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## Vietnamese PM, wife to pay visit to Myanmar

AT the invitation of His Excellency U Win Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, and wife Daw Cho Cho, His Excellency Mr. Nguyen Xuan Phuc, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Viet Nam, and Mrs. Tran Nguyet Thu will pay an official visit to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar in the near future.—MNA

## State Counsellor attends 2<sup>nd</sup> oral proceedings of Myanmar vs The Gambia at ICJ, The Hague



**S**TATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, as the Union Minister for Foreign Affairs and the Agent of Myanmar, attended the second oral proceedings' first session on the third day of The Gambia against Myanmar at the International Court of Justice at The Hague, Netherlands, at 10 am yesterday morning local time.

It was also attended by Union Ministers U Kyaw Tint Swe, and U Kyaw Tin, Myanmar Ambassador to the Netherlands and Belgium U Soe Lin Han and delegation, local and foreign lawyers for the Myanmar government and members of legal support group.

The second session of Myanmar's oral proceedings was also held at 4:30 pm local time.

Myanmar expats in the Netherlands and other foreign countries who came to support the State Counsellor cheered and gave her moral support outside the ICJ on the third day of oral proceedings.—MNA

State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi leaves the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on the third day of The Gambia against Myanmar at The Hague, The Netherlands. **PHOTO: THA BYAW**

(Translated by Aung Khin)

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## Pyithu Hluttaw

Second Pyithu Hluttaw's 14<sup>th</sup> regular session holds 14<sup>th</sup>-day meeting

SECOND Pyithu Hluttaw 14<sup>th</sup> regular session held its 14<sup>th</sup>-day meeting yesterday at Pyithu Hluttaw building where questions raised were answered, a rule approved, a motion discussed and approved and two annual reports discussed and approved.

## Question and answer session

In the question and answer session, questions raised by U Tin Nu (a) U Tin Nu Aung of Manaung constituency on conducting at least twice a week run of Kissapa Nadi vessel's Manaung town to Kyaukpyu and Sittway town voyage and Dr Khin Soe Soe Kyi of Pyay constituency on compensation for land confiscated to construct Pyay-Pauk Khaung railroad section were answered by Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Kyaw Myo.

Questions raised by Dr Than Aung Soe of Minhla constituency relating to modern poem and U Hla Tun Kyaw of Maungtaung constituency on constructing a 50 x 30 ft. building in Maungtaung Town 4 mile Ward, Magyigon village to hold Thet ethnic literature and traditional event were answered by Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint.

Questions raised by U Myo Zaw Aung of Kawlin constituency on monitoring and taking necessary action where necessary



Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat. PHOTO: MNA

on mining companies operating near Kawlin Township Shan Kalone village, U Myint Kyi of Katha constituency on the matter of illegal farming in a forest reserve and U Aung Soe Min of Ywangan constituency on plan to take action against GPS company conducting illegal mining operation were answered by Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Dr Ye Myint Swe

## Hluttaw approves rule on Copying Case File

Following the question and answer session, bill committee member U Zaw Win submitted 11 amendments of the committee regarding Rule on Copying Case File sent by Union Supreme Court and Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Mat approved the rule after obtaining the comment

of the Union Supreme Court and the decision of the Hluttaw. Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker then obtained the comment of the Hluttaw on approving the entire Rule on Copy Case File and as there was no objection, announced the approval of the Hluttaw.

## Motion for cultivation and conservation of mangrove forests along coastal area

Afterwards, motion for cultivation and conservation of mangrove forests along coastal area tabled by U Aye Naing of Dagon Myothit (South) constituency was discussed by U Aung Naing of Mogok constituency, U Maung Myint of Mingin constituency, U Min Thaung of Bogale constituency, Daw Mya Khwa Nyo Oo of Shwedaung constituency, U Min Kyi of Thandwe constituency, U

Ohn Khin of Palaw constituency, U Win Htut of Pyapon constituency, Dr Daw Khin Nyo of Daye constituency, U Nay Htet Win of Sinbaungwe constituency, U Kyaw Swe Win of Kawhmu constituency, Tatmadaw Pyithu Hluttaw representative Lt-Col Soe Myint Aung and U Win Min of Hlinethaya constituency.

In discussing the motion Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Dr Ye Myint Swe said that under the guidance of central committee for the administration and management of natural resources in coastal areas (national level) Forest Department was conducting systematic management and protection of natural mangrove forests along the coastal area. Projects were drawn up and implemented to cultivate and establish mangrove forest and cooperated with relevant state/region governments, ministries, non-governmental organizations and international organizations. As it was required to protect and maintain mangrove forests to prevent and mitigate against natural disasters and climate change the ministry requests for the motion to be approved.

The Hluttaw representative who tabled the motion wanted the motion approved and as there was no objection toward it, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker announced the motion approved by the Hluttaw.

## Hluttaw discuss and approves committee annual reports

Later, Pyithu Hluttaw Judicial and Legal Affairs Committee annual report was discussed by U Myint Kyi of Katha constituency, U Nyan Hein of Thanbyuzayat constituency and U Myat Lay Oo of Htilin constituency. Committee secretary U Hla Than responded to the discussion of the Hluttaw representatives and committee member U Tun Tun Win tabled a motion for the report to be approved. Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker obtained the decision of the Hluttaw and then announced Hluttaw's approval of it.

Similarly Pyithu Hluttaw Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Committee annual report was discussed by U Myat Lay Oo of Htilin constituency, U Min Thein of Taungdwingyi constituency and U Win Thein Zaw of Salingyi constituency. Committee Chairman U Soe Thura Tun responded to the discussion of the Hluttaw representatives, committee secretary U Aye Naing tabled a motion for Hluttaw to approve the report, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker obtained the decision of the Hluttaw and then announced Hluttaw's approval of it. 15<sup>th</sup> day meeting of 14<sup>th</sup> regular session of Second Pyithu Hluttaw was scheduled for 13 December.—Ayt Aye Thant (MNA)

(Translated by Zaw Min)

## Amyotha Hluttaw

## Amyotha Hluttaw discuss regulating tissue-culture banana plantations

A 14<sup>th</sup>-day meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> regular session of the Second Amyotha Hluttaw was held at Amyotha Hluttaw building yesterday morning where Hluttaw discusses a motion on regulating tissue-culture banana plantations.

Earlier, asterisk marked questions were raised and answered and a bill approved.

## Asterisk marked question and answer

In the asterisk marked question and answer session a question raised by U Lal Min Htan of Chin State constituency 10 on using MPT communication towers in Chin State Matupi Township not only as micro links but also for retransmission was answered by Deputy Minister for Transport and Communications U Tha Oo and a question raised by U Soe Thein of Kayah State



Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than. PHOTO: MNA

constituency 9 on resolving the issue of internal migration was answered by Union Minister for Labour, Immigration and Population U Thein Swe.

Similarly questions raised by U Hla Myint (a) U Hla Myint Than of Mon State constituency 11 on action planned against illegal plantations near a reser-

voir providing water to public servant housings, two military battalion camps and two high schools; U Okka Min of Taninthayi Region constituency 8 on plan to provide water supply to villages in Taninthayi Region Myeik District Kyunsu Township and U Win Aung of Sagaing Region constituency 3 on measur-

ing 35.57 acres of land in Kayin State Myawady Township were answered by Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw.

