, and SpaceX was not provided an opportunity to propose a solution "even though the company previously offered shorter production lead times than Boeing."

What's more, NASA failed to consider in their analysis that they could overcome any perceived gap by purchasing more seats either directly from Russia or from Boeing.

In fact, five days after NASA committed to paying the \$287.2 million, Boeing proposed to sell NASA five seats on the Russian spacecraft Soyuz during the same mission period, a sale completed for an additional \$373.5 million, the report found.

But the report's authors added: "We acknowledge the benefit of hindsight and appreciate the pressures faced by NASA managers at the time to keep the program on schedule to the extent possible."—AFP

Trump 'intimidating' to ex-envoy as new call details revealed

WASHINGTON (United States)— A US ambassador ousted by Donald Trump told a riveting impeachment hearing Friday she felt intimidated by the president, after he launched an extraordinary real-time attack midway through her testimony to Congress.

Testifying under oath before a national television audience, Marie Yovanovitch cut a resolute figure as she was grilled for five hours on her fraught dealings with Trump allies she accuses of undermining US foreign policy in Ukraine.

The 33-year diplomatic veteran earned a standing ovation from the public at the conclusion of her marathon testimony, during which she spoke in personal terms about how she was subjected to a "painful" smear campaign before being abruptly pulled from Kiev.

Setting the scene less than an hour into the hearing, the president erupted spectacularly on Twitter with an attack on the highly-regarded former envoy.

"Everywhere Marie Yovanovitch went turned bad," he wrote. Asked what effect Trump's

tweet might have on her and other witnesses, Yovanovitch appeared unnerved.

"It's very intimidating," she told the panel. "I can't speak to what the president is trying to do but I think the effect is to be intimidating." On a momentous day on Capitol Hill, another official provided damning closed-door testimony to impeachment investigators, reportedly outlining how he overheard a phone call on which Trump asked about "investigations" he had requested from Ukraine into domestic political rivals.

Trump's Twitter outburst highlighted the intensity of the public hearings that seek to establish whether the president abused the power of his office for personal political gain.

The impeachment hearings kicked off Wednesday with testimony by two senior diplomats including the current top envoy to Ukraine, William Taylor.

Friday's testimony proved richer in drama, with the president leveling attacks from afar as Yovanovitch explained to lawmakers how "dangerous" it was for US



Former US envoy to Ukraine Marie Yovanovitch testifies before the House Intelligence Committee as part of the impeachment inquiry into US President Donald Trump. **PHOTO: AFP**

diplomats not to have the backing of their own administration.

House Intelligence Committee chairman Adam Schiff, who presides over the impeachment inquiry, hit out at "witness intimidation in real-time by the president."

Witness tampering including intimidation is a crime, but Schiff would not say whether it was an impeachable offense, or if Democrats would make it the subject of an article of impeachment.

Trump defended his tweet, telling reporters: "I have the right

to speak. I have freedom of speech just like other people do."

The ongoing inquiry in the Democratic-controlled House of Representatives centers on accusations that Trump froze US military aid in an effort to get Ukraine to launch political investigations against potential 2020 election rival Joe Biden and his son Hunter.

The investigation threatens to make Trump the third US president to be impeached, although the Republican-controlled Senate would need to convict him to remove him from office.— AFP ■

NEWS In BRIEF

Parents of missing migrants begin Mexico caravan crossing

TUXTLA GUTIÉRREZ (Mexico) — A caravan made up of 50 parents of disappeared Central American migrants departed on Friday from Mexico's southern border for a cross-country journey in search of their missing relatives.

This is the fifteenth time the Mesoamerican Migration Movement (MMM), a non-government organization, has set up a caravan to travel across Mexico in search of migrants who entered the country and went missing. — AFP ■

Gunman in US school shooting dies as police hunt motive

LOS ANGELES (United States) — The teenager who gunned down classmates at a California high school before shooting himself died Friday, leaving detectives baffled over the motive of a Boy Scout with no obvious alarm bells in his background.

Nathaniel Berhow died in a hospital one day after shooting himself in the head at the end of a 16th birthday rampage that left two fellow students dead. — AFP ■

S&P downgrades protest-hit Lebanon

BEIRUT (Lebanon) — S&P Global Ratings Friday downgraded Lebanon's sovereign debt, saying a twin political and economic crisis had hit investor confidence and constrained the government's funding model, which relies on deposit inflows.

The move to lower the protest-hit country's credit ratings to 'CCC/C' from 'B-/B-' with a negative outlook came one day after S&P said it had downgraded three Lebanese banks.— AFP ■

France's yellow vests seek show of strength for anniversary

PARIS (France)— French "yellow vest" protesters began a series of nationwide demonstrations on Saturday in a bid to show the government they can still muster support on the first anniversary of their movement.

Numbers attending the protests and levels of violence have sharply diminished in recent months from the height of the movement, which began on November 17 last year with a giant Paris protest that drew almost 300,000 people. But the yellow vests want the actions on Saturday — their traditional day for protests — and also Sunday — the anniversary day — to show President Emmanuel Macron they remain a force to be reckoned with.

"We're here even if Macron doesn't like it" demonstrators chanted as they arrived on the outskirts of Paris Saturday, with others singing "Happy Birthday".

Paris police reported 24 arrests by 10.50 AM (0950 GMT) after incidents involving police using teargas and demonstrators setting fires.— AFP ■

Twitter exempts some 'cause-based' messages from political ad ban



Twitter announced it would exempt some "cause-based" messages from its ban on political ads, which goes into effect on 22 November. **PHOTO: AFP**

WASHINGTON (United States) — Twitter said Friday its ban on political ads will exempt "cause-based" messages on topics related to social or environmental issues.

The San Francisco-based messaging platform unveiled details of its move to bar all paid political messages, starting November 22, while easing concerns expressed by activists for social causes.

"Ads that educate, raise awareness, and/or call for peo-

ple to take action in connection with civic engagement, economic growth, environmental stewardship, or social equity causes are allowed," Twitter said in its new policy. "However, they may not reference prohibited political advertisers or political content."

Twitter announced the political ad ban on October 30, saying the move was aimed at countering the spread of misinformation by politicians. Chief executive Jack Dorsey said at the time the company wants to head off po-

tential problems from "machine learning-based optimization of messaging and microtargeting, unchecked misleading information, and deep fakes."

Under Twitter's new policy, even exempted cause-based ads would face restrictions on how the messages are targeted — advertisers may use some geographic targeting "at the state, province or regional level and above," but not by specific locality. These ads could also be targeted by "keyword" searches on the platform or by "interests" previously indicated by users, but may not be based on political leanings or affiliations or other more refined techniques.

The political ban has drawn mixed reactions: some argue it puts pressure on Facebook to follow suit or take other steps to curb the spread of misinformation from politicians; others say a ban will be difficult to enforce.

Social media platforms have been challenged by President Donald Trump's campaign and its use of ads that contain claims critics say have been debunked by independent fact-checkers.

— AFP ■

One dead as petrol protests spread in Iran

TEHRAN (Iran) — One person was killed and others injured in protests that spread across Iran on Saturday after a surprise decision to impose petrol price hikes and rationing in the country hit by US sanctions.

The death occurred in the central city of Sirjan, where people tried to set fire to a fuel depot but were thwarted by security forces including police, the Revolutionary Guards and Basij militia, the semi-official ISNA news agency reported.

The demonstrations broke out on Friday, hours after it was announced that the price of petrol would be hiked by 50 percent for the first 60 litres and 300 percent for anything above that each month.

