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## State Counsellor holds donation, receives prayers in commemoration of Daw Khin Kyi passing



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi and the congregation led by former President U Htin Kyaw and wife receive the Precepts from the Members of the Sangha at the ceremony to commemorate the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the death of Daw Khin Kyi, wife of National Leader General Aung San, at the State Counsellor's residence in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

**S**TATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi organized a “soon” (day meal) donation at her residence in Yangon to commemorate the 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary of her mother Daw Khin Kyi’s passing.

The State Counsellor invited Sayadaw Dhammaveri Ashin Wiriya (Taung Soon) and

16 members of the Sangha to her residence, offered them meals and robes, and listened to their sermon.

In the afternoon, religious

leaders from multiple faiths offered prayers for Daw Khin Kyi, wife of national hero Bogyoke Aung San and mother of the State Counsellor. The

religious leaders were of Hindu, Christian, Islamic, Jewish, and Baha’i faiths. — MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

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### Equality of opportunity for all

To be a genuine democracy, it is not enough to be a "government of the people, by the people, for the people". The government must uplift the economic standard of our people to the point where there is equality of opportunity for all. Then only can we go forward towards genuine democracy.

*(Extract from the speech given by  
General Aung San at the Jubilee Hall First Preparatory Conference held on  
19 May 1947)*



# National Water Resources Committee HQ begins construction in Yangon



Vice President U Henry Van Thio addresses the stake-driving ceremony for constructing the NWRC's headquarters and a Hydro Informatics Center (HIC) in Mayangon Township, Yangon, yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

**CHAIRMAN** of the National Water Resources Committee, Vice President U Henry Van Thio, and wife Dr Shwe Hluan, Patron of Water Mothers Organization, attended the stake-driving ceremony for constructing the NWRC's headquarters and a Hydro Informatics Center (HIC) in Mayangon Township, Yangon, yesterday morning.

Firstly, the Vice President delivered a speech where he said the headquarters and HIC will be instrumental in multi-sector management of national water-related cases. He said the construction is estimated to cost US\$7.5 million and will be covered from the interest-free loan provided through the World Bank's AIRBM Project.

The Vice President thanked the World Bank for their assistance and said Myanmar possesses 16 per cent of all water resources in Southeast Asia and

12 per cent in Asia. He said Myanmar receives different amounts of rainfall in each of its areas and the center of the nation faces water scarcity. He said some areas do fine in the rainy season but also face some degree of drought during the summer.

He said most of Myanmar also suffers from floods frequently and there is an increase of fierce competition for water resources which has created tension and conflicts between different groups around the world. He said this calls for multi-sector water resource management solutions.

The Vice President said Myanmar needs to draw maps for underground water pockets and flood hazard maps. He also said we need to implement a system for keeping track of water footprint and water auditing. He said the nation has formed various committees for reduc-

ing floods, droughts and natural disasters, building resilience to climate change, controlling contaminated water, environmental conservation, effective use of water, multi-sector water resource management, this national water resource committee, and national disaster management committee.

The Vice President said he wants everyone to consider the importance of multi-sector water resource management in promoting Myanmar's economy, reducing poverty, increasing production from the agricultural and other sectors, promoting the health of all citizens, elevating standards of living and increasing life expectancy. He said NWRC works with relevant ministries, organizations and experts to commemorate World Water Day every year. He said Myanmar hosted the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia-Pacific Water Summit in 2017 and

tried hard to enact the National Water Law and National Water Resource Committee Law.

The Vice President said every citizen, whether a child or an adult, must understand the value of water and the present building would house attempts to elevate education and protection of water resources. He urged all citizens to stop littering in bodies of water and to participate in reforestation activities.

Next, NWRC Vice Chairman Union Minister for Transport and Communications U Thant Sin Maung and the Yangon Region Chief Minister delivered separate speeches.

After this, the Vice President and other officials drove the ceremonial stakes into the ground at their designated locations. He and his wife then took a documentary group photo with attendees and they examined the miniature model of the NWRC

headquarters and HIC.

The NWRC was first formed in June 2013 and reformed in 2016 with the Vice President as chairman since the beginning. Their efforts resulted in Myanmar being selected as the host nation for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Asia-Pacific Water Summit in 2017 and the logo for World Water Day on 22 March 2019 featured a person rowing a boat by foot in Inle Lake.

Also present at the ceremony were NWRC Vice Chairman Union Minister U Thant Sin Maung, Union Ministers Lt-Gen Ye Aung and U Soe Win, Yangon Region Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein, deputy ministers, regional ministers, NWRC members, representatives from the World Bank, members of the advisory board, local elders, project experts and invited guests. — MNA

*(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)*



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, leaders from different faiths including Hinduism, Christianity, Islam, Judaism and Bahá'í pray for Daw Khin Kyi in Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

## Union Planning, Finance, Industry Minister inspects Customs House

UNION Minister for Planning, Finance and Industry U Soe Win inspected the Customs House on Strand Road in downtown Yangon yesterday. Director-General U Kyaw Htin and officials explained their processes, organization and duty allocation, collected tax, development processes, implementing the national single window, upgrading the MACCS System and network redundancy. —MNA  
(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



Union Minister for Planning, Finance and Industry U Soe Win holds a meeting with officials from the Customs House on Strand Road in downtown Yangon yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

## UEC Chairman meets Mandalay election sub-commissions



Union Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein delivers the speech at the meeting with officials from election sub-commissions of Mandalay Region in Mandalay yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

UNION Election Commission Chairman U Hla Thein met with officials from election sub-commissions of Mandalay Region at the regional cabinet's meeting hall yesterday.

Mandalay Region Election Sub-Commission Chairman U Shein Win and chairmen of the district and township sub-commissions and officials attended the meeting.

During the meeting, the UEC Chairman said the elections need to be conducted in line with the 5 prescribed norms. He said 2019 was designated as the year

for compiling the electoral roll and townships have completed that task.

The UEC Chairman said the process was undertaken with four action plans. He said the first action plan was collecting and reviewing population information, the second plan was compiling the voter's list, the third was making monthly compilations, adjustments and maintenance to the changing demographic and voter's list, and the fourth plan is to post the voter's list in public view.

The UEC Chairman said

it is the duty of UEC to ensure every citizen gets to exercise their right to vote and urged the sub-commissions to ensure there are no mistakes in compiling the voter's list and maintaining it in accordance with changing demographics every month.

Next, the regional election sub-commission secretary explained their processes concerning the election. The UEC Chairman then concluded the meeting with a closing speech. — Min Htet Aung (Man Sub-printing House)

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

## Union Minister for Information holds meetings with MJA, MJU, MJN, MPC

UNION Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint held talks with representatives of Myanmar Journalists Association-MJA, Myanmar Journalists Union-MJU and Myanmar Journalists Network-MJN at the building of the Printing and Publishing Department on Thein-byu Road in Yangon yesterday.

It was attended by Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun, Permanent Secretary U Myo Myint Maung and departmental heads, Chairman of the MJA U Myat Khaing, Chairman of MJU U Zaw Thet Htway, Executive Committee Member of the

MJN U Kyaw Zeya and responsible persons. After the meeting, the Union Minister held another talks with officials of the Myanmar Press Council.

Also present at the meeting were Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun, Permanent Secretary U Myo Myint Maung, departmental heads, Chairman of the Myanmar Press Council U Ohn Kyaing, Vice Chairman-1 Dr Myo Thant Tin and Vice Chairman-2 U Kyaw Naing (Htet Myat) and responsible persons. — MNA

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Lin)



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint addresses the meeting with representatives of Myanmar Journalists Association-MJA, Myanmar Journalists Union-MJU and Myanmar Journalists Network-MJN in Yangon. PHOTO: MNA

## Kayin State ponders resettlement of IDPs, closing temporary camps

UNION Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye attended the meeting for explaining the National Master Strategic Plan for Resettling IDPs and Closing Temporary Camps and to discuss joint implementation held at Zweekabin Hall in Hpa-an, Kayin State, yesterday.

