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Leaders of ASEAN countries join hands for a group photo at the signing ceremony in Manila, Philippines of the ASEAN Consensus on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers yesterday. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor participates in 31st ASEAN Summit

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talks with US Secretary of State, UN Secretary-General

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi held talks with US Secretary of State Rex Tillerson on the sidelines of the East Asia Summit in Manila yesterday.

At the meeting, they discussed issues including democratic transition, the peace process, the economy,

investment and the latest developments in Rakhine State.

Following the meeting, the State Counsellor attended the 20th ASEAN Plus Three Summit, the ASEAN Plus Canada 40th Anniversary Commemorative Summit, and the ASEAN-EU 40th Anniversary Commemorative

Summit in Manila.

After the luncheon hosted by the President of the Philippines Mr. Rodrigo Duterte, State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended the 12th East Asia Summit, and the 15th ASEAN-India Summit.

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Information Committee Press Release

(14 November 2017)

Arrangements made to systematically harvest ownerless monsoon paddy, sell and return money to original owners

1. To harvest the monsoon paddy belonging to the villagers who have fled their respective villages in Maungtaw Township, the Rakhine State Government formed a Custodian Committee and made arrangements to harvest 45286 acres of monsoon paddy with 44 harvesters beginning from 28 October to ensure that the ripened monsoon paddy would not go to waste. As of 13 November, 1714.24 acres have been harvested.

2. In this harvesting operation, 48.6 acres from Kankyataung village of Myothugyi village tract, 26 acres from Razabi village, 24.5 acres from Thaugpaing Nya village, 327.5 acres from Kanpuu village of Kanpuu village tract, 476.2 acres from Kyaungtaung village of Kyaungtaung village tract, 128.9 acres from Ohntaw village, 203.32 acres from Nwayone Taung village of Nwayone Taung village tract, 225.7 acres from Aleithankyaw village of Aleithankyaw village tract, 198.82 acres from Thandar village of Thandar village tract, 9.7 acres from Kyiganpyin village of Kyiganpyin village tract, and 45 acres from Myinhlut village of Myinhlut village tract were harvested. This yielded in total 65,628 baskets of paddy.

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Pyithu Hluttaw

MPs debate third-party system for construction work

THE sixth regular session of the second Pyithu Hluttaw 11th day meeting was held yesterday morning in Pyithu Hluttaw meeting hall, Pyithu Hluttaw building where five questions were asked and answered, a bill submitted and discussion of a motion was made.

After the questions were answered, U Naing Naing Win of Tamu constituency discussed a motion by Daw Yin Min Hlaing of Gangaw constituency urging the government to implement as soon as possible the proper practice of a third party system in construction work. He said an independent third party organisations are required to inspect the quality of construction works. If the quality of construction works were inspected by departments on one another, it would be difficult to get a true quality control. Who is responsible if construction works completed by departments are quality checked and then it deteriorate before the set time period? Aren't the responsibility also lies with the quality controlling (quality checking) organisations? Third Party is



Speaker of Pyithu Hluttaw U Win Myint. PHOTO: MNA

an independent organisation and had full responsibility. If the Third Party organisations does not conduct its work properly, the overseeing and action taking Building Control Authority must be independent and have full authority.

Daw Nan Htwe Thu of Pa-sawng constituency, U Than Soe Aung of Pyinmana constituency, U Ohn Khin of Palaw constituency, U Sai Thant Zin of Hsipaw constituency, U Zaw Min Thein of Laymyethna constituency, U Win Htut of Pyapon constituency, U Ohn Lwin of Nyaungdon constituency, Daw Khin Than Nu of

Mindon constituency, U Myint Oo of Thanatpin constituency, U Saw Thalaysaw of Shwegyin constituency, U Tun Wai of Phaung Pyin constituency, U Tin Ko Ko Oo of Bilin constituency, Daw Soe Nwe Aye of Tada-U constituency, U Aung Min of Zalun constituency and U Phyo Zeya Thaw of Zabuthiri constituency also discussed the motion.

In his discussion on the motion, Deputy Minister for Construction U Kyaw Lin said in order to practice the Third Party system properly, ministries need to change their systems a bit. Consultant need to

be hired in drawing up budget and estimated cost also need to be provided to the contractors. Inspection by Third Party system needs to include the experts inspection of design, electrical, water, geology, mechanical and fire prevention (systems). It must not be inspected by designing architects, engineering organisations and contractors. Inspectors must not contact with the related engineering personnel and inspectors need to be professionals in their respective sectors. Mini-labs to inspect the quality of construction equipment were setup in states and regions offices of Road Department, Ministry of Construction and Third Parties can use these labs. Ministry of Construction will setup Myanmar standards to classify construction equipment. The duties and responsibility of organisations participating in the Third Party Inspection Programme need to be determined. It had to be ratified separately. Procedures to be followed by implementing organisations of Third Party Inspection Programme, hand books on Third Party Inspection

Programme need to be drawn up and inspection costs determined. If the Third Party system is properly implemented and utilized, buildings of quality and standard that are safe for the public will be constructed with correct cost. Ministry of Construction will cooperate in setting up the practice of Third Party system. Ministry of Construction will also be transformed into a regulatory body in the coming three years. During the transition period, construction works will be inspected under a Third Party system. Contract works will be conducted by relevant organisations and contractors. For construction works all over Myanmar to be up to standard and quality Third Party system will be implemented and the motion is supported explained the Deputy Minister.

Daw Yin Min Hlaing who tabled the motion then submitted to the Hluttaw to approve the motion and after obtaining the agreement of the Hluttaw, Pyithu Hluttaw Speaker U Win Myint announced the approval of the motion. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Amyotha Hluttaw

Ministry clarifies rises of electricity charges

By Aye Aye Thant

At yesterday's meeting, five asterisk-marked questions received replies, and discussion on a bill and putting forward a motion were performed.

At the meeting, Dr. Tun Nang, Deputy Minister for Electricity and Energy replied to the question raised by U Pe Tin of constituency 6, in Mon State, "In the sector of electricity in the FY 2014-2015 the production cost was Ks74.85 per unit and the selling price was Ks74.14, thus the loss amount was Ks0.71 per unit. In FY 2015-2016 the production cost was Ks90.65 per unit and selling price was Ks70.42, so the loss amount per unit was Ks20.23, while in FY 2016-2017 the production cost Ks96.12, the selling price Ks69.02 per unit, thus the loss was Ks27.10 per unit. Rising production costs is State-owned power plants were said to be the cause for the losses in producing electricity.

In the sector of electricity production, the number of privately owned power plants are



Speaker of Amyotha Hluttaw Mahn Win Khaing Than. PHOTO: MNA

annually increasing, presently reaching up to 50 per cent. In producing electricity, greater amount of power production from natural gas, which consumes much cost, more than the amount of production of electricity from low-cost hydro power plants causes average production costs to rise."

The Deputy Minister added, "Foreign exchange rates usually change a lot every year, so production costs annually rise up, with the increasing rates of foreign exchange, due to rising up of power purchase from privately owned power plants and rising

costs for purchasing natural gas from the off-shore oil to operate natural gas power plants. Present rises of electricity charges were caused by failure to cover the production cost, greater amount of electricity consumption by home-meters more than that by business and industry use meters. Arrangements will be made for reducing power wastage, designating newly made reasonable power prices as soon as possible, reducing dependency on natural gas which consumes production cost much, instead producing electricity more from hydro-power plants and other

energy sources."

Four skills of English for people

After that, Daw Htu Mae of constituency 11 in Rakhine State put forward a motion urging the Union Government, "In Myanmar, English has been being taught in schools as a compulsory subject from KG to matriculation class.

But upon completion of academic learning at the matriculation classes, most of the students were sorrowfully found to have been very poor in English language proficiency. So, I hereby urge the Union Government to introduce teaching and examining the language in appropriate method with 4 skills—reading, writing, speaking and listening starting from grade 9, that is, 8th Standard Classes so that they can have language competency to some extent upon completion of the matriculation.

In Myanmar, the presently prescribed English Syllabus has only two skills—reading and writing skills. And, it was found that in examinations as well, the

above-said two skills were found to have been being examined mainly."

She added, "As known by all, they still lack skills in them practically. Under the current situations, Myanmar citizens are losing job opportunities of great promise in the country due to lack of qualifications in the language. So, it is of great need for students across the nation to apply English for an access to advanced subjects and cutting-edge technology through Information Technology. It is necessary to know English for acquisition of Scholarship Awards in International Institutes and Universities, professions and employments of great promise.