“Unfortunately someone was killed,” Sirjan’s acting governor Mohammad Mahmoudabadi said in the report, adding that the cause of the death and whether “the individual was shot or not” was still unclear.



Iranian motorists fill up at a petrol station in the capital Tehran. PHOTO: AFP

Mahmoudabadi emphasised that “security forces did not have permission to shoot and were only allowed to fire warning shots... which they did.”

It was a “calm gathering” that was exploited by some who “destroyed public property, damaged fuel stations and also wanted to access the oil company’s main fuel depots and set fire to them,” he said.

Besides Sirjan, “scattered” protests were also held on Friday in other cities including Abadan, Ahvaz, Bandar Abbas, Birjand, Gachsaran, Khoramshahr, Mahshahr, Mashhad and Shiraz, state news agency IRNA said.

But they were mostly limited to blocking traffic and were over by midnight, IRNA reported. —AFP ■

Inundated Venice braced for more flooding, strong winds

VENICE (Italy) — Venice was on red alert for more floods and fierce winds on Saturday after an exceptionally high tide swamped the city of canals, where authorities have declared a state of emergency.

Mayor Luigi Brugnaro ordered the iconic St Mark’s Square closed on Friday as the latest sea surge struck with strong storms and winds battering the region.

The square was open again on Saturday, but the city forecast a high water of 160 centimetres (over five feet) for Sunday, lower than Tuesday’s high of 187 centimetres but still dangerous.

Civil protection authorities issued a weather “red alert” for the Venice region, warning of violent winds which can whip up the sea, although Saturday’s

midday high was forecast to be a manageable 105 centimetres.

Churches, shops and homes in the city, a UNESCO World Heritage site, have been inundated by unusually intense “acquaalta”, or high water, which on Tuesday hit their highest level in half a century.

“We’ve destroyed Venice, we’re talking about one billion (euros) in damage and that’s just from the other day, not today,” Brugnaro said.

The crisis has prompted the government to release 20 million euros (\$22 million) in funds to tackle the devastation.

Surveying the damage, Culture Minister Dario Franceschini warned the task of repairing the city would be huge. More than 50 churches had suffered damage, he said. —AFP ■

Bolivia interim leader threatens Morales with charges

LA PAZ (Bolivia) — Bolivia’s interim leader Jeanine Anez said Friday that exiled ex-president Evo Morales would have to “answer to justice” if he returns, as five of his supporters were killed in fierce clashes with security forces.

Morales resigned and fled to Mexico after losing the support of Bolivia’s security forces following weeks of protests over his disputed re-election that has seen 15 people killed and more than 400 wounded.

“He knows he has to answer to justice. There is electoral crime. There are many allegations of corruption in his government,” Anez told journalists in La Paz.

The former president has said he was willing to return to bring peace to Bolivia. Five Morales supporters died Friday

outside Cochabamba in central Bolivia, a political stronghold for the ex-president, as thousands of coca growers tried to reach the city to join a protest against Anez.

But they were blocked by police, who stopped them from crossing a bridge. An AFP correspondent saw the bodies at a hospital, though authorities did not report any deaths in the clashes, only that 100 people were detained. Media reports said eight were wounded.

“This is a real massacre, it is a genocide, I deplore all these deaths,” Evo Morales told CNN from Mexico. The protesters carried “weapons, guns, Molotov cocktails, homemade bazookas and explosive devices,” Cochabamba police commander Colonel Jamie Zurita said. —AFP ■



Palestinian Islamic Jihad militants attend the funeral of a comrade in the southern Gaza Strip this week. PHOTO: AFP

Israel strikes Hamas targets in Gaza after rocket fire

GAZA CITY (Palestinian Territories) — Israel targeted Hamas in air strikes on Gaza early Saturday after rockets were fired at it from the Palestinian enclave, the army said, two days after a fragile ceasefire began.

Hamas, the Islamist movement that has de facto control over the Gaza Strip, had been spared the brunt of Israeli bombardment during this week’s flare-up which focused on its hardline ally Islamic Jihad.

A ceasefire has been in place since Thursday morning following the wave of tit-of-tat air strikes and rocket fire between

Israel and Islamic Jihad — the territory’s second most powerful militant group. The army said it launched Saturday’s strikes after “two rockets were fired from the Gaza Strip towards Israeli territory” and were intercepted by air defences.

It was not immediately known who fired the rockets. Palestinian security sources said the Israeli strikes were aimed at two Hamas sites in the north of the territory.

“Among the sites targeted was a military camp of the Hamas terror organisation and a military compound used by the

Hamas naval forces,” a statement from the Israeli military said. “In addition an underground terror infrastructure was also targeted.” There were no reports of casualties.

It was the first time Hamas had been hit since this week’s escalation began with Israel’s targeted killing of a top Islamic Jihad commander early on Tuesday.

That strike triggered almost immediate retaliatory rocket fire from Islamic Jihad, which set off air-raid sirens and sent Israelis rushing to bomb shelters in the country’s southern and central regions. —AFP ■



Bolivian riot police and soldiers clash with supporters of Bolivia’s ex-President Evo Morales during a protest against the interim government in Sacaba, Chapare province, Cochabamba department on 15 November 2019. PHOTO: AFP

Clean-up begins in Hong Kong after week of chaos and destruction

HONG KONG (China) — A clean-up began across Hong Kong Saturday with pro-government groups removing bricks and debris from roads after a week of widespread disruption and violence as pro-democracy protesters changed tactics to sink the city deeper into chaos.

Their “Blossom Everywhere” campaign of roadblocks, vandalism and protest across the semi-autonomous financial hub shut down large chunks of the train network, forced schools and shopping malls to close and stretched police resources.

The tactic blocked major intersections and highways with barricades made from bricks, furniture, bins and steel barriers, while university campuses became bases for

stockpiling petrol bombs and supplies.

On Saturday, hundreds of government supporters began knocking down improvised walls concreted into the road by pro-democracy protesters, whose demonstrations have rocked Hong Kong for more than five months.

As the afternoon wore on, scores of broad-shouldered men with crew-cuts and wearing identical gym kits emerged from the barracks of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) in Kowloon in ranks, swiftly removing bricks from the road and scooping up debris.

It was not immediately clear who the men were but they jogged back to the garrison after a lightning-quick organised clean.



The Cross Harbour Tunnel has been blocked since Tuesday. **PHOTO: AFP**

Chinese soldiers from the Hong Kong garrison are rarely seen outside — especially on the street in formation — and any deployment is likely to heat up tensions in the city.

China, which regained control of Hong Kong from the British in 1997, has ramped up its rhetoric against the protesters, with President Xi Jinping this week

warning the protests threatened the “once country, two systems” model under which it is governed.

Protesters accuse China of chipping away at the unique freedoms enjoyed by Hong Kong compared with the rest of the mainland and fear a military response from Beijing as the unrest deepens. —AFP ■

Moon says sharing military intelligence with Japan “difficult”

SEOUL — South Korean President Moon Jae In told visiting US Defense Secretary Mark Esper Friday it is difficult for Seoul to share military intelligence with Japan, while vowing to make continued efforts toward security cooperation among the three countries, according to the presidential office.

In their meeting at the office, Moon explained his government's decision in August to not renew a military intelligence-sharing pact with Japan, said presidential spokeswoman Ko Min Jung.

The General Security of Military Information Agreement, or GSOMIA, expires at midnight on 22 November.