Present at the meeting were Kayin State Chief Minister Daw Nan Khin Htwe Myint, Deputy Minister U Soe Aung, state ministers, Hluttaw representatives, directors-general, state department officials, heads of temporary shelters, and officials from CSOs, UN, INGOs and NGOs.

The Union Minister first delivered a speech where he said the government opened tem-

porary relief camps in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine and Kayin states to assist internally displaced persons within Myanmar. He said as the camps are designed to be temporary, living in them for an extended period can cause social issues.

He said this is why if rehabilitation processes are successful then the temporary camps can be quickly closed down. He said Kayin State is a good example of implementing ceasefire and peace process and has increased development activities and more results from achieving peace.

The Union Minister said Kayin State still has a lot of work left to assist IDPs and the government provides assistance to areas in order of urgency.

He said Kayin State is on the priority list of his ministry and receives social pensions for its elderly citizens and monetary assistance for pregnant mothers and children under two years old.

Next, Director-General Dr Ko Ko Naing of the Disaster Management Department explained the conception of the strategic plan and future processes.

Deputy Minister U Soe Aung then explained the experiences of current resettlement plans and closing down temporary camps. This was followed by attendees raising various questions and the directors-general answering to them.—MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye poses for a documentary photo with attendees at the meeting for explaining the National Master Strategic Plan for Resettling IDPs and Closing Temporary Camps held in Hpa-an, Kayin State, yesterday. PHOTO: MNA

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# Farmers carrying out mixed farming of Mash melon and chilli

LOCAL farmers in ChaungU Township are growing mash melon, which is a marketable product in foreign countries, along with chilli. The mixed farming has been a success and is giving a high yield, said U Soe Lwin, chairman of the Sagaing Region Fruit, Flower and Vegetable Producers and Exporters Association.

Local farmers said they are interested in mixed farming because they can make more profits by growing Mash melons with chilli. Additionally, this method of mixed farming allows for more effective use of land.

“Mixed farming of mash melon and chilli requires no additional input. They have practiced mixed farming earlier as well. It can pick up till July. After growing mash melon, the chillis are left in the field. Long beans can also be grown after mash melon. Three crops can be planted in a year. Earlier, we were growing chillis or long beans or chick-peas



A farmer picks green chilli at a farm in ChaungU Township. PHOTO: WIN OO (ZAYYARTINE)

after growing Mash melons. We are sure that one crop will fetch good price definitely. So, we are interested in mixed farming,”

said Ko Nam Htet, a chilli and Mash melon grower from Min Khaung Village, ChaungU Township.

During the mash melon growing season this winter, local farmers practiced mixed farming of chilli on over 300

acres of mash melon farms in Min Khaung village.—Win Oo (Zayyartine)  
(Translated by Hay Mar)

# MCC gets ten complaints on unfair competition in a year

By Nyein Nyein

THE Myanmar Competition Commission (MCC) has received ten complaints of unfair competition in the local market in one year, said U Ko Ko Lay, Deputy Director-General of the Trade Department, Ministry of Commerce, who is responsible for MCC.

He made the remarks at a media conference held by the Myanmar Competition Commission yesterday at the Department of Trade, Export/Import office (Yangon branch), No. 228/240, Strand Road, Yangon.

“Since its formation on 31 October, 2018, the competition commission has received ten letters of complaint. Among them, four have been already resolved whereas the remaining six cases are under process. An investigation committee has been formed to look into any unfair competition in the market,” he added.

“Currently, two complaints have been completely resolved. These are concerned

with selling of media supply and opening of an education center.

The remaining cases are concerned with digging of the ground and they are already under investigation. A case involving transportation will be negotiated through the regional authorities. We will look into other remaining cases by ourselves,” said U Ko Ko Lay.

“In view of the development of the nation’s economy, the entrepreneurs’ role is very important in the sense that they participate in ensuring free and fair competition among businesses,” said U Than Maung, vice chairman of the MCC.

“Therefore, the MCC needs to ensure there is fair competition in order to be able to strengthen the economy. On the other hand, entrepreneurs must respectfully obey the competition law,” he added.

Moreover, the competition law is not a law that constrains the business community and it is meant for the protection of businesses, according to

the MCC.

The competition law prohibits unfair competition such as price fixing, restricting production, collusion in tendering or auctioning, discrimination among businessmen, denial of supply of products or their sale to other businesses, fixing unfair prices, abusing market dominance, and exchanging secret information on matters such as prices among competitors.

Those who violate the competition law will be imprisoned for up to three years, face a fine of up to K15 million, or both.

The Myanmar Competition Commission was formed on 31 December, 2018 to enforce the competition law, which was enacted in 2015.

The commission has the Minister for Commerce as its chairman, besides five representatives from the related ministries and another five persons representing lawyers and entrepreneurs.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

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## Union Minister for Information, artistes discuss development of music industry

UNION Minister for Information Dr Pe Myint held a meeting with representatives of organizations related with music yesterday morning at Myanmar Radio and Television on Pyay Road in Yangon. It was attended by Deputy Minister for Information U Aung Hla Tun, departmental heads, and officials.

At the meeting, Union Minister Dr Pe Myint said he saw that organizations from the music industry are working together for progress of their works and for defending their interests and rights, and this is leading to the development of the music industry. He said that artistes can enjoy freedom of rights in compliance with the existing laws and rules, ensuring conformity with international copyrights and rules.

The Union Minister also expressed the view that efforts for the development of the music industry by music organizations, in cooperation with the author-



Union Minister Dr Pe Myint delivers the speech during the meeting with representatives from music industry in Yangon yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

ities concerned, would be more effective as the Copy Rights Law has been enacted.

He also offered the ministry's assistance to organizations as and when necessary.

At the meeting, U Thein Tan, U Myint Moe Aung, U Min Chit Thu, Oakaw Maung Maung, Accordion U Aung Min Naing, U Kyi Min Thein, Annaga, and Re-

becca Win attended the meeting on behalf of the Myanmar Vocalists Association, Myanmar Composers Association, and Songs Copy Rights Producers. They discussed the Literature and Copy Rights Law, honorarium for songs, and undertakings for the development of the music industry. The Union Minister discussed the assistance which

can be rendered by the ministry for the development of the music industry.

Afterwards, the deputy minister and the permanent secretary discussed matters proposed by the representatives of the music industry. The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the Union Minister. —MNA

## Over 100,000 travellers visited U Bein Bridge daily during Dec holidays

OVER 100,000 travelers visited Mandalay's U Bein Bridge during the December holidays, said U Than Myint, chairman of the Taung Mingyi pagoda board of trustees.

"This year, more than 100,000 travellers visited U Bein Bridge during the December holidays. Most of the travellers were from the lower parts of the country. On the Kayin New Year

Day, a traveling team, led by the sayadaw from Mon State, visited U Bein Bridge and Taung Mingyi pagoda.

During the December holidays, U Bein bridge is crowded daily with travellers from both inside and outside the country," he added.

The over 160 years old U Bein bridge in Mandalay's Amrapura Township is believed

to be the oldest and (once) the longest teakwood bridge in the world. The construction of the bridge was started in the 1211 Myanmar Era and completed in the 1213 Myanmar Era. U Bein Bridge was built by Mayor U Bein. The bridge spans 1,976 meters and has 1,086 pillars.—Than Zaw Min (IPRD)

(Translated by Hay Mar)



Travellers walk on U Bein Bridge over Taungthaman Lake in Mandalay. **PHOTO: THAN ZAW MIN (IPRD)**

## Toungoo police officer faces corruption charges

THE Anti-Corruption Commission has opened a case against Police Sub-inspector Han Lin Aung of Toungoo Police Station, Bago Region, for coercing K1 million in bribe from a vehicle transporting 2 tons of Pyinkado wood on 2 February.

