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UEC Chair joins virtual meeting with news media

THE Union Election Commission and Myanmar Press Council jointly organized an online '2020 General Election & News Media Role' meeting yesterday morning, and UEC Chair U Hla Thein was present on the occasion. Myanmar Press Council Chairperson U Ohn Kyaing (Hantharwady - U Ohn Kyaing), the UEC members, the officials with the UEC office and the Myanmar Press Council, the officials with UNESCO, and 19 media personnel with 19 news media group among others attended the meeting.

The UEC Chair and Myanmar Press Council Chair delivered their opening remarks, respectively. Next, Union Election Commission Member U Myint Naing and the officials with Myanmar Press Council briefed on the matters pertaining to the 2020 General Election and the role of news media during the general elections.

Then, a question and answer session was held and UEC Member U Myint Naing answered the questions raised by the attending media personnel. This online meeting will reportedly be held until today (20 September 2020). — MNA

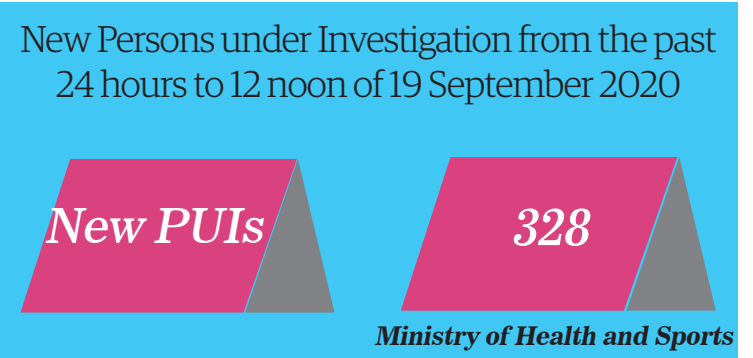
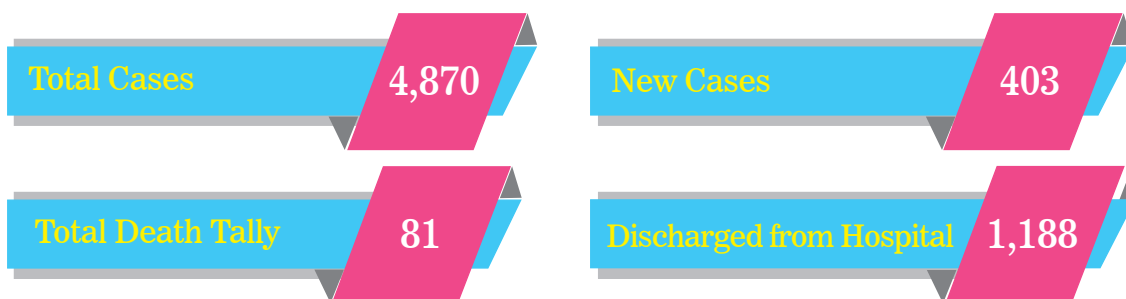


Union Election Commission Chair U Hla Thein participates in '2020 General Election & News Media Role' online meeting on 19 September 2020. **PHOTO: MNA**

403 more new cases of COVID-19 reported on 19 September, total figure rises to 4,870

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rise to 4,870 after 403 new cases were reported on 19 September according to Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these 4,870 confirmed cases, 81 died, 1,188 have been discharged from hospitals and 328 were held under investigation.—MNA

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Assist and cooperate in the efforts of our Union government



To a certain extent, there has been infection spread among healthcare workers as well as among other civil service personnel. One of our advantages is the fact that volunteers are helping and cooperating with us. Our people are really united when we pass through critical times. They provide help as much as possible. I want to thank them all for this help. I want to invite more people to volunteer. I wish to make a plea to volunteers and professionals to assist and cooperate in the efforts of our Union government. I want to say from here that we will surely succeed if everyone cooperated and joined in.

(Excerpt from State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi's Report on status of COVID-19 infection spread in the country, on 16 September 2020)

Yangon urgently prepares medical centres for over 4,000 COVID patients

YANGON'S COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment committee is preparing COVID-19 centres as soon as possible to accommodate more than 4,000 COVID-19 patients due to the resurgence of the COVID-19 positive cases in Yangon, according to the committee's Vice-Chair, Professor Dr Zaw Wai Soe.

It is expected that there will be 300 or 400 COVID-19 new patients per day in Yangon. A patient needs to be under treatment at the hospital for 2 weeks in order to stop the infection to others. The professor said that there will be 4,200 patients in two weeks if there are 300 patients per day and that is why a hospital is needed

for 4,200 patients in Yangon.

Currently, there are 1,140 COVID-19 patients in Phaunggyi COVID-19 treatment centre, 70 patients in Waibargi hospital, another 70 patients in South Okkalapa hospital, 600 patients in Yoma temporary hospital in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, 500 patients in Hline University and a total number of 2,380 COVID-19 patients are being accommodated so far.

Ayeyarwady Foundation is building a temporary hospital for 400 patients in Thuwunna Stadium. The committee is also preparing Yoma temporary hospital to accommodate up to 1,500 patients and Hline COVID-19 treatment centre

to accommodate up to 1,000 patients.

According to the professor Dr Zaw Wai Soe, this arrangement will let the hospitals to operate in the kind of 300 patients in and 300 patients out and if necessary, there are other stadiums to use as temporary hospital.

The professor continued, "This is the containment strategy. If we let the patients go back home and get the treatment at home like in other countries, there may be more likely to infect other people and environment depending on the conditions of their homes. Although people in rich countries have a room for each person, not everyone can live like that



A vehicle is arranged to collect specimens for COVID-19 at the Department of Medical Research in Yangon. **PHOTO: PHOE HTAUNG**

in Myanmar. Also, the culture is that families live together here and the virus can be spread to the elderlies. If so, this will

definitely give trouble to them." —Ye Khaung Nyut ■
(Translated by Ei Phyu Phyu Aung)

129 Myanmar citizens abroad fly back home on 19 September

A total of 129 Myanmar nationals who were stranded in foreign countries returned home by Myanmar Airways International (MAI)'s relief flight that landed at the Yangon International Airport yesterday.

Among them, 6 came back from Qatar, 3 from Bahrain, 86 from United Arab Emirates, 3 from Kuwait, 4 from South Africa, 2 from France, 4 from Sri Lanka, 3 from Germany, 3 from Belgium, 2 from Norway, 1 from Israel, 4 from Brazil and 8 from

England. Myanmar Embassy in Riyadh arranged the relief flight.

The Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, the Ministry of Health and Sports and the Yangon Region government provided them with proper medical tests and arranged 14-day quarantine at designated places and hotels, followed by the 7-day home quarantine.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has been working with Myanmar embassies in foreign

countries and local ministries concerned to bring back citizens stranded abroad due to the suspension of international commercial flights, in accordance with the guidance of the National-Level Central Committee on Prevention, Control and Treatment of COVID-19.

A total of eight relief flights from UAE transported Myanmar citizens abroad back home to date. —MNA ■

(Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun)

Police arrests over 400 curfew breakers nationwide within week

A total of 444 people nationwide were arrested under Penal Code Section 188 for violating curfew during the week, according to Myanmar Police Force.

Police also charged 33 people from 1 KTV, 5 illegal massage parlours and 3 warehouses in four regions and arrested 205 people who don't wear masks in public nationwide —154 males and 51 females — under Section 15 of the Prevention and Control of Communicable Diseases Law.

Of them, five women were arrested from two warehouses in Sagaing Region, 11 staff and massage girls from an illegal massage parlour in Taninthayi Region, seven owners, staff, KTV

girls and KTV goers from a KTV and three massage parlours in Yangon Region, and 10 staff and massage girls from a massage parlour and a warehouse in Mandalay Region.

Police has been conducting law enforcement activities to take actions against illegal KTV lounges, bars and illegal massage parlours without abiding by COVID-19 rules and to arrest curfew breakers.

However, the number of people who break COVID rules didn't decline. Therefore, police urged the public to cooperate with them in the law enforcement process.—MNA (Translated by Kyaw Zin Tun) ■

Elections are the foundation of democracy.

2020 MULTIPARTY DEMOCRACY GENERAL ELECTION



Who is eligible to vote?

- irrespective of sex or religion
- those who are 18 years of age on the date of the election
- citizens, associate citizens, and those who have permission to become naturalized citizens, who do not contravene the provisions of the Hluttaw Election Law
- a person whose name has been included in the voting list of the respective constituency

Who is ineligible to vote?

- a member of a religious order
- person serving a prison sentence
- person adjudged to be of unsound mind as provided for in the relevant law
- person who has not yet been discharged as an insolvent
- person prohibited by the Election Law
- foreigner or person who has assumed foreign citizenship

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Advice to people in Nay Pyi Taw

1. People should not illegally come to Nay Pyi Taw. If a person comes back from other places to Nay Pyi Taw, he/she needs to inform and receive medical examination. The charge for COVID-19 tests has been considerably reduced.
2. It has been learnt that some people get out of the cars on the Yangon-Mandalay Expressway and some old roads, and then they entered into Nay Pyi Taw via motorcycle roads and inter-village roads. So, authorities are cooperating with the Myanmar Police Force to take strict measures to control these illegal entries.
3. The ward/village administrators have been instructed to report, manage and send individuals who entered or came back to the ward/village to the quarantine centres.
4. To make the flow of goods smooth, truck drivers will be given the slip at the entrance gate. From the entrance gate, the drivers must drive their trucks directly to the exit gate, where the slip must be returned. The truck drivers are not allowed to go to other places between the entrance gate and the exit gate.
5. Face mask rule has been imposed in Nay Pyi Taw townships and COVID-19 awareness has been raised via loudspeakers. A dusk-to-dawn curfew has been in force, and surprise checks have been carried out on restaurants.

MoSWRR provides assistance to victims of Storm 'NOUL' in Taninthayi

ACCORDING to the statement of the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology, the Tropical Storm, NOUL which started occurring in South China Sea has weakened into a land depression.

The heavy rain and strong wind between 17 and 18 September badly hit Taninthayi Region.

The strong wind destroyed 5 houses partially while 1 house collapsed due to the heavy rain and another 12 houses and 1 religious building in Kawthoung township were among those damaged or destroyed.

Due to the strong wind on 18 September, 43 houses in Bokpyin Township were destroyed while 11 houses collapsed partially. In Kyunsu Township, the strong wind destroyed 3 houses while



Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement provides cash assistance for victims of Tropical Storm 'NOUL' in Taninthayi Region. PHOTO: MNA

14 houses collapsed partially.

Four houses in Launglon Township were also destroyed yesterday due to the heavy rain.

The Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement quickly provided cash assistance for rice, house materials and other relief supplies to the storm victims via the officials and heads of region and district offices of Disaster Management Department, region government and General Administration Department.

For information and assistance relating to natural disasters, people can call the hotline numbers of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement at 067-3404666 and 067-3404777.

— MNA (Translated by Khine Thazin Han)

COVID-19 Call Centre opens daily

In efforts to speed up the prevention, containment and treatment of the COVID-19 disease, the call centre (phone number 2019) is established by four communications operators and the Blue Ocean Company with the coordination of the Medical Research Department of the Health and Sports Ministry and Post and Telecommunications Department from 9 am to 5 pm daily at the Medical Research Department in Yangon.

Over 43 staff from the Medical Research Department and 17 volunteers from the Myanmar Medical Association totally 60 workers have been working at the centre since 8th April.—MNA

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Families in Wuntho earn regular income making traditional bamboo hats

Women make bamboo hats at a house in Khat Cho Village in Wuntho Township, Sagaing Region on 17 September 2020. **PHOTO: KYAW MYAING (IPRD)**

MANAGEABLE-SCALE Traditional bamboo hat business is earning the families regular income in Khat Cho Village in Wuntho Township in Sagaing Region. The main business of

Khat Cho Village is a farming business. They are making bamboo hats on a manageable scale to earn extra income for their families. Now, the business is generating regular income.

"To make the bamboo hats, we have to buy the bamboo for K500. First, we drown the bamboo in the water. Then, the bamboo is cut into the strips. The hats are then woven with the use of

the bamboo strips. A bamboo pole can make one hat a day. If we don't have bamboo strips, it will take two days to make one hat. There are two types of bamboo hat. The woven bamboo hats are sold for K500 per one at home and K1,300 per one in the market. Making the manageable-scale traditional bamboo hats can earn the families extra income," said Ma Thandar Htay from Khat Cho Village. "We are buying the raw woven bamboo hats from the village. Then, we painted the bamboo hats and sold them in the market. The painted bamboo hats are also sent to Nam Si Aung, Mawlu, Katha, Mohnyin, Myitkyina and Hopin townships. The 100 painted bamboo hats can make K10,000 profit. During the pandemic period, we are faced with the transportation difficulties, said Daw Yee Sein, a manageable-scale bamboo hat seller from Khat Cho village.

Over 470 people from 94 households are living in Khat Cho village. The whole village is making the bamboo hats as the bamboo mat manufacturing business on a manageable scale can make the families earn extra income.—Kyaw Myaing (IPRD) (Translated by Hay Mar)

Myanmar records highest onion export this FY

MYANMAR exported the highest volume of onion in 2019-2020 financial year throughout the onion export history, according to a news released by the Ministry of Commerce.

The country exported over 105,000 tonnes of onion, earning over US\$48 million as of August this FY.

Myanmar exported over 60,000 tonnes of onion to China, over 14,000 tonnes to Thailand, over 5,000 tonnes to Malaysia, over 2,500 tonnes to Singapore,

over 600 tonnes to India, over 22,000 tonnes to Bangladesh and about 27 tonnes to South Korea.

The onion is permitted to export if there is self-sufficiency for domestic consumption. The price of onion is up and down rapidly because Myanmar exports onion to Bangladesh while India suspends the onion import from Myanmar.

Starting from September 2019, the country has also exported onion to Bangladesh. Myanmar's onions are primarily

shipped to markets in China and Bangladesh where cultivation of the onion is on the decline.

"The country exported over 14,000 tonnes of onion during the outbreak of coronavirus. The onion is exported mostly to Bangladesh via Rakhine. Now, the price of onion has dropped in the local market," said an official from the Ministry of Commerce.

The government started to grant the export of onion to foreign markets freely in 2010. Since then, Myanmar exported

56,512 tonnes in 2012-2014FY, 66,713 tonnes in 2016-2017FY and 87,832.16 tonnes in 2018-2019FY. The country exported the highest volume of onion in 2019-2020FY. China is the main buyer of onion from Myanmar.