“President Moon ex-

plained our stance regarding GSOMIA that it is difficult to exchange military information with Japan, which has imposed export curbs on South Korea for security reasons,” Ko said.

She said that Esper, in response, said that he would ask Japan to make efforts to settle the issue in an amicable way.

At a press conference earlier in the day with Defense Minister JeongKyeong Doo, Esper called on South Korea to renew the deal, saying its termination would only benefit North Korea and China.

The two defense chiefs indicated that they agreed on the importance of the agreement from the standpoint of national security.—

Kyodo News ■

Major train line in Tokyo partially halted for construction

TOKYO — One of the busiest train lines in central Tokyo was partially shut down Saturday for ongoing work to build a new station, affecting an estimated 560,000 people.

East Japan Railway Co. suspended operation of roughly a third of the JR Yamanote Line, a 34.5-kilometer loop with a weekly ridership of over 28 million passengers, from the first train early Saturday through around 4 p.m.

The Yamanote Line had never ceased operation for construction work since the operator was privatized in 1987. The shutdown involved 11 stations between Osaki and Ueno stations and was necessitated by the need to shift tracks in connection with work to build Takanawa Gateway Station, set for partial opening in the spring of 2020, said the company commonly known as JR East.

Reduced services on the remaining section of the line had returned to normal by around 6 p.m.



Photo taken on 14 November 2019, from a Kyodo News helicopter shows Takanawa Gateway Station in Tokyo, East Japan Railway Co.'s new Yamanote loop line station under construction. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

Takanawa Gateway Station, under construction since February 2017, is the first new Yamanote Line station to be built since 1971 and will be the

30th on the route. It is part of JR East's project to build several high-rises in a former railyard site between Shinagawa and Tamachi stations.—Kyodo News ■

Japanese cartoonist Leiji Matsumoto taken to hospital in Italy

TOKYO — Japanese cartoonist Leiji Matsumoto has been taken to a hospital in the northern Italian city of Turin, but people close to him said Saturday he is in “stable condition.”

On Friday, Italian media reports said the 81-year-old cartoonist was apparently in serious condition and believed to have had a stroke.

The people said Matsumoto was examined at the hospital but no severe symptoms were found. They said he will return to Japan after he improves.

He visited Turin to attend an event to celebrate the 40th anniversary since his video animation “Space Pirate Captain Herlock” was first broadcast in Italy.

On Friday, Matsumoto arrived at a movie theater where his work “Galaxy Express 999” was scheduled to be screened but returned to his hotel after feeling ill, and was later taken to the hospital, they said.—Kyodo News ■

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High court in downtown area of Yangon. PHOTO: YE HTUT TIN (NLM)

Peninsula Yangon, former headquarters of the Burma Railway Company that will be restored into a luxury hotel that was expected to bring a new level of distinctions to the Myanmar hospitality scene. Yoma Central is an integrated development featuring luxury residences, two Grade A office towers, a business hotel and serviced apartments, all of which will be connected seamlessly by a retail podium.

346 hotels

As of end September 2019, Yangon had 346 hotels with more than 20,000 rooms according to figures released by Ministry of Hotels and Tourism on 21 October 2019. In addition to this, Yangon also had motels and inns with more than 2,000 rooms. As of end

Two major projects in downtown Yangon

Yoma Central Project and Westin Yangon Hotel Project

By Zin Lin Myint

YANGON teeming with industrial zones, hotel projects and housing projects was building up its development momentum. Among these projects was Yoma Central Project near Bogyoke Aung San Market that includes Westin Yangon Hotel Project.

Project works start

Yoma Land and Westin Yangon (Marriott International) signed an agreement on Westin Yangon Hotel Project at Sule Shangri La Hotel on 24 October 2019 and the project works has commenced.

“Construction project had started. Efforts will be made to complete Westin Yangon

Hotel on 2021, the year when Yoma Central Project was to be completed” said Yoma Land’s Head of Real Estate Mr. Stephen Purvis. Yoma Central Project will be constructed on a 2.44 million square feet of floor area. Of this, Westin Yangon Hotel will take up a total of 250,000 square foot of floor area.

26-storey Westin Yangon Hotel will have 281 rooms and suites alongside 90 premium serviced apartments. The hotel will be in the neighbourhood of Central Hotel, Sule Shangri La and Sakura Tower as well as Junction City in downtown or central business district of Yangon.

Yoma Central was de-



PHOTO: ZIN LIN MYINT

signed by prominent architect, Cecil Balmond OBD and Westin Yangon was expected to be the best in Yangon said an official from Westin Yangon (Marriott International) Asia Pacific.

Emergence of such hotels will support Yangon’s hotel and

travel sectors while also fulfilling world class hotel rooms for international travellers.

Before Yoma Land signed an agreement with Westin Yangon (Marriott International) to include Westin Yangon Hotel Project in Yoma Central, the site already included the



Yoma Central project site PHOTO: YE HTUT TIN (NLM)

September 2019, there were a total of 21,042 hotel rooms and 2,014 rooms in motels and inns.

Splendid location to visit old Yangon and heritage sites

Yangon Heritage Trust, Yangon City Development Committee and supporting



Maha Bandoola Park. PHOTO: YE HTUT TIN (NLM)



Bogyoke Aung San Market. PHOTO: YE HTUT TIN (NLM)

partners honour key heritage sites throughout Yangon by installation of the commemorative blue plaques.

Blue Plaques are permanent signs installed in a public place to commemorate a link between that location and a famous person, event, or landmark—serving as a kind of historical marker.

Blue Plaques are one of the most effective and visible means to celebrate Yangon's rich history. With their direct appeal to the public, the introduction of commemorative Blue Plaques had made Yangon's history accessible to people of all ages and backgrounds.

To date, there were 31 Blue Plaque buildings/sites in Yangon with many in downtown Yangon.

Yoma Central with Westin Yangon Hotel once completed will be in the heart of Yangon close to Sule Pagoda and Shwedagon Pagoda. Bogyoke Aung San Market established in 1926 was right beside it.

Bogyoke Aung San Market itself was a Blue Plaque



building/site while other Blue Plaque buildings/sites within a comfortable walking distance to Yoma Central and Westin Yangon Hotel are the City Hall, the Rowe & Company Department Store, the Armenian Apostolic Church of St. John The Baptist, Yangon Central Fire Station, General Post Office, Lawkanat Building, Maha Bandoola Park, Musmeah Yeshua Synagogue, B.E.H.S. (6) Botahtaung, B.E.H.S (1) Dagon, High Court, B.E.H.S (1) Lanmadaw, Bo Aung Kyaw Street, and The Strand Hotel.

Yoma Central and Westin Yangon Hotel, the latest addition of modernity, comfort and convenience to Yangon will be right smack within historical hundred years old buildings and sites.

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DHL Supply Chain scales up operations in Myanmar with its first multi-user warehouse

DHL Supply Chain, the global market leader for contract logistics solutions, has announced the opening of its first multi-user warehouse in Myanmar, located in Dagon Seikkan Industrial Zone in Yangon, the country's trade and commerce epicenter. The company has invested approximately 1.58 billion MMK (€1 million) in this facility and is targeting to add more than 200 full time employees to its team by 2021.