Only if job opportunities have been achieved, can our people be liberated from poverty. With a view to producing well-qualified citizens who know English to some extent and can learn life-long study upon completion of the high-school level academic learning, syllabus, teaching and examination methods should be changed in appropriate way." ■

Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talks with US Secretary of State, UN ...



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi meets with UN Secretary-General Mr António Guterres. **PHOTO: MNA**

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In the evening, she attended a ceremony to sign the Consensus on the Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers, the closing ceremony of the 31st ASEAN Summit and a ceremony to hand over the chairmanship of ASEAN to Singapore.

At the ceremony, Mr Duterte expressed words of thanks and Singapore Prime Minister Mr. Lee Hsien Loong took over the chairmanship and extended greetings. Also present at the ceremony were leaders of the 10 ASEAN countries, leaders of ASEAN dialogue partners, the Secretary-General of ASEAN permanent representatives of

ASEAN and senior officials of ASEAN nations.

On Monday evening, Daw Aung San Suu Kyi attended the ASEAN Plus Three Leaders' Interface with the East Asia Business Council, the 9th Mekong-Japan Summit and the 9th ASEAN-UN Summit at the Philippines International Convention Centre (PICC). She also met with UN Secretary-General Mr. Antonio Guterres, exchanging views on the latest development in Rakhine State and the UN's participation in implementing the special advisory commission's recommendations in Rakhine State.— Myanmar News Agency



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi holds talks with Prime Minister of Japan Mr. Shinzo Abe at the Philippines International Convention Centre in Manila, on 14 November 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

State Counsellor meets Prime Minister of Japan Mr. Shinzo Abe

STATE COUNSELLOR Daw Aung San Suu Kyi met with Prime Minister of Japan Mr. Shinzo Abe yesterday in Manila at the Philippines International Convention Centre.

During the meeting, matters relating to Yangon city development and the transport sector, obtaining electric power,

Yangon-Mandalay railway line construction, increasing income in the agriculture sector, small and medium-sized loans, provision of Japanese Yen 1.2 billion to assist in development of ethnic regions, supporting and assisting the work of the State Counsellor in Rakhine State development, provision of Japa-

nese Yen 1.5 billion for road construction and electrical product manufacturing and training of Myanmar Police Force personnel were discussed.

The meeting was attended by Minister of State for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Tin and officials. — Myanmar News Agency ■

Vice President U Henry Van Thio inspects National Landmark Garden

U Henry Van Thio, Vice-President and Chairman of the Ethnic Affairs, Public Affairs Management and Service Committee, together with Union Minister for Ethnic Affairs Naing Thet Lwin, Deputy Ministers U Soe Aung, U Win Maw Tun and Permanent Secretaries inspected the National Landmark Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) yesterday morning.

In the briefing hall, National Landmark Garden manager U Soe Naing explained to the Vice President about damage caused to state and region exhibits from the rising waters of the Yezin dam and the estimated cost of the damage.

Deputy Minister U Win Maw Tun, Vice Quartermaster-General Brig-Gen Thihe Soe and Ethnic Affairs, members of Public Affairs Management and Service Committee, permanent secretaries explained water entry into the National Landmark Garden, government and private (public-private) cooperation, increas-

ing service to attract foreign visitors, and works to increase appearance and essence.

The Vice President said ways need to be found to prevent similar water inundation in the National Landmark Garden and minimise the damage. Field trips need to be conducted to measure the depositing of sediment in the Yezin dam, repair and maintenance works to be conducted with a view toward long-term existence (of the garden). Effect of climate change and villages nearby should be studied and reviewed. Things need to be done so as to achieve the aim of constructing the National Landmark Garden (Nay Pyi Taw) for it to become a place of attraction for the people to relax and study as well as to support the development of travel business. Exhibits showing Salon people (the sea gypsies) and Taron people (sometimes referred to as "Asian pygmies") should be shown as they are interesting.



Vice President U Henry Van Thio inspects the rising waters of the Yezin dam at the National Landmark Garden in Nay Pyi Taw on 14 November 2017. **PHOTO: MYANMAR NEWS AGENCY**

A documentary movie of their traditions and way of life needs to be made and shown.

He finally remarked about reporting on repair works, completion of intended works and works extension that should be done.

The Vice President and party then viewed and inspected the states and regions exhibits in National Landmark Garden (Nay Pyi Taw), status of water

inundation in Taninthayi Region exhibit and a room exhibiting a small scale model of Nay Pyi Taw.

Construction of the National Landmark Garden in Nay Pyi Taw started on 8 November 2008 and was opened on 11 January 2010. It is located in Nay Pyi Taw Council area, Zeyathiri Township, a mile east of milepost 257/2 of Yangon-Mandalay road and is on 400 acres of land. The reason

for constructing it was to show a brief history of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, to view the lifestyle, food, works, and traditions of ethnic nationals, cultural heritage, natural resources, and natural scenery in a single place.

This will raise the national pride and dignity, and prevent the disappearance of cultural heritage. — Myanmar News Agency ■

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Tender winners of railway improvement projects to soon be announced

THE Ministry of Transport and Communications will officially announce the tender winning companies for Yangon Railway Station improvement project next month, according to a report of the Myawady Daily's Monday edition.

The new plan is to develop commercial facilities, hotels and recreation complex on 62 acres of land plot within the compound of Yangon Railway Station.

The development project includes renovation and expansion of old Yangon Central Railway Station.

It is expected to take five years.

A spokesperson of the ministry said that not only domestic companies but international companies from Malaysia, Italy, South Korea, Qatar, Japan, Singapore, Canada and Viet Nam expressed their interest to



A circular train runs on railway lines at a rural railway station. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR**

take part in tender process.

This is the second time the transport authorities invited tender for the new scheme as they found no appropriate com-

panies for the project in the first tender. This is why the ministry invited tender again.

Currently, scrutinisation processes are being made by

the ministry to choose tender winners. The name of the winning companies is planned to be announced within December.—GNLM ■

At least 20 illegal wildlife trade markets to be shut down in Golden Triangle region

THE government will shut down at least 20 illegal wildlife markets, shops and restaurants in Golden Triangle region by 2020 with the cooperation of the Wildlife conservation groups, according to a report in the Myawady Daily on Monday.

Tigers, elephants, bears and pangolins are the most widely traded species in the Golden Triangle border region between Thailand, Laos

and Myanmar. Moreover, rhinoceros, serow, helmeted hornbill, gaur, leopard, and turtles were also included in the list, according to a survey report which is jointly conducted by World Wildlife Fund (WWF) and TRAFFIC, a wildlife trade monitoring network.

"Hundreds of wildlife species are endangered with extinction because of uncontrollable wildlife trade. It

happened not only in Greater Mekong but also across the world, said an official from WWF (Myanmar).

Those wildlife species are selling well in the illegal market because of tourists from China and Viet Nam who are travelling to Mongla, Tachileik in Myanmar and Boten and the Golden Triangle Special Economic Zone in Laos, it is learnt.—GNLM ■

Imported vehicles still need to take out from Yangon Port

MYANMA Port Authority (MPA) will confiscate 192 imported vehicles which have not been taken out from the port within the prescribed period, according to a report in the Myawady Daily on 13 November.

Some of the imported vehicles which have arrived at the ports for over one year, need to take out from the ports.

Therefore, the authorities have already announced to take the imported vehicles from the port not later than December 2017. But the importers do not come and take the vehicles.

Out of 192 imported vehicles, there are four vehicles at Sule port, 21 vehicles at Myanma Industrial port, three vehicles at Asia World port, 35 vehicles at Mobile Industry Processor Interface M.I.P.I. and 129 vehicles at Myanmar International Terminals Thilawa (M.I.T.T).—GNLM ■

20 suspects arrested in Maungtaw, one IED discovered

Twenty men were arrested on suspicion of terrorist attacks in Maungtaw on 11 November.

They were found by members of security forces who were on duty carrying out security measures near Gaw Du Tha Ya (north village) and Gu Du Tha Ya in Maungtaw Township.

The arrested suspects

are detained for further investigation.

Deactivated IED discovered

Meanwhile, a farmer from Mawrawadi Village, Maungtaw Township found a suspected plastic bag while harvesting rice in a field near Cheinkhali West Village on

3:30 p.m. 10 November.