At present, Myanmar produces around 1 million tonnes of onion annually. More than 80 per cent of onion is consumed in the country while about 200,000 tonnes of onion are likely to export.—Zin Yaw Aye (Translated by Hay Mar)

Myanmar-India border trade drops by \$102.5 mln this year

BILATERAL trade between Myanmar and India hit US\$91.14 million as of 11 September in the current financial year 2019-2020 ending 30 September, said a statistical report of the Ministry of Commerce.

The border trade during the period declined by \$102.5 million compared to that of the same pe-

riod last year. The Myanmar-India total border trade during the period was shared by the export of \$88 million and its import of \$3.1 million. During the same period last year, India-Myanmar bilateral trade was \$193.7 million in total. The two countries use the Tamu, Reed and Kenglap border trade camps to deliver the goods

commercially. According to the Ministry of Commerce, the total trade volume from Tamu border trading post in FY 2019-2020 was \$40.5 million with exports valued at \$39.5 million and import \$1.03 million. Total trade volume via the Reed border trade post in the same period was \$50.2 million with exports valued at \$48.2

million and import \$2.03 million.

Myanmar mainly exports to India the fruits and vegetables, fisheries and forestry products while importing from India the medicines, the electronic products, motorbikes, cotton yarn, non-alloy steel and other construction materials.—Zwe (Translated by Hay Mar)

167 Myanmar nationals from Thailand return home through Myawady border on 19 September

A total of 167 Myanmar migrant workers (112 males and 55 females) returned home through the Thai-Myanmar Friendship Bridge No 2 in Myawady Border town yesterday.

Local authorities welcomed the returnees and the responsible persons from respective townships arranged the necessary medical check-up and send them to quarantine centres in respective regions and states in accordance with the COVID-19 health guideline.

From 1 May to 19 Septem-

ber, a total of 78,224 migrant workers have returned home through the Thai-Myanmar Friendship Bridge-2.—Htein Lin Aung (IPRD)

(Translated by Ei Phyu Phyu Aung)

A Myanmar national returned from Thailand (L) has temperature checked at the Myawady border on 19 September 2020. **PHOTO: HTEIN LIN AUNG (IPRD)**



Trump woos farmers with promise of \$14 bn in pandemic aid

IN a bid to win over voters in US farm states, President Donald Trump announced up to \$14 billion in aid to farmers and ranchers hurt by the coronavirus pandemic.

With just six weeks left until the presidential election, Trump made the promise at a rally in Wisconsin late Thursday, but the funds come from an existing programme and it is unclear how much additional money is left to spend.

The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) provided details Friday of the new round of payments, which will distribute whatever funds remain from a replenishment provided by Congress to farmers unable to sell their products or who are facing higher costs.

“America’s agriculture communities are resilient, but still face many challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic,” Agriculture

Secretary Sonny Perdue said in a statement.

The second round of the Coronavirus Food Assistance Programme (CFAP) is aimed at “agricultural producers who continue to face market disruptions and associated costs because of COVID-19,” and will run through the end of the year, the statement said. Congress provided another \$14 billion in July to the programme and USDA continues to process applications for that money, so it is unclear how much will remain to help farmers in the new round.

“We do not know exactly how much of that money will be left after all applications have been processed. It would be irresponsible to count on this money for the second round of assistance before we have finished processing all applications,” a USDA spokesperson said.—AFP



The US Department of Agriculture has rolled out a second round of coronavirus aid to compensate farmers and ranchers for lost crop, dairy and egg production. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

FRAGILITY OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The UN marks 75th anniversary facing world split by Covid-19

THE United Nations will mark its 75th anniversary Monday, celebrating the mantra that “multilateralism is not an option but a necessity,” even as the coronavirus underscores the fragility of international cooperation.

The anniversary will kick off the global body’s annual General Assembly, when normally the leaders and representatives of nearly 200 countries gather en masse to sound off about the world’s problems and offer myriad solutions.

But this year, a part of Manhattan will not be sealed off for the “UNGA”; there will be no endless limousine convoys, and no busy beehive of diplomats, journalists and translators in the halls of the UN.

Instead, with Covid-19 still limiting global movement, just one representative from each of the 193 UN members will be allowed, and only someone already in the United States.

Everyone else will have to appear by videoconference, including some 160-170 heads of state and government planning addresses.

Appearing by video on Tuesday will be Russia’s Vladimir Putin and China’s Xi Jinping, who in the past have let their top diplomats speak for them; and US leader Donald Trump.

On Wednesday, Venezuela’s president Nicolas Maduro, who much of the world sees as illegitimate, will address the assembly by video. Missing as speakers are



The UN will mark its 75th anniversary. **PHOTO: AFP/FILE**

the leaders of Syria and North Korea. “Diplomacy, to be effective, requires personal contacts, and I am very sorry that we are not going to have the opportunity to bring together leaders of countries,” said UN Secretary General Antonio Guterres. Even so, he said, there would be “many virtual meetings” on the sidelines of the assembly, convening by teleconference on subjects such as climate change, biodiversity and the conflicts in Libya and Lebanon.

Missed opportunity

The event kicks off with a joint declaration full of good intentions and a call to combat unilateralism.

But that belies the reality of what has happened since Covid-19 erupted early this year, with borders closed, cooperation limited and countries forced to go it alone. Bertrand Badie, pro-

fessor at the Paris Institute of Political Studies, said the great powers missed a chance with the coronavirus to strengthen global cooperation.

Instead, cooperation broke apart amid allegations that China and the World Health Organization moved slowly on the initial outbreak, and the US declared it would act alone and pulled out of the WHO.

The superpowers’ behaviour has “caused the failure, even the collapse, of the UN Security Council,” which was set up to lead on such world-shaking challenges as a pandemic, Badie said.

The powers have clung to a “very conservative vision of security, that humanity is only threatened by rivalries between countries,” Badie told AFP, calling it “a very bad sign for the future.”

SOURCE: AFP

DECADES-LONG FIGHT AGAINST THE CRIPPLING DISEASE

Polio vaccine in the crossfire of misinformation

AS scientists around the world rush to find a vaccine to stem the spread of Covid-19, another deadly disease, polio, has become the latest target of misinformation campaigns online.

The World Health Organization (WHO) celebrated the announcement on August 25 that Africa had eradicated the wild poliovirus -- a landmark in a decades-long fight against the crippling disease.

However, there still exists a version of the illness known as vaccine-derived polio, which occurs in rare incidents when the weakened virus in the vaccine mutates.

It particularly affects countries with low immunization rates and poor sanitation, health experts say.

Two days after the WHO's announcement, the UN confirmed that more than a dozen cases of vaccine-derived polio had sprung up in nine states across Sudan.

The outbreak added further fuel to the already prolific spread of conspiracy theories

pushing false claims about vaccination on social media.

'Gates-funded vaccine'

Conspiracy theory groups promptly reported the outbreak in articles decrying "one of the biggest public health scandals of the decade", singling out the WHO and billionaire Microsoft founder Bill Gates in their attacks.

A misleading article blaming a "Gates-funded vaccine" for "causing" the outbreak has been shared more than 8,000 times in Facebook groups from the US and Canada to Colombia.

The claims have also been circulating in Europe, with a French version of the article shared in various groups in France and Belgium.

But the article fails to mention that the cases involved people who had not been immunised themselves.

Gates, whose eponymous foundation has ploughed billions of dollars into making vaccines against diseases like polio, malaria and HIV, is a regular target



Vaccine-derived polio occurs in rare instances. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

for fringe groups accusing him of benefiting from vaccination or even using them for harm.

In spring, Facebook posts shared tens of thousands of times falsely claimed that a polio vaccine tested by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation

paralysed 490,000 children in India.

And last month, a viral YouTube video claimed the philanthropist wanted to forcefully vaccinate and "depopulate" Africa.

Gates, who has pledged

\$250 million in efforts to fight the Covid-19 crisis, has pushed back against rumours, blaming "a bad combination of pandemic and social media and people looking for a very simple explanation".

SOURCE; AFP

CORONAVIRUS TOLL

Latest global figures as deaths pass 950,000



Restrictions in Kashmir valley tightened due to coronavirus. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

THE novel coronavirus has killed at least 953,025 people

since the outbreak emerged in China last December, according

to an AFP tally compiled from official sources at 1100 GMT

Saturday.

At least 30,556,040 cases of coronavirus have been registered. Of these, at least 20,629,000 are now considered to have recovered.

The tallies, using data collected by AFP from national authorities and information from the World Health Organization (WHO), probably reflect only a fraction of the actual number of infections.

Many countries are testing only symptomatic or the most serious cases.

On Friday, 5,813 new deaths and 331,948 new cases were recorded worldwide. Based on lat-

est reports, the countries with the most new deaths were India with 1,247 new deaths, followed by the United States with 880 and Brazil with 858.

The United States is the worst-hit country with 198,597 deaths from 6,725,044 cases. At least 2,556,465 people have been declared recovered.

After the US, the hardest-hit countries are Brazil with 135,793 deaths from 4,495,183 cases, India with 85,619 deaths from 5,308,014 cases, Mexico with 72,803 deaths from 688,954 cases, and the United Kingdom with 41,732 deaths from 385,936 cases.

SOURCE; AFP

250,000 FANS NOT PRESENT

Toyota set off from pole in quest for third Le Mans title

TOYOTA set off from pole in pursuit of a third consecutive Le Mans 24 Hours race which got underway at 1230 GMT Saturday in front of empty stands with Covid-19 keeping away the mot-

orsport classic's normal crowd of 250,000 diehard fans.

Toyota are hot favourites to claim the 88th edition of the marathon endurance event with the Japanese manufacturer's num-

ber seven car in early control.

This Le Mans will be played out with the famous La Sarthe circuit's cavernous grandstands eerily empty. Organisers ACO had initially hoped to allow in a

portion of the quarter of a million petrolheads who make the annual sleep-deprived pilgrimage.

But maintaining social distancing protocol around the entire 13 kilometre track was

proving too much of a problem, resulting in the total crowd ban for the event uprooted by the pandemic from its usual June slot for the first time since 1968.

SOURCE; AFP

A POSITIVE SIGNAL FOR THE MARKET

Suga's continuity policy gives market firm footing, focus now on snap poll

FINANCIAL markets in Japan are expected to find a firm footing following Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga's pledge to continue with his predecessor Shinzo Abe's economic policies to bring the coronavirus-stricken economy back onto a growth track.

Market participants are closely watching whether the new premier will dissolve the lower house of parliament for a snap election in the coming months to strengthen his grip on power, a move that could boost confidence over the continuity of economic policy.

The benchmark Nikkei 225 index is expected to test an upside of around 24,000 by the end of the year and could even rise to 24,500, analysts said. The index's downside is likely to remain firm around 22,000. The Nikkei ended Wednesday up 20.64 points, or 0.09 per cent, at 23,475.53 after Suga was elected new prime minister at an extraordinary parliamentary session.

Still, uncertainty over the U.S. presidential election in November and the continued coronavirus pandemic could derail the solid outlook, they said.

"The Suga administration is a positive signal for the market as he has pledged to stick to Abe's economic, fiscal and foreign policies, and he also showed

a reform stance," Yutaka Miura, senior technical analyst at Mizuho Securities Co., said.

When Abe returned to power in late 2012, the Nikkei index was trading around the 10,000 level. His "Abenomics" package of aggressive monetary easing, fiscal stimulus and structural reforms helped lift the index to a 27-year high above the 24,000 level in 2018.

During his tenure of seven years and eight months as the country's longest-serving prime minister, the domestic economy expanded for 71 consecutive months through October 2018, two months short of a record for postwar growth.

But the world's third-largest economy shrank an annualized real 28.1 per cent in the April-June period, a record contraction and the third consecutive quarter of negative growth.

Rejuvenating the economy is "a top-priority issue" for the new government, Suga said Wednesday at his first press conference as prime minister.

He expressed confidence in the Abenomics policy mix, saying it had helped Japanese companies by causing the yen to depreciate sharply while creating millions of new jobs and bringing market stability.

A weaker yen boosts Japa-

nese exporters' profits earned overseas when repatriated and beefs up the price competitiveness of Japan-made products abroad.

In the foreign exchange market, the yen is likely to be sold if the Tokyo stock market gains ground as participants unload a currency that is seen as a safe asset, analysts said.

Even so, the dollar is expected to stay in the recent range of 103 yen to 110 yen for the next three months, Yuzo Sakai, chief manager of foreign exchange business promotion at Ueda Totan Forex Ltd., said.

The currency market is also closely monitoring negotiations between Britain and the European Union toward the end of December, when the Brexit transition period will be complete, and the outlook for the U.S. stock market following a recent correction in technology stocks, he said.

Speculation lingers that Suga may dissolve the House of Representatives for a snap election soon, as suggested by some senior lawmakers of the ruling Liberal Democratic Party, including Taro Aso, who was re-appointed as finance and deputy prime minister. A general election must be held by late October next year, when the current



Japan's new Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga (C, front row) and his Cabinet members attend a photo session at his office in Tokyo on Sept. 16, 2020. PHOTO: (KYODO)

four-year term for lower house lawmakers ends.

Suga did not completely rule out the possibility when asked about it at Wednesday's press conference, saying he will take the time limit into account.

"Some investors have been starting to factor in a possible early snap election," said Nor-

ihito Fujito, senior investment strategist at Mitsubishi UFJ Morgan Stanley Securities Co.

With support for Suga seen relatively high in public opinion polls, a snap election could solidify his political grip and lift the Nikkei to around 24,500, Fujito said.

SOURCE: Kyodo

265 DEAD THIS WEEK

Coronavirus deaths on the rise in France



Nice on the Riviera is the latest French city to tighten restrictions. PHOTO: AFP

THE number of coronavirus deaths in France is rising for the first time since the end of lockdown, the public health agency said Friday, warning that all outbreak indicators are worsening.

The country recorded 13,215

new cases in 24 hours, said the agency — a new daily record since a widespread testing campaign was launched — and 123 deaths.

A total of 403 people were admitted to hospital in 24 hours

for coronavirus complications, bringing the total for the week to 3,626, of which 571 were in intensive care. The Sante Publique France agency said that while a recent surge in infections mostly affected the young, infections are now also growing fast among people over 75 who are more vulnerable to the virus.