The 60,000 sq feet state-of-the-art warehouse caters to the needs of the expanding local customer base, mostly from the consumer and technology sectors. Located less than 30 kilometers from the airport and key industrial ports, the warehouse is well-connected by land transport and is in close proximity to the downtown area. Equipped with eight loading docks and raised floors, as well as round-the-clock surveillance cameras, the warehouse boosts operational efficiency, while adhering to the highest safety and security standards benchmarked against international standards. "Our investment in Myanmar showcases our commitment to ensure that we are consistently offering the best end-to-end logistics solutions to customers in the region, to help them capitalize on growth opportunities. Over the years, we have witnessed tremendous



Officials of DHL pose for documentary photo. PHOTO: DHL

growth in Indo-China including Myanmar, and have scaled our offerings accordingly to meet our customers' needs. Today, our customers can count on us to provide a full suite of integrated end-to-end supply chain solutions, pegged to the highest global standards of excellence," said Kevin Burrell, CEO DHL Supply Chain, Thailand Cluster (Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar and Cambodia).

As one of the fastest-growing economies in Southeast Asia, Myanmar has consistently maintained an annual GDP growth of about 5.5 per cent since 1992. This positive trend is expected to continue with the implementation of the Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP), which ensures that there is long term economic stability and strengthened macro-

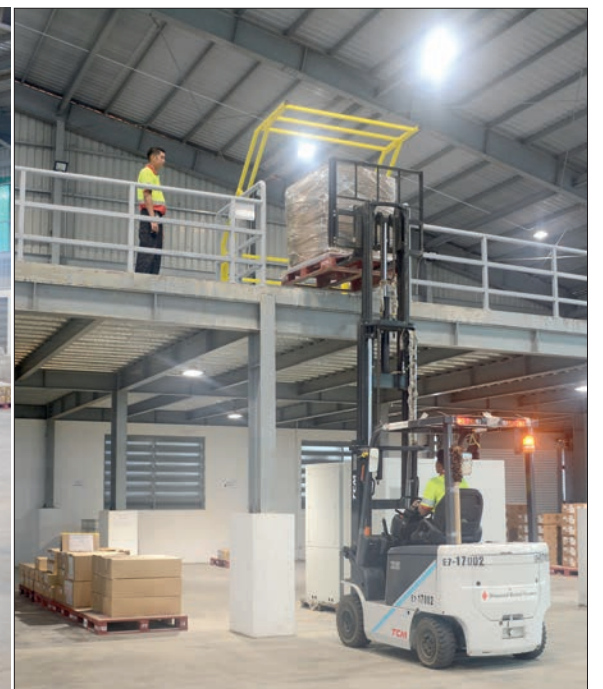
economic management, in particular to create jobs and help with private sector-led growth. The soon-to-be concluded Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) between the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) – which Myanmar is a member of – and Australia, China, India, Japan, South Korea and New Zealand, is also expected to elevate the economic potential of the region as one of the largest trade blocs in the world. "Our experience and expertise in supply chain management globally combined with our deep understanding of the local business environment and its distinct culture provide the perfect platform for us to build intimate knowledge of our customers' requirements and optimize our operations in Myanmar. Led by a team of

supply chain veterans, we offer a compelling suite of solutions from transport to warehousing management, to enhance our customers' supply chains," said Shisanupong Pitidhanyasawadi, Country Manager, DHL Supply Chain, Myanmar.

DHL first entered Myanmar back in 1982 with its Express division and has, in the last three decades, expanded its portfolio to include the full range of logistics solutions, powered by its Supply Chain and Global Forwarding divisions. In recognition of its expertise and best-in-class standards, DHL Supply Chain remains the only 100 per cent foreign-owned logistics company to have acquired an investment permit from the Myanmar Investment Commission.—GNLM



DHL Supply Chain Myanmar. PHOTO: DHL



DHL Supply Chain Myanmar. PHOTO: DHL

World Cup Qualifiers: Myanmar national team prepares for match against Mongolia

MYANMAR national men's football team is preparing for a crucial second round Group F match in the 2022 FIFA World Cup qualifiers, which will be played on 19 November at Mandalay Thiri Stadium in Mandalay.

The Myanmar national team players started their special training for the crucial World Cup qualifier against Mongolia on 15 November at the National Football Academy of Mandalay.

Team Myanmar will be led by head coach Antoine Hey.

Under the guidance of Hey, team Myanmar saw its first win in the previous Group F qualifiers against an Asian team Tajikistan at home, winning 4-3 on 14 November.

The win kept alive the Myanmar team's hope for competing

in the World Cup.

Myanmar is currently in fifth place, with three points, having one win and three losses, while undefeated Japan is in first place, Krygyzstan in second place with two wins and two losses, while Tajikistan is in third with two wins and two losses, but different goal totals with Krygyzstan. Mongolia also leads Myanmar, with the same victories and losses, but a difference in goals.

During Myanmar facing Mongolia in the first round World Cup qualifiers, team Myanmar, under the guidance of former head coach Miodrag Radulovic, suffered a 0-1 loss against Mongolia in Ulanbaatar, Mongolia on 6 September, 2019.

Thus, the upcoming My-



Myanmar national footballers training in Mandalay before the World Cup qualifier against Mongolia, which will be played on 19 November. **PHOTO: MFF**

anmar vs Mongolia match, to be played on 19 November at Mandalay Thiri Stadium, will be a thriller to watch.

Advanced tickets for the match are on sale at the eastern gate of the Mandalay Thiri Stadium on the 68th street side, and at

the Myanmar Football Academy (Mandalay) during office hours, according to the MFF.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)



Youths take part in the Community Champion Football Clinic yesterday at the Mandalay Thiri Football Stadium in Mandalay. **PHOTO: MFF**

Community Champion Football Clinic program organized in Mandalay

A Community Champion Football Clinic — a sports program that provides information about the harmful effects of drugs and aims to combat drug use by promoting football — was held yesterday at the Mandalay Thiri Stadium in Mandalay.

The program was supervised by the Myanmar Football Federation (MFF) and the United States Embassy.

In attendance were government officials, staff from the United States Embassy in Myanmar, officials from the Myanmar Football Federation, young athletes interested in the program, football coaches, and instructors from

the United States and Myanmar, along with invited guests.

As part of the program, the youth played football and were offered instruction by coaches from the United States and Myanmar.

At the opening ceremony, the Mandalay Region Minister for natural resources and environmental conservation, U Myo Thit, said, "I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to the Myanmar Football Federation and United States Embassy for arranging this kind of football program in Mandalay. The Community Champions Football Clinic really aims to seek new and talented footballers." Also, General Secretary of the Myan-

mar Football Federation, U Ko Ko Thein, pointed out the vision of the program includes focusing on combating drugs through the strength of sports, and he also said that the MFF is organised not just for football, but for social community works.

Currently, Football Clinics and Grassroots for youths across Myanmar are being organized by the MFF, and will soon hold similar activities with assistance from the US Embassy.

Community Champion Football Clinic Programs will also be held in Taunggyi on 19 November, according to the MFF.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

Liverpool star Gomez's difficult week ends on low note

PARIS (France)— Liverpool full-back Joe Gomez's rollercoaster week, from the high of beating Manchester City last Sunday to being booed at Wembley on Thursday, ended with him missing England's final Euro 2020 qualifier in Kosovo due to a sore knee.

The 22-year-old — whose Liverpool team-mate Jordan Henderson also misses the trip to Kosovo with a viral infection — featured in the headlines earlier in the week after City striker Raheem Sterling confronted him at England's training centre on Monday, the day after Liverpool's 3-1 victory over City. Gomez was booed when he came on as a substitute in the 7-0 mauling of Montenegro, while Henderson missed it due to a one-match ban. Victory

assured England of a place at the finals.