## Hluttaw approves fish breeding bill

Next, bill committee member Brig-Gen Tint Lwin read and explained the committee report on fish breeding bill and Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than obtained the decision of the Hluttaw and approved the bill clause by clause.

Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw then tabled a motion for the Hluttaw to approve the bill as amended and the motion was seconded by U Mya Min Swe of Magway Region constituency 9.

As there was no objection, Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker an-

nounced the Hluttaw approving the bill as amended.

## Hluttaw discuss regulating tissue-culture banana plantations

In the final agenda of the day U Min Swe Naing of Kachin State constituency 6, U Kyaw Thaung of Sagaing Region constituency 1, U Khin Myo Win of Taninthayi Region constituency 12, Dr San Maung Maung of Bago Region constituency 1, U Ze Khaung of Kachin State constituency 3 and Tatmadaw representatives Major Zawana discussed a motion tabled by Dr Khun Win Thaung of Kachin State constituency 11 on properly regulating tissue-culture banana plantations in Myanmar. A 15<sup>th</sup>-day meeting of the 14<sup>th</sup> regular session of the Second Amyotha Hluttaw will be held today.—Aung Ye Thwin

(Translated by Zaw Min)



### State Counsellor attends 2<sup>nd</sup> oral proceedings of Myanmar vs The Gambia at ICJ, The Hague

People greet State Counsellor and Union Minister for Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi while she leaves the Peace Palace of The Hague at the International Court of Justice (ICJ) on the third day of The Gambia against Myanmar at The Hague, The Netherlands.

PHOTO: THA BYAW

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### Pearl Auction (December 2019) fetches 1 mln euros from state-owned 170 lots, 251, 000 euros from private-owned 28 lots on second day

ABOUT 170 state-owned pearl lots and 35 pear lots owned by companies were sold out on the second day of the Myanmar Pearl Auction (December-2019) in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

The auction fetched 1 million euros from sales of state-owned 170 pearl lots and over 251,000 euros from 28 pearl lots owned by companies.

15 foreign merchants and 94 local merchants totalling 109 attended the auction yesterday. Deputy Minister for Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation Dr Ye Myint Swe visited the pearl auction at the Myanma Gems Museum in

Nay Pyi Taw.

Myanmar Pearl Auction (December 2019) is organized by Ministry of Natural Resources and Environmental Conservation. The pearls will be sold to the local merchants in Myanmar kyat, and they need to make a deposit of K2.5 million, and their foreign counterparts will have to pay a deposit of Euro 2,000.

The tender winner will also have to pay 5 per cent commercial tax on the value of the pearl lots. On the third day today, a total of 110 pearl lots will be sold.—MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



A merchant evaluates pearls on the second day of the Myanmar Pearl Auction in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

### UEC discusses security preparedness for 2020 General Election



Union Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein delivers the speech at the 2020 General Election Security Work plan Discussion in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

THE Union Election Commission co-organized a meeting with the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) yesterday morning to discuss preparations of security measures for the 2020 General Election.

The meeting at the Mingalar Thiri Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw was attended by UEC members, representatives from its State/Region offices, officials from the General Administration Department, officers from Myanmar Police force and responsible persons from the USIP.

U Hla Thein, the Chair-

man of UEC, said that a successful holding of elections needs participation of relevant stakeholders, including MPF for security measures.

He also discussed the safety of Hluttaw candidates, all individuals in the whole electoral process, equipment, polling stations, ballot papers and other documents.

The UEC Chairman added the needs of security measures in preventing conflicts, announcement of voters lists, campaign period, voting and publishing election results, while the members of admin-

istrative bodies and MPF are to know laws, bylaws and instructions for the elections.

He emphasized the importance of the code of conduct for political parties and candidates, police electoral code of conduct which has been practiced since 2015, negotiation committees and prevention of hate speech, false news among people.

Mr Jason Tower, the Country Director of USIP, also made a speech before the meeting was concluded with the documentary photo taken.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

# Vice President U Myint Swe calls for development of human resources in traditional medicine sector

VICE President U Myint Swe delivered an opening address at the 20<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the event, Vice President U Myint Swe said, the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference has been held annually since 2000, and this year marks the 20<sup>th</sup> session of the conference.

The discussions at the 19<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference focused on future tasks, which were carried out and progress was made.

Regarding the collective efforts for promoting the manufacturing and efficacy of traditional medicine, traditional medicine manufacturers were given training on the Good Manufacturing Practice for ASEAN traditional medicine and health supplements, calculating potency and the life of traditional medicine, quality control and rules and procedures to follow.

To speed up the research on traditional medicine, as part of efforts for finding new traditional medicines and new healing methods, and to encourage medical ethics among practitioners, the Training Course on Research Methodology and a refresher course on Myanmar traditional Mesotherapy were conducted.

We learned that the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Council, Myanmar Traditional Medicine Advisory Board and Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners Association have been working together to eradicate fake practitioners in the country.

The Myanmar Traditional Medicine Council Law was approved by the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw under the 2019 Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Law No. 1 on 25 January, 2019, and the Union Government formed the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Council Patrons Group through Notification No. 61/2019 on 8 October, 2019.

We have seen strong evidence that Myanmar traditional medicine has been practiced since the time of Tagaung, Sri Ksetra, and Bagan, and we published the book *Milestones of Traditional Medicine in Myanmar* in August, 2019 after col-



Vice President U Myint Swe gives the opening address at the 20<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

**PHOTO: MNA**

lecting a record of the hidden history of Myanmar traditional medicine. This achievement can be found as a significant milestone in the history of traditional medicine in Myanmar.

Thanks to the efforts of our traditional medicine practitioners, experts related to traditional medicine, professionals, and the research conducted by monks throughout the long history of Myanmar, our traditional medicine has progressed

ducers, concerned ministries, and our people must work with each other for the sustainable development of traditional medicine.

In accordance with the guidance of the State, the Union Government is making efforts on all fronts to save Myanmar's traditional healing practices, which are on the brink of extinction, by encouraging experienced and learned practitioners, and working to

professionals from traditional medicine associations, healing practices and effective medicine region-wise.

The Union Government has convened annual conferences and seminars for traditional medicine practitioners from around the country so they can gather in one place and share their knowledge. This kind of fine tradition has continued until today.

Currently, there are sector-wise interconnections and relationships among countries. Myanmar has included the traditional medicine sector, to ensure international-level cooperation. To develop traditional medicine, including treatment methods and research, Myanmar is cooperating with traditional medicine organizations from the ASEAN, BIMSTEC, and Mekong regional countries.

It is also working with Japan, China, India, and Korea on matters related to traditional medicine in the areas of teaching, healing practices and research.

To improve the potency of traditional medicines when they are used for healing at traditional medicine hospitals and clinics, modern machinery has been installed at the Mandalay Traditional Medicine Manufacturing Factory, and the factory's output has been boosted.

Hence, to implement the Health and Sports Ministry's objective of enabling every citizen to attain full life expectancy and enjoy longevity of life, and to ensure that every citizen is free from disease, the Tradi-

tional Medicine Department has carried out several initiatives, including disseminating knowledge about health, disease prevention, and providing effective treatment for infection at the grassroots level in rural areas.