"For the first time since the lifting of the (March-May) lockdown, we are seeing an increase in Covid-19 deaths," the agency said in a weekly update.

"The intensification of the spread of the virus among the oldest age group raises fears of the continuation of hospitalizations and deaths in the weeks to come," it warned.

'Significant worsening'

There is growing concern

in France about how hard it is to get a coronavirus test — especially in the Paris region — because of heavy demand. Prime Minister Jean Castex admitted last week the government had to do better.

"Not being able to test people (who may need quarantine)... may have an impact on the control of the outbreak," said Daniel Levy-Bruhl, head of the respiratory infections unit at the agency.

On Friday, France's public health advisory body gave the green light for the use of saliva tests, on top of the standard nose swab, but only in people with suspected Covid-19 symptoms.

It is hoped this would relieve some of the strain on overstretched laboratories and reduce the waiting time for results.

Health Minister Olivier Ve-

ran said Thursday that France was preparing tighter restrictions in several cities to curtail a surge in Covid-19 cases after daily infections topped 10,000 twice over the last week.

The French Riviera city of Nice, still basking in a late Mediterranean summer, on Friday announced restrictions including a maximum of 10 people allowed to gather in its parks and on its beaches.

It will be forbidden to buy or consume alcohol in public in the city after 8:00 pm while bars can no longer open all night.

Authorities in Paris on Friday urged people to avoid gatherings of more than 10 people, in public as well as in private homes, because of a "significant worsening" of the outbreak.

SOURCE: AFP

Develop both internal and external defensive powers to prevent Coronavirus

DEVELOPMENT of a vaccine is still an unfulfilled dream for all the global people. Different people in different regions of the world have different ideas and practices to overcome COVID-19 in the aspect of healthcare.

Some administrations are also using the pandemic as a political tool, causing controversies among the scientists and policymakers. In such situations, common people need to focus on official healthcare advice.

While the global scientists are striving for production of a COVID-19 vaccine, what ordinary people can do their best is to adopt self-imposed measures so we would not have to confront the colossal wave of pandemic.

Scientists have pointed out that 'immunity' is very crucial for facing against many diseases, including the Coronavirus disease.

In common terms, immunity is the internal defensive power of all human beings. It can be developed by having a healthy diet as well as getting enough sleep and relaxation, while some persons need to take a certain amount of vitamins.

With regard to external defensive power, we must comply with hygienic practices such as handwashing, mask-wearing and social distancing. These are crucial for limiting the spread of COVID-19. Researchers have found that self-imposed actions like wearing a mask can have a major impact on preventing the spread of this disease.

These scientists said that in a country if the population whole took self-imposed measures, a serious outbreak of the pandemic could be prevented.

Compliance with the protective guidelines would be a cheap solution to address the pandemic and not to have severe impacts on the socio-economic fabric as much as lockdown does.

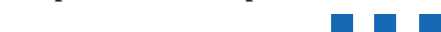
Healthcare experts have regarded that hand-washing and mouth covering is the practising of non-pharmaceutical interventions (NPIs) that can help limit the transmission of the pandemic.

The practices in NPIs include measures other than vaccines and antiviral treatment, which can be adopted at the individual level or the community level.

The former include frequent handwashing with soap, using alcohol-based hand sanitizers, covering sneezes/coughs and wearing a mask, while the latter involves matters such as closing schools, work from home or restricting public gatherings.

Many countries have stated that these practices are crucial for control of the disease and to ensure that it does not spread from one person to another.

Therefore, we all need to develop both internal and external defensive powers to fight against the Coronavirus disease that has posed serious impacts and caused great losses for the world.



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Happy Worker is Productive Worker

By May Lai Thin

WITH the globalization trend, the nature of the working environment becomes so competitive that offers significant challenges and pressures on the workforce. When a worker is put under pressure in daily routine, the levels of their psychological wellbeing and job satisfaction are also low. As a consequence, this workforce lessens in their productivity level. When the unhappy workers are at work, they try to defend their limited happiness, and so they do not take chances in high-risk situations. Thus, unhappy workers may respond negatively to their co-workers, customers or anything related to their working environment.

All human resource (HR) experts point out the fact that when a person gets happiness, involving job satisfaction and psychological wellbeing from their working environment, they become productive. This happiness may stem from good relationships with co-workers, the management or other attainments. Sullivan argues that seeking pleasure and avoiding pain is crucial to human motivation and boosts job performance. Social psychologists opine that a happy worker and an unhappy one are in different psychological situations.

The happy worker is in an excellent psychological state and has job satisfaction, leading to higher performance outcomes. According to the 'Resource Chain Model', the unhappy workers



The "common people" who performed a titanic task to keep society standing. Supermarket workers in the covid-19 era. PHOTO: AFP

waste resources due to their poor performance; whereas happy workers boost productivity by contributing great efforts to succeed in their work.

Enjoyment in life

Many studies claim that happiness or enjoyment in life will generate improvements, smooth interactions, and produce more active participation. Many companies like Google have made significant investments in their employees' wellbeing. Google's people program manager, Lara Harding, suggests that happiness and family and psychological wellbeing, are essential factors for all 'Googlers'. She stresses that when employees reach good levels of satisfaction, they increase in motivation and support enhanced work performance and produc-

tivity. Professor Oswald from Department of Economics at the University of Warwick argues that "a happy person works harder at whatever they do" by showing that a happy workforce enhances 12% more productivity in comparison with an unhappy one that produces 10% less productivity. Thus, he concludes happiness can boost productivity. When people are happy, they become effective collaborators. When individuals have positive feelings, their productivity increases due to improvements in their creativity, problem-solving skills and good personal perceptions. Happy workers are usually sociable, healthy and energetic, so they take less sick-leave. According to the 2018 Gallup-Healthy report, as Americans are increasingly

unhappy in their jobs or at the working environment, this costs the USA approximately US\$300 billion per year in health care programs and sick-leave payments.

To enhance productivity, managers must create fair working environments to support development in physical and mental wellbeing and increase job satisfaction. Studies show happier doctors treat patients faster and more accurately; happy youth earn more income than their peers, and workplaces with happy workers perform well economically. Generally, employees are happy when they have sound psychological wellbeing and job satisfaction, thereby creating right work-life balance, transparent communications and flexible schedules. The 2011 Harvard Business Review stated that happiness levels

directly impact employees' creativity, productivity, loyalty and working group relationships.

Employee's wellbeing

Employees' wellbeing involves fair wages, good relationships with managers and co-workers, fair working hours, and opportunities for career development. Until the 1980s, both private and public organizations neglected the importance of employees' wellbeing. In 2015, output per hour in the United Kingdom (UK) was 15.9% below the average productivity of other G7 countries. Although UK employees received higher wages than other G7 nations, their productivity per hour was low. A Works Centre for Wellbeing survey found that the UK workforce had lower wellbeing levels than that other G7 countries. This survey concluded that employees' wellbeing is directly related to productivity.

Job satisfaction

Job satisfaction means individuals gain happiness and satisfaction from their professional lives. The happier the individual is, the higher the level of job satisfaction will be. Many organizations realize job satisfaction and motivation are also important aspects to improve productivity. Today's big challenge for managers is how to enhance job satisfaction levels of the workforce. This effective human capital can create organizational performance improvements. Bird (1983) argues that job satisfaction is a kind of positive morale. If a company has

employees with low-morale, they only get 25% back on their investments. If an organization has employees with high morale, it may receive more incredible benefits from every money they spend.

Today's competitive working environment makes employees more stressed that leads to reduce psychological wellbeing and job satisfaction. This results in lessened productive and organizational performance. In the late 1990s, social psychologists and organizational behaviourists recognized that job satisfaction and psychological wellbeing are the most critical factors in creating employee happiness, leading to organizational development. All success occurs when employees attain good work-life balance, monetary and non-monetary rewards, transparent rewards and flexible schedules. In fact, work-life balance is fundamental to keeping employees in the working place. This is because humans are social beings, and they require both family time and work-life. Currently, some big corporations hire human resource (HR) specialists to improve employees' job satisfaction and wellbeing because these two things directly impact on boosting productivity, organizational performance and service quality. If organizations support good employee services, customers are satisfied, and shareholders collect larger revenues. All in all, when workers are happy, they enable to increase productivity.



COVID-19: ROLLING UPDATE

Key coronavirus developments

- Large parts of Europe on Friday geared up for broad new restrictions to stop the coronavirus, after infections worldwide topped 30 million and the World Health Organization warned of "alarming rates of transmission".
- US biotech firm Moderna, one of nine companies in the late stages of clinical trials for a Covid-19 vaccine, became the first to publish the complete blueprints of its study following calls for greater transparency.
- More than half of patients and staff with Covid-19 monitored by an Irish hospital suffered persistent fatigue in the aftermath of the initial disease, according to a new study Friday highlighting the "significant burden" of lingering symptoms.
- Cat and dog owners suffering from Covid-19 can pass their illness onto their feline and canine companions, according to a small study released Friday.
- The numbers of deaths in France of people diagnosed with Covid-19 is trending upwards for the first time since the end of its lockdown, the public health agency said Friday, warning that all coronavirus indicators were now worsening.
- Israel imposed a second nationwide lockdown on Friday to tackle one of the world's highest coronavirus infection rates, despite public protests over the new blow to the economy. SOURCE: AFP

Israeli police set up barriers at a checkpoint in Jerusalem to enforce a second nationwide coronavirus lockdown taking effect on September 18, 2020. PHOTO: AFP



Myanmar Daily Weather Report (Issued at 7:00 pm Saturday 19th September, 2020)

BAY INFERENCE: Monsoon is strong to vigorous over the Andaman Sea and South Bay and weak to moderate elsewhere over the Bay of Bengal.

SPECIAL FEATURES: According to the observations at (18:30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area near Thailand-Myanmar border areas has reached to Kayin State, Myanmar. It is forecast to continue moving West-Northwest wards and weaken gradually.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL NOON OF THE 20th September, 2020: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Sagaing Region, Kachin and Northern Shan States, scattered in Eastern Shan state, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay Region, Southern Shan and Chin States and widespread in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of regionally heavy falls in Magway, Bago and Taninthay Regions, Kayin and Mon States and isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine and Kayah States. Degree of certainty is (100%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Occasional squalls with rough to very rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40-45) m.p.h. Wave height will be about (8 - 14) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Increase of rain in Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Rakhine, Kayin and Mon States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20th September, 2020: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20th September, 2020: Some rain or thundershowers which may be heavy at times. Degree of certainty is (100%).

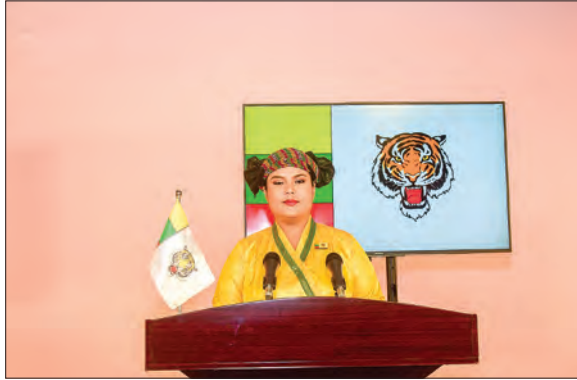
FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 20th September, 2020: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Invitation to young writers for Sunday Special

The Global New Light of Myanmar is accepting the submission of poetries, opinions, articles, essays and short stories from young people for its weekly Sunday Next Generation Platform. Interested candidates can send their work to the **Global New Light of Myanmar** at No. 150, Nga Htat Kyee Pagoda Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, in person, or by email to dce@globalnewlightofmyanmar.com with the following information: (1) Sector you wish to be included in (poetry, opinion, etc.), (2) Own name and (if different) your penname, (3) Your level of education, (4) Name of your School/College/University, (5) A written note of declaration that the submitted piece is your original work and has not been sent to any other news or magazine publishing houses, (6) A color photo of the submitter, (7) Copy of your NRC card, (8) Contact information (email address, mobile number, etc.). - Editorial Department, The Global New Light of Myanmar

Shan Nationalities League for Democracy (SNLD) Party presents its policy, stance and work programmes

Shan Nationalities League for Democracy (SNLD) Party Central Executive Committee Member Sai Tun Aye, in Myanmar Language, and Nan Nwe Cho Oo, in Shan Language, presented party's policy, stance and work programmes through radio and TV on 19 September.



Mai-Soong-Kha, and I wish all the nationalities of the Union physical and mental wellbeing.

I am Sai Tun Aye, Central Executive Committee Member of the Shan Nationalities League for Democracy (SNLD), and I will present the policy and stance of the party.

Esteemed voters and the people

The SNLD was set up on 26 October 1988, and since then the party has been the pioneer of the federal Union where equality and self-determination are fully guaranteed. It has been trying to strengthen mutual respect, trust and cooperation among the ethnic races of the Union while insisting on the peaceful means for the successful restoration of internal peace and national reconciliation.

The party is the ardent principal supporter of the affairs of the nationalities of the Union, apart from the ethnic races of Shan State and the internal peace process. The Panglong Agreement reached between leaders of the hill regions and the proper on 12 February 1947, alongside the Panglong pledges and policies, as well as the genuine federal Union, adopted by the multiple states in 1961 in Taunggyi, are the foundation of the SNLD's endeavours for the establishment of a federal Union. It is cooperating with parties and organizations of the same vision to reach this destination.

There is a correlation between the constitutional reform and the peace process. Of the 3,765 proposals on the constitutional amendment

submitted by the respective parties at the Union Parliament, 1,112 came from the Member of Parliaments of the SNLD. The party's aim of amending the constitution is exclusively for the establishment of a federal Union, democracy and peace. It is a sincere political suggestion with strong political will for a change based on equality, justice, non-discrimination and it stands on the essence of the Union.

The Shan Nationalities League for Democracy (SNLD) is in the process of transforming to the party institutionalization and party platform. To strengthen party institution, it has already adopted necessary guidelines, rules and codes of conduct. The SNLD seriously regards the people like our parents, members and the MPs of the party are in close contact with the people in looking into their requirements.

Esteemed voters and people

The constitution is the most fundamental principle and the supreme law of a country. A good constitution can bring the country peace and prosperity, and the bad one can be the source of national hardships. So, we must have a clear vision of how we are going to build our Union. There must be the stipulations concerning the values the people of the nation shall observe, and the adoption of the basic principles for the establishment a Union should be based on the said vision and values. We must review the constitutional provisions and legal provisions that are against the basic principles for

a proper amendment. With full political outlook, political leaders of the country must conceive an idea of how the Union will stand in the world, and they must shape it accordingly.