"Jordan Henderson and Joe Gomez will miss England's final UEFA EURO 2020 qualifier in Kosovo on Sunday," read a statement from the Football Association (FA). "Henderson arrived in camp with a viral infection that has not fully cleared. "Meanwhile, his Liverpool team-mate Gomez sustained a knock to the knee in training on Friday and has not recovered sufficiently enough to travel. "The pair have returned to their club meaning the Three Lions will head to Pristina on Saturday with a 23-man squad."

England may have assured themselves of a place in the finals but Southgate wants a win on Sunday to ensure they are seeded in the top six.—AFP ■



Joe Gomez was booed when he came on in England's 7-0 thrashing of Montenegro. **PHOTO: AFP**

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THE GLOBAL NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

MYANMAR FINE ARTS



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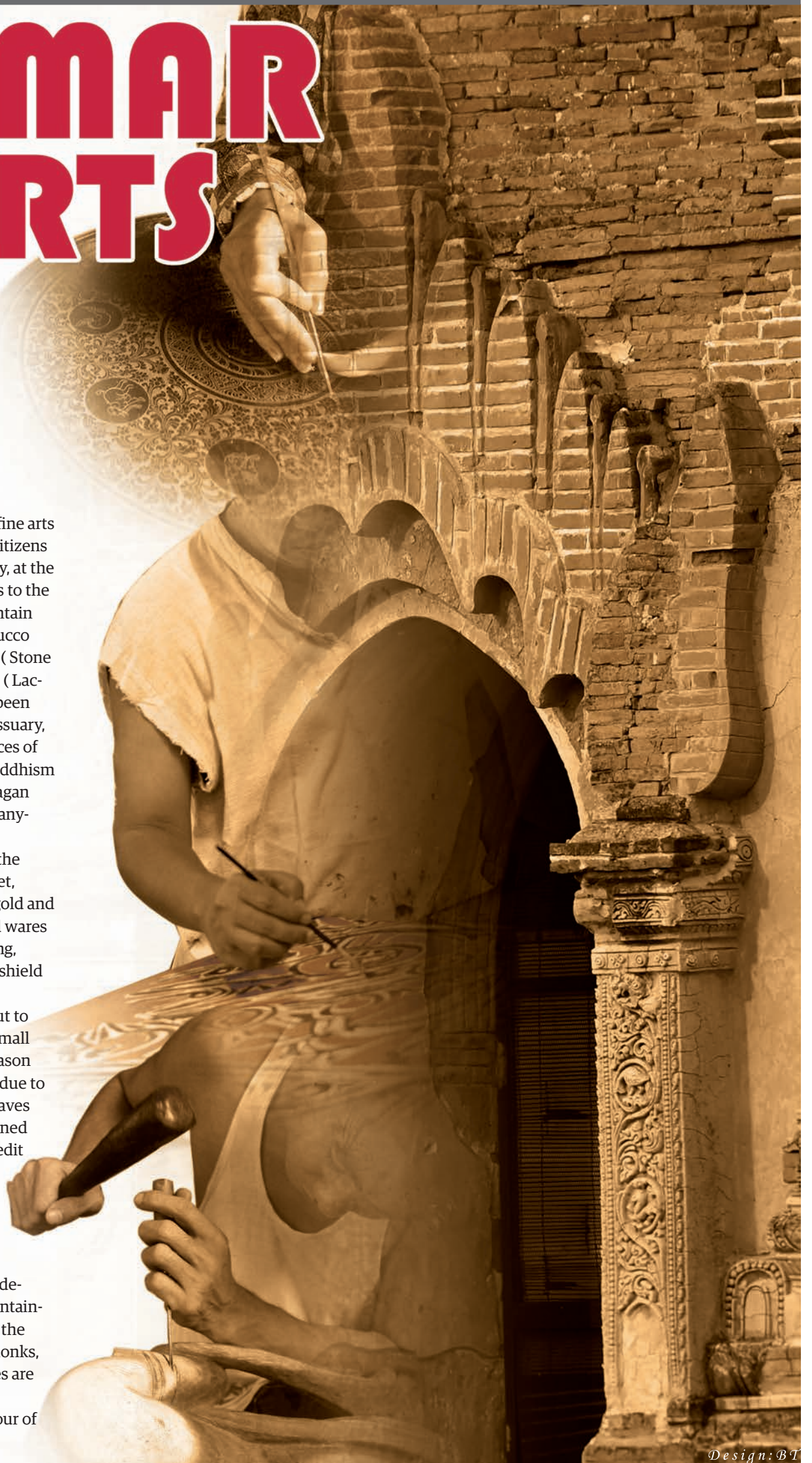
If one asks you what is the value of Myanmar, Myanmar fine arts are what one should point out. It is true that Myanmar citizens should keep up with the advancement in the 21st century, at the same time, it does not mean that we should be oblivious to the identity of Myanmar. Myanmar Arts “ Panbe (blacksmith), Pantain (Gold and Silver Smith), Pantin (Bronze Casting), Pantaut(Stucco relief), Panyan (masonry), Panbu(Woodcarving), Pantamault (Stone Carving), Panpoot (turnery), Panchi (Art of Painting), Panyun (Lacquerware) are to Myanmar ancestors’ credit since they have been flourished through the dynasties. In Pyu era, the excavated ossuary, the statue, the sculpture, Baw baw Kyi pagoda are the evidences of the existences of these arts. Then, with the prominence of Buddhism in the reign of King Anawyahtar and Kyansitthar, when the Bagan architects initiated to build the pagodas, temples, fane and many-tiered, Myanmar’s traditional arts had expanded.

The art of blacksmith (Panbe) is the tempering of iron in the furnace to make the items like scissors, hammer, knife, hatchet, mattock and the weapons like sword, armour, etc. The art of gold and silver smith (Pantain) is making items of gold and silver. Gold wares are the accessories like ear-drops, necklace, finger-ring, ear-ring, bracelet and silverware are drinking bowls, receptacle bowls, shield and belt.

In every golden pagoda, there have the bells which are put to mark and share the donor’s good deeds. There, a large gong, small triangular brass gong are the items of the art of Pantin. The reason why Bagan stands out magnificently as a tourist attraction is due to the Bagan artisans’ floral designs like the creation of curled leaves and the marvelous statues of lion and dragon which are designed with stucco. This is how the art Pantaut(Stucco Relief) is a credit to Myanmar. The art of Panyan is constructing the buildings using bricks, cement. It is undeniable that Myanmar wood sculptures, stone sculptures, which are the art of Panbu are famous and exquisite. Pantamault is the art of creating Buddha images and other items like mortar, pestle.

Panpoot (Turnery) is the art of creating the intricate and detailed shapes from wood, thus it produces the well-shaped containers, tables, and chairs. Bagan’s Panyun art can definitely draw the foreigners’ attention as the betel box, the bowls to offer the monks, the trays, the cups, which are painted with the intricate figures are exquisite.

Let these Myanmar Arts sustain as a great pride and honour of Myanmar.