Han Lin Aung and seven other officers pulled over the vehicle around 3:30 am when it was heading towards Toungoo and initially demanded K5 million as payment to let them go before settling for K1 million after negotiations, which was made in two separate payments.

The ACC has found the officer to have abused his position and brought charges against him with Section 56 of the Anti-Corruption Law at Toungoo Police Station. —MNA

(Translated by Zaw Htet Oo)

## China launches powerful rocket in boost for 2020 Mars mission

BEIJING — China Friday launched one of the world's most powerful rockets in a major step forward for its planned mission to Mars in 2020.

The heavy lift Long March 5 rocket carrying a Shijian 20 test satellite payload blasted off from the Wenchang launch site on the southern island of Hainan at 8:45 pm (1245 GMT), a live-stream from state broadcaster CCTV showed.

"After more than 2,000 seconds, the Shijian 20 satellite was sent into its predetermined orbit," the official Xinhua news agency reported. The rocket launch "tests key technologies related to future space missions," Xinhua said.

The successful launch is a key part of China's ambitious plans for a mission to the Red Planet next year and hopes of having a crewed space station by

2022. "The Long March 5 rocket is tasked with important missions," Wu Yanhua, the deputy head of China's National Space Administration, said in a video released by CCTV last week.

"It will be tasked with a series of key missions including launching China's first Mars probe, the Chang'e-5 lunar probe and a core module for the manned space station." More than a million people watched an online livestream of the launch and crowds gathered near the island launch site cheered as the rocket blasted off into the night sky, videos posted on social media showed.

"Fat Five," the rocket's nickname, was a trending topic on the Twitter-like Weibo social media platform. Friday's success gets the space programme back on track after a previous attempt in July 2017 failed mid-launch.— AFP ■



China's launch of its first Long March 5 rocket in November 2016 (pictured) was a leap forward for its ambitious space programme. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Secrets of Germany's 'Alcatraz' virus island revealed



Founded by Friedrich Loeffler in 1910, the institute is the world's oldest centre for the study of viruses. **PHOTO: AFP**

BERLIN — On a Baltic Sea island once used by the Nazis for biological weapon research, German scientists are developing virus vaccines that could save lives.

Access to the island of Riems is highly restricted.

Scientists who work there have to have disinfectant showers when entering or exiting and wear body suits.

And dozens of animals, including sheep and cows, have been deliberately infected with viruses as part of the research

to monitor the effects of the diseases.

"We really are the Alcatraz of viruses, a kind of prison for viruses," Franz Conraths, deputy head of the island's Friedrich Loeffler Institute, told AFP.

Located south of picturesque Ruegen Island, Riems has become a global centre for the study of pathogens such as rabies, African swine fever and Ebola.

Visitors have to undergo security controls and the laboratories holding the most dangerous viruses as well as the stables

with the infected animals are on security level 4 -- the highest in Germany.

"We do everything possible to ensure they do not spread," Conraths said of the viruses on his island.

"It's very important for our work."

Preparing for an outbreak

The Friedrich Loeffler Institute is the oldest centre for the study of viruses in the world. It was founded in 1910 by Loeffler, a pioneering German scientist.— AFP ■

## Israeli researchers develop new waste-to-fuel technology

JERUSALEM — Israeli researchers have developed a new way to produce gas fuel from organic waste, using thermal treatment, Ben-Gurion University (BGU) in southern Israel said Thursday.

The method is based on the decomposition of waste in water at temperatures above 347 degrees Celsius and pressure 221 atmospheres (supercritical water).

The supercritical water has unique physicochemical properties, able to actively decompose organic materials and slightly dissolve inorganic materials.

In this way, the organic part of the raw material can be converted to environmental-

ly friendly gaseous-flammable materials, and the non-organic part can be separated for future use.

The BGU team built an experimental facility, where various types of waste were tackled, such as wood waste and glycerin containing biodiesel by-products.

Turning waste into fuel is an increasingly popular approach to solve the issues of waste and sustainable energy.

The researchers said the technology is about 20 percent more efficient than other green energy production methods.

They added that the new technology will begin pre-industrial phase and a pilot plant will be established.—Xinhua ■



REPRESENTATIONAL PHOTO: The fermentation of pig and cattle manure generates organic fertiliser and biogas (for electricity generation). This biogas plant about 150km south of Santiago, Chile, generates up to 4MW of electricity for the farm's own use. **PHOTO: AFP**

# All hands should be on deck in efforts to resettle IDPs

**T**HE Union Government is taking further steps for the resettlement of internally displaced persons (IDPs) and closure of IDP camps in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine, and Kayin states.

In efforts to provide shelter to persons displaced by armed conflicts, IDP camps have been opened temporarily. The situation has disrupted their livelihood, health, and access to education as they have to live in temporary shelters after abandoning their villages.

Temporary shelters should remain temporary. Continued residence in the camps will result in social chaos for IDPs later. Once the resettlement and rehabilitation of IDPs are on the right

track, the camps need to be shut down. However, when it comes to the closure of IDP camps, we must not lose sight of our special goal of IDP resettlement with safety and dignity. Before closing down camps, the political, social, and security aspects of the IDP camps in Kachin, Kayin, and Shan states must be given consideration.

The national-level strategy was written in keeping with current requirements and Myanmar law, and it meets international standards. The strategy would also support the implementation of works, in accordance with the basic social principles of the Union Accord of the Second session of the Union Peace Conference—21st Century Panglong.

However, it is a requirement to draw a separate work plan for each region and to implement it in the long run because all regions/states are different.

To ensure safe resettlement in Kachin and Kayin states, the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement has been working with the Tatmadaw and ethnic armed organizations for landmine-clearance and raising public awareness about mines.

At the same time, we are confident that the difficulties faced in the initial tasks can be turned into opportunities after listening to the voices of women and children IDPs, while drawing separate work programs.

Taking a holistic approach for long-term stability, security, and sustainable development of IDPs, we look forward to constructive cooperation from the international community in our efforts to ensure that all displaced persons can resume their lives in conditions of safety, dignity, and full enjoyment of the rights they deserve.

Closing down IDP camps depends on the peace, stability, and development in the respective areas.

Local communities, civil organizations, international organizations, and UN agencies are urged to cooperate with the government in its commitment to end the issue in the country.



# Yangon University Centenary a heartbeat away

By Maung Moe Yan

**C**HAIRMAN of the Steering Committee to Hold the Centenary of Yangon University formally opened the ceremony to announce the inauguration of the Centenary of Yangon University on 2 December this year, and delivered an address. The ceremony goes on the whole year as a milestone of history.

## Mother university

A centenary is a rare occasion. For a long time, Myanmar could not hold such a grand ceremony which honours the mother university with literature, music and performing arts. The whole university, which has witnessed the footprints, felt the emotions and heard the heartbeats of students during the 100 years and it's renowned old Thitpok tree, Adipati (Chancellor street) and Sagaing, Bagan and Judson streets are still fresh with fine memories.