Leaders of the hill regions had relinquished their sovereign power in setting up a Union formed with their sovereign states in accord with the Panglong Agreement. They unitedly restored independence with the vision of setting up a federal Union, where multiple ethnic races can co-exist peacefully while adhering to liberty, equality, diversity, collective leadership and self-determination as the values of the Union.

Unfortunately, the people who gained administrative power after the independence failed to turn the country into a federal Union. The repercussion was the multi-sector deterioration of the country reaching to the degree where recovery might be impossible. In this regards, a peaceful federal Union calls for the realization of the Panglong Agreement and Panglong pledges and principles, and also the rewriting of a new constitution. Afterwards, we must practice the constitutionalism. Additionally, we must set up structural and core identity of a Union complete with all the essential characteristics. The collectively established Union shall stand tall in the world under collective leadership.

Unless and under there is a federal Union that grantees equality, there will still be difficult to restore the country peace. We firmly believe that the re-implementation of the Panglong pledges is the only answer to the problem of the country internal conflicts in shaping an independent, peaceful and prosperous new Union where values and reliable policies are observed. So, I would request the people's supporting votes for SNLD that is working under the slogan "For Federal, For Peace, Vote SNLD" and wish everyone peace and happiness. I pray physical and mental wellbeing for the people.

Mai-Soong-Kha!



Campaign speeches of political parties for 2020 General Election, on 20-21 September

CAMPAIGN speeches of Zomi Congress for Democracy (ZCD) Party for 2020 General Election will be broadcast on MRTV, Hluttaw Channel, Myanma Radio and MRTV Facebook page at 7 pm on 20 September, and will be published in the state-owned newspapers— the Myanma Alinn, the Mirror and the Global New Light of Myanmar—on 21 September. However, that of Inn National Development Party will only be published on 21 September. — MNA

Section 59 (g) in Hluttaw Election Law

IN accordance with section 59 (g) of the Hluttaw Election Law, no one is allowed to vote more than once in any election for a Hluttaw constituency in which he or she has the right to vote. Anyone who is found guilty of or abetting this act shall be punishable with imprisonment for a term not exceeding one year, or with fine not exceeding K100,000 (one hundred thousand Kyats), or with both.



LOOSENING RESTRICTIONS

1,000 fans allowed in Italian stadiums from Sunday - sports minister

UP to 1,000 fans will be allowed at open-air sports events in Italy, sports minister Vincenzo Spadafora said on Friday, on the eve of the return of Serie A football.

The change will come on Sunday, meaning Saturday's opening Serie A games (Fiorentina v Torino Verona v Roma) will be behind closed doors but nine-time reigning Serie A champions Juventus could kick off their season against Sampdoria on Sunday in Turin with fans.

Spadafora only mentioned tennis, with the WTA and ATP Italian Open running in Rome until Monday.

"From the semi-finals and finals, 1,000 spectators can be present at all sports competitions which take place outdoors and which scrupulously respect sanitary rules," the minister said.

Organizers who want to par-

tially reopen stadiums will have to respect "rules laid down for spacing, masks, seat reservations," the minister said.

He said the decision would be officially confirmed "in the next few hours" and called it "a first step, but a significant step towards a return to normality in sport, which we hope for soon."

The organisers of the Masters 1000 in Rome, where Spanish tennis star Rafael Nadal is returning to competition after more than six months, had denounced a "huge injustice" to have to play behind closed doors, while the French Open, which begins in less than ten days, will be able to welcome spectators.

Football clubs had also been demanding an end to the financially crippling lockdown and a gradual reopening of stadiums after more than six months.

SOURCE: AFP



Juventus fans could only celebrate their club's ninth consecutive Italian title outside the Allianz Stadium. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

SAFE-HAVEN ASSETS

Midas touch: Singapore exchange touts gold to the masses



To appeal to mom-and-pop investors, the exchange is also offering one, five, ten, 50 and 100 gram bars. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

FANCY owning your own gold bars that you can admire and take selfies with?

With the coronavirus fueling demand for safe-haven assets for investors to park their cash, a Singapore exchange is offering mom-and-pop investors what it says is an easier way to get their hands on the precious metal.

The Singapore Precious Metals Exchange is seeking to do away with the notion trading in bullion is only for professional investors or the super-rich, by offering small amounts for reasonable prices that can be bought using a phone app.

"When we first started our business a decade ago, obviously we attracted the elite group, people who had money," chief executive Victor Foo told AFP.

"But it's our aspiration to be able to reach the mass market."

The price of an ounce of gold topped US\$2,000 for the first time last month -- fuelled by worries about the economic impact of the virus as well as future inflation -- and Foo says sales have risen.

But 80 percent of his customers are still high-net-worth individuals and the exchange's most popular offering is a one kilogram (2.2 pound) gold bar -- setting them back more than

US\$60,000.

Foo is, however, keen to stress you can start much smaller.

For around US\$70 you can buy one gram -- a wafer the size of an SD memory card -- while mini-bars weighing five, ten, 50 and 100 grams are also available.

SGPMX says it is the world's first precious metals exchange entirely backed by physical bullion, and investors can turn up whenever they like to admire their trove.

While virus-related travel curbs have halted most visits from overseas for now, there is a steady stream in usual times -- with Japanese particularly keen to check out their investments.

"They visit us once a year, they see their thing, take pictures, 'wefie', then they go," Foo said.

The bullion is stored at Le Freeport, a fortified, Fort Knox-like vault near the city-state's main airport set up to house treasures from around the world and private art collections.

Security is tight -- the gold is kept inside vaults protected by massive metal doors and thick walls that block mobile phone signals.

SOURCE: AFP

SCREW-CAP VERSION

Japanese milk cartons adopting plastic caps amid pandemic

MORE Japanese milk manufacturers are switching to cartons with plastic caps amid the coronavirus pandemic as a way to reduce possible infection as consumers no longer need come into contact with the pouring surface when they open the container.

Megmilk Snow Brand Co. and Meiji Holdings Co. are among major Japanese beverage makers that are moving over to 900-millilitre cartons with screw caps, with the move coming at a time when many manufacturers are in the process of upgrading their equipment.

COVID-19, the respiratory disease caused by the coronavirus, spreads through small droplets that are expelled when an infected person coughs, sneezes or speaks, according to the World Health Organization.

These droplets can land and stay on objects, infecting people who touch them and then go on to touch their eyes, nose, or mouth. Megmilk Snow Brand launched its "Tokuno" rich milk, sealed with a plastic cap, on Sept. 8, after adopting caps for its other brands such as "Mainichi Honebuto MBP"

and "Accadi Onakani Yasashiku" from April. Meiji Holdings has also replaced the old carton for its "Meiji Oishii Gyunyu" brand with a screw-cap version.

The new cartons have been welcomed by the elderly, who are said to be more vulnerable to the virus and who are also the main buyers of milk, according to Nippon Paper Industries Co., a paper and pulp manufacturer and supplier of carton-making machines. Some consumers regard the switch as an effective price hike, however, as milk has previously been sold in 1,000-ml cartons. A Megmilk spokeswoman said the content was reduced to keep the price unchanged despite value added to the products by adopting caps. The new package pursued the added values of "both deliciousness and functionality, such as cleanliness and easiness to pour," she said.

Nippon Paper Industries expects sales of carton-making machines that can adapt to the screw-cap design to increase by half from a year earlier in the fiscal year ending March 2021 and reach 10 billion yen (\$95.3 million) in five years.

SOURCE: KYODO

Trump expects enough Covid-19 vaccines for every American by April

WASHINGTON — US President Donald Trump said Friday he expects enough Covid-19 vaccines “for every American” will be produced by next April, and that the first doses will be distributed immediately after approval later this year.

Claiming “historic progress” with three vaccines in the final stages of development and trials, Trump said at least 100 million doses would be manufactured by the end of the year — perhaps more.

“Hundreds of millions of doses will be available every month, and we expect to have enough vaccines for every American by April,” he said. Trump also vowed to get the vaccine out with lightning speed, saying, “I think distribution will go even quicker than most people think.”

Vaccines are seen as one of the top methods for halting the spread of the coronavirus, which has killed nearly 950,000 people worldwide, including a global high of 198,000 in the United States.



Dr Sonia Maciejewski (R) and Dr Nita Patel, Director of Antibody discovery and Vaccine development, look at a sample of a respiratory virus at Novavax labs in Rockville, Maryland, one of the labs developing a vaccine for the coronavirus. **PHOTO: AFP**

The president, facing a tough reelection campaign, has repeatedly stated that he envisions a safe and effective vaccine approved in the coming weeks, even ahead of the November 3 presidential election.

But that extraordinarily optimistic timeline was called into question by a top government health official this week.

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Robert Redfield testified to lawmakers

Wednesday that a “very limited” distribution to priority groups, including first responders, could begin in November and December, but that full implementation would take many more months at least.—AFP ■

Peru President Vizcarra survives impeachment vote



Police stand guard near Congress in Lima as Peru's President Martin Vizcarra faced an impeachment vote. **PHOTO: AFP**

LIMA — Peru's President Martin Vizcarra survived an impeachment vote in Congress on Friday as his opponents failed

to win the votes necessary to remove him from power.

Congress had voted last week to open impeachment pro-

ceedings against the 57-year-old president for “moral incapacity” over accusations he incited aides to lie to anti-graft investigators.

After a 10-hour debate, only 32 legislators voted for his dismissal, while 78 voted against and 15 abstained.

The opposition needed 87 votes of 130 to dismiss the popular leader.

“Peru's great challenges require us to act sensibly and responsibly,” Vizcarra tweeted after the vote. “Let us all continue working together for what really matters to Peruvians.”

During a statement at the start of the Congressional debate, he had remained defiant.

“I'm not running. I didn't do it before and I'm not going to do

it now,” he said before leaving his defense to his lawyer Roberto Pereira.

The heated session was opened by Marino, who would have replaced Vizcarra as Peru's leader had the impeachment carried.

He began by calling on members present in the chamber to avoid any intolerant gestures towards the head of state, although most of the 130 lawmakers joined the debate by video link due to the coronavirus pandemic, which has taken a heavy toll in the South American country.

Vizcarra had accused Marino of “conspiracy” by trying to secure military assurances for a bid to succeed him.—AFP ■

Iran Guards vow Soleimani revenge will target only ‘those involved’

TEHRAN — Iran's Revolutionary Guards chief said Saturday that Tehran will avenge the US killing of its top commander General Qasem Soleimani by targeting only those involved, in an “honourable” retaliation.

Soleimani, who headed

the Guards elite Qods Force, was killed in an American air strike near Baghdad airport in January.

A US media report, quoting unnamed officials, said Iran plans in retaliation to assassinate the American ambassador

to South Africa, Lana Marks, before the presidential election in November.

US President Donald Trump threatened Iran this week with a “thousand times stronger” response in case of any attack on his country, fol-

lowing the report.

South Africa's state security agency said Friday it had found no evidence of such a plot against Marks.

Guards' chief Major General Hossein Salami retorted to the US president.—AFP ■

NEWS IN BRIEF

Bodyguard to UK foreign minister 'left gun on plane'

LONDON — A bodyguard to British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab has been “removed from operational duties” after leaving his gun on a plane back from the United States, reports and police said Saturday.

The Sun newspaper said the loaded, semi-automatic pistol was found in its holster on a seat by a cleaner after the plane landed at London's Heathrow Airport early on Friday morning.

Raab was in Washington this week for talks with US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Democratic House of Representatives Speaker Nancy Pelosi.

A spokesman for London's Metropolitan Police said: “We are aware of the incident on a flight into the UK on Friday, September 18, and we are taking this matter extremely seriously.”

“The officer involved has since been removed from operational duties whilst an internal investigation into the circumstances is taking place.” There was no immediate response from the foreign ministry.—AFP ■

Two killed, 14 wounded in shooting at US party

NEW YORK — Two people were killed and 14 wounded early Saturday in a shooting at a backyard party in Rochester, New York state, police said.

Officers responding to reports of gunfire in the area found a “chaotic scene” with about 100 people running in various directions, interim police chief Mark Simmons told reporters.

“In total we have 16 confirmed victims of shooting. And I'm sad to announce that two of the 16 received a fatal wound,” he said.

Those killed — one man, one woman — were both between 18 and 22 years of age, and had not been formally identified, he said.

The 14 wounded had been taken to hospital and were not in a life-threatening condition, he said.—AFP ■

TikTok says disappointed with latest decision from U.S. Commerce Department

LOS ANGELES — Video-sharing social networking platform TikTok said Friday that it felt disappointed with the decision announced by the U.S. Commerce Department blocking the download and update of the company's popular application starting Sunday.

"We disagree with the decision from the Commerce Department, and are disappointed that it stands to block new app downloads from Sunday and ban use of the TikTok app in the U.S. from November 12," a TikTok representative said in a statement acquired by Xinhua. "Our community of

100 million U.S. users love TikTok because it's a home for entertainment, self-expression, and connection," the Los Angeles-based tech company said, "and we're committed to protecting their privacy and safety as we continue working to bring joy to families and meaningful careers to those who create on our platform."

The Commerce Department said Friday that as of Sunday, any moves to distribute or maintain TikTok on app stores such as Apple Store and Google Play will be prohibited, and a more extensive ban against the app would be applied from Nov. 12.

Business insiders said that, under Friday's decision, TikTok's users who had already downloaded the app may continue using it, but they will not be able to download updated versions from Sunday.

According to the company, as of June, the total number of TikTok's monthly active users in the country soared to 91,937,040, and based on quarterly usage, 100 million Americans used the app. Meanwhile, the White House was reported weighing a proposal raised by TikTok on Monday, which the company believes "would resolve the Administration's security concerns."—Xinhua ■



Photo taken on Aug. 5, 2020 shows the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington D.C., the United States. PHOTO: XINHUA/LIU JIE

Japan national park facilities upgraded with "workation" in mind



Supplied photo shows an image of workation. PHOTO: KYUKAMURA KISHU KADA RESORT HOTEL/KYODO

TOKYO — National parks across Japan have improved internet access and taken other steps to attract teleworkers as the coronavirus pandemic has increased interest in "workation" — a vacation that combines business and leisure in which people work remotely at their destinations.