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ENGLISH LESSON ESSAYS & LETTER

By C. T. O

(CONTINUED FROM LAST WEEK)

Exercises

အောက်ပါတို့ကို အင်္ဂလိပ်လိုရေးပါ။ (အဖြေကို အောက်တွင် ပေးထားပါသည်။)

- (၁) မမ ယခုလေးတင် ရုပ်ရှင်ရုံမှ ပြန်လာသည်။
(၂) သူ ညစာမစားသည်မှာ လေးရက်ရှိပြီ။
(၃) သူတို့ ငါးများနေကြသည်မှာ မနက်ကတည်းကပဲ။
(၄) ကျွန်တော် ဤသင်တန်းတက်ရောက်နေသည်မှာ လေးလ ကျော်ပါပြီ။
(၅) သူမ ကချေသည်တစ်ယောက်ဖြစ်နေသည်မှာ ခြောက်နှစ်ရှိပါပြီ။
(၆) ကိုကိုအတန်းထဲ၌ အရိုက်ခံရသည်မှာ လေးကြိမ်ရှိပြီ။
(၇) ရဲများ သူတို့ကို စောင့်ကြည့်နေသည်မှာ ၁၅ ရက်ရှိပါပြီ။
(၈) သူမ ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား မကြည့်သည်မှာ ၁၅ ရက်ရှိပါပြီ။
(၉) သူ အင်္ဂလိပ်စကားမပြောသည်မှာ ကျောင်းထွက်ကတည်းကပဲ။
(၁၀) သူမ ထိုသစ်ပင်အောက်၌ ရပ်နေသည်မှာ သုံးနာရီကျော်ပါပြီ။

Answers

- 1. Ma Ma has just returned from the cinema.
2. He has not had dinner for four days.
3. They have been fishing since morning.
4. I have been attending this training course for over four month.
5. She has been a dancer for six years.
6. Ko Ko has been beaten in class four times.
7. The police have been watching them for 15 days.
8. She has not watched the television for 15 days.
9. He has not spoken English since he left school.
10. She has been standing under that tree for over three hours.

အောက်တွင် The Simple Past Tense နှင့် The Present Perfect Tense ရေး၍ လေ့ကျင့်ခန်းများ ပေးထားပါသည်။

- (a) အတိတ်တစ်ချိန်ချိန်တွင် ဖြစ်ပျက်ခဲ့၍ အတိတ်၌ပင် ကျန်ရစ်ခဲ့သော အကြောင်းအရာများကို Simple Past Tense (ရိုးရိုးအတိတ်ကာလ) ဖြင့်သာ ဖော်ပြရသည်။ တိကျသော အချိန်ပိုင်းပြ စကားလုံး၊ စကားစုများဖြင့် တွဲ၍ သုံးလေ့ရှိသည်။
(b) အတိတ်တစ်ချိန်ချိန်မှ စတင်၍ ယခုထိတစ်လျှောက်လုံး ဆက်တိုက်ဖြစ်ပျက်ခဲ့သောအကြောင်းအရာကို Present Perfect Tense ဖြင့် ဖော်ပြရသည်။ များသောအားဖြင့် since, for တို့ဖြင့် တွဲသုံးလေ့ရှိသည်။

လေ့ကျင့်ခန်းများ လုပ်ကြည့်ပါ။

- 1. He (be) to many countries.
2. He (be) in Hong Kong last month.
3. She (not visit) Kalaw in 1982.
4. She (not visit) Kalaw since 1982.
5. He (write) to her five months ago.
6. He (write) to her five times.
7. I (not smoke) for two years.
8. He (smoke) 20 cigarettes last night.
9. Her house (sell) seven months ago.
10. The flowers (just sell)
11. The mistakes (not correct) yet.
12. The players (select) last week.

Answers

- 1. He has been to many countries. သူ နိုင်ငံများစွာ ရောက်ဖူးသည်။
2. He was in Hong Kong last month. သူ ယခင်လက ဟောင်ကောင်မြို့တွင် ရှိခဲ့သည်။
3. She did not visit Kalaw in 1982. သူမ ၁၉၈၂ ခုနှစ်က ကလောသို့ သွားမလည်ခဲ့ပါ။

- 4. She has not visited Kalaw since 1982. သူမ ကလောသို့ သွားမလည်သည်မှာ ၁၉၈၂ ခုနှစ်ကတည်းကပဲ။
5. He wrote to her five months ago. သူ သူမထံ လွန်ခဲ့သောငါးလက စာရေးခဲ့သည်။
6. He has written to her five times. သူ သူမထံ စာရေးသည်မှာ ငါးကြိမ်ရှိပြီ။
7. I have not smoked for two years. ကျွန်တော် ဆေးလိပ်မသောက်သည်မှာ နှစ်နှစ်ရှိပါပြီ။
8. He smoked 20 cigarettes last night. သူ မနေ့ညက စီးကရက်အလိပ် ၂၀ သောက်ခဲ့သည်။
9. Her house was sold seven months ago. သူမ အိမ်ကို လွန်ခဲ့သော ငါးလက ရောင်းခဲ့သည်။
10. The flowers have just been sold. ပန်းများကို ယခုလေးတင် ရောင်းလိုက်ပြီ။
11. The mistakes have not been corrected yet. အမှားများကို မပြင်ရသေးပါ။
12. The players were selected last week. ကစားသမားများကို ယခင်အပတ်က ရွေးချယ်ခဲ့သည်။

Essay-writing & Letter-writing

Essay-writing ကို Outlines အခြေခံ၍ ရေးသားပုံနှင့် ပေးထားသော Letter ပြန်ကြားစာရေးပုံတင်ပြလိုက်ပါသည်။

လေ့လာပါ။ Write two paragraphs on "the newspaper I read at home"

The newspaper I read at home (Outlines)

- 1. What is the name of the newspaper that you read?
2. Is it a Myanmar or an English language newspaper?
3. How many pages does it have?
4. On what pages is the foreign news printed?
5. On what pages are the weather report and the announcements of births, deaths and marriages printed?
6. On what page is the editorial printed?
7. Do you read the newspaper regularly?
8. What news items do you usually read?
9. Do you like this paper? Why?

- (က) အထက်ပါတို့သို့ Outlines ကိုးကြောင်းပေးထား၍ စာစီစာကုံး (စာပိုဒ်) ရေးခိုင်းလျှင် ခေါင်းစဉ်ကိုဖတ်ပါ။ Essay ရေးပါဟုဆိုလျှင် သုံးပိုဒ်ရေးပါ။ ယခု two paragraphs ဟု ဆိုသဖြင့် နှစ်ပိုဒ်သာ ရေးပါ။
(ခ) ပေးထားသည့် Outlines ကိုးကြောင်းကို ဖြေ၍ ရေးချလိုက်ရုံဖြင့် အမှတ်ရမည်မဟုတ်ပါ။ ပေးထားချက်များအပေါ် ချဲ့ရေးရန် ဖြစ်သည်။ အသွေးအသားဖြည့်ပေးရန် ဖြစ်သည်။ ဤအချက်ကို သဘောပေါက်ရန် လိုပါသည်။ စာကြောင်း ၃၀ ကျော်လောက် ရအောင်ရေးပါ။
(ဂ) အောက်တွင် မည်ကဲ့သို့ ချဲ့ထွင်ရေးရသည်ကို "နမူနာ" အဖြစ် ပေးထားပါသည်။ သတိပြုရန်မှာ Outlines ကိုလည်း အသုံးပြုရန် ဖြစ်သည်။

The newspaper that I read at home

Newspaper are the eyes and ears of a nation. They come out everyday. Most are morning papers but there are a few evening papers. They carry all kinds of news. We read newspaper because we want to know what is happening in our own country and in other parts of the world. There are six newspapers in Myanmar four are in Myanmar and two are in English.