Meanwhile, the government promotes the standard of Myanmar traditional medicine, which comprises experience and knowledge about our ancestral medicine practitioners and those who wrote treatises on traditional medicine, with the assistance of the Union Government and ministries concerned, to be able to pass it down to future generations without deviating from the original medical philosophy, potency, and professional knowledge. I would like to urge our traditional medicine practitioners, on this special occasion of the 20<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference, to discuss and exchange views with goodwill, wisdom and diligence, aiming to discover and apply the hidden healing practices of the Netkhata naya and Vissadara naya out of the Four Great Nayas, namely Desana naya, Bethistsa naya, Netkhata veda naya and Vissadara naya, to connect with international medical professions, with the aim of developing the Myanmar traditional medicine profession and to promote sufficiency of raw materials for traditional medicine, and to work together to pass down our medicine profession to our future generations.

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and evolved into a profession in which our people take pride.

By encouraging and preserving the traditional medicine profession, which is the heritage of the Myanmar people, as well as its potency, and has made the Myanmar people fit, healthy and intelligent throughout our history, the leaders of the country have aided in the emergence and development of a powerful traditional medicine community, in accordance with the current times. Our practitioners, pro-

rediscover traditional treatises and therapies written on ancient palm leaf manuscripts, called 'Pay parabaik', which are highly effective traditional healing practices, valuable herbs, highly valuable medicinal plants, and natural herbal and mineral resources of medicinal value. In particular, the Union Government has been encouraging the integration of traditional medicine practitioners, and promoting and gathering information about diverse traditional medicinal

# Vice President U Myint Swe calls for development ...

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At this 20<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference, traditional medicine practitioners from different sectors and experts from other organizations, in an all-inclusive manner, will discuss development of Myanmar's traditional medicine and the development of human resources.

As a conclusion to my speech, I would like to wish you success in implementing these conference objectives as future tasks: to train and produce efficient traditional medicine practitioners who can provide health care services to the people by offering Myanmar traditional medicine remedies; to promote research on traditional medicine, and find safe and effective traditional medicines; to promote cooperation of traditional medicine practitioners with efficient therapies, as part of efforts for expanding health care services to the people at the grass-roots level and to encourage the export of Myanmar traditional medicine throughout the ASEAN economic community, in accordance with international

economic policies, and to import effective traditional medicines.

Following his speech, Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe read out the message from President U Win Myint to the conference and the opening ceremony came to an end.

Afterwards, Vice President U Myint Swe visited the booth of the 20<sup>th</sup> Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference.

The opening ceremony was attended by Union Ministers Lt-Gen Kyaw Swe, Nai Thet Lwin, Nay Pyi Taw Council Chairman Dr Myo Aung, Deputy Ministers Maj-Gen Than Htut and Dr Daw Mya Lay Sein, Chairman of the Pyithu Hluttaw Health and Sports Development Committee Dr. San Shwe Win, Chairman of Amyotha Hluttaw Health, Sports and Culture Committee Dr. Zaw Lin Htut, MPs of the Pyithu Hluttaw and Amyotha Hluttaw, Patrons of the Traditional Medicine Council, permanent secretaries of ministries, directors-general, ambassadors, members of the Traditional Medicine Council, members of the Myanmar Traditional Practitioners' Association (Central), emer-



Vice President U Myint Swe observes the booth displayed at the event to mark the 20<sup>th</sup> Traditional Medicine Practitioners Conference in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

itus professors, members of the Traditional Medicine Technical Advisory Group, the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Industries Association, traditional medicine manufacturers, invited guests

and departmental officials.

The conference and seminar were held after the opening ceremony led by Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe.

In the evening, Vice Presi-

dent U Myint Swe attended the dinner held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-II to celebrate and honor the above conference.—MNA

(Translated by GNLM)

## Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye meets with PWDs organizations in New Zealand

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye met with the Human Rights Commission for Persons with Disabilities in Wellington, New Zealand, yesterday morning.

At the meeting, the Union Minister discussed activities to human rights of PWDs in Myanmar, enforcing rights for women, children and elders with disabilities in accordance with the Concluding Observation of UNCRPD and legal aid to equal rights for PWDs.

Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye also held talks with the State Services Commissioner and the

Department of Internal Affairs on the guidelines for employment of PWDs, educative programmes for their job opportunities, specific assistance to the PWDs of different kinds and ages and adopting accessibility charter.

During the meeting with the disabled supporting networks of New Zealand, the Union Minister exchanged views on making guidelines, strategy and work plan in providing supports to the PWDs, and discussed with the Disability Coalition about human rights and development programmes for the PWDs.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye holds talks with members from disabled supporting networks of New Zealand in Wellington, New Zealand, yesterday. PHOTO: MNA



## UAG U Tun Tun Oo receives Japanese Justice Minister

UNION Attorney-General U Tun Tun Oo received Japanese Justice Minister Ms Mori Masako and party at the office of former's office in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday morning.

During the meeting, they discussed extension of he Ca-

capacity Development Project 2013 jointly implemented by the UAGO and the Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) to March 2021 and the office's priority on rule of law and legal access.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

## Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat receives Cambodian Ambassador

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat received Ambassador of Cambodia Mr Chhouk Bunna at the Pyithu Hluttaw guest hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they cordially discussed and exchanged views on promotion friendship relations between the governments, parliaments and peoples

of Myanmar and Cambodia, cooperation in capacity building of staff persons between the two parliaments.—MNA

(Translated by TTN)

Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U T Khun Myat meets with Cambodian Ambassador Mr Chhouk Bunna in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



## Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than receives Cambodian Ambassador

AMYOTHA Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than received Ambassador of Cambodia Mr Chhouk Bunna at the Amyotha

Hluttaw guest hall in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. During the meeting, they cordially discussed promotion of cooperation and friendship relations between Myanmar and Cambodia and strengthening the relationship between the parliaments of the two countries.—MNA

Amyotha Hluttaw Speaker Mahn Win Khaing Than poses for a photo with Cambodian Ambassador Mr Chhouk Bunna in Nay Pyi Taw. **PHOTO: MNA**

(Translated by TTN)

## Joint Committee on Amending 2008 Constitution holds meeting 68/2019

THE Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution held meeting 68/2019 at the meeting hall of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Building D in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

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

Joint Committee Dr Myat Nya-na Soe, Joint Secretary of the Joint Committee U Htay Win Aung (a) U Pyone Cho, the Joint Committee's members who are Hluttaw representatives from political parties and Tatmadaw Hluttaw representatives and officials from Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office.—MNA

(Translated by TTN)



Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein attends the Joint Committee on Amending the 2008 Constitution meeting 68/2019 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**



## Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee discusses draft law for controlling import volume

THE Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee held a meeting yesterday afternoon to discuss the Draft Law to Prevent an Increased Quantity of Imports, which was sent back by the President with recommendations.

The meeting was also attended by Deputy Speaker of Pyidaungsu Hluttaw and Chairman of Joint Bill Committee U Tun Aung (a) U Tun Tun Hein, its Vice Chairman, Secretary, Joint Secretary and members, officials from the Ministry of Commerce, the Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry, the Union Attorney-General Office and the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Office.—MNA

Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Deputy Speaker U Tun Tun Hein attends the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw Joint Bill Committee meeting in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

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# Justice brings harmony and peace

MYANMAR citizens are coming out in mass rallies in support of State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, who is defending the case filed by the Gambia at the Hague, the Netherlands.