Lodging facilities and camping grounds at national parks have upgraded Wi-Fi access points with financial support from the Environment Ministry, but it is unclear how soon remote workers will be welcomed with open arms amid the ongoing virus spread.

"We would like people

to start visiting national parks in their vicinity first," said Environment Minister Shinjiro Koizumi, as many people remain hesitant about making long-distance trips.

A ministry official also said lodging facilities at national parks are being encouraged to decide for themselves on when and how to accept teleworkers.

The government has been promoting the "workation" concept in the hope it will revitalize local economies hit hard by the coronavirus. Chuzenji Kanaya Hotel, located inside Nikko National Park in Tochigi Prefecture, north of Tokyo, has prepared a working space for up to three people separate from regular guest rooms.

"We would like to offer a plan in which guests can

work in the morning and enjoy activities such as trekking and canoeing with their families in the afternoon," said a hotel official in charge of the workation plan. The hotel is situated near Lake Chuzenji.

The operator of the Kyukamura Kishu Kada resort hotel in Wakayama Prefecture, part of Setonai-kai National Park in western Japan, offers a service allowing day trippers to use guestrooms for work.

Since the service drew favourable reactions from guests when it was offered between April and July, the operator reintroduced it from September.

"We want people to engage in remote work while relaxing in an environment away from their usual daily life," an official at the hotel said.—Kyodo ■

EU seeks probes into alleged Mozambique rights abuses

BRUSSELS — The European Parliament has called on Mozambique to allow independent investigations into allegations of torture and serious rights abuses in a gas-rich northern region ravaged by extremist violence.

The call came after shocking video footage emerged this week showing men in army uniform beating a naked woman they accused of being an insurgent and then pumping bullets into her.

Mozambique Defence Minister Jaime Neto has dismissed the video as "fabricated".

In a statement released Thursday, the parliament called on the southern African country "to launch an independent and impartial investigation into torture and other grave violations allegedly committed by its security forces in Cabo Delgado."

It urged the government to allow independent human rights investigators and monitors into the province.

Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch have also called for a probe into the incident.—AFP ■

U.S. current account deficit widens sharply in Q2

WASHINGTON — The U.S. current account deficit widened sharply in the second quarter as the COVID-19 pandemic weighed on U.S. exports, the Commerce Department reported Friday.

The current account deficit, which reflects the combined balances on

trade in goods and services and income flows between the United States and other countries, widened by 52.9 per cent to 170.5 billion U.S. dollars in the second quarter, the department said.

That was equal to 3.5 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP) in the sec-

ond quarter, up from 2.1 per cent in the first quarter.

The widening current account deficit in the second quarter mostly reflected "an expanded deficit on goods and reduced surpluses on primary income and on services," the department said. The department also noted that

all major categories of current account transactions declined in the second quarter partly due to the pandemic, as "many businesses were operating at limited capacity or ceased operations completely, and the movement of travelers across borders was restricted."—Xinhua ■

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Bayint Naung Warehouse and Cargo-Bus Terminal serves to smoothen trade flows across the nation

By Thant Zin Win

VARIOUS kinds of goods from the different parts of Myanmar are traded from one place to another by storing or loading on the trucks at the relevant logistics hubs, and the numbers of trucks entering and exiting at Bayint Naung Warehouse and Cargo-Bus Terminal are between 600 and 800 which ferry the freight to their intended destinations daily.

Bayint Naung Warehouse and Cargo-Bus Terminal is located

ed on 75.2 acres of land and has more than 300 domestic freight truck terminals transporting goods across the nation. It also earns a great deal of revenue for the government. The streets at the bus terminals are called with the name of a flower-like Padauk street, Sein Pan street, Nguwah street and Kant Kaw street. It can be supposed that all the street names carry a sign for economic growth.

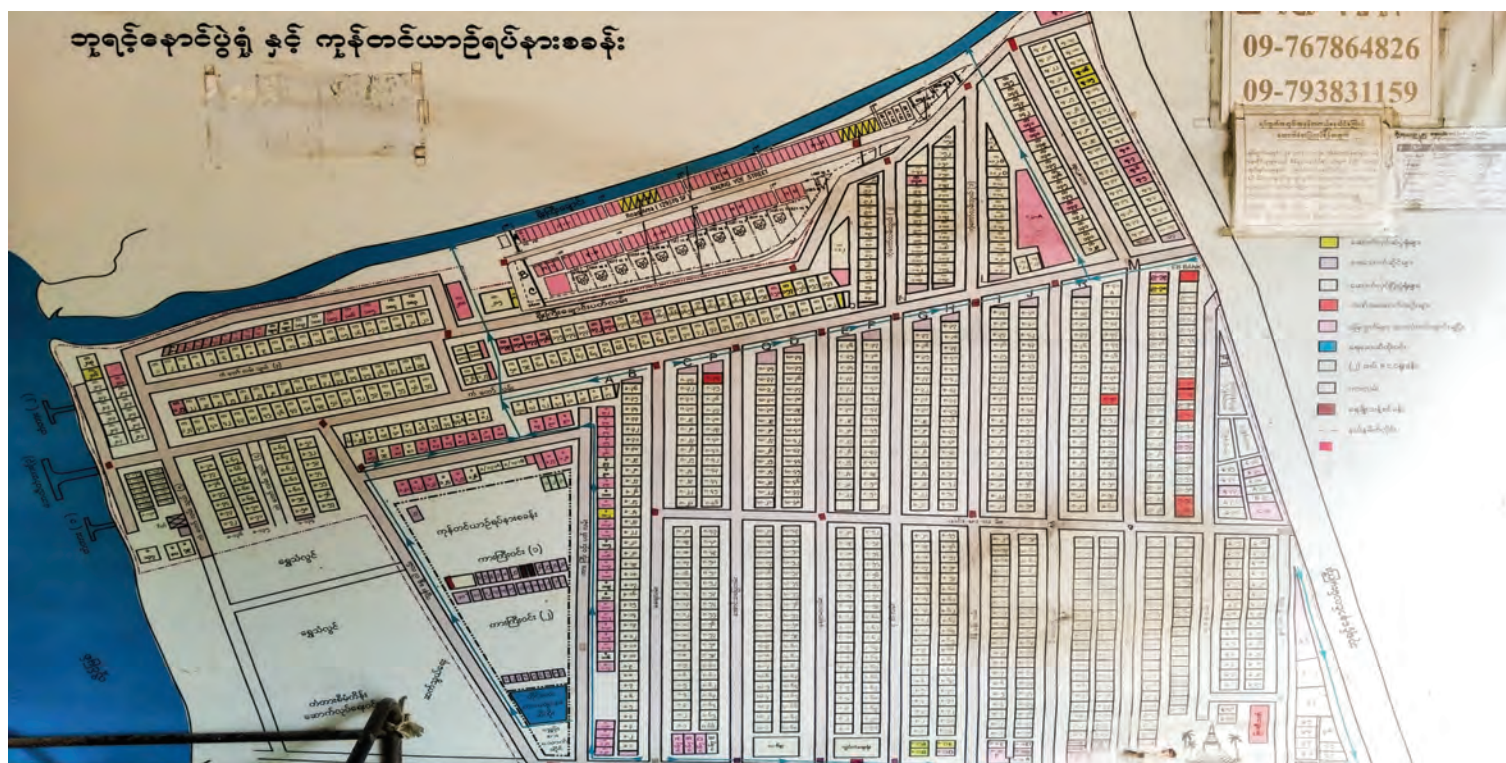
There are more than 600 members of Myanmar High-

way Freight Transport Service Association from Kachin, Kay-in, Shan states and Yangon, Mandalay, Sagaing, Bago and Magway regions and more than 60,000 trucks are in operations, according to the chair of the association.

Bayint Naung Warehouse and Cargo-Bus Terminal offers two bus terminals called bus terminal (1) and bus terminal (2). The freight trucks gates of Yangon Region UMFCCI, Myanmar Rice Federation, Myan-



Trucks loaded goods at the Bayint Naung Highway Freight Terminal in Mayangon Township. PHOTO: THANT ZIN WIN



Map of Bayintnaung wholesale centres and Bayintnaung Highway Freight terminal. PHOTO: THANT ZIN WIN



Trucks loaded goods at the Bayint Naung Highway Freight Terminal in Mayangon Township. PHOTO: THANT ZIN WIN

mar Rice Merchants Association and Myanmar Edible Oil Dealers' Association including banks, small restaurants, Bayint Naung Hotel, offices of Yangon City Development Committee and Myanmar Highway Freight Transport Service Association are located in the compound of that bus terminal. It is running under the supervision of the Department of Discipline of YCDC.

Bayint Naung Warehouse and Cargo-Bus Terminal is located at the confluence of Hline river and Yoe Gyi creek in Mayangon township and it is the main logistic hubs as it shares a border with Bayint Naung jetty where container ships to Myeik, Kawthoung, Pyapon and Sittway townships dock.

“There are about 30 staff, including drivers at one freight trucks gate. We cannot stop our operation as we run an SME business. We will stop if the logistic sector totally suspends. We adopt such system as exchanging products from one region to another region across the country. All the bus gates of 14 regions and states are concentrated at Bayint Naung Warehouse. The Department of Discipline checks the body temperature of drivers who will transport freight to countryside areas in COVID-19 pandemic. After granting the health certificates, we approve their travel history, including the names and phone numbers of gates, drivers and conductors. Then, the administrator of No (1) Ward of Mayangon Township



approves that letter again and we have to take the health certificate of the regional doctors. If we have such three certificates, we can go to other regions and states. Now, there are very few freight transportations during the rainy season. The opening season between November and May including Thadingyut and Tazaungdaing is the best time to transport the goods. The melon season starts in October, and the trucks run to Muse border areas to export to China. It depends on Yangon-Muse route. There were 100trucks to Rakhine State in the past, but now there are only 40 trucks per day,” said U Kyin Thein, chair of Myanmar Highway Freight Transport Service Association.

The officials of Bayint Naung Warehouse disinfect in the terminal compound and check the body temperature of bus lines staff during the COVID-19 outbreak. They beef up the security at every transit and allow the truck entering the terminal after checking the documents, said U Nyo Min Lwin, director of Discipline under YCDC.

Bayint Naung Warehouse and Cargo-Bus Terminal is the main centre to distribute or exchange the products and commodities of all regions and states across the nation including delta regions and it still operating for all national brethren as support of socio-economic growth.

(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)



Map of Bayint Naung Highway Freight Terminal.
PHOTO: THANT ZIN WIN

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AJISHIN

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

ANAIMO

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

BIKKURA SUSHI & SASHIMI JAPANESE RESTAURANT

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

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

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

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

FUJINOBO

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

FURUSATO

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

GEKKO

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

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

HOKKAIDO JAPANESE RESTAURANT

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

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

Hot Pot City 8 Miles

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

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

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

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

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

HOTLE SIDNEY

No. 8L/Mindhama Road, Between Kyaik Wine Pagoda Road and Parami Road, Mayangone Township. Ph: 01-655770/ 01-9669600-02.

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

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

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

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

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

SEDONA HOTEL

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

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

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No. 51/ D, Kabar Aye Pagoda Road, 10th Quarter, Mayangone Township, Yangon. Ph: 09-797109000/ 01-658210/ 01-658220.

MFF president attends 70th FIFA Congress online

MYANMAR Football Federation President U Zaw Zaw attended the 70th FIFA Congress via a videoconference on 18 September, according to the statement with the MFF yesterday. MFF Vice-President and Yangon United FC President U Pyae Phyo Tay Za and MFF General Secretary U Ko Ko Thein also joined the meeting along with MFF president.

FIFA President Gianni Infantino chaired the meeting, and other member association (MA) presidents also participated in the online session.

During the meeting, FIFA President Gianni Infantino sent out a message of encouragement to all 211 of FIFA's member associations during the coronavirus crisis via videoconference as the FIFA Congress convened remotely for the first time.

Then FIFA President led the discussion of congress and made some of the decisions with the voting of 211 members of football associations and also announced the 71st FIFA Congress would be held in Tokyo, Japan in 2021. —Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■



MFF president U Zaw Zaw (Centre), MFF vice-president U Pyae Phyo Tay Za (Left) and MFF General Secretary U Ko Ko Thein (Right) joining the 70th FIFA Congress via videoconference on 18 September. **PHOTO: MFF**

MNL Derby: Yangon, Hantharwady play to goalless draw



Hantharwady's Lar Din Maw Yar (blue) and Yangon's Aboubacar struggle for the ball during their MNL derby match played yesterday at Yangon United Sports Complex. **PHOTO: MNL**

A derby match of Week-17 Myanmar National League, played yesterday between Yangon United and Hantharwady United at Yangon United Sports Complex has ended with a scoreless draw.

Both teams launched a massive attack, but players could not use their all-out efforts as the turf was wet due to early heavy rainfall before the match.

Yangon got more football possession with goal chances than Hantharwady throughout the match, but striker Maung Maung Lwin and Aboubacar lost their excellent opportunities for goals.

For the 0-0 result with

sharing a point, Hantharwady United had two points lesser than first-place team Ayeyawady who beat Rakhine United 2-1 in another match played at Padonmar Stadium on the same day.

Next, Yangon United is now nine points different from the first-place team Ayeyawady due to their draw result.

In another match, defending champions, Shan United beat ISPE 3-1 with goals of Dway Ko Ko Chit and Ye Min Thu.

For the win, defending champions are now standing in the third place, with four points different to top spot sitter Ayeyawady. —Lynn Thit (Tgi) ■

Infantino claims FIFA purged of 'toxic' corruption

LAUSANNE (AFP) — FIFA president Gianni Infantino on Friday (Sept 18) defended his fight "against corruption" in football in spite of being under criminal investigation in Switzerland since the end of July.

Infantino said at the opening of the 70th FIFA Congress held by videoconference with delegates from 211 member federations that he believed he had restored the integrity of the body after a wave of scandals.

"We will never again have corruption in football... We have excluded it and we will not let it

come back," promised a bullish Infantino who also referenced his predecessor Sepp Blatter, ousted in 2015.

"FIFA became victim to corrupt officials - that's not what I say, that's what courts say all over the world, and FIFA is still suffering from that.

"In 2015, FIFA was toxic, was pronounced dead. An organisation that had served itself from football, had used football, instead of serving football."