Daw Oo Win, aged 46, informed the security personnel. The security personnel found a deactivated improvised explosive device made of a 5 inch diameter and 10 inch long car piston. After investigation, it is found that the deactivated IED was abandoned by fleeing terrorists.—MNA ■



Workers processing fish for export at a marine product factory. **PHOTO: PHOE KHWAH**

Myanmar-Bangladesh border exports show increase of over \$6 mn

BORDER exports from Myanmar to Bangladesh as of 3 November were valued at US\$12 million in total, the Commerce Ministry reported.

Despite the decrease in value of border trade, Myanmar-Bangladesh total border trade over the first 217 days of this fiscal year increased by over \$6 million against the last FY.

Bilateral trade of the two

countries from April to early November reached US\$12.057 mn, with exports exceeding imports by \$5.6 mn. During the aforementioned period, trade through Maungdaw earned \$5.57 mn while trade from the Sittway border point was valued at \$6.49 mn. Ginger, peanuts, mung bean, dried plums, garlic, rice, saltwater prawn and fish, bamboo, blankets, candy, plum jam

and footwear are included on the list of main export items at Myanmar-Bangladesh borders.

Myanmar's international trade through sea routes accounted for 80 per cent of the total, and the rest was conducted via border gates. The country conducts its border trade with neighbouring countries via 16 land border gates.—Shwe Khine ■

AYA Bank, MPU, JCB introduce corporate credit card in Myanmar

Ayeyarwady Bank (AYA Bank), Myanmar Payment Union (MPU), and JCB International have launched the AYA Universal Corporate MPU-JCB Co-Branded Card in Myanmar.

The co-branded card offers 2 different products: Universal Corporate Platinum Credit Card and Universal Corporate Gold Credit Card. Card members can enjoy the same JCB privileges as personal credit card members, such as JCB Plaza and special offers at selected merchants all over

the world. Universal Corporate Platinum Credit Card users can also use JCB Platinum services, such as JCB Platinum Airport Lounge service, JCB Platinum Concierge Desk, and Special JCB Platinum Hotel Services.

The bank received its banking license from the Central Bank of Myanmar on 2 July 2010 and began operations on 11 August 2010. The bank is authorised to operate as an investment or development bank for the domestic market. The

approved banking activities include borrowing or raising of money, lending or advancing of money, receiving securities or valuables for safe custody, collecting and transmitting money and securities; moreover, it provides international banking services, including international remittance, payment and trade services.

The announcement marks the first corporate credit card targeted for business payment use ever issued in the country.—Paypers.com ■

Closure of in Myawady-Maesot market for Japan-used car led to increase in auto parts price

THE closure of Myawady-Maesot market for Japan-used cars has increased car accessories price.

Since auto parts are currently being ordered from China and Thailand, the price is on the

rise starting from second week of this month, according to yesterday's report of Myawady Daily. Despite the increase in price, auto parts are highly demanded in the domestic markets. The actual suffer from the closure

of Myawady-Maesot market is the local car owners instead of car accessories shops. We hope to tackle with the problems at a steady price, said Ko Nay Win, an owner of auto parts from Tarmway.—GNLM ■

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Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint and media in Rakhine

To ensure the release of timely information on the implementation of UEHRD activity in Rakhine State, a media team led by Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint, accompanied by Chief Minister U Nyi Pu, yesterday inspected the paddy being reaped with the use of machine harvesters from the Mechanized Agriculture Department along Maung-taw-Angumaw Road in Myinlut sub-township.

The construction of houses in Kyaukpandu Village and the building of the Mayyu Mountain Road Overpass was also observed by the ministers yesterday morning.

The Union Minister and Chief Minister arrived at Kyaukpandu Village, where an official explained that in 1993, the Ministry of Border Affairs built 70 houses for local nationals, with 100 more houses currently being

built with the budget allotment for the development of the border area amounting to Ks650 million in FY 2016-2017. Now preparation work has been completed, the official said. Twenty-three units have already been roofed and walled, with the necessary construction materials to build the remaining homes already acquired. In addition to the residences, five ponds each capable of holding 1,200 gallons, a rural dispensary, a playground, a marketplace, a police outpost and a mini-grid solar system plant are included in the scheme.

The Union Minister and Chief Minister then inspected the Mayyu Mountain Road Overpass project that is being accomplished with the use of heavy machinery by Road Special Team 17 of the Road Department.

Out of four Mayyu Mountain Road overpasses being built



Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu inspect the May Yu Mountain Road Overpass project in northern Rakhine State on 14 November 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**

by the Road Department, the 8-mile long Kyein Chaung-Guppi Overpass and the 14-mile long Kyaukpandu-Inndin-Ceti Pyin Overpass will be built with emergency funds in March 2018 as gravel roads, with Thet Paing Nyar-Padagar Road and U Daung-Nyaung Chaung Road to be built in the coming fiscal year.

The minister also inspected the Koe Tan Kauk police outpost in Rathedaung township, which was one of the outposts attacked by Islamic extremist terrorists on 9th October 2016. The minister then left for Sittway via Angumaw by speedboat.

In the afternoon, Union Minister and Chief Minister ar-

rived in Sittway to inspect the MRTV transmitting station, NPE's Sub-printing House (Sittway), Office of IPRD in Rakhine State.

The Union Minister and media team left Sittway by air, arriving in Yangon in yesterday evening.—Myanmar News Agency



Union Minister Dr. Pe Myint and Rakhine State Chief Minister U Nyi Pu inspect the paddy being reaped with the use of machine harvesters in northern Rakhine State on 14 November 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**



Monsoon paddy harvested in Gan Gawgyun village, Sittway

DEPARTMENT of Agriculture and farmers made monsoon paddy harvesting works at a field of Gan Gawgyun Village, Sittway Township, Rakhine State on 9 November.

U Tin Aung District paddy seeds in charge, U Tin Aye township's head and staff of Department of Agriculture included at this harvesting work done at the

monsoon paddy standard field (1.30 acres) of U Tha Zan Aung, field No (569), owner no (113/1) in Gan Gawgyun Village cultivated by the method of System of Rice Intensification (SRI).

While harvesting the field cultivated Sin Thwe Latt paddy species, it yielded 119.29 baskets before dry and 100.16 baskets after dry. U Tin Aye Township

head of Department of Agriculture suggested and discussed with the farmers to grow the paddy with SRI method as cultivating with SRI method has the advantages of less sowing paddy seeds are needed, well plants reproduction, developing panicles and increasing yields.—Agriculture Department (Rakhine State)



Asia-Europe Meeting

13th ASEM Foreign Ministers' Meeting
20-21 November, 2017, Nay Pyi Taw

31st ASEAN Summit and Related summits conclude



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi (5th left) with other ASEAN leaders and UNSG Guterres (4th left) pose during a family photo in Manila on 13 November. **PHOTO: REUTERS**



ASEAN leaders, South Korean President Moon Jae-in, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and Chinese Premier Li Keqiang pose for a family photo before the 20th ASEAN Plus Three Summit in Manila on 14 November 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**



The meeting of ASEAN-Canada Summit being held in Manila on 14 November 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**



The meeting of Mekong-Japan Summit being held in Manila on 14 November 2017. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi participates in the ASEAN-India Summit in Manila on 14 November. **PHOTO: MNA**



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi (2nd left) with other ASEAN leaders and European Council President Donald Tusk hold hands for a photo during the ASEAN-EU Summit in Manila, Philippines on 14 November. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

Political Climate of the World and Myanmar's Foreign Policy

WITH hoisting the tri-color national flag of the Soviet Union after lowering the former national flag with a hammer and a sickle signs on, from the Kremlin Palace on the X-mas Day 25th December 1991, the Cold War had ceased, opening a new era in world history. Once in the past, there was a state of geopolitical tension between the Eastern Bloc and the Western Bloc, Communism and Capitalism and the Leftists and the Rightists. After the Second World War the Two Blocs made concerted efforts to organize countries in Asia and Africa Continents. Meanwhile, some countries failed to follow both Blocs, emerging as the Non-Aligned Nations to separately stand. With the increasing openness of market economy system in the later years of 20th century, the planned economic system under the control of centralism policy began to collapse. Concurrently, most countries were inclined towards the democratic system, as if pushing Leftism and Dictatorship to cease to exist.