Like the State Counsellor, the people of Myanmar know the genuine situation on the ground in Rakhine.

The Myanmar Government has said repeatedly that it will show "no tolerance" for human rights abuses committed in Rakhine state and will prosecute the military, if war crimes are found to have been committed there.

We will not shirk our responsibility to take care of the rights and security of all those whom we must protect.

The government of Myanmar is also fully committed to voluntary, safe, and dignified repatriation of displaced persons from Rakhine under the framework agreement signed with Bangladesh and the trilateral agreement signed with the UNHCR and UNDP.

Meanwhile, with constructive contribution from ASEAN, the

ASEAN Secretariat and the AHA Centre, the government is making efforts for creating a conducive environment to which the displaced people can return in peace, voluntarily and safely.

Myanmar's intention is to continue its work with the help of friends who approach the problems in Rakhine in a practical and balanced way.

Hence, the State Counsellor said at the Hague: "Can there be genocidal intent on the part of a state that actively investigates, prosecutes, and punishes soldiers and officers who are accused of wrongdoing?"

Myanmar's greatest challenge is to address the roots of distrust and fear, and prejudice and hate that undermine the foundations of our Union. The nation will adhere steadfastly to its commitment to non-violence, human rights, national reconciliation, and rule of law, as it moves forward on building a Democratic Federal Union, which the people have aspired to for generations past.

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The challenges Myanmar is facing today took root decades ago, and lack of development and poverty are the root causes of the problems.

As Myanmar builds a Federal Democratic Union and works hard to achieve eternal peace, the international community is urged to cooperate with the government rather than putting pressure by forming groups.

We look to justice as a champion of the reconciliation and harmony that will assure the security and rights of all peoples.



### Progress of waterway maintenance and embankment reinforcement is given in the table below.

No.၈	Project	Progress
1	Kyauk Taw-Apauk Wa waterway maintenance	93%
2	Thandwe Chaung waterway maintenance	100%
3	Embankment reinforcement in Kaing Shay Village in Taunggyok Town	88%
4	Embankment reinforcement in Kin Maw Village in Thandwe Township	100%
5	Embankment reinforcement in Shwe Hlay-Pauk Taw Village in Thandwe Township	78%
6	Embankment reinforcement along Strand Road in Gwa Town	100%
7	Embankment reinforcement between Hmyaw Taw Oo and Pyar Gyi Villages and Yay Myet Wa Village in Man Aung Township	100%
8	Embankment reinforcement in Thar Lu Maw Village in Ann Township	100%
9	Embankment reinforcement in Thin Pone Tan Village in Sittwe Township	100%
10	Embankment reinforcement in Pyi Taw Thar Ward in Min Pyar Town	100%

### Forest Conservation

Forest conservation work during the reporting period consisted of the following.

- Natural plant breeding 1075 acres
- Cultivation of high-value natural forests 150 acres
- Commercial plantations 425 acres
- Mangrove plantations 300 acres
- Village firewood plantations 225 acres
- Plantations for ecosystem restoration 6 acres
- Removing trees that are too close together 1000 acres
- Pruning and clearing 150 acres
- Establishing community forests 10 acres
- Agroforestry 40 acres
- Genetically pure timber tree gardens and seed production areas 15 acres
- Maintenance of old commercial plantations 100 acres
- Distribution of seedlings and public planting 390,000 trees
- Educational and awareness-raising talks on environmental conservation 64 talks
- Field inspections 26 inspections



Trimming Tree Branches and Clearing the Ground



Removing Closely Packed Trees

# Thai rice farmers shun 'big agribusiness' and fight climate change

By Sophie Deviller and Anusak Konglang (AFP)

**B**ATTLING drought, debt and ailments blamed on pesticides, rice farmers in northern Thailand have turned to eco-friendly growing methods, despite powerful agribusiness interests in a country that is one of the top exporters of the grain in the world.

Walking through a sea of green waist-high stalks, farmer Sunnan Somjak said his fields were "exhausted" by chemicals, his family regularly felt ill, and his profits were too low to make ends meet.

But that changed when he joined a pilot agricultural project for the SRI method, which aims to boost yields while shunning pesticides and using less water. "Chemicals can destroy everything," the 58-year-old said, adding that the harvest in his village in Chiang Mai province has jumped 40 percent since employing the new method.

There have been health benefits too. "It's definitely better, we don't get sick any more," he added. SRI was invented in the 1980s in Madagascar by a French Jesuit priest, and the technique has spread globally.

It works by planting crops wider apart -- thus drawing in more nutrients and light -- and

limiting the amount of water that gets into fields, which helps micro-organisms flourish to act as natural fertilisers.

In a plus for debt-laden farmers, it also uses fewer seeds, and they are encouraged to use plants and ginger roots that naturally deter insects rather than chemical alternatives -- meaning fewer expenses.

Traditional Thai rice farmers earn around 3,000 baht a month (\$100) but Sunnan was able to increase his income by 20 percent after adopting the SRI method.

"I've finally got rid of my debts," he told AFP.

### - Vicious cycle -

Rice is a staple in the diet of around three billion people globally.

But agricultural workers are locked in a vicious cycle: beset by drought and floods brought on by climate change, the farmers contribute to the disruption as their fields release methane and nitrous oxide, two greenhouse gases.

With SRI, paddy fields are not permanently flooded, which reduces methane emissions by 60 percent, according to Tristan Lecomte, founder of Pur Projet, a French company supporting the technique.

The project also helped Sun-



Farmers harvesting rice in the village of Mae Rim in the northern Thai province of Chiang Mai. PHOTO: LILLIAN (AFP)

nan plant trees around his crops to reinforce the water table.

According to Lecomte, rice yields can jump from 20 percent to more than 100 compared to the traditional method.

Southeast Asia, where agriculture supports millions, is slowly embracing SRI.

The US-based Cornell University created a centre specialising in the technique in 2010 and more than two million farmers

in the region -- especially from Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos -- have been trained.

In Bac Giang province in northern Vietnam, net profits for farmers were as much as 226 percent higher after adopting the SRI method than when using traditional ones, according to Abha Mishra, who led a large project on behalf of the Asian Institute of Technology.

The Philippines, which

spread adoption.

It faces resistance domestically from agribusiness as there is no new hybrid seed or fertilizer to sell.

Industry lobbies are very active in Southeast Asia, particularly in Thailand, one of the largest users of pesticides in the world. And they recently won a big battle over chemical use in agriculture.

Thai authorities, who had committed to ban controversial glyphosate, backtracked at the end of November, deciding that "limited" use would eventually be allowed. The use of two other herbicides has also been extended.

Lecomte says the other challenge potentially impacting the rate of adoption is the SRI method is quite complex to learn and it is labour intensive.

"You have to plant one by one and closely control the amount water," he explained, adding that the extra manual effort required means some farmers don't want to try the method, and others give up early on.

Sunnan admits that his workload is heavier but the financial and health benefits make it worth it in the end.