Yangon College (No 1 BEHS Latha) and Ahlon Cushion School (No 1 BEHS 4, Ahlon) where Judson College was situated were the original sources of Yangon University. The British enacted the Yangon University Act on 1

December 1920, and set up the university at the present place. The British government bought the current university compound (then 400 acres of virgin land) at a price of K 800,000. During the land preparations works, the Forest Department was summoned to clear the thick vegetation of the area. The then governor general assigned the duty to set up the university to the then deputy governor general. The task included landscaping and designing. The deputy governor general chose T.O. Forster as the designer. He was sent to London for conducting his designing work. T.O. Forster brought civil engineers and architects back to Myanmar and began the construction work at the end of 1920. The compound and buildings were based on those of the two famous universities of England – Oxford University and Cambridge University. Yangon and Judson colleges were under the control of University of Calcutta. Toa Seinkho, a rich Chinese, in 1896, raised the issue of establishing a separate university in Yangon at a meeting, he convened. But the British ignored his call. On 28 November 1917, a YMBA



Yangon University Convocation Hall. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

delegation of Myanmar went to India, and demanded to set up a university in Yangon that met the nine points they had presented. In 1918, the British formed a committee to establish the university. The British government approved the bill of the university on 27 March 1919, and passed and enacted the Yangon University Act on 1 December 1920. But patriotic Myanmar students boycotted the Act in 1920.

## The birth of university

Yangon University was born in December 1920, after the idea was conceived over three years ago in November 1917. It became a separate entity. As the affiliates of Yangon University, Mandalay Intermediate College was opened in 1925, medical college in 1930, teachers training college in 1931 and Mandalay agriculture college in 1938. Yangon University got only a small amount of support from the government during the pre-WWII period. It received K 10,000 in 1922 and K 120,000 in 1930. So the then deputy governor general allowed opening of gambling centres in various parts of Myanmar to raise funds for the university. The then governor general laid the cornerstone of the Convocation Hall, the most prominent building of the university on 2 December 1922. The building was completed in 1931. Then hostels and other build-

ings were built with the funds received from gambling taxes. But the library was donated by an Indian family. The university opened its hospital in 1928.

Foundation laying of the Arts Hall of the university was held on 28 November 1928, and it was inaugurated in 1930. Ben-

Dr. U Nyo donated K 120,000 to build Yangon University Student Union. Construction began in 1929 and completed in November 1930. Yangon University Student Union was the gathering point of students who played a pivotal role in the independence struggle. It was destroyed in 1962. Thanks to

ciate institutions of Yangon University including Mawlamyine Intermediate College was built in 1953, Kyaukphyu collage in 1954, and Yankin collage, Hteedan collage and Magway collage in 1955. Pathein Intermediate College was opened in 1958 and the Defence Services Academy in Bahtoo Tatmyo in 1955 under Yangon University. DSA was later moved to PyinOoLwin. Built by the British government during the pre-WWII period, Yangon University was the most impressive and prestigious university in Southeast Asia.

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## Old Thitpok Tree

During the ground clearing work to make way for university buildings officials found an old tree whose age would be 100 years or more. So, they spared the tree. Older than the 100-year old university, the old tree can be hailed as the vanguard of the university that has witnessed the grand history of the university and heard the heartbeats of the students. The activities of old students and new generation youth marking the Centenary are so encouraging. All the alumni of the former associate institutions of Yangon University are invited to take part in the Centenary together with their children and grandchildren.

Translated by Tin Maung Than



Over 100-year old Thitpok Tree in the compound of Yangon University. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

# 2020, 72<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Independence Day National Objectives

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2. To give priority and work for transformation of the rule of law and justice sector which is important for stability, peace and development of the State.
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## Ukraine farmers fear for livelihoods as president backs land sales

KALYNIVKA — For decades, farmer Sergiy Plaksya has been growing grain and vegetables, cultivating swathes of land that he rents from local residents in the countryside near Kiev.

Now 72-year-old Plaksya, who runs a 2,500-hectare (1,010-acre) family farm with his wife, three sons and more than 100 workers, fears he could lose everything if the government lifts a ban on the sale of farmland.

President Volodymyr Zelensky, who was elected this spring on promises to implement long-awaited economic reforms, wants to open up the sale of the country's fertile farmland from next year, despite fierce protests.

A bill calling for land sales to begin in October 2020 won initial backing in November from the parliament dominated by Zelensky's Servant of the People party.

But its progress has stalled as opposition MPs have submitted large numbers of amendments.



Ukrainian far-right activists clashed with police during a protest against land sales in Kiev earlier this month. **PHOTO: AFP**

"Land sales are needed, but they should be (introduced) in such a way that everyone is protected," Plaksya told AFP at his farm in the village of Kalynivka outside Kiev.

Known as the "bread basket of Europe," the former Soviet country has around 32.5 million hectares of arable land, almost twice as much as France.

Currently some farmland is state-owned but much is

made up of small, individually-owned plots. Privatised after the breakup of the Soviet Union, these are currently illegal to sell.

Western donors to Ukraine are demanding it implement reforms to spur its stalling economy.

The country is rich in fertile black soil and opening up such land for sale could boost GDP by 1.5 per cent, the World Bank said last month.—AFP ■

## 3 Japan Post leaders to resign over improper insurance sales

TOKYO — Japan Post Holdings Co. said Friday the presidents of the company and its two subsidiaries will resign to take responsibility for the scandal involving a huge number of faulty sales of insurance products, in a serious blow to the former state-owned postal and financial giant.

The Financial Services Agency ordered the two units, Japan Post Insurance Co. and

Japan Post Co., to suspend new sales of insurance products for three months from 1 January and also slapped business improvement orders on all three companies.

The group, privatized in 2007, is still 57 per cent owned by the government.

In its probe, the FSA has found that salespeople made incorrect explanations in en-

couraging customers to switch to new insurance contracts, leaving some of them uninsured for a certain period or charged for old and new contracts, in violation of the insurance business law.

The agency said the companies' corporate atmosphere "lacked the awareness of customer protection."

Japan Post Holdings President Masatsugu Nagato, 71, will be replaced by Hiroya Masuda, a former minister of internal affairs and communications minister.

Japan Post Insurance President Mitsuhiro Uehira, 63 will be succeeded by his deputy Tetsuya Senda, with Japan Post President Kunio Yokoyama, 63, replaced by Kazuhide Kinugawa, a senior managing executive officer of the holdings company.

An internal probe by the group found 12,836 suspected breaches of law or in-house rules in the five years through March 2019 as of 15 December, with 670 of those cases confirmed.—Kyodo News ■



File photo taken in July 2019 shows the logos of the Japan Post Group -- (clockwise from top R) Japan Post Co., Japan Post Insurance Co., Japan Post Bank Co. and Japan Post Holdings Co. — seen in the sign outside the group's headquarters in Tokyo. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

## Amazon/Deliveroo deal faces in-depth UK probe

LONDON — Britain's competition regulator on Friday launched an in-depth investigation into Amazon's bid to buy part of online takeaway delivery group Deliveroo.

The Competition and Markets Authority said the so-called phase two probe comes after the pair failed to address initial "serious" concerns expressed by the CMA.

Announcing its plan for an investigation lasting up to six months, the CMA said it believes the tie-up could result in a "substantial lessening of competition" in the UK online grocery delivery sector in which Ama-

zon and Deliveroo are market leaders.

UK-based Deliveroo in May announced that Amazon was the largest investor in a \$575-million funding round.

A Deliveroo spokeswoman on Friday said the company was confident of persuading the CMA that Amazon's "minority investment will add to competition, helping restaurants to grow their businesses, creating more work for riders, and increasing choice for customers".

Created in 2013, Deliveroo has grown to delivering meals to clients in more than 200 cities across 12 countries.—AFP ■



Britain's Competition and Markets Authority had 'serious' initial concerns about Amazon taking a stake in food delivery group Deliveroo. **PHOTO: AFP**

## Garment Technology Expo kicks up from 10 January in New Delhi

NEW DELHI — The garment industry of India is rupees one trillion industry. Approximately 33 per cent of its knitwear production and about 20 per cent of its woven-garment production, both by volume, enters the export markets.