Fareed Zakaria, the American journalist named the world which entered 21st century, "Unipolar World." Rivals of the Western Bloc led by US were left in 20th century history. Though US is the only axis of the present powers of the world in the

Myanmar is trying its best to lift the national dignity and image, based on mutual trust between people and sovereign equality.

Western Bloc in the sphere of technology. No one denies PRC has reached the top on the totem pole of the global economy, today. Dollar currency, World Bank and IMF which govern the global monetary market began to look forward to the promising Yuan and the China-led Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB). Plus, One Belt and One Road Initiative is beginning to show new economic scenes.

In this present world, a country cannot stand alone in the midst of the countries. Geographically, economically and religiously grouped communities as well as vested interests are respectively performing their common causes for their own sake. Myanmar is a country which still exercises its non-aligned foreign policy, based on 5 principles of peaceful co-existence, making efforts deeply and soberly to have friendly relations with all the global countries including neighboring powers. In making relations with international countries, Myanmar is trying its best to lift the national dignity and image, based on mutual trust between people and sovereign equality. Accordingly, we firmly believe that we will upgrade national dignity and image with our strength—the government, the people and Tatmataw. ■

Education sector of the future

By Thein Tun (IR)

Educational reforms

MYANMAR is making significant changes in the education sector till reaching the international level. The country's education policy, budget allotment on the education sector, human resources reinforcement, curriculum reforms and etc. have brightened the educational aspirations of the people.

The country's education lacked behind for years as the victim of politics. In fact, youths of the country were pursuing education just to become graduates or literate. They were away from the essence of knowledge. So the whole education system deteriorated together with the absence of a firm strategy, financial support and human resources reinforcements. All those deficiencies are clearly visible.

The low education standard of the nation has become more noticeable at this politically critical juncture. Brilliant intellectuals and intelligentsia



PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

are the core part of the drive to reach the international level. Shortages in human resources and ideologies are the results of low education standard. Change has become inevitable to transform the education system from the bottom.

The country started education reforms alongside the multi-sector changes in 2011. It enacted the National Education Law 2014 and adopted the master plan. The

Hluttaw has approved the annual increase in the education budget as an important column. The budget of the education sector reached K over 1756 billion in fiscal year 2017-2018, up from K 1726 billion in fiscal 2016-2017 and K 1405 billion in fiscal 2015-2016. The increase in the budget has improved the education sector in essence and form.

The master plan of the education involves the aim of producing good citizens hav-

ing creativity and thinking power and other mental abilities and physical power. The founding of the 21-member commission for the national education policy is one of the significant achievements. Other related committees were also formed. The formation of such bodies is to put the education sector under the leadership of intellectuals and intelligent-sia. The National Education Commission submitted two letters to the Hluttaw. These letters proved that the commission's achievements were satisfactory. They could be the country's hopes.

Today's education

Today the education sector is playing an important role both in the national reforms and future progress. Sincerely, today's education has not reached the satisfactory level. But you cannot build Rome in one day. There are changes which need less time as well as much time.

Mostly, students are still pursuing education through old ways or out-of-date methods. For example my little daughter was memorizing the three things of the parlour mentioned by her teacher. Her teacher told the class that the three facilities she taught them in the lesson was the only the correct answer for the question in connection with the three things of a parlour. Such an improper method only hampers the thinking power and inquisitive power of the children.

Here I want to present the real situation of the education sector: We can find the correct answer only if we know the prevailing situation. Normally reading may provide a person with reasoning power, rational thinking and inquisitiveness. So I asked my daughter to visit a library during free times. My daughter's answer was that they were prohibited by their teachers from visiting the school library. It is a wrong idea. It hurts the future hopes of the country.

The educational staff should be aware of the fact that they should not be the ones that steer the education sector to nowhere. The education sector is weak in promoting the creativity, inquisitiveness, rationality, and reasoning power. Once the head of a private school with highest matriculation pass rate told me that the school aroused inventiveness, thinking power, curiosity, and intelligence of students. He blamed the current examination-based education system for the failures.

In my view the education system is still weak in promoting the thinking power and inquisitiveness of the children, ability of teachers, effective ness of the policy and the examination system.

Teachers are the most basic elements of the education system. Professionalization campaign should be launched effectively for teachers. This article does not aim at putting the blame solely on the educational staff. The way to make amendments and improvements can be found only if staff at all levels realizes the real situation.

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All parents want to give their children the best education. They usually admit their children to private classes apart from formal education. So children are always occupied with their lessons and classes. They have no time for social activities, like sports, reading and playing. However good the plans and systems are, efficient management and ability on the part of staff at all levels are also an important factor. We fully hope that the educational law and the national education commission will be much helpful in implementing the future education system of the country in the best way. In addition, the legislative sector will also give effect support for the cause. We hope that we will have an international-level education system in the future. ■

Translated by
Tin Maung Than

Modern slavery and child labour: Asia's unacceptable record

62 per cent of the victims of modern slavery and 40 per cent of the child labourers around the world are in Asia and the Pacific. Unacceptable forms of work call for unprecedented measures to combat them, says Tomoko Nishimoto, ILO Assistant Director-General, as Governments, employers' and workers' representatives from 193 countries discuss ways to accelerate the eradication of child labour worldwide at the IV Global Conference on the Sustained Eradication of Child Labour.

Out of the 40 million victims of modern slavery worldwide, almost two thirds -25 million people - are exploited in Asia and the Pacific. Making the region host to the largest number of victims of modern slavery today.

Further breakdowns of the modern slavery figure reveal that the region accounts for 73 per cent of all victims of forced sexual exploitation, 68 per cent of those subjected to state-imposed forced labour, and 64 per cent of those in forced labour exploitation.

And although the share of persons living in extreme poverty in Asia and the Pacific has been cut by about 70 per cent over the past 10 years, 62 million children still must work so they and their families can survive.

Fighting these unacceptable forms of work is part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by world leaders in 2015. An agenda whereby all countries committed to achieve 17 interrelated goals and 169 associated targets to guide global development, which are collectively known as the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

Target 8.7 calls for "immediate and effective measures to eradicate forced labour, end modern slavery and human trafficking and secure the prohibition and elimination of the worst forms of child labour".

The latest figures show that the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal Target 8.7, will not be achieved unless efforts are dramatically increased. Ending modern slavery and child labour requires integrated thinking, coordinated action, effective policy making and efficient use of resources in unprecedented ways.

Policies beyond the world of work must converge around this goal, to address the root causes of forced labour, modern slavery and child labour, and find the right incentives and deterrents to change behaviours.

A coherent strategy will include policies that touch upon fundamental rights of workers, education, social protection, labour inspection, informality, youth employment, gender, migration and labour law, while also strengthening our knowledge base through statistics and research.

Achieving SDG 8.7 will require mobilising partnerships at a new level. Partnerships that harness energy, resources and strategic vision. And that's what Alliance 8.7 is about: a multi-stakeholder initiative, conducting research and sharing knowledge, driving innovation, and leveraging resources to accelerate efforts to achieve the target.

This objective requires the active involvement of all parts of society, of all of us: Governments, workers' and employers' organizations, private sector, civil society and community organizations, faith-based groups, academia, media and individuals.

There are already some encouraging signs, especially in Asia which has seen the largest decline in child labour since 2012. This progress was accomplished by moving away from isolated approaches, towards policies that tackle the root causes of child labour, while strengthening countries' legal frameworks and capacities for enforcement.

Let's continue the momentum and ask ourselves and each other – what more is needed to ensure there's no one left behind in our own countries and communities, in our businesses, schools, and homes?

If not us, who else?—UNIC Yangon ■



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Rural Development Training Centre handed over

A ceremony on the transfer and opening of Agriculture Education and Rural Development training centre was held yesterday morning in the hall of the Yezin Agriculture Education and Rural Development School, Zeyathiri Township.

At first Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation Dr. Aung Thu, Chargé d’Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Myanmar Mr. Kim Jung Han, Chief Representative of Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) Myanmar Office Dr. Shin Euicheol, Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Planning and Finance U Maung Maung Win, Nay Pyi Taw Council member U Aye Munag Sein cut the ceremonial ribbon to open the Agriculture Education and Rural De-



Union Minister Dr Aung Thu delivers the speech at the opening and transfer of Agriculture Education and Rural Development School in Nay Pyi Taw. PHOTO: MNA

velopment training centre. Next, Union Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation and officials sprinkled scented waters on the commemorative plaque of the training centre and then viewed the training centre exhibit and photo exhibition of new village activities in states and regions.