He added: "It is safe for our body, and the environment."

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 Permission to register as a political party

United Nationalities Democracy Party headquartered at No 8, First Floor, Manawhara Street, Kyauk Myaung, Tamway Township in Yangon Region, has been permitted to register as a political party in accordance with Section 9 of the Political Parties Registration Law on 11 December 2019.  
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**Myanmar Daily Weather Report**  
 (Issued at 7:00 pm Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December, 2019)

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

**FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2019:** Light rain are likely to be isolated in Kachin State. Degree of certainty is (60%). Weather will be partly cloudy in Upper Sagaing, Magway and Taninthayi Regions, Shan, Chin and Rakhine States and generally fair in the remaining Regions and States.

**STATE OF THE SEA:** Sea will be moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (5-8) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

**OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS:** Likelihood of isolated light rain in Kachin State.

**FORECAST FOR NAYPYITAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2019:** Generally fair weather.

**FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2019:** Generally fair weather.

**FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2019:** Generally fair weather.

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## Senior General attends 21<sup>st</sup> graduation ceremony of DSTA



Senior General Min Aung Hlaing receives the salutes of graduation parade of the 21<sup>st</sup> Intake of Defence Services Technological Academy (DSTA) in Pyin Oo Lwin yesterday.

**PHOTO: OFFICE OF THE COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF OF DEFENCE SERVICES**

COMMANDER-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Maha Tharay Sithu Min Aung Hlaing addressed the 21<sup>st</sup> Intake of the Defence Services Technological Academy (DSTA) held at its parade ground in Pyin Oo Lwin yesterday.

It was also attended by his wife Daw Kyu Kyu Hla, Union Minister for Defence Lt-Gen Zeya Kyawhtin Sein Win and wife, Chief of the General Staff (Army, Navy and Air) General Zeya Kyawhtin Mya Tun Oo and wife, Commander in Chief (Navy) Admiral Zeya Kyawhtin

Tin Aung San and wife, Commander in Chief (Air Force) General Zeya Kyawhtin Maung Maung Kyaw and wife, senior military officers and wives, the Commander of Central Command, the commandant of Defence Services Technological Academy, senior military officers from Pyin Oo Lwin Station, invited guests and close relatives of graduate cadets.

Senior General Maha Tharay Sithu Min Aung Hlaing took salutes of the graduate cadet battalions and inspected them before they saluted him

with a slow-march and a quick-march.

The Senior General then presented awards to the most outstanding cadets.

In his speech to the graduate cadets, the Senior General said that the DSTA had trained the cadets in accordance with its purpose 'to generate well-rounded engineering graduate officers for the national Tatmadaw to protect and safeguard the sovereignty of the State'.

He added that the Tatmadaw is a part of the State, as well as of the people, and that they

would have to work for national tasks of public needs, peace, stability, unity, socioeconomic development of ethnic people, in addition to the military's defence duties, in respective areas.

He also called for building a modern Tatmadaw with enough military might to protect the union citizens, national interests and sovereignty of the State.

The Senior General urged the graduate cadets to improve their capacities to become reliable leaders in their duties, to follow military orders, rules, principles and the 60 Military

Code of Conduct for the unity of military, while they are protecting lives and property of people.

In the evening, the graduation dinner was hosted at the Pyinnyadazaung Hall of the academy.

At the dinner, the Senior General greeted the graduate officers and had dinner together with the graduate officers and their parents and relatives, according to a report of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services.—MNA

*(Translated by Aung Khin)*

## Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun inspects preparation of youth development festival in Magway



Deputy Minister U Aung Hla Tun inspects the preparation for holding the all-round youth development festival in Magway. **PHOTO: MNA**

DEPUTY Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun inspected preparation for holding the all-round youth development festival, in Magway yesterday.

Deputy Minister inspected preparation works in convocation hall of Magway University held the festival, books exhibits

displayed, exhibits of the departments, performance state and places be holding sports activities.

The festival will be held from 14 to 16 December 2019. — Wei Hlan

*(Translated by TTN)*

## Princess Yoko Mikasa visits Japanese War Cemetery in Yangon, leaves for Bagan



Japanese Princess Yoko Mikasa visits Yeway Japanese Cemetery in Mingaladon Township, Yangon, yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

JAPANESE Princess Yoko Mikasa, who is in Myanmar at the invitation of State Counsellor, and her entourage visited Yeway Japanese War Cemetery in Mingaladon Township, Yangon, yesterday morning.

The Princess, her party and officials from the Japanese embassy in Myanmar looked at the peace monument and other memorials in the cemetery. They took a flight to Bagan-NyaungU ancient city and arrived at the

ancient cultural zone where they visited Alotawpyae and Shwezegon pagodas in the afternoon.

They viewed Bagan's sunset from Nan Myint Tower at 5 pm.—MNA, Phe Lane (Bagan) *(Translated by Aung Khin)*

# Plan to relocate Kyimyindine fish market: Yangon Mayor

By Nyein Nyein

THE Yangon authorities are planning to relocate the Kyimyindine fish market to another place, said Mayor U Maung Maung Soe.

He made the remarks at a press conference on the Yangon City Development Committee's performance, held on 9 December at the Yangon City Hall.

Local residents and people from neighboring wards were irked by offensive odor emanating from the market and the passage of container trucks at night, said the Mayor.

"We plan to move the Kyimyindine fish market. It is very congested here. Furthermore, it is next to houses. Some people do not want it to be relocated, while some want it to be moved to another place. As a mayor, I would like to suggest that it be moved," he said.

To relocate the market, two places have been identified — the mouth of Yangon River or Shwepadauk area, he added.

The designated sites should have cold storage and must accommodate boats, according to the Yangon City Development Committee.

On 13 August, the Yangon Region Chief Minister had met with representatives from CITIC Myanmar Company and discussed matters related to the establishment of a fish auction market.

A feasibility study is being undertaken to set up a fish auction market in Dala Township. A systematic fish market will be developed in Yangon, said U Phyo Min Thein, the Yangon Region Chief Minister during a press conference at the Yangon Region Investment Committee office.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)



Farmers are selling their sesame seeds at a sesame trading centre in Myinmu Township, Sagaing Region.  
PHOTO: AUNG SOE PHAY (MYINMU IPRD)

# Growers profit as sesame fetches good price

LOCAL growers from Myinmu Township, Sagaing Region are earning a good income on account of the high demand for sesame even during harvest time.

At present, a basket of sesame is fetching K48,500-78,000,

depending on the variety. The sesame depots are crowded with growers.

Sesame cultivation costs K70,000 per acre, including ploughing machine charges, seeds, and other general costs.

In Myinmu Township, ses-

ame is cultivated in September and harvested in November. An acre of white sesame produces 10 baskets, while an acre of black sesame yields eight baskets.—Aung Soe Phay (Myinmu-IPRD) (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

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# Imports up \$110.27 mln as of 29 Nov: MOC reports

THE value of Myanmar's imports between 1 October and 29 November in the current financial year stood at US\$3.06 billion, an increase of \$110.27 million from \$2.95 billion registered in the year-ago period, according to data released by the Ministry of Commerce.