Fibre-wise, 80 per cent of the production is of cotton garments, 15 per cent of synthetic/mixed garments and the rest of silk and wool garments.

The industry comprises of over one lakh units and employs about 6 million workers, both directly and indirectly in almost equal proportion.

The indirect portion helps to sustain the direct production sector in the shape of items associated with the garment industry production including sewing/embroidery thread, buttons, buckles, zippers, metal plates, cardboard sheets, plastic butterflies and packaging material.

As a labour-oriented industry, the activity in production and marketing has now shifted to Asia with India and China being leading suppliers as well as markets for garments.

GTE (Garment Technology Expo) is India's largest and most comprehensive international exhibition on apparel and knitting technology.

It is one of the most trusted brands as far as exhibitions related to garment technology are concerned.

The biggest industry show in South Asia, it aims to offer a complete sourcing platform to apparel manufacturers.

The exhibition will focus on a wide range of garment machinery, accessories and support services from India and different parts of the world. GTE provides a unique world-class B2B platform to its participants.—ANI ■

## Sexist slurs mar Taiwan presidential elections

TAIPEI — Taiwan has forged a reputation as Asia's most progressive democracy and it boasts a higher proportion of women in parliament than anywhere else in the region — yet misogynistic insults have littered its presidential race.

The campaign for the January 11 polls has exposed an undercurrent where female politicians face a gauntlet of personal abuse and jibes that their male counterparts rarely suffer.

The island's most prominent female politician is President Tsai Ing-wen, 63, who is seeking a second term.

She has once again faced insults based on her gender, much of it focused on the fact she is



Taiwan's most prominent female politician is President Tsai Ing-wen. PHOTO: AFP

not married and does not have children.

Wu Den-yih, chairman of the opposition Kuomintang party,

earlier this month used a Taiwanese slang term to dub Tsai "an unlucky woman" who had brought misfortune to her people.

And her presidential opponent Han Kuo-yu, 62, invoked two characters from an ancient Chinese erotic novel to describe Tsai's rivalry with her running mate.

Han's running mate Chang San-cheng also said Tsai could not understand the hearts of parents because she was "a woman who has never given birth".

In a Facebook post, Tsai hit out at the campaign rhetoric.

"I find such a political culture unacceptable and we will not accept any personal attacks against women using such language," she wrote. Wu later apologised, saying he respected women and meant to criticise Tsai's job performance.—AFP ■

## NEWS In BRIEF

### Musharraf challenges special court's verdict in high treason case

ISLAMABAD — Pakistan's former dictator Pervez Musharraf on Friday filed a review petition with the Lahore High Court challenging the verdict by a special court in Islamabad that had pronounced death penalty in the high treason case against him

On 19 December, a special court in Islamabad found Musharraf guilty of high treason and handed him a death sentence under Article 6 of the Constitution. The verdict marked the first time in Pakistan's history that a military chief was declared guilty of high treason and handed a death sentence. The former army chief filed the 86 page-long petition through his counsel Advocate Azhar Siddique and named the federal government and others as respondents, Dawn reported. A full bench, chaired by Justice Mazahir Ali Akbar Naqvi, will hear the petition on 9 January, 2020.—ANI ■

### S Korea court takes pass on judging comfort women deal with Japan

SEOUL — South Korea's Constitutional Court on Friday took a pass on judging the constitutionality of a 2015 deal with Japan that aimed to financially help Korean women who were forced to work in the Japanese military's wartime brothels, but that proved deeply unpopular with South Koreans. Under the deal, the two countries had agreed to "finally and irreversibly" settle the long-running bilateral feud, with Japan issuing an apology to former comfort women for their suffering and providing 1 billion yen (\$9.1 million) to a foundation meant to help the victims financially. In its decision, the court said the agreement reached in December 2015 was just a political accord that was verbally announced by the governments of the two countries, leaving its legal effect unclear. Therefore no rights of plaintiffs to seek compensation were violated by the deal, and the court does not need to judge whether, by concluding the deal with Japan, the South Korean government had violated the country's Constitution, the court said.—Kyodo News ■

## 336 arrested in Hong Kong during protests over Christmas period

HONG KONG — Hong Kong police said Friday that 336 people were arrested in anti-government protests held in shopping malls across the territory during the Christmas holiday season.

From Tuesday through Thursday, protesters rallied at shopping malls in Hong Kong Island, Kowloon and the New Territories, attempting to disrupt the business of particular shops and restaurants deemed to have ties with China. "Over the past few days, rioters and their supporters inflicted extensive damage to different shopping centers," police spokesman Kwok Ka-chuen said at a regular press briefing.

The 336 people, aged be-

tween 12 and 54, were arrested since Monday for alleged crimes including unlawful assembly, possession of offensive weapons, assault causing bodily harm, obstruction of police duty and criminal damage, according to the police. The police fired a total of 76 tear gas canisters, 33 rubber bullets, 14 beanbag rounds and 12 sponge grenades to quell the protests on Tuesday and Wednesday.

More than 6,500 people have been arrested so far since the movement began in June when the government tried to ram through an unpopular extradition bill that if passed would have allowed the transfer of fugitives to mainland China.—Kyodo News



Police officers patrol during a rally by people condemning China's alleged human rights violations against Uyghurs in Hong Kong on 22 December, 2019. PHOTO: KYODO NEWS

## Indian gov't sends teams to Gujarat to control locust outbreak



Villagers bang pots in an effort to clear locusts from crop fields near Miyal village in Banaskantha district some 250km from Ahmedabad. PHOTO: AFP

NEW DELHI — The Indian government has rushed 11 teams to its western state of Gujarat to contain a locust outbreak, officials said on Friday.

Gujarat's Banaskantha, Mehsana, Kutch, Patan and Sabarkantha districts were witnessing an outbreak of locust swarm.

"The centre has sent its teams to Gujarat to tackle the invasion of locusts entering various districts of the state from Pakistan side and damaging crops," India's junior agriculture minister Parshottam Rupala said. "The central government will provide all possible help to Gujarat and the problem is expected to be solved in six to seven days."

Swarms of locusts — which

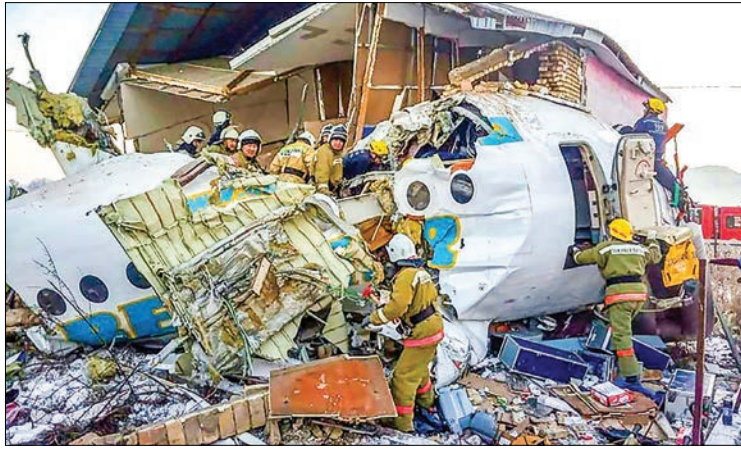
are mainly tropical grasshoppers - have invaded and destroyed crops like mustard, castor, fennel, cumin, cotton, potato, wheat and jatropha spread over thousands of hectares in several districts of Gujarat.

The visiting teams are likely to take necessary steps to contain the spread of locust by spraying of pesticides. According to officials, the teams will remain stationed in the affected areas until the problem is solved.

The swarms have become the main worry for the farmers who have approached local authorities for help.