The name of the newspaper that I read at home is the Kyemon. It is a Myanmar language newspaper. It is a morning paper. It has eight pages. Its size is small. Important local news items are on the front page. The foreign news is printed on pages 2 and 3. The weather report and announcements of births, deaths and marriages are printed on pages 6 and 7.

The editorial is on page 4. This page also carries articles and letters to the editor. I read the newspaper everyday. I usually read local news and sports news. Sports news is on page 8. I am a school boy. I am in the 10th Standard. I am interested both in Myanmar and in English. I sometimes go to tea-shops and read English language newspapers. I usually read the Guardian. I like the Kyemon. The news items are short and to the point. The language used is not difficult. The photographs are clear. There are also many advertisements. I shall go on reading newspapers. My ambition is to be a newsman.

(For Study)

Table with 2 columns: English terms (a Myanmar language newspaper, editorial, sports news, articles, letters to the editor, to the point, clear, advertisements, ambition, newsman) and Burmese equivalents.

(Letter-writing)

- ပေးထားသောစာကို ပြန်စာရေးခိုင်းလေ့ရှိသည်။
(က) ပေးထားသောစာထဲမှ မေးခွန်းများကိုသာ ပြန်ဖြေရန်မဟုတ်။ ဤမျှနှင့်မလုံလောက်။
(ခ) စာကြောင်းတိုင်းကို ဖတ်၍ တုံ့ပြန်တတ်ရန်လိုသည်။ ဆက်စပ်ဆီလျော်သည်ကို ရေးသားတတ်ရန် လိုသည်။ ထို့ကြောင့် တစ်ကြောင်းပြီးတစ်ကြောင်းဖတ်၍ ပြန်ရေးနိုင်သမျှကို ရေးပါ။
(ဂ) မိမိကလည်း တုံ့ပြန်မေးခွန်းများ မေးနိုင်သည်။
(ဃ) ပေးထားသောစာကို ဖတ်၍ အောက်ပြန်စာ (reply) တွင် မည်သို့ စာကြောင်းတိုင်းကို တုံ့ပြန်ရေးထားသည်ကို လေ့လာပါ။

Write a reply to the following letter. 7, Pagoda Road Myothit May 6, 1974

Dear Khin Khin, I am very happy to hear that you have passed the Ninth Standard. Now, we are both in the Tenth Standard and we must work hard to do well in the examination.

I now study three hours a day in the evenings after dinner. How many hours do you study? Do you study in the mornings or in the evenings?

I find our English lessons very interesting, especially the lessons on Volcanoes and Earthquakes. I didn't know that Mount Popa is an extinct volcano. Did you? I would like to know more about it. I want to know when it last erupted and how high it is. If you know anything about it, please let me know. My father has promised to take me there during the October holidays. Would you like to come along with us?

My mother has told me about earthquakes in Myanmar. Did you know that there was a very bad earthquake which destroyed the Shwemawdaw Pagoda in Bago? If you want to hear about it, just let me know.

Please write to me when you have time. I look forward to hearing from you.

Your loving friend, Mi Mi

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT WEEK)



PHOTO: NAT YE HLA

A Walk in the Precincts of the **Kaba Aye Pagoda**

By Maung Maung Aye

I live in Kaba Aye. My house is situated across the precincts of the Kaba Aye Pagoda. So I often take a leisure walk inside it.

Last Sunday, I got up early and took a walk into the precincts of the Pagoda. I entered it from the gate near the Sar-taik bus-stop and followed the path leading to the Mahapasana cave. I noticed that the whole precinct was cool and fresh from the rain which fell last night. When I neared the cave, I espied the glittering sacred umbrella of the Kaba Aye Pagoda towering above the thick foliage of trees. To my knowledge, the pagoda was built by Prime Minister U Nu in 1952 to restore peace in Yangon. So he named it 'Kaba Aye Pagoda' meaning 'The pagoda of World Peace'. Kaba Aye region also takes its name after this pagoda. The relics of the Aggasavaka (Vens. Sariputtara and Moggalana) of the Gotama Buddha presented to U Nu by Prime Minister Neru during his pilgrimage to Buddhagaya were enshrined in its relic chamber.

My train of thoughts about the Kaba Aye Pagoda ceased when I saw some people exercising under the shady trees growing around the Mahapasana Cave. They were of different ages. Some were running, some jogging and some walking around the cave. Some fat women were swiveling their body around their waist and holding up and down their hands. A few monks were also walking serenely around the cave. When I looked up

at the cave, I saw many boulders on its roof, among which different species of trees were growing. The cave is said to have been built in 1954 to house the Sixth Buddhist Synod.

When I glanced north, I saw the Pitaka Taik(Library) in a large compound. It is said that it was built just before the Sixth Buddhist Synod in 1954. As it was a well-stocked library, it was like a treasure for scholars and researchers. There lay an oval-shaped pond before it, around which were shrubs of different flowering plants. So the whole compound of the Pitaka Taik was very pleasant. When I got behind the cave, I found the office of the Chairman of the State Samgha Mahanayaka Committee on the left side of the path. As far as I knew, Chairman Sayadaw Dr. Kumarabhivamsa was well-versed in Buddhist scriptures. I often listened to the Dhamma he preached on the television. Since he preached the Dhamma short and to the point., my parents never lost the opportunity of hearing his Dhamma.

I turned left and followed the path leading to the Nga-hlawk-kan (Fish-freeing Lake). On both sides of the path were lines of shady, old trees. Behind them stood some high office-buildings. On the way to the lake, I espied the State Pariyatti Sasana University. It is known that it was opened in 1985 at the advice of Mingwin Sayadaw to produce local and foreign missionary monks. Today, it was one of the leading religious universities in Myanmar.

When I got to the junction where the Samgha hospital stood, I took the path skirting round the Nga-hlwak-kan. On the right side of the path, I found some vegetable-plantations, a few brick-houses and two ponds. On the left was the Nga-hlawk-kan in which water was full to its brink. On the other side of the lake stood a great ordination hall called 'Maha Sima'. It was built in the Sinhalese architectural style. Soon, I reached the mound at the end of the path. On the mound were some one-storeyed brick-houses in the large compounds covered with shady trees. I found no one there. Therefore, I heard no sound except some calls of birds coming from afar. I continued to walk along the bunds of the lake. When I reached the other bank of the lake, I found some people feeding food to the fishes in the lake and some, to crows and pigeons in the patch of land in front of the Maha Sima. My mind was filled with peace, when I saw them doing such meritorious deeds. I looked up at the sky to find the sun already high. So I made my way back home.

In conclusion, I found that my mind became fresh and full of strength due to coolness and peace offered by the trees and religious buildings in the precincts of the Kaba Aye Pagoda. I, therefore, think that if responsible personnel keep this wooded sacred site in pristine purity, it will become a good destination for nature-lovers, tourists and pilgrims.





After 150 years, Prince Kanaung's Yadanarpon Dockyard still operating in Mandalay

By Aung Thant Khaing

Prince Kanaung, younger brother of King Mindon, built the Yadanarpon Dockyard - then known as the Yadanarpon Factory - on 14 acres in 1864 along the Ayeyawady River on the western side of the capital.

The dockyard was one of the farsighted efforts of Prince Kanaung, in his bid to modernize the country by raising the kingdom's industrial capacity.

The machinery used in the Yadanarpon Dockyard was mostly purchased from the Dandafs and Smith companies of Scotland. With 127 workers, the dockyard was able to build river cruisers by 1870.

In 1870, the first battleship with a teak hull was built at Yadanarpon Dockyard by a British engineer. Following that, another 10 warships, were built, measuring 150 ft to 180 ft long and 24 ft wide.