Over the two-month period, capital goods such as auto parts, vehicles, machines, steel, and airplane parts with an estimated import value of \$1.02 billion

were brought into the country. The figure was up \$86.7 million compared to the same period in the 2018-2019 FY.

Meanwhile, Myanmar imported consumer products worth \$559.9 million, including pharmaceuticals, cosmetics, and palm oil. Both private and public sector imports of consumer products showed an increase of \$9.66 million compared with the same period of the previous FY.

Intermediate goods make

up a large share of Myanmar's imports, with petroleum products and plastic raw materials being the main import items. In the current fiscal, imports of raw materials declined by \$13.3 million from \$1.08 billion registered in the year-ago period.

As of 29 November in the 2019-2020FY, raw materials worth \$397.95 million were imported for the Cut-Make-Pack (CMP) garment sector.—GNLM (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

# Exports climb by \$810.87 mln in current fiscal

MYANMAR'S exports between 1 October and 29 November in the current financial year jumped to US\$3.106 billion from \$2.29 billion registered in the corresponding period of the 2018-2019 financial year, according to data provided by the Ministry of Commerce.

The figure showed an increase of \$810.87 million compared with the year-ago period. Of the seven export groups, shipments of agriculture, fisheries, finished industrial goods and minerals rose, while exports of livestock, forest products, and

other goods declined.

Export values were registered at \$554.13 million for agro products, \$41.5 million for livestock, \$175.38 million for fishery products, \$629.94 million for minerals, \$27.57 million for forest products, \$1.62 billion for manufactured goods, and \$54.67 million for other goods.

The country's export sector relies more on the agriculture and manufacturing sectors. While export earnings from the CMP (cut, make, and pack) garment businesses are rising, the

country's reliance on natural resources, such as natural gas and jade, is lessening.

The Ministry of Commerce is focusing on export promotion, which has resulted in a trade surplus in the current financial year. Since 2011, the Ministry of Commerce has adhered to its reforms policy. A series of moves to liberalize the economy have been introduced to improve the trade environment in the country.—Ko Khant

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

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# New 66/33KV 30MVA power substation in commission to mark 50% electrification in Myanmar

A new power substation was opened at Shwe Pan Gon village, Wetlet Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Region on 10 December to mark the 50-per cent electrification milestone in the country. The 66/33KV 30MVA Shwe Pan Gon power station was opened by Sagaing Region Chief Minister Dr Myint Naing and officials. After the opening ceremony, the officials toured the station.

"Our village mainly focuses on the agricultural sector, like the neighbouring village. Earlier, we could not use agricultural machines and rice mills because we did not have full-time access to electricity. Now, we can use those things because a power station has been constructed," said U Han Tun, a local villager from Shwe Pan Gon village.

The new Shwe Pan Gon power substation was con-



Sagaing Region Chief Minister Dr Myint Naing and officials open 66/33KV 30MVA Shwe Pan Gon power substation in Wetlet. **PHOTO: WIN OO (ZAYYARTINE)**

structed with K1.919 billion allocated from the Sagaing regional government's funds for 2018-2019FY. The station will supply electricity to 114 villages in Ayadaw Township and 42 —Win Oo (Zayyartine) (Translated by Hay Mar)

# Katha receives three-storey new teachers college

THE newly constructed education college in Katha town, Katha District, Sagaing Region, will be opened very soon.

"The construction of buildings has been completed, and the college is planned to be opened officially on 18 December," said Sagaing Region Hluttaw Representative U Nyi Nyi Tun.

"The education college was built on 32.45 acres of land near the entrance gate of Katha town on Lanmadaw road. The project was implemented with an allocation of K100 million from the Union budget for the 2015-2016 financial year. In the 2017-2018FY, the government allocated another K2.4 billion. So, they have constructed classrooms and staff housing. Now, the whole project is complete.



Photo shows a newly constructed education college in Katha, Sagaing Region. **PHOTO: LU AUNG**

Next year, the construction of the entrance road to the school, houses, and school football grounds will also be completed," said U Nyi Nyi Tun, the Regional Hluttaw representative. "Those who passed their matriculation exam in the 2018-2019FY have started attending the school, depending on their marks. Starting from 2 December, a total of 33 male and 32 female students are studying at the school with 43 teachers, including the principal. We plan to enrol a total of 200 students. The school was implemented with the aim to train local teachers in order to overcome the problem of shortage of teachers in the country," said Daw Aye Aye Myint, the Principal. —Lu Aung (Katha) (Translated by Hay Mar)

# Restaurants to be opened at Yangon parks: Mayor

By Nyein Nyein  
A PLAN has been drawn up to open restaurants in Yangon parks, which are under the supervision of the Yangon City Development Committee (YCDC), said U Maung Maung Soe, Yangon Mayor.

"The YCDC has been upgrading urban parks and roundabouts for two years. So, the parks and roundabouts are looking

more beautiful than ever," he added.

"The parks are not as they were previously. They have become quieter and more beautiful public places now. Now, we also plan to open restaurants in parks that will sell clean food at fair prices. Earlier, people had nothing to eat and drink inside the parks. So, they had to eat at street stalls. Therefore, we plan

to open restaurants in parks so people can eat clean and quality food," said U Maung Maung Soe.

In order to open restaurants in parks, the YCDC has already drawn up a project and will submit a proposal to the Yangon Region government.

According to the YCDC, the restaurants will not be opened in public recreation areas, and the food courts will be kept separate.

Upon receiving approval from the Yangon Region Hluttaw, the YCDC will invite expressions of interest (EOI) to implement the project through a tender system. Currently, there are 61 public recreation parks in YCDC areas, including 15 parks in eastern district, 19 parks in western district, 14 parks in southern district, and 13 parks in northern district. (Translated by Hay Mar)

## Japan's NHK films in Inle area about kindness of locals to pets

JAPAN'S national broadcasting organization NHK filmed the nature of cats at the home of U Thar Phaw in Nantpam village of Inle Lake area in Nyaungshwe Township of southern Shan State yesterday.

On 11 December, the Japanese TV crew took the natural scenes in Inle Lake.

They will film in this area from 13 to 21 December for the documentary titled 'Innocent and Simple People' that will present loving-kindness of Myanmar ethnic people on pets, and it is scheduled to be aired at NHK BS Premium channel in early 2020.—Nyein Ko Ko Tun (FDC)

(Translated by Aung Khin)



NHK Japanese film crew shooting scenic view of Inle Lake in Nyaungshwe, Shan State. PHOTO: NYEIN KO KO TUN (FDC)

## Caviar 'queen': Chinese roe reigns around the world

QIANDAOHU — The caviar on the menu of Michelin-starred restaurants may come from an unexpected place: China.

The country has endured embarrassing food scandals in recent years, but its sturgeon eggs have gained the respect of caviar connoisseurs around the world.

It has also become pricier for US buyers as Chinese caviar is among the slew of products hit with 25 per cent tariffs in the US-China trade war.

The bulk of China's production comes from a picturesque lake ringed by mountains in eastern Zhejiang province where industry leader Kaluga Queen breeds the giant fish.

The brand was created in 2005 by experts who worked for the ministry of agriculture and it now produces more than a third of the world's caviar, making China the global leader.