As per the bilateral friendship programme, a Record of Discussion (ROD) was signed between KOICA and the Department of Agriculture on 17 February 2014 for the Myanmar Saemaul Undong Project. The Myanmar Saemaul Undong Project conducted with the support of KOICA is for the devel-

opment of model formats in rural development and relevant governmental organisations are urged to cooperate for progress and success.

The project will be conducted for two years until 2019, and officials from the Department of Agriculture are advised to cooperate with technicians from Korea to set up and implement programmes for the long term existence and effective utilisation of the Agriculture Education and Rural Development training centre that opened yesterday. Chargé d’Affaires of the Embassy of the Republic of Korea in Myanmar Mr. Kim Jung Han, Chief Representative of KOICA Myanmar Office Dr. Shin Euicheol made speeches of greetings yesterday.— Myanmar News Agency ■

Reader’s talks to be held every Sunday

Save The Library will hold the reader’s talks at the Yangon Book Street which is located at Theinphyu road every Sunday, according to a report in the Myawady Daily on 13 November.

Reader’s talks will be held in front of the central printing factory from 10 am to 12 noon. The readers who love the literature can participate the reader’s talks free of charges. At the reader’s

talks, they usually discuss about literature and the advantage of the reading. People who are interested to participate in the reader’s talks have to register at the libraries network one month

ahead, said Ko Maung Maung Soe, in charge of the Save the Library. For further detailed information, please contact the following phone number: 09-795969686 of the Save the Library.— GNLM ■

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Notification 29/2017

11th Waning of Tazaungmon, 1379 ME
(14 November, 2017)

Three Defence Services Personnel
representatives from Pyithu
Hluttaw substituted

According to a request made in accordance with Section 33 of the Pyithu Hluttaw Election Law to substitute three representatives of the Armed forces who are parliamentarians, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the following Pyithu Hluttaw representatives shown on the left column under Notification 1/2016 of the commission dated 18-1-2016 with those shown on the right column.

The Defence Services Personnel Representatives of Pyithu Hluttaw to be substituted were nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in the second multi-party general election held on 8 November 2015.

(1) BC 17943	BC 18190
Maj-Gen Tauk Tun	Maj-Gen Tin Swe Win
(2) BC 18856	BC 19511
Brig-Gen Tin San Naing	Brig-Gen Ye Naing Myo
(3) BC 23980	BC 19991
Lt-Col Kyaw Lin Oo	Col Tin Tun Oo

Hla Thein
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Notification 30/2017

11th Waning of Tazaungmon, 1379 ME
(14 November, 2017)

Three Defence Services Personnel
representatives from Amyotha
Hluttaw substituted

According to a request made in accordance with Section 33 of the Amyotha Hluttaw Election Law to substitute three Defence Services Personnel Representatives who are parliamentarians, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the following three Amyotha Hluttaw representatives shown on the left column under the Notification 2/2016 of the commission dated 18-1-2016, the Notification 9/2017 of the commission dated 16-5-2017 and the Notification 20/2017 of the commission dated 21-8-2017 with those shown on the right column.

The Defence Services Personnel Representatives of Amyotha Hluttaw to be substituted were nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in the second multi-party general election held on 8 November 2015.

(1) BC 19525	BC 17516
Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye	Maj-Gen Win Thein
(2) BC 20682	BC 27370
Colonel Tin Aung Tun	Lt-Colonel Maung Maung Soe
(3) BC 28488	BC 29110
Captain Tun Tun Htay	Major Myo Min Aung

Hla Thein
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Notification 31/2017

11th Waning of Tazaungmon, 1379 ME
(14 November, 2017)

Four Defence Services Personnel representatives from Region and
State Hluttaw substituted

According to a request made in accordance with Section 33 of the Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Election Law to substitute four representatives of the Armed forces who are parliamentarians, the Union Election Commission scrutinized and substituted the following four Region Hluttaw and State Hluttaw representatives shown on the left column under the Notification 3/2016 of the commission dated 18-1-2016 with those shown on the right column.

The Region Hluttaw or State Hluttaw Representatives to be substituted were nominated by the Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services in the second multi-party general election held on 8 November 2015.

Mandalay Region Hluttaw		
(1) BC 24882	BC 27897	
Major Tin Hlaing	Major Nay Lin Shein	
Yangon Region Hluttaw		
(1) BC 42963	BC 34144	
Captain/Major Khaing Hein	Captain Tun Lin Htike	
Shan State Hluttaw		
(1) BC 43210	BC 39977	
Captain/Major Kyaw Khant	Captain Kyaw Thu Win	
(2) BC 39051	BC 27385	
Major Kyaw Zin Latt	Major Kyaw Thu Shwe	

Hla Thein
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Youths launches voluntary services in northern Rakhine

AS part of efforts of the Union Enterprise for Humanitarian Assistance, Resettlement and Development in Rakhine- UEHRD in Rakhine, young people launched their voluntary service in Buthidaung and Maung-taw, delivering aid to the local people and carrying out survey for aid.

Supervised by Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement, a total of 75 volunteers including 40 youth volunteers from nationwide and 35 local volunteers made a field trip to villages in Maungtaw and Buthidaung delivering aid to the local people and collecting facts for future aid program.

Meanwhile, another group including 38 volunteers led by U Thein Htut



Humanitarian aids provided by voluntary youths in Buthidaung on 14 November. **PHOTO: MNA**

Swe Deputy Director General of Relief and Resettlement Department also delivered aid to local people and carrying out the survey at the villages of Inn Gyin Myaing, Wah Khote Chaung, San Nyin Wai (ethnic), San Nyin Wai (Khami), Kan

Paing and Kha Mway in Buthidaung Township.

“Young people from different parts of the country requested to carry out voluntary services in Rakhine on their own volition.

Therefore, the union minister submitted

the request to the State Counsellor. The volunteers come to participate in the rehabilitation services in conflict areas. Taking survey is only to know the current needs of the villages”, said U Aung Kyaw Moe, Deputy Director General of Social Welfare Department.

The aid delivered by the youths includes rice, two visses of cooking oil, potatoes, onion, peas, 25 cans of fish, one packets of iodine salt and milk powder for the children aged under two years to every household. The households with over seven family members were provided double of those foods. The voluntary services will last until 21 November reaching nearly 40 villages. —News Team ■

Ownerless cattle in Maungtaw rounded up

LIVESTOCK Breeding and Veterinary Department has setup three camps in Pantawpyin, Khondaing and Ngakhuya and conducting a field trip to round-up and take care of cows, buffaloes and goats abandoned by owners when they fled from terrorist attacks of 25 August in Maungtaw Township.

A work committee to systematically take care of abandoned cows, buffaloes and goats and township veterinary group was formed and villages near the camps such as Pantawpyin village (Muslim), Kyeinchaung Village (mixed), Ngakhuya Village (mixed), Mawrawadi Village (ethnic national), Shwezar Village (mixed), Three Mile Village (ethnic national), Myothit Village (ethnic national), Kappakaung Village (ethnic national), Kanthaya Village (ethnic national), Ywathaya Village (ethnic national), Chanpyin



Veterinary medical officer providing medical treatment to a goat in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine. **PHOTO: MNA**

Village (ethnic national), Magyikone Village (ethnic national), Thayakone Village (ethnic national), Oo Khaung Village, Thayaykonbaung Village (ethnic national) and Bawdikon Village (ethnic national) were visited.

It was found that the cows, buffaloes and goats were not ownerless but had owners and

as of today a total of 278 cows and 632 goats were rounded up and cared for. A talk on livestock breeding, prevention and containing of animal contagious disease was held on 24 October near Pantawpyin Village camp for ownerless cows, buffaloes and goats and a total of 30 persons attended.

They were provid-

ed with informative brochures and pamphlets.

A group led by Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Director General went to camps for ownerless cows, buffaloes and goats in Pantawpyin Village and Khondaing Village on 2 October and met with livestock breeders and coordinated on matters related to works the department will do, things to do for development in cow breeding, high grade insemination, prevention and containing of animal contagious disease and requirements.

Field trip to round up and caring for ownerless cows, buffaloes and goats were conducted by groups and the rounded up cows, buffaloes and goats will be kept and cared for in the camps and arrangements were being made to return the cows, buffaloes and goats to their original owners.—Myanmar News Agency ■

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4th Myanmar-Bangladesh meeting held

THE 4th Myanmar-Bangladesh Central-Level Meeting on Border Security and Law Enforcement Cooperation was held yesterday afternoon in Grand Ballroom 2 of the Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw.