Another achievement came when a battleship, armed with 14 cannons and built by Myanmar carpenter Sayar Shan, was commissioned into service on July 2, 1972. The royal ceremony was held, including the firing of the ship's cannons.



When the capital was captured by the British, the British Irrawaddy Flotilla company bought the 18 ships and all iron stock for 45,000 kyats. After independence in 1948, the Myanmar government nationalized the dockyard and returned the name of Yadanarpon Dockyard to it. Since then, it has been primarily responsible for repairing local vessels.

"We set K20 million for building a private ship in this dockyard,"

said U Zaw Moe Myint, the deputy Superintending of Engineer at the dockyard.

The dockyard can handle six ships, 600 ft long, 180 ft wide and weighing 600 tons.

Some 150 years after its establishment, the Yadanarpon Dockyard remains at its original site and retains its pride in Mandalay.

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Bullock Cart: The Traditional Overland Conveyance

By UTA (YU)

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The traditional overland conveyance is the bullock-cart that has been in use for hundreds of years in Myanmar. We call the kind of bullock-cart depending upon its work. For example, we call the cart for heavy-duty or load, Hlegyan. The smaller one, the light cart for people as for show is called "Hleyan".

Now let us look at the structure of our traditional overland vehicle, the bullock cart. The main part is the body of the cart. The pillars or posts are framed on both sides of the cart, which we call "yantaings". The front part, the place for the driver is called "Saungpan". The ornamental final is placed on either side of the driver's seat. As for the light cart or

"hleyin" has only the "Saung-pan" that is ornamentally designed for the driver and for the passenger service only. It is a special kind of fancy cart.

The body of the bullock-cart is put on the two shafts or thills and on the axle that joins the two wheels of the cart by the axle box of the cart called "Hle padaung". The wooden trim of the cart-wheel, "tanku" is supported with spokes or 'beedauk'. The crossbeams or the forward transverse member of the payload compartment is called hledote.

The two shafts or thills of the cart meet at the front of the cart. They are bound with a string of raw hide hle-oo-sut, and fixed the yoke for drawing on it. There are two pairs of wooden pins to secure to the



draught animal's neck by a short strong looped called dabou-gyee and dabou-kyo. On them, there is a carved work surmounted called Hle-oo-pan, Hle-oo-nget.

Some grease and saw power must be inserted between the axle box of the cart and the axle-tree to lessen the rotary friction. Or else, it will make the tiredness of hearing the creaking sound along the way. The worse thing is that it is more difficult for drawing animals to draw the cart without any grease.

The light fancy cart called hleyin is pulled by a pair of handsome oxen. One on the left can run very fast, napyay and the other on the right, nalite runs stylishly and easily. We use light carts or hleyin and their pairs of handsome oxen in full harnesses in religious processions like the Shinbyu Nartha ceremonies. The owners of hleyin and handsome oxen are very proud of using their hleyin and handsome oxen and very pleased with them.

When the cart is free, it is kept supporting by a forked prop, hle-dauk or Kala-dauk under the yoke of the bullock coat. We see bullock cart or column of bullock-carts carrying load or people just after the harvest during the hot season or before the cart wheel-tracts are ruined by the rain. So we can call the bullock-carts, the summer vehicles.



SUNDAY COMICS

ha ha
HTOO

A chick had dropped from its nest.

I better help it.

It fled into the bush!

Ah, it came out!

So there's a snake. I'll hit it with the stick.

Oh, a big snake came out.

Help, there's a big snake!!

PEOPLE WILL BE PEOPLE
Cartoon Maung Shwe Win

A thief entered my house. That's funny.

Are you happy about a thief entering your house?

If I met that thief, I'd like to thank him.

Are you a nut?

Nope. No one thinks I have anything valuable.

The thief was the only one who thought highly of me.

That's why I want to thank the thief!

SUNDAY JOKE
Cartoon Maung Maung Aung 2019

Don't smoke. Yes.

Don't drink. Ok.

Don't gamble. Sure.

Don't womanize. Yes.

Promise? Promise.

Your grandpa gave the same promises.

He broke them after we were married. Believe me. Oh ooh!

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Littering and discipline in public places



By Mg Pandita

It was a Friday afternoon at the Chauk Htat Gyi Pagoda Bus-stop on Shwegondine Road in Bahan Township. On the pavement of the bus stop, people standing, sitting, chatting and using phones were waiting for their buses. I was one of them. I noticed a young boy having a fried potato beside me.

A man in front of me was also taking out betel quid from a plastic pack. After having put the betel quid into his mouth, the man released his fingers holding the emptied plastic pack which previously contained betel leaves and nuts in order to go it down on the road.

The young boy having potato-snack was looking at the man with amazing eyes. A pair of thoughts appeared in my mind at that time -- the first thought was it is undisciplined in public place, and the second is he has done like that as there is no dustbin near bus-stop.

With the second thought, I observed

around the bus-stop. My second thought was wrong. I found a dustbin next to the bus stop where is a few steps away from the man. I looked again the man and saw that he was spitting betel nuts on the ground, and then was chatting with his friends with the manner that he has not committed any public faults.

The young boy next to me was still having his fried potatoes. I was observing him what he would do with the plastic bag when it is emptied.

The spitting man already took a bus, but the young boy, I and other passengers were still waiting for the buses that we took. Some people were under the roof of the bus stop and the trees near the bus-stop, while few people were under the shade of YCDC advertisement signboard showing the bad effects of littering.

The young boy opened his water bottle and drank as his fried potato was no more. He put back the water bottle into his bag and put the emptied plastic pack too into a pocket of his bag and then ran to the coming bus.

A few minutes later, the bus I took stopped at the bus-stop and I took it. On the bus, I thought about the importance of discipline in public life. Everybody knows that not littering in public place is

not a difficult thing. But, there are many people who don't keep such an easy discipline, while most people always maintain the same discipline.

There are over 5 million people in Yangon. If they all throw a litter daily, the whole city will be dirty, dusty and unpleasant. But, if those who litter in public places stop their bad habits of littering, the city will be cleaner, more beautiful and more pleasant.

This is one of the basic discipline which every citizen should follow to move their nation developed. A nation can only progress if there is discipline among its citizens.

Discipline is also one of the basic requirements for a civilized society. To maintain a discipline rarely depends on the age and abilities of the people. Most of them are easy to follow, but people fail to maintain them as they are caught in their bad habits.

So let us repel the bad habits of littering in public places so that our environment become cleaner, more beautiful and more pleasant.



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Nowadays, it is the period in which some of the educated ones or the non-educated ones abandon their motherland and go to other countries and earn their livings there. This means any class relies upon abroad for their livings. Among them, some encounter the easy and convenient lives there. The good salaries, the standard

of living, etc. can attract them so much that they happen to settle down there. Nevertheless, in spite of such people's lives being very convenient there, they should have the attitude to make prosperous of their native land and should give a hand in the task of developing their native land as much as they could.

All in all, how much success one

possesses in anywhere, the images of one's heredity and those of one's native land are always together with him or her forever. The good and bad or the light and darkness will partly or entirely affect upon the respective person. It is right that everyone who is existing in every corner of the world is somewhat reflected by his glory of heredity and that of native land.

In addition, with the images of the good or the bad of their native land, the lives of their new generations will encounter the consequences of their origins. Therefore, everyone should keep the spirit in which he or she is going to raise the glory of his or her native land with the might of his knowledge and wealth.