Agriculturalists say the swarms have descended from Pakistan, bordering the state.—Xinhua ■

# 12 killed as plane crashes in Kazakhstan but many survive



The plane lost altitude and crashed into a building on the outskirts of Almaty / © Kazakhstan's emergencies committee. **PHOTO: AFP**

ALMATY — Twelve people died when a plane carrying 100 passengers and crew crashed shortly after takeoff from Kazakhstan's largest city on Friday and slammed into a house, but many on board survived.

A video released by the Central Asian country's emergencies committee showed the 23-year-old plane operated by budget carrier Bek Air torn into

pieces with its nose crushed into a collapsed house, as rescue crews worked to pull people from the wreckage.

The aircraft disappeared from the radar minutes after it took off from Almaty airport at 7.05 am (01:05 GMT) on its way to the capital Nur-Sultan with 95 passengers and five crew members, the airport authority said in a statement.

It hit a concrete barrier and then slammed into a two-storey building near the city's boundary northeast of the airport.

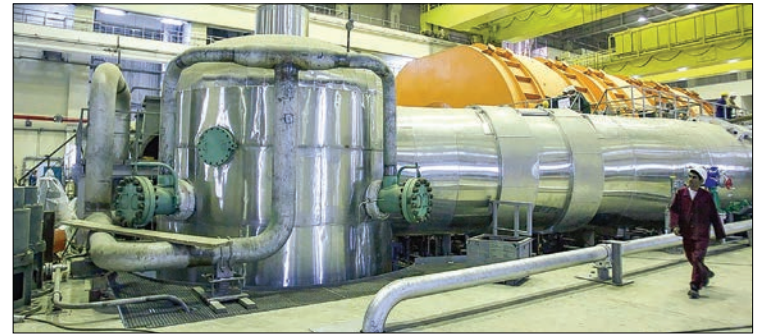
Kazakhstan responded to the crash by grounding the Fokker model, which makes up the whole of the Bek Air fleet, and launched an investigation.

The country's emergencies committee released a list of 12 people who died, including the captain, revising down earlier tolls provided by officials and media. The health ministry said 53 people had been injured, nine of them children, adding that 10 adults were in critical condition.

### 'Split in two'

Deputy Prime Minister Roman Sklyar said the tail of the plane had touched the runway twice during takeoff.

"Either this is a pilot error, or there were technical reasons," Sklyar said at a press conference in Almaty.—AFP ■



A file photo taken on 26 October, 2010 shows the inside of reactor at the Russian-built Bushehr nuclear power plant in southern Iran, 1200 Kms south of Tehran. **PHOTO: AFP**

# Quake strikes near Iran nuclear power plant

TEHRAN — An earthquake struck Iran on Friday less than 50 kilometres (30 miles) from the country's only nuclear power plant, monitors said. There were no immediate reports of any casualties or damage.

The US Geological Survey said the 5.1 magnitude quake struck 44 kilometres (27 miles) from the southwestern city of Borazjan and at a depth of 38 kilometres. Its reported epicentre is 45 kilometres east of the Bushehr nuclear power plant, on the southwest Gulf coast. The

Iranian Seismological Center said in a preliminary report on its website that the strength of the quake was 4.9 magnitude and that its depth was 10 kilometres. The quake jolted villages near Kalameh city, the semi-official ISNA news agency said, adding there were no reports of any casualties or damage. "Based on the assessments of teams in the field, fortunately this earthquake has caused no damage," the head of the province's crisis centre, Jahangir Dehghani, said on state television.—AFP ■

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# Israel's Netanyahu sweeps party primary in re-election boost

JERUSALEM — Embattled Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu told supporters Friday he would win a March general election after scoring a landslide victory in the leadership primary of his right-wing Likud party.

Israel's longest-serving premier, who faces a corruption indictment as well as a third general election in 12 months, was expected to beat rival Gideon Saar in the leadership primary.

But the convincing margin of victory — by 72.5 to 27.5 per cent — strengthens his position in the party he has dominated for 20 years.

Netanyahu, 70, called it a “huge win” and pledged to emerge victorious in the March 2 general election.

“Now is the time to unite and bring a tremendous victory for the Likud and the right in the election,” Netanyahu told a press conference.

“Most of the people support the right and support me to lead the government.”

In what appeared to be a general election campaign speech, Netanyahu did not mention the defeated Saar once.

He thanked US President Donald Trump, a close ally, for his support for Israel and said



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was expected to beat rival Gideon Saar but the convincing margin of victory strengthened his position in the party he has dominated for 20 years. PHOTO: AFP

a Likud victory in the next election would bring more “historic achievements.”

Likud and the centrist Blue and White party were deadlocked after elections in both April and September, with neither able to command a parliamentary majority under Israel's system of proportional representation.

Last month, Israel's attorney general indicted the prime minister for fraud, bribery and breach of trust over a series of corruption allegations he denies.

Blue and White leader Benny Gantz also used Friday's primary result as a rallying call for the general election.—AFP ■

# Union boss defiant on France's longest strike in decades

PARIS — The boss of a hardline French trade union on Friday vowed to press on with a strike

that has crippled transport in Paris for the past three weeks and is now the longest-lasting such action

since the 1980s.

The strike against pension reforms championed by President Emmanuel Macron began on 5 December and has cast a long shadow over celebrations in France for Christmas and the New Year.

Now on day 23, the union stoppage is longer than the notorious 22-day strike of the winter of 1995 under late president Jacques Chirac against welfare cutbacks which forced the then government into a U-turn.

The longest transport

strike in France lasted for 28 days, also over Christmas, in 1986 and early 1987.

“It's a strong movement and still supported by public opinion,” said Philippe Martinez, secretary general of the CGT union as he visited picketing workers at a bus depot.

He lashed out at Prime Minister Edouard Philippe, who has said he wants no confrontation with the strikers, accusing him of not being true to his word.

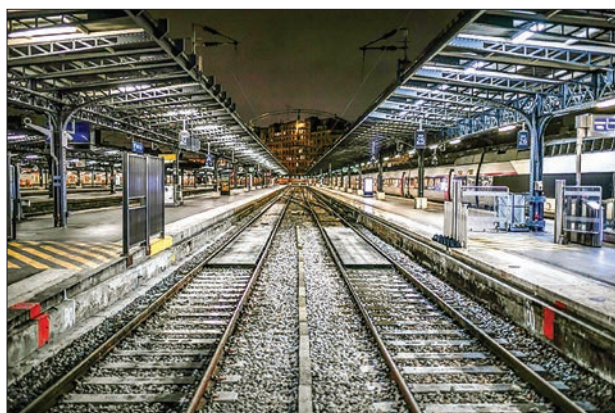
“The government shows how agitated it is

with this kind of conception of social dialogue,” said Martinez.

## No end in sight

The strike was still paralysing transport in Paris on Friday, day the French capital should be crammed with shoppers seeking post-Christmas bargains or preparing for the New Year.

There appears to be no end in sight to the current movement with talks between the government and unions only set to resume on 7 January.—AFP



Train services have been slashed because of the strike in France. PHOTO: AFP

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## Bidding announcement

The Project for Establishment of the Agricultural Marketing Center in Myanmar is a project for strengthening agricultural marketing system in Myanmar by establishing a master plan, agricultural marketing facilities, and providing capacity building programs. The objectives of the project include 1) increasing farmers' income, 2) increasing access to agricultural products, 3) reducing post-harvest losses. The project is supported by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock, and Irrigation (MOALI) of Myanmar Government. The PM team of the project is calling for proposals for conducting a Baseline Survey (Impact Evaluation). The tasks of the evaluation are as follows:

- The Project Name: Conducting Baseline Survey for the Project for Establishment of the Agricultural Marketing Center in Myanmar
- Scope of the Baseline Survey
  - Target area: Nay Pyi Taw and Kalaw Township, Shan State (mainly Heho and Aungban)
  - Target group: Around 1,700 people (800 producers in Kalaw Township and Nay Pyi Taw, 800 consumers in Nay Pyi Taw, and approximately 100 stakeholders in the agricultural value chain (collectors/brokers in the production area, wholesalers/retailers in the consumption area, and managers of the modernized market)
  - The consultant will be responsible for 1) making survey questionnaire in collaboration with KOICA expert team, 2) all the data collection activities, 3) data entry and management, 4) Submitting data and report
- Total Baseline Survey Cost: Approximately 60,000 USD
- Source of Funding: Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA)
- Bidder requirements: the procurement is open to agencies, institutes, and companies experienced in conducting national level or regional level survey on the agricultural sector in Myanmar.