Infantino, in charge of world football's governing body since 2016, is the subject of an investi-

gation over suspected collusion between him and Swiss attorney-general Michael Lauber, who resigned in July over his handling of a corruption investigation targeting FIFA.

"So, why was I meeting the Swiss attorney-general? Because it was my duty as FIFA president because I wanted to liberate FIFA from those old, toxic values."

"We will be able to convince the sceptics eventually. (The meetings with Lauber) were meant to define that the new FIFA was miles away from the old Fifa."—AFP ■

Neymar to lead Brazil in World Cup qualifying

RIO DE JANEIRO — Brazil coach Tite kept faith with a troubled Neymar on Friday, choosing him to lead the Selecao as they launch their 2022 World Cup qualifying campaign next month.

Young Lyon midfielder Bruno Guimaraes comes into the squad and could make his

international debut while Real Madrid striker Rodrygo also returns.

The five-time world champions play Bolivia in Sao Paulo on October 9, then travel to Lima to face Peru four days later. The matches were originally scheduled for March, but were postponed because of the

coronavirus pandemic.

The return to international play could be a welcome break for Neymar, who has had a tumultuous time since losing with the Champions League final with Paris Saint-Germain.

First he had to quarantine after testing positive for coronavirus and then, when he returned to action, was banned for two matches Wednesday for his role in a brawl at the end of PSG's 1-0 loss to Marseille.

The French league is investigating the star striker's claim that Spanish defender Alvaro Gonzalez taunted him with racist insults.

Neymar's former PSG teammate Thiago Silva, who signed with Chelsea last month, also got the call from Tite, even though the centre-back will be 37 by the time of the World Cup in Qatar.—AFP ■



Brazil coach Tite kept faith with a troubled Neymar on Friday, choosing him to lead the Selecao as they launch their 2022 World Cup qualifying campaign next month. **PHOTO: AFP**

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Monks with Masks in Alms-Round



IN towns and wards across Myanmar, monks have traditionally filed down streets at dawn and day time seeking alms-food under whatever weather. The layperson can gain merit by donating rice and other food which is known as the act of “dana” or giving, an important aspect of the Buddhist teaching. We believe that doing merit - good karma - through giving can help mitigate the effects of bad luck. Offering food to monks is not only the way of merit-gaining but a blissful deed in our daily life throughout the country. A devotee might help to shade the bare-shaved head of the monk who goes barefooted, holding alms bowls: this is a common scene in Myanmar. Return to the monastery, breakfast or lunch which is the only meal of the day with whatever was collected in the certain place. Moreover, it comes from the disciplinary rules for monks not to participate in agricultural labour, but to keep only a few possessions and eat only what is offered in their bowls each morning on the alms rounds.

In mid-March 2020, following the emergence of the coronavirus in Myanmar, there was an announcement that monasteries, mosque, church and so forth be closed and that festivals as well as rituals be postponed. The coronavirus has brought significant challenges to people all over the world, including religious communities. But, some monks from certain monasteries still go on alms rounds and we can see many monks in some nook and cranny wards collecting alms and visiting households even in this time of social distancing. Individual monks get to know the devotees who regularly offer them alms, and they kindly manage to come and receive offerings for the sake of the devotees. But these have been restricted by social distancing rules during the pandemic. Why? Food shortages have emerged for monks, particularly like in our ward. Although the government concerns to offer alms food for the monastery, the plans are not fruitfully successful in many cases. In other words, monks still depend on morning and day alms rounds.

Once Honey told me that “instead of high-pitching through the mic from the ward-community-hall, it is better safe to collect the alms-food and offerings by them (the trustee in our ward) and send the meal to the particular monasteries. So sad! In watching the monks in mask carrying alms-bowl and fans under the who-knows-infectious-diseases”. Quite agreeable that in our ward, every morning at 9:30 or 10 we can see the monks strolling neatly in a row on barefoot through the adjacent ward for alms-receiving rounds. The monks including novices, ordained monks, dedicated monks from Dhamma Vihara monastery and those from Ywar Oo Kyaung Taik get used to collect offerings from the local people daily. These daily alms round is important, providing a regular source of food for the monks and a central practice for them.

Today, monks socially distancing as they go about their daily alms rounds while dressed in face masks have become a common sight during the coronavirus pandemic in town and around. As usual, when it is 9:00 am, the loud speaker from the community-hall (dama joun) of the ward drive the people into motion ahead to offer alms (Swan) to the monks. Soon, there come the monks from respective monasteries. Those from the community-hall announce from the blaring loud speaker how much we have done merit through offering alms-food to

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Lovebirds and Passwords



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WITH the purpose of building network and communicating each other from diverse backgrounds and other business opportunities, social media has been widely used. In our country, Myanmar, if we say "social media", Facebook is the common and popular among all layers of people. The old, the young and even the children use the Facebook on a daily basis rather than as a source of seeking information and pleasure in their spare time.

Although the Facebook could bring the advantages and happiness for those who have supposed to use it effectively, there have been social bitches for the ones who could not manage to be active. More recently, sharing passwords among the couples has been one of the trends. Assuming that this could turn out to be much more sophisticated to ourselves, our job-related people and other associated ones physically and emotionally, it needs to consider how to tackle

it softly without suspecting of many splendored thing, so called love. Despite accepting that being attached between youths is the natural process, having us put with the misleading concept about relationship seem designating themselves with the physical and emotional impacts. For example, whether intentionally or not, the social norm that if someone falls in love with other, passwords must be shared is unacceptable.

Like youths, no sooner do teenagers fall in relationship on Facebook than they have been demanding passwords without taking into account of the long-term processes. We should put our beliefs, affection and loyalty on our hearts, head and how we particularly behave, plus fill in the social emotional blanks

rather than we build confidence on alphabets and numbers. With insecurities, including myself, almost all love-birds just feel entirely secure about watching the messenger of the related person and checking what has been told. Perhaps we feel ourselves tough or kind otherwise, even jealous of. So, we should not hurt our mental health via using social media while we need to think of it as not being the biggest threat to our daily lives. Thus, I would like to point out that sharing privacy, in other words, sharing passwords is another kind of striking our inner peace and welcoming worthlessly unneeded social problems. Besides, what and how has been chatted between the beloved and friendly ones has become a barrier. As a result, the dude or girl who has been watched feel over-controlled and on the other hand, the related girl or boy become weary under doubted condition.

These are the whys and wherefores of becoming disturbing our innermost thoughts, feelings and desires and so there comes to be weak in valuing privacy, along with respecting each other.

Although this does not matter for some love-hate relationships and it could bring some advantages such as being much more beliefs and understandings than before, most of them have recently been apart until the marriage condition comes. Consequently, in our country, Myanmar, influenced by hearsay and conservative views, this might attack girls or women. Therefore, to my opinion, trying not to bring unnecessary social norms to the world, I have just realized that it needs to build the mentally supportive community for all layers of youths. Moreover, everyone has his or her dark side and not everyone wants to show even the family members or familiar ones. We all should understand these. We should firstly think so as not to

demand passwords rather than an argument in asking for that. Highlighting the quote from Google "Social media is about sociology and psychology more than technology", we need promoting ourselves to impact our personality, directions, emotions and we should be aware of uploading what would be a reflection of our lives before deciding whether or not to share our privacy to the lovers or the siblings by heart, not by blood. Lastly, sharing the quote by Susan Cooper, "Engage, Enlighten, Encourage and especially ... just be yourself! Social media is a community effort, everyone is an asset.", on social media, especially, on Facebook, it should be just to build an empowered society which could provide alleviating victim blaming and its effects, respecting each privacy, identity and rights.

Summing up, different people have different ideas of defining love and using social media. In this technological world, it is the ongoing process that love-hate relationships have been created through communication tools. Therefore, in consideration of asking for personal information, the truth and measuring how much love could be shared each other, we should reflect some effective and useful ways, sharing the passwords of social media accounts instead.

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the sons of the Buddha and how much we can be lucky, keeping the pandemic at bay in the future. Here, what I would like to suggest is that instead of organizing the donors through the loudspeaker from the community-hall, they should think about the better way of the monks' safe partaking the alms without going around the ward due to the present situation. Most people offer rice while a few donors offer some curry.

Maybe, people dare not shop during these days! However, in practice, while there is no formal assignment of alms routes, monks will often travel through neighbourhoods in a regular pattern.

According to the CDC (the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention), the novel coronavirus can travel 13 feet through the air and be carried around on people's shoes. How dangerous the life of the monks walking bare foot in Myanmar! As far as I am

personally concerned, being in a lockdown is nothing new for monk. They live and work in seclusion 365 days of the year, willingly devoting hours of each day to solitary prayer and silence. For them, physical distancing from the outside world comes naturally. We can convey our donations for the monks to the local monastery by ourselves. Collecting the alms offered by each house in carts and sending the alms to respective monasteries may be taken charge of by the

well-wishers of the community-hall. I am afraid, people might criticize me that there are many reasons why this practice is done despite the infection can bring through close contact between the monk and his lay donor. Nevertheless, in the present situation, I think we should restrain our religious ardour for the moment. Only if we take preventive measures can the virus be controlled and we can save lives in any circumstances.



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Normalizing the normal

EVERY person is different and unique, born to write his or her own different story and that is the most beautiful thing about human nature. Even if we grew up in the same environment with same background and culture, we have to accept the fact that we can still be different and that is completely normal. The way we were raised by our family, the way we were treated by teachers and friends in school, and everything that happened in our childhood does affect who we are today. Some of us didn't receive enough validation from our parents on growing up, but some grew up on a pedestal. Most of us were raised by acknowledging that addressing our feelings before any other things is not right. Mental illness is not a big deal. Seeing a therapist is something unnecessary and ridiculous. Depression is exaggerating. A person who is conscious of his own emotions and addressing them as needed to be is weak. All of these things are so misleading and yet there is no one to take the blame. This has been rooted in our culture for so long and we need to normalize the normal.

Many generations have been taking over the wrong idea of mental illness and we must acknowledge the fact that it is totally normal to have mental issues. Bipolar disorder, eating disorder, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), psychotic disorder, anxiety and panic attacks, etc. are real and they are as important as physical health issues. However, the ignorance about this is so usual and common that one must be lucky enough to be aware of what he is suffering. It might take someone years to realize what he was going through the whole time and why he is being that person today. People are different so are the reasons that would hurt them emotionally. People sometimes get a ridicule from others when they open up about their childhood traumas and wounds that hurt them because to other people, that was not a big deal. The re-

sponses such as "This too shall pass", "Everything is going to be okay", "Be positive, it could have been worse", are called toxic positivity. It starts to make them think they might be unnecessarily overreacting to certain situations, and they tend to dismiss their feelings because they think those are invalid. It is sad to see a lot of people are afraid to embrace their vulnerability. On the other hand, in terms of interacting with society, to see someone of the same age rocketing their success would give us an insane amount of anxiety. To see someone living a life that we always wanted to would give us a different kind of stress. It is exasperating to witness people accomplishing one thing after another while it takes us forever to get one thing done is exasperating. Every day, the society we live in can make us think that we are running out of time. The world can make us forget to slow down, take time and do a self-reflection.

Anything can damage us emotionally. It doesn't matter who you are and where you stand in relationships. Everyone strives to meet both physical and mental needs. It is nearly impossible to be a flawless family member and friend because everyone is naturally different and there is no way to finish fixing every single problem around us. Things happen: some people can move on, but some get stuck at some point and that is not a problem. It is better to take time to heal rather than letting unprocessed grief and anger get away. However, most of us tend to bury the feelings in a deepest place, try not to ever dig it again,

avoid some certain situations not to remember how it felt to be there and we think that is moving on and being strong. We make ourselves busy all the time so that we don't have time to think about whatever we want to forget and that actually is a trauma response. Remember "Feeling the need to be busy all the time is a trauma response and fear-based distraction from what you'd be forced to acknowledge and feel if you slow down". There is a big difference between this and the desire to be productive.

It costs us happiness to follow the idea of "do what you should do instead of what you want to". Everybody has to make sacrifices to conform to the social standards and expectations of the society at some point in their life.

Everyone is carrying their own emotional baggage. Everybody has already enough on their plate. We can't have rainbows and flowers every day. Through the lows and the highs, it is important to treat and handle gently not only other people but also ourselves. No one can afford to stay strong all the time and that is not a failure. Not giving enough time to ourselves to be in touch with our emotions and distracting with a busy schedule is extremely harsh to our mental well-being. Confronting what needs to be and growing out of that pain is a part of developing self-respect and self-love. This is very crucial to personal growth and one's success in life. A lot of people out there

are trying to take their own life every day because they can't afford self-love anymore and stop questioning their purpose of life on this earth. Living a life is expensive and tiring. Choosing to live at the end of every day is something we can be proud of anytime. Failures are normal. Obstacles do come to everyone. Everyone knows how it feels to encounter unfortunate events. They are all normal things that one has to experience in his lifetime. So, be patient with yourself and others, remember your emotions are valid, take time to heal, try to forgive who did you wrong because life has to go on no matter what and that's on self-love. Most importantly, feel free to normalize the normal.



Return of Myanmar's smiling turtle

THE entire population of the roofed turtle - a large Asian river turtle with a permanently smiling face - was once down to a just few individuals in the wild. But late last month (August 25, 2020), conservationists from the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) and the Turtle Survival Alliance (TSA) announced they had successfully raised 1,000 of the turtles in captivity. They said the smiling turtle will soon be ready for release into the wild.

Myanmar roofed turtles (*Batagur trivittata*) are considered one of the most endangered turtles in the world. In fact, the species was believed to be extinct until WCS/TSA conservationists, along with the Myanmar Forest Department, rediscovered it in the wild in the early 2000s.

A statement from the WCS described how the conservationists recreated the turtles' natural habitat:

Sandbanks used as nesting sites by females are monitored, and eggs are collected and incubated under natural conditions at a secure facility in Limpha Village, Sagaing Region, Myanmar. The offspring are 'head-started' for eventual repatriation into the Chindwin River. With a captive population now approaching 1,000 turtles, the species appears in little danger of biological extinction. Complementary conservation efforts are focused on the remaining wild population, which consists of five to six adult females and perhaps as few as two males. These turtles are so poorly studied that no one had ever gotten around to describing the hatchlings until a recent study published in the journal *Zootaxa*.