—AFP ■

## MECA holds Christmas Eve



Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko addresses the ceremony to mark Christmas Eve in North Dagon Myothit Township, Yangon, yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

THE Myanmar Evangelical Christian Alliance (MECA) organized a Christmas Eve at the BCM in North Dagon Myothit Township, Yangon, yesterday afternoon.

It was attended by Dr Shwe Hlwan, the wife of Vice President U Henry Van Thio, Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko,

Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe, the Patron of MECA, its Chairman, General Secretary and members, the members of BCM and invited guests.

Union Minister Thura U Aung Ko made a remark on the ceremony, highlighting mutual understanding, magnanimity and forgiveness

for peaceful co-existence of people from different faiths for peace and stability of the State.

Rev. Dr Morris Liana from the MECA extended greetings and Yangon Mayor U Maung Maung Soe made a Christmas speech.

The wife of Vice President then said Christmas blessing and

Patron of MECA made a wish for peace and prosperity of the country.

The youth members of BCM sang the closing song, followed by the blessing of Vice Chairman of Myanmar Christian Council. The event concluded with a feast for all participants.—MNA (Translated by Aung Khin)

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# Rakhine Chief Minister provides fund for procurement of X-ray films

RAKHINE State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu met with the locals at Dwarawati Hall of Thandwe Township, Rakhine State, on 11 December afternoon.

At the meeting, the Chief Minister explained the three-year term of local government's responsibility and accountability without corruption on regional development works.

He also asked about difficulties of the region, requirements and recommendations of the locals.

The Administrator of Thandwe District briefed on the completion of regional development programmes in respective financial years and plans for upcoming years.

The Chief Minister then coordinated with Hluttaw representatives and departmental officials on the needs in education, health, transportation, development of sports, supply of drinking water, construction of a new market, technical assistance to the fishery workers and formation of Ngapali Town Development Committee.

After the meeting, Chief Minister U Nyi Pyu handed over Kyats 1 million for procurement of X-ray films at the Thandwe District General Hospital and another Kyats 1 million for renovation of school toilets at the high school of Ngapali. — Maw Si, Ko Min

(Translated by Aung Khin)



Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu delivers the speech during the meeting with locals at Dwarawati Hall in Thandwe Township, Rakhine State, yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

# Pyithu Hluttaw Electricity and Energy Development Committee chairman receives Total E&P Myanmar delegation

PYITHU Hluttaw's Electricity and Energy Development Committee Chairman U Kyi Moe Naing receives a delegation of Total E&P Myanmar at meeting hall of Hluttaw Affairs Building I-8 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

During the meeting, they

openly discussed matters related to project management of electricity and energy production in Kanpauk area implemented by Total E&P Myanmar, current status of project and technical information used in the project. — MNA

(Translated by TTN)



Pyithu Hluttaw's Electricity and Energy Development Committee Chairman U Kyi Moe Naing meets with Total E&P Myanmar delegation in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

# Pyithu Hluttaw International Relations Committee Chairman receives Israeli Ambassador



Pyithu Hluttaw's International Relations Committee U Zaw Thein holds talks with Ambassador of Israel Mr Ronen Gilor in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

Pyithu Hluttaw's International Relations Committee U Zaw Thein received Ambassador of Israel Mr Ronen Gilor at meeting hall of I-5 Hluttaw Building in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

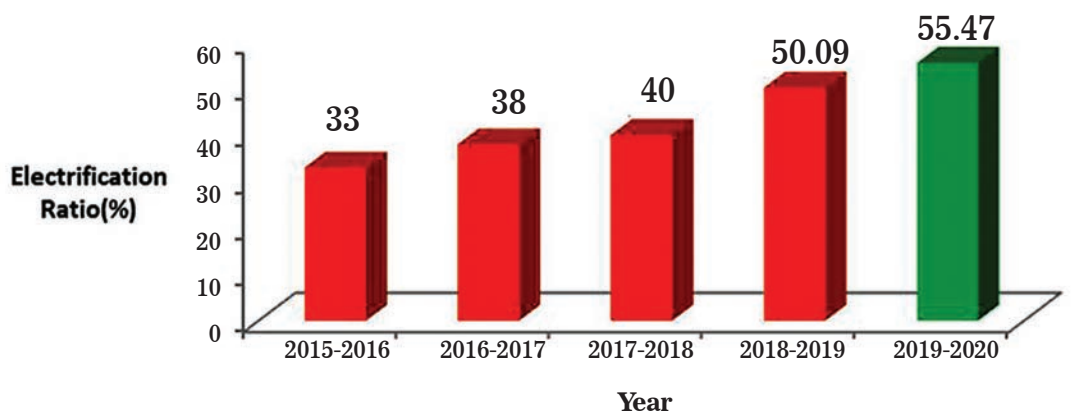
During the meeting, they

discussed and exchanged views on long-lasting and strong relations of Myanmar and Israel, current relations of Israel and its neighbouring countries, Israel's cooperation in agro-technology and agriculture of My-

anmar, sending more trainees from Myanmar for agricultural training in Israel, promoting mutual relations among members of parliaments of the two countries. — MNA

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## Ministry of Electricity and Energy Annual increase of household electricity Consumption



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## Ramakrishna Mission Society releases statement

The following is the full-text of the Ramakrishna Mission Society's statement:

1. Maha Thiri Thudhamma Daw Khin Kyi (Ambassador, Rtd), mother of State Counsellor and Union Minister of Foreign Affairs Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, has, for years, been a chairperson of the Ramakrishna Mission Society.

2. The Ramakrishna Mission Society has heartily welcomed and supported her announcement that she will defend the case filed by Gambia at the International Court of Justice-ICJ, with accountability and responsibility in representing the country on 10 December, 2019.

*Ramakrishna Mission Society*

## Germany slams planned US sanctions on Russian pipeline

BERLIN—Germany on Thursday criticised a vote by US lawmakers on a bill that would sanction contractors working on a Russian pipeline to Germany, saying Washington should mind its own business.

“European energy policy is decided in Europe, not in the US,” Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said on Twitter.

“We reject external interference and sanctions with extra-territorial effect as a matter of principle,” he said. The 9.5 billion euro (\$10.6 billion) Nord Stream 2 pipeline will run under the Baltic Sea and

is set to double shipments of Russian natural gas to Germany.

The German-Russian Chamber of Commerce (AHK) said the pipeline was important for the energy security of Europe as a whole and called for retaliatory sanctions against the United States if the bill passes. “Europe should respond to sanctions that damage Europe with counter-sanctions,” Matthias Schepp, head of the AHK, said in a statement. Schepp said the sanctions would end up affecting European companies more than Russia.—AFP ■

## Health and Sports Union Minister attends 20<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners’ Conference



Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe addresses the 20th Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-2 in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

THE 20<sup>th</sup> Myanmar Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference was held at the Myanmar International Convention Centre-II in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

Speaking at the event, Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe urged the ministry's Research Department and other related departments to enhance cooperation with international universities and organizations in finding safe and effective traditional medicines, therapies and herbal plants.

He also stressed the important role of curriculum of traditional medicine universities, teaching methods, quality of faculties, teaching aids, assessment system, research and cooperation with international

universities in developing the Myanmar traditional medicine profession sustainably.

The Union Minister said the ministry has been providing assistance in all fronts to the development of Myanmar traditional medicine profession as it is playing an important role in health care services to the people.