The expected proposal submission date shall be by 24:00 January 17, 2020 (Korean time). \*Request for Proposal will be provided upon request by email.

Contact person: Project Action Officer: Mr. Jinwoo Kim (+82-2-2077-2576, jwckim@newma.re.kr)

## THE REPUBLIC OF THE UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF ELECTRICITY AND ENERGY MYANMA OIL AND GAS ENTERPRISE (INVITATION FOR OPEN TENDER) (28/2019)

1. Open tenders are invited for supply of the following respective items in Myanmar Kyats.

Sr No.	Tender No.	Description	Remarks
(a)	DMP/L-155(19-20)	Spares for Kobelco Excavator (SK200-5) (71) Items	Ks
<b>(RETENDER)</b>			
(b)	DMP/L-182(19-20)	Spares for 3 NB 1300 C Rig Pump for ZJ 50D Drilling Rigs (16) Items	Ks
(c)	DMP/L-183(19-20)	Assorted Sizes of Gate Valves, Butterfly Valves and Check Valves (5) Groups	Ks
(d)	DMP/L-184(19-20)	Industrial Raw Materials (2) Groups	Ks
(e)	DMP/L-185(19-20)	Spares for Mack Trucks (48) Items	Ks

2. The Open Tender forms including Description of Materials / Qty with details specifications and Tender Terms & Conditions can be available during office hours commencing from **27 December 2019** at the Finance Department, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, No. (44) Complex, Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

3. The interested Bidders should submit the **Technical Specifications with Original Bid Bond and Commercial Quotation in each separate sealed envelopes** on which to be addressed to the Managing Director, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise and should reach in Tender Box of the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise not later than **14:00 pm on 27 January 2020**.

4. Tender Closing Date & Time – **27-1-2020, 14:00 pm**

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Photo shows Eindawya Pagoda in Yangon. PHOTO: MAUNG THA (ARCHAEOLOGY)

# Two historic Eindawya pagodas

By Maung Tha (Archaeology)

**O**NE of two Eindawya pagodas is located in Yangon and another one in Mandalay. Both pagodas were built by King Bagan (1846-1853 AD), the ninth king in Konbaung dynasty.

The king built an Eindawya Pagoda in Maye Ward of Mandalay where he had resided in childhood and another one at the royal hut where he stayed in a short period during his tour of Dagon accompanying his father king. Both pagodas were famous as Eindawya more than original titles.

#### Mandalay Eindawya Pagoda

The precinct of Eindawya Pagoda on 87<sup>th</sup> street between 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> streets in Chanayethazan Township of Mandalay Region was the venue where King Bagan resided in his childhood. After succeeding to the

throne of his father king on 17 November 1846, King Bagan himself laid cornerstones for construction of Eindawya Pagoda on 18 November 1847.

Four months after laying cornerstones, the king enshrined religious objects into the first reliquary and released 60 prisoners under amnesty on 18 March 1848.

A gold plate expressed with the scripts on the royal order of the king for his sons, grandsons and great grandsons to pay homage and maintain the enshrined objects and meritorious deeds was kept into the reliquary.

A missionary monk also kept a letter of sharing merits into the reliquary, requesting celestial beings to safeguard and maintain the pagoda not to be damaged throughout the Sasana era. Such letter was read at

four dimensions of the pagoda. Construction of the pagoda was supervised by Secretary of Blacksmith Thatoe Mingyi Maha Minhla Kyaw Thu.

The Mandalay Eindawya Pagoda, 99 feet high, was fenced with double brick walls. The pagoda was 75 feet to the inner wall. King Bagan himself hoisted a holly umbrella atop the pagoda on 16 November 1848. The seven-tier umbrella was 13 feet and 10 inches in height and six feet in diameter. The pagoda was named Maha Lawkaranthi. Fifty-three prisoners were released under amnesty in commemoration of the successful completion of the pagoda.

In the precinct of the pagoda, four dignitaries—middle royal hall queen governor of Salin Thiri Tilawka Atula Yadana Devi, queen of father king governor of Salin, Hinthada governor who looked after the King Bagan in his childhood, and Granary Secretary Home Affairs Minister Maha Thettawshay—built each encircled pagoda at four inner corners.

Hsinmin Bridge also called Eindawya Elephant Bridge was located on Shwetachaung Canal

lion statues was called ChintaeU Ward related to lion statues. Some said structures of two large lions at the foot of Mandalay Hill took samples from that of Mikyaung Bridge.

Historic Mahuya Maha Muni Buddha Image was located in southwest corner of Eindawya Pagoda's precinct. The image was conveyed from Gaya of India in the reign of King Badon. It was kept in the prayer hall in Inwa. King Thayawady conveyed the image to Kuthodaw Lawkamunicula Pagoda in Zaungkalaw KanU of Amarapura. Two years after King Thibaw was taken away, the abbot of Mogaung Monastery and Officer of the Court U Poe Gyi conveyed the image into the precinct of Mandalay Eindawya Pagoda.

Princes and counsellors of the court built edifices at the pagoda. These buildings were reduced to ashes in outbreak of fire in 1910. Moreover, bomb blasts in the Second World War set the buildings ablaze except the pagoda and encircled ones.

**Yangon Eindawya Pagoda**  
Maha Dhammaranthi Ein-

near the east arch. Such bridge was built through the fund of Nagaraza white elephant captured from Kwinthaya Ward of Hanthawady in the reign of King Badon in 1806. The brick bridge was built on 22 February 1848 with two white elephant statues in east of the bridge.

Mikyaung Bridge stretching from the west of Eindawya Pagoda to Shwetachaung Canal was built on 14 December 1849. Both sides of the bridge were shaped with body structure of a crocodile and both sides of northern part created the head of crocodile. It was built by governor of Taungdwingyi Minye Kyawkhauung U Kyauk Lone. Two large lion statues can be seen in southern part of the bridge. Toe nails of the statues were made of marble donated by U Kyauk Lone.

A residential ward near the

dawya Pagoda is located on Myoma Kyaung Street, southwest of Shwedagon Pagoda, in Dagon Township of Yangon Region.

King Bagan allotted K 80,000 fund for building an Eindawya Pagoda in Yangon to Maritime Minister governor of Bago Maha Minkhaung Kyawhtin. He assigned the minister together with 1,400 troops to Yangon. The minister built over 71 feet high Eindawya Pagoda.

King Thayawady (1837-1846 AD) left Amarapura for Okkalapa (now Yangon) by Pyigyimon raft in 1841. The raft was docked near Lanmadaw jetty. The king went to the temporary royal palace built west of Shwedagon Pagoda. The route along which the king made his trip was named Lanmadaw that means the royal road.

Prince Bagan, who went along with the father king to



Mandalay Eindawya Pagoda. PHOTO: MAUNG THA (ARCHAEOLOGY)

Dagon, stayed at the temporary huts for princes. His temporary hut was in northeast of the temporary royal palace of the father king. When he came onto the throne, Prince Bagan built Eindawya Pagoda in the place of his temporary stay.