Bottom line: The Burmese roofed turtles - aka smiling turtles - were down to a few individuals in the wild, but conservationists recently announced they have successfully raised 1,000 of the turtles in captivity, and say the smiling turtle will soon be ready for release into the wild.

Source: *First description of neonate Batagur trivittata (Testudines: Geoemydidae)*

The Burmese roofed turtle is a critically endangered endemic species known only from the Ayeyarwady, Chindwin,



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Sitaung, and lower Salween rivers, where it was historically reported to be common. However, rampant egg collection, conversion of nesting beaches to seasonal agricultural fields, and chronic over-harvesting of adults by fishermen led to long-term population declines, and by the 1970s the Burmese roofed turtle was assumed to be extinct.

Fears of extinction fortunately proved premature, and the species was "rediscovered" in Dokthawady River (a tributary of the Ayeyarwady River) during a 2001 WCS expedition (Platt et al., 2005). Subsequent surveys located additional turtles along the Dokthawady River and in temple ponds in Mandalay, and a remnant breeding population was found in the upper Chindwin River (Kuchling, 2002). Unfortunately the Dokthawady population is now thought to be extinct after the construction of a hydropower dam allowed an influx of fishermen and inundated nesting beaches. However, turtles obtained from the river and temple ponds in Mandalay were used to found a captive assurance colony at the Yadanabon Zoological Gardens in Mandalay.

To address continuing declines among the remaining wild population of Burmese roofed turtles, WCS/TSA implemented an aggressive in-situ conservation program along the upper Chindwin River. This program is based at Limpha Village and consists of 1) protection and monitoring of nesting beaches by locally hired "conservation wardens", 2) collection and transport of eggs to a protected beach for incubation, 3) head-starting of hatchling turtles, and 4) an education campaign targeting riverside agricultural communities. This integrated conserva-



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tion program has enjoyed noteworthy success and as of 2015, over 700 roofed turtles have been hatched and reared successfully as part of the head-starting program. Nonetheless, fewer than 10 females remain in the wild, and given the extinction risk inherent in any small population, this aggressive conservation program must be continued if this population is to survive.

In addition to conservation efforts along the upper Chindwin River, three assurance colonies have been established with the objective of bolstering the global population of Burmese roofed turtles and producing offspring for eventual release into the wild. The initial assurance colony was founded at the Yadanabon Zoological Gardens (Mandalay) and currently contains 22 adult breeding turtles. The founding stock consists of turtles confiscated by the Myanmar Forest Department after being illegally taken by fishermen, and others found in monastery ponds and donated to the zoo for conservation purposes. The turtles are housed in a spacious natural pond and provided with an artificial sandbank for nesting.



WCS Regional Herpetologist Steve Platt discussing with TSA Director Kalyar Platt about the health of a newborn Burmese Roofed turtle within the Minzontaung Wildlife Sanctuary, while WCS turtle technician Khin My.

The 2014-15 nesting season yielded 53 hatchling turtles, now being head-started at a specially designed rearing facility in the zoo. In 2010, a second assurance colony was established at Lawkanandar Wildlife Sanctuary using captive-bred progeny produced at the Yadanabon Zoo as well as turtles hatched on the upper Chindwin River. Most of the 100 roofed turtles in this assurance colony are now 9-10 years-old and have yet to reach sexual maturity. However, adult males now exhibit breeding coloration and reproduction is expected within the next few years. In anticipation of future breeding, a large artificial sandbank for nesting turtles was constructed in the enclosure during 2015. The third assurance colony consists of another 100 turtles housed in a large pond near the headquarters of Htamanthi Wildlife Sanctuary in the riverside hamlet of Htamanthi. These turtles were originally hatched on the upper Chindwin River, head-started at the Yadanabon Zoo, and returned to Htamanthi in 2015. Breeding is not expected to begin for another 3-5 years.

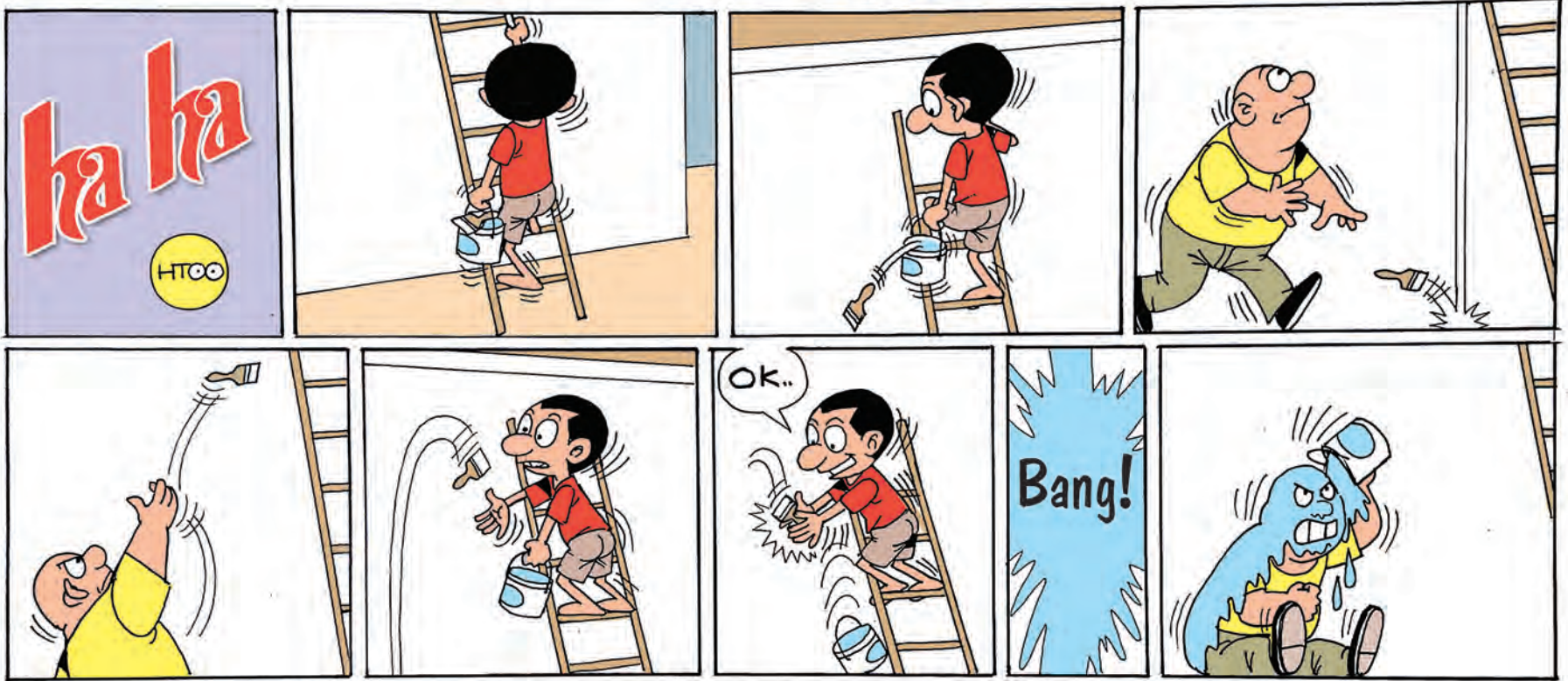
Given this numerical buffer against biological extinction, the first reintroduction of head-started roofed turtles to the wild was undertaken in 2015. Prior to this action, a wide-ranging assessment of potential release sites was conducted. Ultimately, two areas were identified where reintroduction was thought likely to succeed. The first area is a stretch of the upper Chindwin River near Limpha Village, already inhabited by several nesting females, while the second is along Nam Thalet Chaung, a relatively pristine tributary of the Chindwin that debouches into the river near Htamanthi.

In January 2015, 160 large sub-adult roofed turtles were transported by truck from Mandalay to the WCS/TSA Forward Operating Base in Limpha Village; 60 of these turtles were destined for release while the remaining 100 would go to the nascent assurance colony being established in Htamanthi. The trip proved nightmarish, a week-long truck ride along rutted jungle tracks awash in mud, followed by a 160 km boat trip up the Chindwin River. Upon arriving at Limpha the turtles were released into two large concrete grow-out ponds to recuperate from their arduous journey.

As part of the conservation effort to restore roofed turtles to the wild, WCS/TSA has leased the fishing rights to approximately 5 km of the Chindwin River at Limpha Village. Leasing fishing rights allows us to legally control access and dictate the type of fishing gear (if any) deployed on this stretch of river with obvious benefits for turtle conservation. Furthermore, the WCS/TSA turtle conservation team in conjunction with Forest Department personnel based at Limpha conducts regular patrols of the Chindwin River to enforce laws against electro- and dynamite fishing. These patrols are generally conducted at night and enjoy considerable support among riverside communities who view fish poachers as thieves unfairly exploiting a common resource. Future plans call for leasing the fishing rights on additional sections of river to expand protection of turtles.

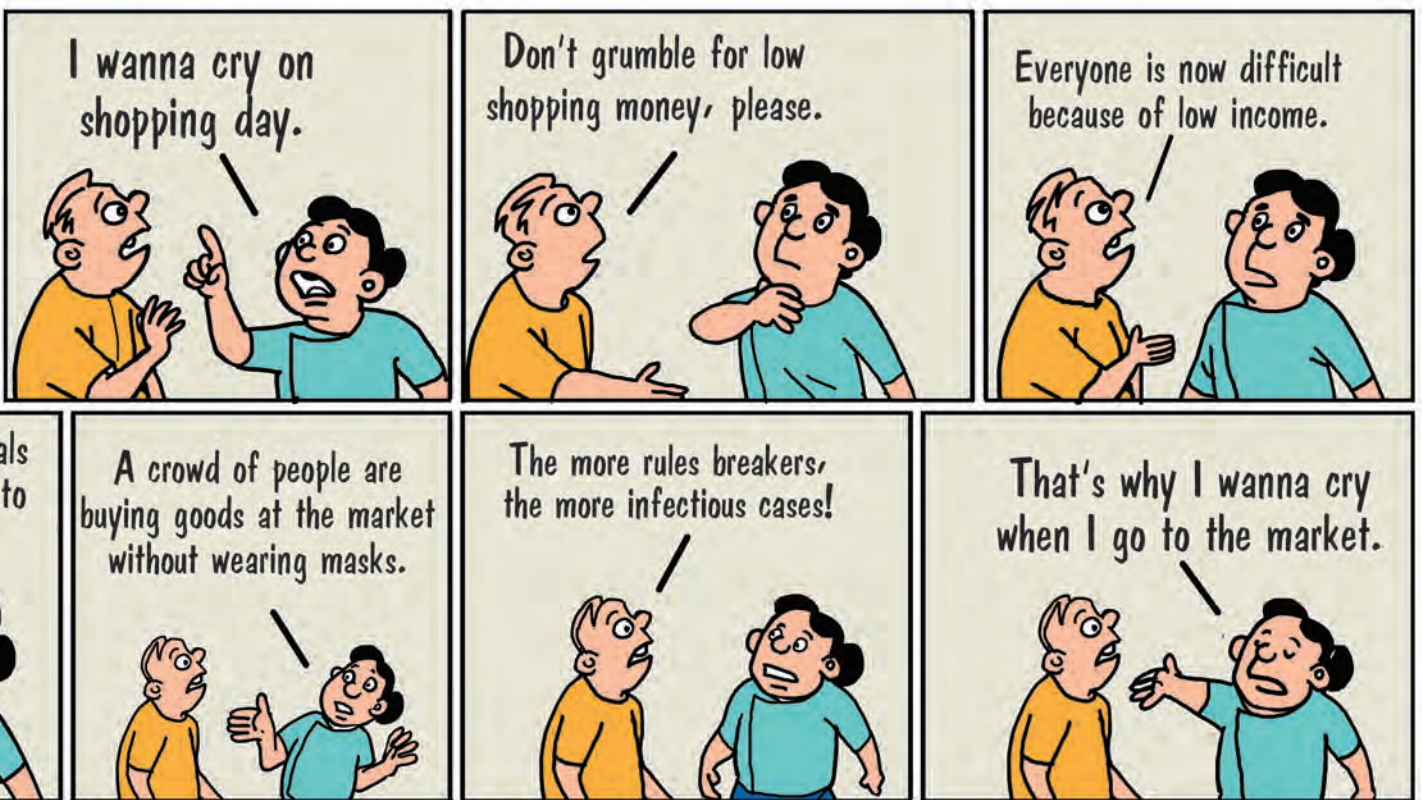
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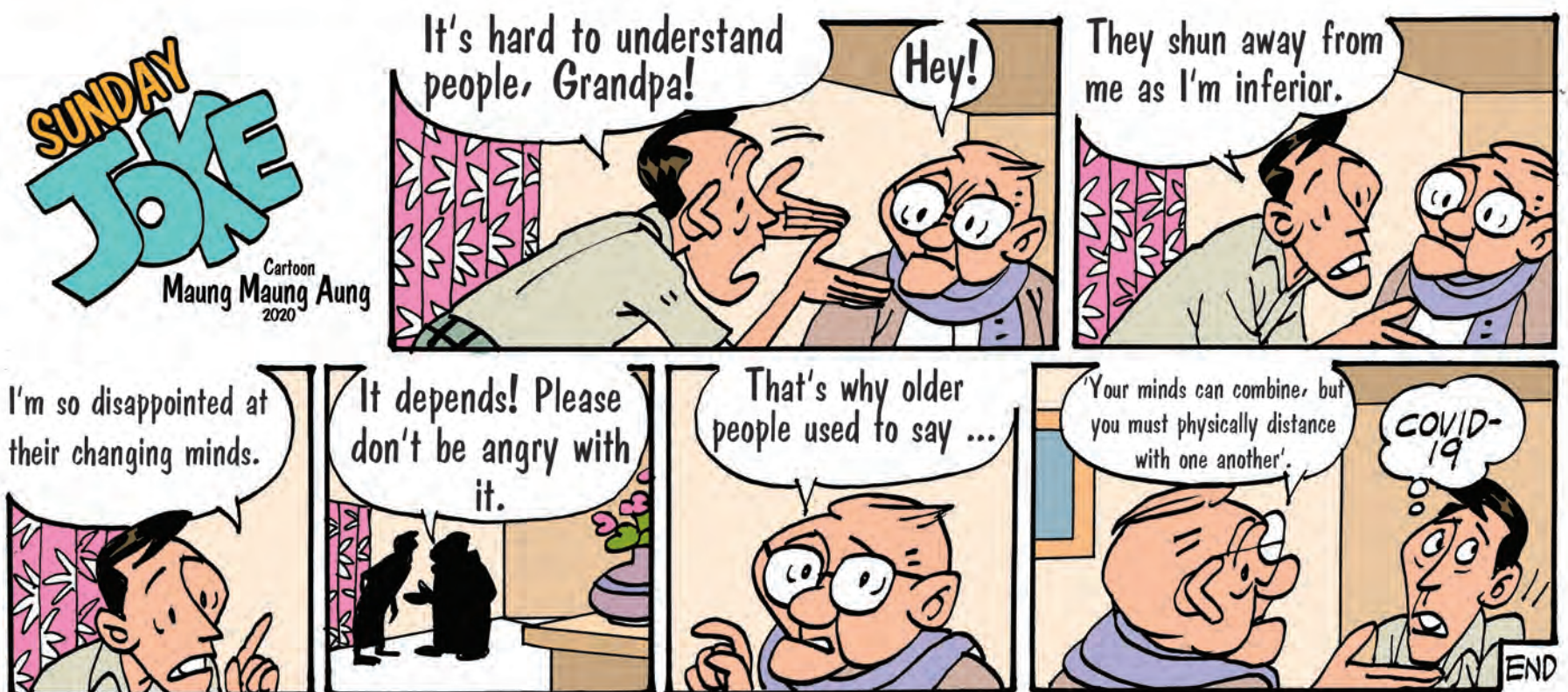
PEOPLE WILL BE PEOPLE

Cartoon
Maung Shwe Win



SUNDAY JOKE

Cartoon
Maung Maung Aung
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To the Demonstrators who are fasting (in protest) at the Kamayut-Prome junction

By Myint Zan

Sayagi ('Revered teacher') Minthuwun (10 February 1910-15 August 2004) composed this poem in Burmese on 16 September 1988 after witnessing a few dozen young male and female students sitting or standing in the rain while fasting in protest and expressing their demands peacefully during the 8888 uprising in Burma (as the country was officially named then).