Present at the meeting were high-ranking officials of the Myanmar Police Force, Police Brigadier General Myo Swe Win, members of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Home Affairs, Ministry of Defence, Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, Mr. Abul Hossain, Director-General of the Bang-

ladesh Border Guard Police, and high ranking officials of Bangladesh's Office of the Prime Minister and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

At the meeting, matters to be performed out of the agreements of the meeting on border areas at the 3rd meeting between the Myanmar Police Force and Bangladesh Border Guards, matters to be implemented on upgrading bilateral cooperation for security and law enforcement at the border area, commanding and controlling officer-level regular flag hoisting meetings, inter-

exchange of information with the changing times, cooperation on drug trafficking, terrorism, human trafficking and cross-border crime, illicit fishing, repatriation and arrest of criminals related to ARSA extremist terrorist attacks, and establishment of a Border Liaison Office (BLO) were discussed, it was learnt.

Police Chief Aung Win Oo of the Myanmar Police Force met separately with Mr. Abul Hossain and party, who were hosted with a dinner in Grand Ballroom 2 of the Thingaha Hotel.—Myanmar News Agency



The 4th Myanmar-Bangladesh Central-Level meeting being held in Grand Ballroom 2 of the Thingaha Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw on 14 November 2017. PHOTO: MNA

Arrangements made to systematically harvest ownerless monsoon paddy . . .

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3. The harvested paddy will be threshed and this monsoon paddy will be sold and the money obtained will be put in a government bank account. This money will not be used for development projects in Maungtaw region but arrangements are being made to return this money to those who

have fled their villages upon their return. In order to harvest the remaining 2875.69 acres of monsoon paddy as quickly as possible, 25 more harvesters have been added and a total of 69 harvesters are now in operation. It has been learnt that since it is difficult to keep the harvested paddy in storage, the paddy

has been sold in the local market at the prevailing price and arrangements are made to keep the money in proper custody. 4. Therefore, we wish to state that the news saying that ownerless paddy in Maungtaw region will be harvested, sold and then the proceeds put into the government budget is not correct.



Workers harvest rice with the use of machinery in Maungtaw. PHOTO: MNA

Man-made tunnels discovered in Maungtaw

MEMBERS of security forces on duty to carry out security measures near Kyaukpandu Village in Maungtaw Township in northern Rakhine State found a 3.5 feet long, 2 feet wide door made from wooden frames at an underground tunnel dug by ARSA extremist terrorists about 300 meters south of Kyaukpandu Village on 13 November, according to the Commander-in-Chief's office.

While conducting law enforcement measure,



The man-made tunnel seen near Kyaukpandu Village in Maungtaw Township, Rakhine State. PHOTO: MNA

security personnel found one more man-made tunnel which is 15 feet long, 5 feet wide and 5.5 feet high ground tunnel. The roof of the tunnel was covered with 6 inches of square wooden blocks. Security forces discovered three tunnels made

by ARSA terrorists on 5 November in the morning near Kyaukpandu and Thinbawgway villages in Maungtaw Township. The security forces are carrying out detailed and thorough searches around the village where the tunnel was found.—MDN

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS
MYANMAR RAILWAYS
INVITATION TO OPEN TENDER

1. Open Tender is invited for supply of the following items in Euro:
- | Sr No | Tender No | Description |
|-------|----------------------|---|
| 1. | 15(T) 3/MR (E) 17-18 | Spare Parts of Rail Clips Production (10) Items |
- Closing Date & Time-14.12.2017(Thursday) (14:30) Hrs
2. Tender documents are available at our office starting from 14.11.2017 during office hours and for further detail please contact: Deputy General Manager Supply Department, Myanma Railways, Corner of 51th Street and Merchant Street, Botahtaung, Yangon. Phone: 95-1-291985, 291994

INVITATION FOR PRICE QUOTATIONS

The Republic of the Union of Myanmar has received financing from the International Development Association (IDA) towards the cost of the Flood and Landslide Emergency Recovery Project (FLERP). The IDA No. of the credit agreement is No. 5889-MM. The Department of Highways (DOH) of the Ministry of Construction, in its role as implementing agency of the FLERP, intends to apply a portion of the proceeds of this financing towards eligible payments under the Purchase Order/Contracts C4-MOC-G07, C1-MOC-G01 and C4-MOC-G02 for the supply of Double Cab Project Inspection Vehicles, Laboratory Equipment and office Equipment. DOH now invites eligible suppliers to express their interest in supplying the following items:

- Reference Number: C4-MOC-G07 – Double Cab Project Inspection Vehicles
Reference Number: C1-MOC-G01 – Laboratory Equipment
Reference Number: C4-MOC-G02 – Office Equipment

Reference No.	Lot No	Description	Quantity
C4-MOC-G07	1	Double Cab Project Inspection Vehicles	4 vehicles
C1-MOC-G01	1-10	Laboratory Equipment	11 sets
C4-MOC-G02	1-4	Office Equipment	25 items
Supply to		Department of Highways, Ministry of Construction, Office No.(11),NayPyiTaw	

Expressions of Interest must be submitted in a written form to the email address below and clearly indicate the reference number above. Eligible suppliers having expressed interest will receive an INVITATION TO QUOTE (ITQ).

Sealed Quotations will be submitted to the address below at the latest at the dead line of **Thursday 7 December 2017 at 10:00 am (vehicles), at 11:00 am (laboratory equipment) and at 12:00pm (Office Equipment) Myanmar time** after which no Quotations will be accepted. The vehicles will be contracted in 1 (one) contract. The contract(s) for the laboratory equipment and the office equipment will be awarded on a lot by lot basis.

The Suppliers will be selected following the Shopping Method as per the “Guidelines for Procurement of Goods, Works and non-Consulting Services under IBRD Loans and IDA Credits & Grants by World Bank Borrowers” dated January 2011 and revised in July 2014. Please submit your Expression of Interest for receiving the Invitation to Quote (ITQ) to: U Hla Tun Oo, Project Director, Department of Highways of the Ministry of Construction, Office No. (11), Nay Pyi Taw. Office phone and fax (+95-67)407583 Email: flerp.moc@gmail.com . Please clearly indicate the reference number above of interest to your Company as well as your e-mail address as only electronic copies of the ITQ will be send.

South China Sea code of conduct talks to be “stabiliser” for region-China premier

MANILA — China’s agreement to begin discussions with the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) on the fine print of a code of conduct framework for the disputed South China Sea will be a “stabiliser” for the region, Chinese Premier Li Keqiang said.

“China’s greatest hope is for peace and stability in the South China Sea,” Li told ASEAN leaders in Manila.

Southeast Asia and China foreign ministers in August adopted a negotiating framework for a code of conduct in the South China Sea, a move they hailed as progress but seen by critics as a tactic to buy China time to consolidate its maritime power.

Li, addressing leaders

of ASEAN grouping during a summit in the Philippines capital Manila on Monday, said there was a consensus on moving forward and to try to peacefully resolve the thorny issue.

“We hope the talks on the code of conduct will bolster mutual understanding and trust. We will strive under the agreement, to reach a consensus on achieving early implementation of the code of conduct,” Li said, according to a transcript of his speech released by China’s Foreign Ministry on Tuesday.

Li didn’t give a time-frame, but said he hoped this move would be a “stabiliser” for the region.

Critics say the agreement to talk on the details of the code of conduct is only an incremental move,



Chinese Premier Li Keqiang attends the 20th Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Plus Three (APT) Commemorative Summit on the sideline of the 31st Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) Summit in Manila on 14 November. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

with a final agreement not likely anytime soon. Despite a period of relative stability in the South China Sea, some countries at the summit said this shouldn’t

be taken for granted.

The framework seeks to advance a 2002 Declaration of Conduct (DOC) of Parties in the South China Sea, which has mostly

been ignored by claimant states, particularly China, which has built seven man-made islands in disputed waters, three of which are equipped with runways,

surface-to-air missiles and radars.

All parties say the framework is only an outline for how the code will be established but critics say the failure to outline as an initial objective the need to make the code legally binding and enforceable, or have a dispute resolution mechanism, raises doubts about how effective the pact will be.

Signing China up to a legally binding and enforceable code for the strategic waterway has long been a goal for claimant members of ASEAN, some of which have sparred for years over what they see as China’s disregard for their sovereign rights and its blocking of fishermen and energy exploration efforts.