The Bago governor built four arches at four dimensions of the walls, a public rest house outside the walls which was south of the pagoda, a brick tank in front of the public rest house, a monastery for Khittaya abbot outside the walls, north of the pagoda, and an ordina-

tion hall outside the walls which was northeast of the pagoda. The pagoda was entitled Maha Dhammaranthi Eindawya Pagoda. Khittaya monastery, the ordination hall and the brick tank were destroyed in the Second Anglo-Myanmar War (1842-1853 AD).

Before hoisting the umbrella atop the pagoda, a clash happened between Myanmar and British troops at Yangon Port on 12 April 1852.

Due to heavy attacks of British troops with supporting fire of bombs and cannons, the

troops led by Pyay Shwedaung governor retreated to Shwedagon Pagoda.

Before arrival of British troops, the Bago governor quickly hoisted the umbrella atop Eindawya Pagoda. King Bagan himself hoisted the umbrella atop Mandalay Eindawya Pagoda but missed the chance to do so at Yangon Eindawya Pagoda.

The remaining fund was buried at southwest corner of the precinct.

A small pagoda was built on the place of the fund. Then,

the Bago governor joined the Myanmar troops to fight against British troops at the west arch of Shwedagon Pagoda. As Myanmar lost to British in the war, information of Eindawya Pagoda in Yangon under control of British faded out. On 2 June 1947, Maha Dhammaranthi Eindawya Pagoda Board of Trustees was formed for the first time so as to maintain the pagoda.

In excavating ground pits to rebuild Sasana Linkara Monastery outside the walls, southwest corner of the pagoda, on 15 May 1984, a sitting Buddha image, 7.5 inches high, was found there.

The image was made with posture of left hand kept on the left thigh and right forefinger pointing to the ground. Moreover, nine ancient ceramic dishes with five inches in diameter and about 2.5 inches in height, an ancient betel tray and a large glazed pot were also found. Abbot U Vayama of Sasana Linkara Monastery has been preserving these items.

There were other famous Eindawya pagodas in Myanmar history similar to those in Mandalay and Yangon. One month after ascending the throne, King Badon built Aungmye Lawka Eindawya Pagoda in Sagaing on 20 March 1782. Likewise, King Thayawady built Lawka Zeya Eindawya Pagoda in the place of Mingala royal palace at Yekin Mingyi Monastery in Thayawady on 22 January 1842 and hoisted a holly umbrella atop it.

Title of Mandalay Eindawya Pagoda, Maha Lawkaranthi means the great ray for the world as well as Yangon Eindawya Pagoda's title Maha Dhammaranthi, the ray of Dhamma. Over 160 years old two ancient Eindawya pagodas are crowded with pilgrims daily till today.

*Translated by Than Tun Aung*  
Reference: *History of Maha Dhammaranthi Eindawya Pagoda*  
*Myanmar Encyclopaedia Volume (15)*



Bell donated by King Bagan at Mandalay Eindawya Pagoda. PHOTO: MAUNG THA (ARCHAEOLOGY)

# Myanmar Futsal League reaches Week-10

THE Week-10 matches of the Myanmar Futsal League 2019-2020 season will be played today at the National Indoor Stadium II in Yangon.

Competition is expected to be fierce in today's matches with top teams playing against each other: defending champions Myanmar Imperial University (MIU) F.C. and third placed GV F.C.

Other matches also promise to be thrilling with major teams and youth players competing in the matches.

Let Wel Thone Nara F.C. will play against Myanmar Football Federation U-19 team at 8.30 a.m.

Myoma JY F.C. will play against Futsal Chit Thu F.C. at 10 a.m.

Winner F.C. will play against Victoria University College F.C. at 11.30 a.m.

GV F.C. will play against Myanmar Imperial University College (MIU) F.C. at 1 p.m.

AMM Brothers F.C. will play against Do Do Ko Ko F.C. at 2.30 p.m.

Dream Team F.C. will play against On Doctor F.C. at 4 p.m.

The VUC F.C. is currently leading the standing table with 27 points from nine wins, while MIU F.C. has the same points as VUC F.C., but is in the second place with a goal difference.

Entry to all the matches is free of charge, according to the Myanmar Futsal League.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)



A player from Do Do Ko Ko F.C. (yellow) vies for the ball with a player from Dream Team F.C. (blue) during an earlier Week-9 match of the Myanmar Futsal League. **PHOTO: MFF FUTSAL**

## MFF focuses future football plan, football election

THE executive committee meeting of the Myanmar Football Federation was held on 27 December for drafting plans for Myanmar football in the near future at the

Novotel Yangon Max Hotel in Yangon.

The meeting was attended by president of the Myanmar Football Federation, U Zaw Zaw,

and officials from the MFF and the Myanmar National League.

During the meeting, officials focused on the Myanmar Football Federation elections, which will

be held on 30 January, 2020 at the Novotel Yangon Max Hotel. Submission forms for candidates were received starting 25 November.

Officials also discussed allowing Myanmar senior and junior national football teams to take part in more international competitions, selecting youth footballers, and launching the School Football Program, building more stadiums with systematic budget systems. The general secretary of the MFF, U Ko Ko Thein, also discussed financial reports, plans being set by the FIFA, and the Asian Football Confederation, step-by-step plans for the MFF election, and Shan United representing Myanmar in the ASEAN Club Championship in May, 2020.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)



The executive meeting of the Myanmar Football Federation was held yesterday in Yangon. **PHOTO: MFF**

## Football: Solskjaer slams festive fixture pile-up

LONDON — Manchester United's Ole Gunnar Solskjaer has become the latest Premier League manager to complain about the "unfair" packed programme of fixtures over Christmas and New Year.

United play their final league match of 2019 against Burnley on Saturday, just over 48 hours since competing a 4-1 comeback win over Newcastle.

Those matches form part of a sequence of seven games in

21 days that is hard to square with modern notions of rest and recovery.

But such is the commercial appeal of the traditionally congested programme that change does not appear likely anytime soon, even though Jurgen Klopp, the manager of runaway leaders Liverpool said recently it was a "crime" for teams to have to play on both December 26 and 27.

"I don't think it is fair on the boys at all," said United manager

Solskjaer.

"I don't think it is fair to be expected to perform at the best of your level, both mentally and physically, 48 hours after you have played.

"But I think we are in the best position to perform on Saturday. One -- the game was over after 45 minutes. Two -- we are young," the former United striker added.

"We have a great chance against Burnley to perform at the

best level because our boys, when you are 23, which is the average age of the outfield starting players (against Newcastle), that will make it easier for us to recover than Burnley, for example. I think.

"They played until the end against Everton. We were done after 45 minutes and used the second half as recovery.

"But it is not fair, especially when a game at Watford has just gone and there will be a game New Years' Day.—AFP

## ISPE FC to join Myanmar National League I for 2020 season

THE Institute of Sports and Physical Education (ISPE) F.C., former Myanmar National League II football club, will join the 2020 version of Myanmar National League I, according to a decision taken yesterday at a meeting of football officials in Yangon. With ISPE's arrival in MNL I, there will be twelve teams competing in the league, which will start from the second week of January.

"ISPE F.C. will compete in MNL I in the upcoming season. I would like to express thanks to the Ministry of Sports and Health for supporting the ISPE team to compete in league I. And, I also want to welcome Yaw Myay F.C., which will also compete in MNL II. Not only the Myanmar Football Federation, but all Myanmar people must have awareness to cooperate for improving Myanmar's football standards," said U Zaw Zaw, president of the Myanmar Football Federation and chairman of the committee of the Myanmar National League during the meeting. ISPE F.C. finished in the second place in MNL II in the previous season.

With the inclusion of newcomer Yaw Myay F.C., there will be eight teams competing in MNL II.—Lynn Thit (Tgi)