The story or narration the translator has heard was that the poet Minthuwun went to the Kamayut -Prome junction (as it was then officially named now 'Pyay') road, a walking distance from his house and when he saw at least a few dozen youngsters fasting and peacefully demonstrating the poet was overcome with emotion. The youngsters were apparently demanding the formation of a neutral, independent government to supervise the 'promised' multiparty elections which the then one-Party Legislature in a resolution passed on 11 September 1988 'promised'. The 'resolution' of the Legislature stated that multiparty elections will be held 'not earlier than 45 days and not later than 90 days' [from 11 September 1988].

The demand from those who were demonstrating against the then Burma Socialist Programme Party (BSPP) regime was that instead of the regime holding elections 'under their watch' a neutral interim government (which one supposes would have included both the then government and opposition leaders) supervise the elections. This demand was made by many including then emergent (or is it 'established?') opposition leader Daw Aung San Suu Kyi.

The translator clearly remembers seeing a signed statement by Daw Aung San Suu Kyi dated '11 September 1988, at 4 pm' that the next crucial step was to form an 'interim government'. One guesses or 'postulates' that the main demands of the demonstrators 'fasting in the rain' (to paraphrase Gene Kelly's 1952 film *Singing in the Rain*) was also the formation of an interim government.

Sayagi Minthuwun, so the story that the translator has heard stated, was greatly affected by the devotion of the youngsters to the point of his eyes becoming moist and left the scene to compose the poem. In a sense Minthuwun's 'invested' this poem if not with tears then at least with heart-felt feeling for those (then) young students who dared wind, rain and forbear with determination their hunger pangs in expressing their just demands.

The translator was also affected by rereading this poem even for the third,



Sayagi Minthuwun. PHOTO: WIKIPEDIA

fourth or fifth time and his eyes became moist at least on the first few readings- an experience that the translator has not experienced even with Minthuwun's a few other affecting poems. Any defects or infelicities in the translation is the translator's own

Around 58 hours after Sayagi composed the poem at 6 am in the morning of 16 September 1988 and exactly a week to the day after Daw Aung San Suu Kyi stated the need for an interim government the Army takeover occurred. The official radio started broadcasting martial music around 4 pm on 18 September 1988 and the takeover of power by the State Law and Order Restoration Council (SLORC) was thereafter announced - a very different form of 'interim government' from those demanded by students 'fasting in the rain'.

It is stated above that the brave students 'braved' the wind, rains and hunger pangs to bring an end to what the Daily Telegraph (newspaper in the United Kingdom) in its editorial (*The Burma Cul-de-sac*, 19 September 1988) had deemed it fit to characterise as 'one of the world's most iron fisted regime'.

An equally if not (in certain senses even more so 'iron-fisted regimes') ruled the country as a very long 'interim government' from 18 September 1988, for at least the next 23 years. One does not know whether any of the brave students who braved the rains had also to face the bullets when the SLORC takeover occurred.

On the 32nd anniversary to the day Sayagi Minthuwun's composed his poem with my translation and a brief contextual commentary I give my tribute to the memory of the poet Minthuwun for his sense of empathy described in affecting, eloquent verse. I also salute all those students and then youngsters for their devotion and sacrifice for a just cause.

Sons and Daughters of Heroic Heritage

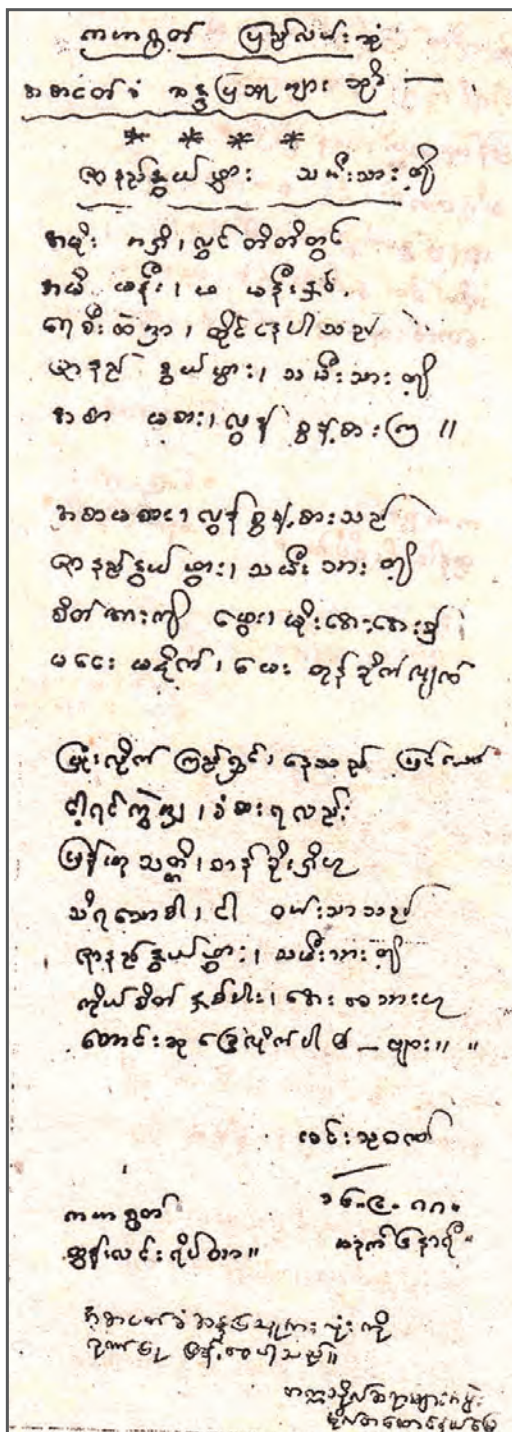
By Minthuwun
(composed in Burmese)
Translated by Myint Zan

without the cover of any canopy
on the barren road
neither the mothers
nor fathers nearby
sitting in the streams of water
fasting with extreme sacrifice:
the heroic sons and daughters

taking no food, bravely venturing forth
heroic sons and daughters
aborning their mental strength
through the cold, rain showers
not wavering, not dozing off
albeit their chins are shivering

when I witness the sons and daughters
facing these [deprivations]
with smiles and cheerful spirits
I felt for them to the point of breaking my heart
but when I realize that this is a display
of Burmese courage
it gladdens me:
I gave my blessings:
may the heroic sons and daughters
be tranquil in mind and body
oh, yeah I verily do so

Minthuwun
6 am, 16 September 1988
Kamayut, Tun Lin Avenue (House)
Translated by Myint Zan
6:50 pm, 16 September 2020



A youthful appearance with relationship, behaviour and fashion

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THE purpose of this article is to discuss conditions around us and make recommendations on how to improve them. The famous nature poet (pastoral poet), William Wordsworth said, "The child is the father of the man". They will be the new generation of our country. "The youth of today are the pensioners of tomorrow". We give them a hand and hand-over the heritage of relationship, good behaviour and modern fashion.

Nowadays, teenagers are facing so many challenging such as relationship, behaviour and fashion. For a firm relationship, a youth has no mutual respect for all elders. They are faced with misunderstanding by their parents, family members and boy or girl friends. I would suggest that they should create better relationship with admirable or venerable persons. They can build mutual respect. They would mean that it is a bridge for developing peace-loving relationships within their environment.

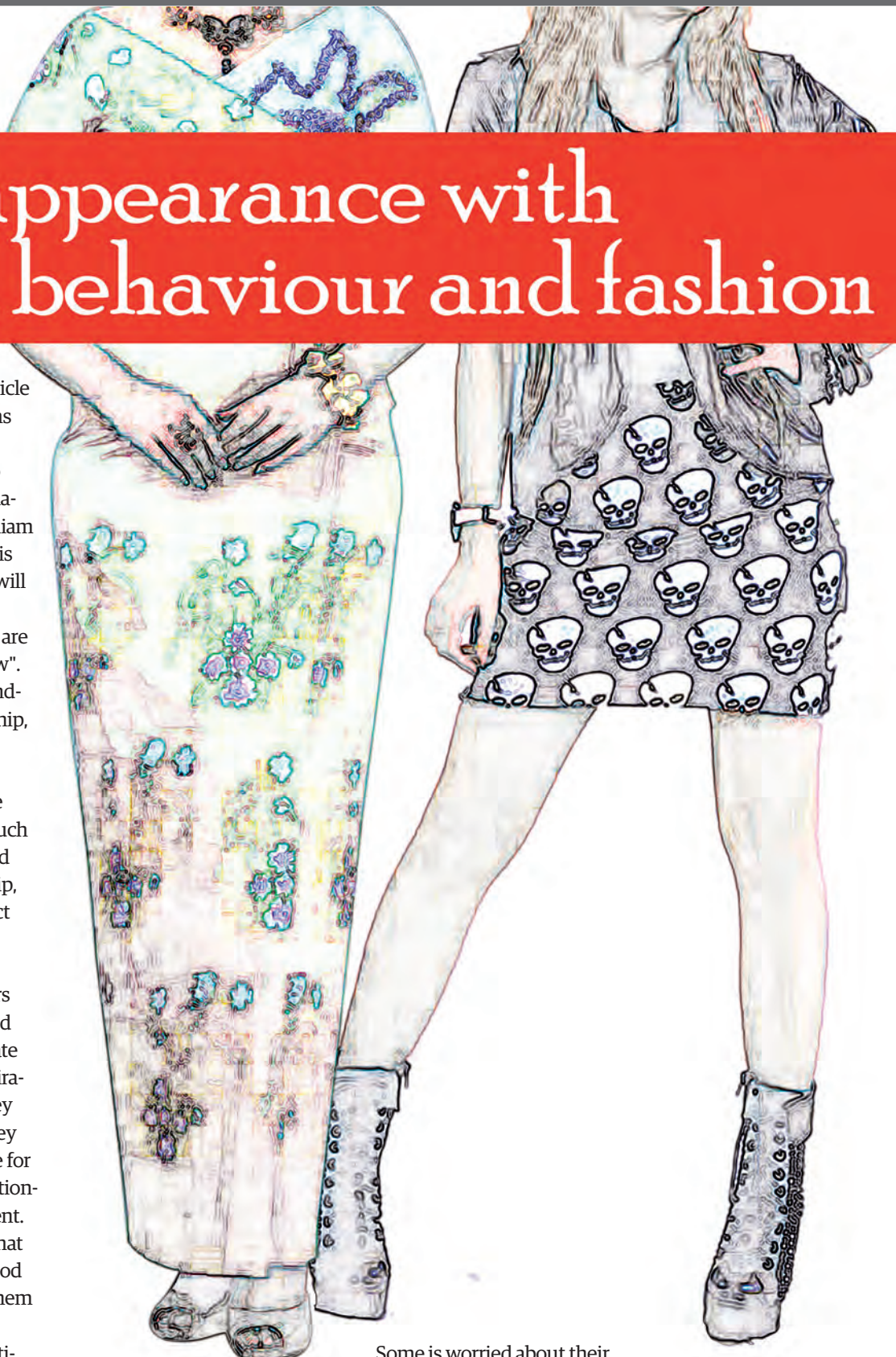
The second problem is that of "behaviour". They have good firm relationships between them and their friends. They acted ill-mannered but not good attitude. Some felt depression due to examination, love and social problems. They easily become bad-tempered with sensitive and egocentric. It is a special case for youth. I would recommend that they should be frank, friendly and open-minded. They should share their personal feeling with their parents or teachers. If their feelings are so complicated, they will go to see psychologists and need to get therapeutic. They will give them psycho-social

support. They should change their thinking, behavior and deal with their anger. The effect of this would be a special case such as they committed suicide. They always keep in consideration for a life of pleasure. They should read many kinds of books and do their interests well.

The last one is fashion. It is the mainstream of the current situation for every young person. Without fashion, they cannot look like their mind's image.

Some is worried about their image because they are not able to permit by spending money for fashion. Ancient grandparents cannot permit themselves to wear up to date or sexy style. They mostly influence by age-old culture fashion. It is a generation gap between parents and youth. If I were you, I would not just copy what your best friend is wearing and I would buy new clothes in the market area. They should discuss how to wear and how to give the best advice

about fashion, style and design. They should be read fashion magazines and find the best ways to wear fashionable dress. They should buy ready-made clothing with the latest brands and designs. Myanmar traditional costume is suitable because of the style and elegance of the designs for teenagers. We are from Myanmar. We should not copy from western or Korean culture.



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