—Reuters ■

Thieves dug 7-metre tunnel into bank in India’s Mumbai to loot lockers

NEW DELHI — A group of robbers dug a 7.6-metre long tunnel into a bank to the lockers in India’s financial capital of Mumbai, local media reports said on Tuesday.

The robbery is believed to have taken place at a branch of Bank of Baroda in the Juninagar area near Navi Mumbai early Sunday.

Police officials said they have registered a case and initiated inves-

tigations into the incident.

According to reports the robbery was planned over five months ago.

The bank staff discovered the robbery when they went to work on Monday morning and walked in to the locker room to find several vaults open.

“We are examining the CCTV footages. Even though the exact valuation of the looted items is yet to be ascertained,” a police official said.—Xinhua ■

Viet Nam not to tolerate illegal fishing: ministry

HANOI — Viet Nam will never tolerate or permit activities related to illegal, unreported and unregulated (IUU) fishing, said the country’s deputy agriculture minister.

“Viet Nam is being warned by the European Union of being issued yellow cards on IUU fishing, so we will have to do our best to overcome this problem,”

Viet Nam News Agency on Tuesday quoted Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development Vu Van Tam as saying.

Viet Nam will put the fight against IUU fishing into its revised Fisheries Law and build a national action plan to prevent, minimize and eliminate IUU fishing by 2025, he said.—Reuters ■

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‘Thor: Ragnarok’ thunders to \$56.6 million second weekend

LOS ANGELES — Showing plenty of staying power, Disney-Marvel’s “Thor: Ragnarok” is dominating the North American box office with \$56.6 million at 4,080 locations in its second weekend.

The figure give the third Thor movie the 29th highest second weekend of all time and the fifth best of 2017. It also took in nearly the combined total of the two new titles — Paramount’s family comedy “Daddy’s Home 2,” with \$30 million from 3,575 sites and Fox’s mystery “Murder on the Orient Express” with \$28.2 million at 3,341 venues.

“Thor: Ragnarok,” starring Chris Hemsworth and directed by Taika Waititi, declined 54% from its \$122.7 million opening last weekend and is already the ninth highest domestic grosser of 2017 with \$211.6 million in its first 10 days. It’s also been a stellar international performer with \$438 million in less than three weeks — topping \$650 million worldwide.

On 8 November, “Thor: Ragnarok” became the 12th consecutive Marvel Cinematic Universe film to top \$500 million worldwide.



(L-R) Jeff Goldblum, Tessa Thompson, Taika Waititi, Chris Hemsworth, Cate Blanchett, Tom Hiddleston and Mark Ruffalo in Los Angeles, California, US on 10 November, 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

The movie has reversed a box office slump that persisted through October and left 2017’s overall domestic moviegoing down 5% from last year at \$9.14 billion as of Sunday. With Warner Bros.’ “Justice League” opening next weekend, Disney-Pixar’s “Coco” on 22 November and “Star

Wars: The Last Jedi” launching on 15 December, the industry is now poised to end the year on an upbeat note. The overall weekend totaled about \$148 million, down 6% from the same frame in 2016, according to comScore.

“Now it will take the dream team of ‘Justice League,’ ‘Coco’

and of course ‘The Last Jedi’ and a host of other films big and small to rally the industry toward a year end total that could rival last year’s record \$11.4 billion,” said Paul Dergarabedian, senior media analyst at comScore. “The clock is ticking and there’s not a lot of time left on the calendar to

make up the difference.”

“Daddy’s Home 2” is performing at the high end of recent forecasts and is finishing about 23% below the original’s \$38.7 million opening in 2015. Mark Wahlberg and Will Ferrell reprise their roles as fathers co-parenting the children of Wahlberg’s character who struggle to cope when their fathers, played by Mel Gibson and John Lithgow, arrive during the holiday season. The film carries a \$70 million budget.

The original went on to gross \$150 million domestically. Paramount’s distribution president Kyle Davies pointed to an A-CinemaScore as an indication that the “Daddy’s Home 2” is resonating with all demographics — and should perform well in coming weeks.

“We are well-positioned heading into the holiday season with a movie for audiences from 8 to 80,” he added. “Murder on the Orient Express” has also launched above expectations. Kenneth Branagh stars as detective Hercule Poirot in the latest adaptation of Agatha Christie’s story of a murder mystery on a luxury train in the 1930s. — Reuters ■

South Korea celebrity appears in Chinese ad in subtle sign of thawing diplomatic tension



South Korean actress Jun Ji-hyun looks at a tablet as she arrives at the 50th Baeksang Arts Awards in Seoul on 27 May, 2014. The arts awards is an awards ceremony for the television and film industry in South Korea. PHOTO: REUTERS

SEOUL — A South Korean actress is promoting cosmetics on China’s biggest online mall, in a subtle sign of easing diplomatic tension that has seen once-ubiquitous South Korean celebrities vanish from Chinese marketing campaigns.

Jun Ji-hyun, who has played the lead roles in hit movies and

dramas such as 2013’s “My Love from the Star,” featured prominently on Monday on the product page of health goods maker Mentholatum on Alibaba Group Holding Ltd’s Taobao.com.

Jun’s appearance comes toward the end of a year in which South Korea’s entertainment industry suffered a drop in Chinese

demand for South Korean cultural exports. The drop came as Beijing objected to Seoul’s use of a US anti-missile system, prompting popular anti-South Korean sentiment in China.

South Korean celebrities soon reported being unable to attend promotional events and having work visa applications delayed, officials at South Korean talent agencies told Reuters.

“Chinese TV ads featuring South Korean celebrities were suddenly dropped and new ones aired with Chinese celebrities,” said a director of a South Korean talent agency, declining to be identified due to the sensitivity of the matter. Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang, at a regular briefing on Monday, said he was not aware of any restrictions on South Korean cultural exports, and that “China will work hard with South Korea to promote the early return to the correct and healthy track of bilateral exchanges and cooperation.” — Reuters ■

Shawn Mendes, Eminem and U2 among winners at MTV Europe Music Awards

LONDON — Canadian pop singer Shawn Mendes led the pack at the MTV Europe Music awards on Sunday night, taking home “Best Song,” “Best Artist,” and “Biggest Fans” awards, in a show that featured performances from French Montana, The Killers and Kesha.

British R&B singer Rita Ora performed the hosting duties, as well as a mashup of her 2017 hit “Your Song,” alongside her new single “Anywhere.”

US rap star Eminem opened the show with a performance of his new song “Walk on Water,” with Skylar Grey standing in for Beyonce to sing the other part in the duet. The Detroit rapper also took the award for “Best Hip Hop,” an honour which he appeared to find slightly baffling.

“I’m not really sure how I got this, ‘cause I haven’t had an album out in a few years”



Canadian singer Shawn Mendes poses with his awards during the 2017 MTV Europe Music Awards at Wembley Arena in London, Britain on 12 November, 2017. PHOTO: REUTERS

he quipped in his acceptance speech, adding “I got one coming though.”

“Look What You Made Me Do,” singer Taylor Swift had been the most-nominated star of the evening, with six nominations, but failed to win any awards. — Reuters ■



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Myanmar's creation at the 57th Miss International Beauty Pageant

Sao Yoon Wadi representing Myanmar wearing a national dress, walks on the runway at the 57th Miss International Beauty Pageant in Tokyo, Japan, November 14, 2017. **PHOTO: REUTERS**

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U Than Aung
(78) years

Advocate and Notary Public

Son of late U Tun Khin and late Daw Thaw residing at Thein Village, Myingyan District, Mandalay Region, son-in-law of late U Ba Hmu and late Daw Pyay residing at Simekhone Village, Myingyan District, Mandalay Region, younger brother of late Daw Mainkhalay, late Daw Tin, late Daw Khin and Daw Htin, beloved husband of Daw Myint Myint Kyi residing at No. 615-J, Pyay Road, Kamayut Township, Yangon Region, father of U Thiha Aung (TAS Co., Ltd) and Daw Khin Sabei Moe (Hiang Kie Coffee Myanmar Co., Ltd), U Thura Aung (eTrade Myanmar Co., Ltd) and Daw Thida Kyaw Myint Thein, Lt. Col Hla Myo residing in Nay Pyi Taw and Dr. Htin La Pyay Wun, grandfather of Mg Hein Linn Htet, Ma Shwe Eain Linn, Mg Htoo Myat Linn and Ma May Linn Let Myo, U Than Aung Passed away at resident of Simekhone Village, Myingyan District, Mandalay Region at 1:15PM on 14 November 2017 (Tuesday).