He also called for controlling efficiency of medicines in every step of production chain for traditional medicines.

Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe pledged that the ministry would provide assistance at most to development of Myanmar traditional medicine, calling for holding symposium every four months inviting experts traditional medicine practitioners,

manufacturers and experts.

Following his speech, Director-General of the Traditional Medicine Department Dr Moe Swe detailed about the measures being taken by the department.

The conference was also attended by Deputy Minister for Health and Sports Dr Mya Lay Sein, officials of the Traditional Medicine Department, Traditional Medicine University and related departments, members of the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Technical Advisory Group, patrons of the Myanmar Traditional Medicine Council and responsible personnel.

At the conference, submitted papers were discussed and reviewed.—MNA

*(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)*

## Russia's only aircraft carrier on fire in port: news agencies

MOSCOW—A fire broke out Thursday on Russia's only aircraft carrier as it underwent repairs in an Arctic shipyard, Russian news agencies said, with at least one worker reported missing.

The Admiral Kuznetsov has been undergoing repairs for more than two years in Murmansk and suffered previous damage in October 2018 when a crane crashed onto its deck.

State news agency RIA Novosti quoted a source in the Zvezdochka shipyard as saying the fire broke out during welding operations.

More than 400 people were on board when the fire erupted, state news agency TASS quoted a Zvezdochka spokesman as saying.

News agency Interfax reported that the fire had spread over an area of about 600 square metres (6,500 square feet).



The Admiral Kuznetsov has been undergoing repairs for more than two years. **PHOTO: AFP**

The Admiral Kuznetsov – launched in 1985 and the flagship of the Russian navy – has been undergoing its first major repairs since 1997.

The repairs were expected to be completed by the end of 2020, with the warship rejoining the navy in 2021.

The vessel was deployed to the Mediterranean in 2016 and early 2017 to strike targets in Syria and help Moscow ally President Bashar al-Assad recapture rebel-held areas in the war-torn country.

The ship headed a naval group off the Syrian coast, with fighters from the carrier hitting more than 1,200 targets during its mission.

It also stopped off the coast of Libya in January 2017 and took on board military strongman Khalifa Haftar, who Russia has reportedly backed in the country's long-running civil conflict.—AFP ■

# Myanmar U-22 men's football team return home with bronze medal

THE Myanmar U-22 men's national football team arrived back from the Philippines yesterday afternoon after winning a bronze medal in the South East Asian Games.

The players and coaching team led by head coach Velizar Popov were welcomed by officials from the Myanmar Football Federation, Myanmar National League, AYA Bank, Ministry of Health and Sports, and former Myanmar football stars and fans at the Yangon International Airport yesterday. The Myanmar U-22 secured the bronze medal by beating Cambodia 7-6. Myanmar won the penalty shootout after the normal 90 minutes of play in the third place match. The match was played on 10 December at the Rizal Memorial Stadium in Manila, the Philippines.

Also, team Myanmar had a no-loss record in the Group A matches and entered the semi-finals in the first position, while Cambodia was in the runners-up position. Myanmar missed their chance of advancing to the finals by losing to Indonesia 4-2 in the semifinal. Cambodia also missed the final by losing to Viet Nam by 0-4 in another semifinal match.

In the SEA Games men's football history, Myanmar has won 14 medals: five gold medals, four silver medals, and five bronze medals, and stands in the third in the medal-winners ranking for the SEA Games men's football event, while Thailand is in the first place with 16 golds, 4 silvers and 5 bronzes, and Malaysia is in the second with 6 gold, 6 silver, and 7 bronze medals.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)



The Myanmar U-22 men's football team, coaches, and officials pose for a group photo at the Yangon International Airport yesterday. PHOTO: MFF

# Judo program to be introduced in Yangon schools soon



A coach, referee training session and the 1st Kodokan Dan Examination were held in Yangon yesterday, prior to the announcement of the 'Judo in Schools' program. PHOTO: SAW THEIN WIN

A program named 'Judo in Schools' will be launched in basic education schools in Yangon in the near future, according to the Myanmar Judo Federation (MJF). Well-trained Judo trainers will conduct the program for schoolchildren in the 5 to 12 age group. For upgrading the skills of Myanmar Judo athletes and coaches, a ceremony for Coaching and Referee Training and the 1st Kodokan Dan Examination were held yesterday at the training center of the Myanmar Judo Federation in Yangon.

During the ceremony, MJF president U Tun Tun said that Myanmar Judo teams missed gold medals but grabbed silver

and bronze medals at the recent SEA Games in the Philippines. He said the reason why Myanmar Judo athletes missed the gold medal was due to the participation of older players. Myanmar needs more younger players to participate in the SEA Games as youths are faster in Judo, he said.

The 'Judo in Schools' program will be essential to fulfill the needs of the younger generation of Myanmar Judo athletes, he said adding that the program will be started in seven basic education schools in Yangon.—Saw Thein Win

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)

# Number One Cup 2019: Myanmar U-20 team leave for Viet Nam

THE Myanmar U-20 men's national football team left for Binh Duong, Viet Nam yesterday from Yangon International Airport for competing in the BTV International Football Tournament - Number One Cup 2019.

There will be four teams competing in the tourney — host Viet Nam's U-20 men's football team, the Myanmar U-20, Cambodia U-20, and Viet Nam's Becamex Binh Duong Football Club.

The tourney will be held

from 14 to 18 December and the two best teams will meet in the final match to decide the champions and runners-up.

Twenty players have been selected by head coach Soe Myat Min for the Viet Nam tourney: goalkeepers Nay Lin Htet and Pyae Phyoo Thu; defenders Si Thu Moe Khant, Nyan Lin Htet, Shin Thet Aung, Wai Yan Soe, Kaung Khant Kyaw, and Thet Hein Soe; midfielders Ye Min Kyaw, Naung Naung Soe, Zaw Win Thein, Aung

Ko Oo, Yan Kyaw Soe, Pyae Phyoo Aung, Moe Swe, Khun Kyaw Zin Hein, and Hein Htet Aung.

Three strikers have been selected on the team: Nyi Nyi, Saw Kyaw Ae, and La Min Htwe.

In the opening match, team Myanmar will play against Viet Nam's Becamex Binh Duong F.C.

The third place match will be held on 17 December, and the final match will be played on 18 December.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)

# Ayeyawady United to test with three top MNL teams this month

IN preparation for the upcoming season of the Myanmar National League 2020, the Ayeyawady United Football Club will play friendly matches against the three top MNL teams: Yadanarbon F.C., Southern Myanmar F.C., and Magwe F.C. this month, according to a statement issued by the football club.

Ayeyawady United will play their friendly match with Yadanarbon F.C. on 14 December, with Southern Myanmar F.C. on 18 December, and Magwe F.C. on 21 December.

All the matches will take place on the Bahan Artificial Turf in Yangon.

Ayeyawady United was the first ever runner-up team in the Myanmar National League with an unbeaten record for 25 matches.

Currently, the team is being led by head coach Myo Hlaing Win. Under Myo Hlaing Win, the team ended the 2019 edition of the league in the runners-up position, and also got the chance to be a stand-by team in the AFC Cup group stage.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)