The funeral ceremony will be held at Yeway Cemetery at 3:00 PM on 18 November 2017 (Saturday).

Buses will leave No. 615-J, Pyay Road, Kamayut Township, Yangon at 12:00 Noon.

The week mourning service will be held at No. 615-J, Pyay Road, Kamayut Township, Yangon, at 7:00am, on 20 November 2017 (Monday).

Bereaved Family

Luminarc 2018's Stylish New Range (Rainbow Theme)

Luminarc 2018's Stylish New Range (Rainbow Theme) jointly presented by City Mart Holding Co Ltd and Luminarc Brand, France was held at the marketplace by City Mart (Golden Valley) Center Promotion Area between 3 pm to 5 pm on November 11, 2017.

U Pyi Thein Lu, Marketing Manager of City Mart Holding Co., Ltd said, "The objective of holding the ceremony

is to provide our people and consumers with modern social living standard and to our consumers to get accustomed to using high-quality designs." Luminarc 2018's Stylish New Range New Products will be sold out at the special reasonable prices — 10 percent discount from 9th November till 22nd November at City Mart Supermarket and marketplaces by City Mart.—GNLM ■



Luminarc Brand and City Mart jointly held 2018's Stylish New Range (Rainbow Theme) at City Mart Golden Valley in Yangon. **PHOTO: SUPPLIED**

Australia 'brings a smile' with Ferry McFerryface, but not everyone gets the joke

SYDNEY — In the grand tradition of Britain's Boaty McBoatface, Australian authorities are christening one of the ferries crossing Sydney's world famous harbour Ferry McFerryface, but some union workers aren't amused.

The New South Wales state government announced the name for one of its six new ferries on Tuesday after a public vote, with Transport Minister Andrew Constance deeming it "one for the kids".

Ferry McFerryface was actually the second choice in the Australian poll, behind Boaty McBoatface, the name also chosen by the British public in a 2016 vote to name a new polar research vessel.

The British government overturned that vote, instead naming the vessel after leading naturalist David Attenborough, but failed to stem an internet craze that led to temporary copycats like Trainy McTrainface and

Firey McFireface.

The name Boaty McBoatface eventually went to a research vessel on board the David Attenborough. Australian authorities said they planned to comply with the public vote, albeit passing on Boaty as the first choice, given the lack of originality.

"We asked Sydney to name their new ferries, and we have listened," Constance said in a statement.

"Ferry McFerryface

will be the harbour's newest icon, and I hope it brings a smile to the faces of visitors and locals alike."

But the country's Maritime Union, whose members staff the ferry fleet, failed to see the funny side. Paul Garrett, a spokesman for the union, said workers were frustrated by the decision, noting that ferries have traditionally been named after Sydney's beaches and successful Olympians. —Reuters ■

Panda cub to be put on display next month at Ueno zoo

TOKYO — The public exhibition of a giant panda cub born in June at a Tokyo zoo will begin next month, with large numbers of visitors expected. The Ueno Zoological Gardens is planning to put the female cub "Xiang Xiang" on display on 19 December, which falls on Tuesday, avoiding weekends to prevent excessive congestion around the panda enclosure. The zoo's director Yutaka Fukuda said the final decision on the display will be made following the cub's six-month health check-ups. Xiang Xiang is in good health, becoming the first baby panda to survive this long at the Ueno zoo since "You You," born there in 1988, according to

the zoo.

When You You was first displayed to the public on 14 December 1988, about half a year after its birth, the zoo was packed with around 12,000 visitors eager to get a glimpse of the male panda cub. The number of visitors later increased further, reaching its peak the following month at about 70,000 on a single day.

Xiang Xiang has drawn more attention than You You, with the zoo constantly releasing videos and photos showing the baby panda's growth over the past five months, while such information was scarce back in the 1980s, said an official of the Ueno zoo.— Kyodo News ■



Supplied photo taken on 6 November, 2017, shows "Xiang Xiang (front)," a female giant panda cub born in June at the Ueno Zoological Gardens. **PHOTO: KYODO NEWS**

Shan United FC makes preparation for ASEAN competitions

SHAN United FC is entering the play-off competition of 2018 Asian Football Confederation after winning the MNL (Myanmar National League) Max Cement 2017 championship. General Manager of the club U Khin Maung Tun said it is now making preparation for this competition.

“ACL level is slightly higher than Myanmar football (level). But Shan United FC will compete in the best it can. That is why we are now preparing for it. After discussing with the chief coach and technical director, we

plan to reinforce the team with local players” he said. “If we are to play again in AFC Cup from ACL, we aim to do something as a team representing the country. Our target is to play in AFC Cup. We want to erase the record of Myanmar team not going past the group stage last year” he added.

According to Myanmar National League Facebook Page, Shan United FC also has a plan to upgrade State Football Stadium in Taunggyi to host the Asian Football Competition. — Kyaw Zin Tun ■



Shan United FC poses for the photo at the playground. **PHOTO: MNL**

Myanmar ties India in 2019 AFC Asian Cup qualifier

MYANMAR national football team drew with India in the qualifying match for 2019 AFC Asian Cup held yesterday at the Jawaharlal Nehru Stadium in Goa city, India.

The first goal for Myanmar was scored by Yan Naing Oo at one minute-mark, as soon as the game kicks off. But a few minutes later, at 13 minutes, the equalizer goal for India was scored by Chhetri with a penalty.

At nineteen minutes, Myanmar footballer Kyaw Ko Ko scored the second goal for My-

anmar and when the first half of the game was completed Myanmar was 2-1 over India.

In the second half, Indian player Lalpekhlu scored the second equalizer.

The two teams tried to defeat the other, but both teams couldn't score the winning goal and the match ended with 2-2 tie.

After the match, Myanmar stands third place in Group A with India leading in the top place and Kyrgyzstan in second place. — Kyaw Zin Tun ■



Myanmar striker Sithu Aung (red) and Indian footballer (blue) vies for ball during the competition. **PHOTO: MFF**

England boss Southgate backs grounded Rashford to reach the top

LONDON — England striker Marcus Rashford may only be 20 but has already shown the attributes to become a top player, manager Gareth Southgate has said ahead of the team's international friendly against Brazil on Tuesday.

Rashford burst on to the scene with a brace for Manchester United against Midtjylland in the Europa League last year and has quickly established himself as a key part of the squad for both club and country.

“It's amazing really that he's been a player who's been able to dip under the radar as we think so much of him, not

only his ability, but his mentality and his maturity,” Southgate told British media.

“He's a very exciting player, but grounded, wants to improve all the time. For me he's going to be a top player. He has all the attributes of the top players I've worked with, but he's still only 20.

“Quite often we look across at each other in training and raise our eyebrows at some of the things he does. He's a very exciting player.”

Southgate said the faith shown in Rashford by United manager Jose Mourinho and former England boss Roy Hodgson was a sign that they

considered him a big-game player.

“Jose (Mourinho) wouldn't mess around, but he picks him in all the big games and is on the field in nearly every game,” Southgate said. “Roy saw the same things.

“We wanted to look after him last summer as we see him as a big part of our future. He'll score goals... his technique and his finishing ability are tremendous.”

The striker, who has made 14 appearances for England, will look to add to his two goals when they play five-times world champions Brazil at Wembley. —Reuters ■

Manchester City not invincible, says Wenger

LONDON — Manchester City have opened up an eight-point gap at the top of the Premier League, scoring 38 goals along the way, but while some are predicting an unbeaten season for Pep Guardiola's side, Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger is not convinced.

City have won 10 of their opening 11 games, a home draw against Everton in August depriving them of a perfect start,

and their 3-1 win over Arsenal earlier this month extended their winning streak to 15 games in all competitions.

Arsenal are the only team to go unbeaten throughout an entire Premier League season (2003-04) and when asked whether City could emulate his “Invincibles” the Frenchman said there was still a long way to go.

“They are a good side but

they are not an unstoppable side,” Wenger told BeIN Sports.

“People always want to predict what will happen in the game.

“I don't know more than you, maybe, maybe not, but at the moment only one team has done it”.

Arsenal, who trail City by 12 points in sixth, host Tottenham Hotspur in the north London derby on Saturday. —Reuters ■