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President of Republic of the Union of Myanmar accepts Letters of Credence of Ambassador of the European Union



President U Win Myint accepts Letters of Credence presented by EU Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Ranieri Sabatucci at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace in Nay Pyi Taw on 27 October 2020. PHOTO: MNA

MR Ranieri Sabatucci, the newly-accredited Ambassador of the European Union to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, presented his Letters of Credence to U Win Myint, President of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, at the Credentials Hall of the Presidential Palace, Nay Pyi Taw at 10:00 am yesterday.

Present on the occasion were U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation and U Min Thein, Director-General of the Protocol Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA

State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi receives US delegation led by CEO of International Development Finance Corporation



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi receives CEO of US International Development Finance Corporation Mr Adam Bohler and party in Nay Pyi Taw on 27 October. PHOTO: MNA

STATE Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi received the delegation led by Mr Adam Bohler, Chief Executive Officer of the US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Nay Pyi Taw at 2:00 pm on 27 October 2020.

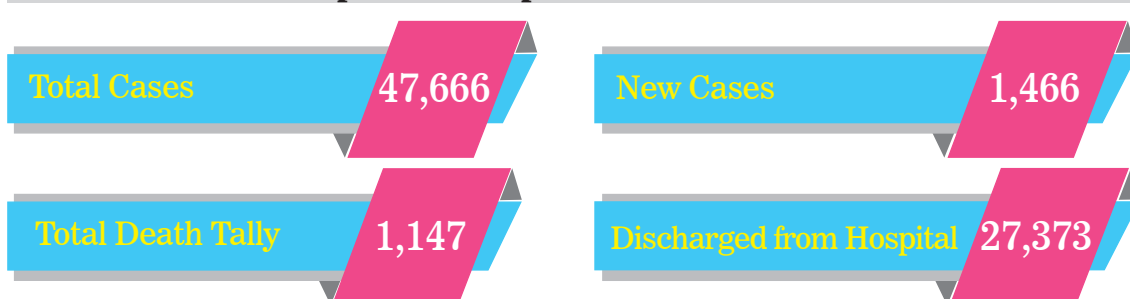
At the meeting Mr Adam Bohler briefed DFC's mission and priorities such as private market orientation, transparency, competitiveness and its policy to enhance cooperation with other countries to open up market access.

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1,466 more new cases of COVID-19 reported on 27 October, total figure rises to 47,666

MYANMAR'S COVID-19 positive cases rise to 47,666 after 1,466 new cases were reported on 27 October according to the Ministry of Health and Sports. Among these 47,666 confirmed cases, 1,147 died, 27,373 have been discharged from hospitals.—MNA

Updated at 8 pm, 27 October 2020



Daily Death toll until 8 pm 27-10-2020



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Announcement (200/2020)

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Announcement on the list of no-election areas

In exercising the Section 10 (f) of Union Election Commission Law, it is announced that the 2020 General Election on 8 November will not be held in following areas of Paletwa Township in Chin State.

Sr.	Township	Ward/village-tract	Sr.	Township	Ward/village-tract	Sr.	Township	Ward/village-tract
1.	Paletwa	1. Tamanthar Village-Tract	22.		Tharyar Kone Village-Tract	46.		Lae Hla Village-Tract
		2. Yotewa Village-Tract	23.		Yinkhanwa Village-Tract	47.		Aout Thae Mawa Village-Tract
		3. Twekinwa Village-Tract	24.		Meezar Village-Tract	48.		Hnamadar Village-Tract
		4. Baungbi Village-Tract	25.		Satpyitpyin Village-Tract	49.		Abaung Tha Village-Tract
		5. Panenae Tapin Village-Tract	26.		Ahtet Thae Mawa Village-Tract	50.		Kantlarwa Village-Tract
		6. Ngashar Village-Tract	27.		Ahtet Baline Village-Tract	51.		Khawe Village-Tract
		7. Ngadat Village-Tract	28.		Koon Taung Village-Tract	52.		Yet Chaung Wa Village-Tract
		8. KyeeLay Village-Tract	29.		Satchine Village-Tract	53.		Be Don Village-Tract
		9. Kywaythoung Village-Tract	30.		Shwelitewa Village-Tract	54.		Phat Chaung Wa Village-Tract
		10. Kunchaungwa Village-Tract	31.		Sin Ohwa Village-Tract	55.		Yee Lar Wa Village-Tract
		11. Pyingnu Village-Tract	32.		Shar Oh Village-Tract	56.		Par Maung Village-Tract
		12. Tweseewa Village-Tract	33.		Par Rar Village-Tract	57.		Kyat Ma Aine Village-Tract
		13. Myaung Chaung Village-Tract	34.		Patain Talan Village-Tract	58.		Leik Chaung Wa Village-Tract
		14. Ngatane Village-Tract	35.		War Yone Village-Tract	59.		Tin Bone Village-Tract
		15. Dalatmay Village-Tract	36.		Ma U Village-Tract	60.		Wah Tein Village-Tract
		16. Aout Baline Village-Tract	37.		Myeik Wa Village-Tract	61.		Wet Ma Village-Tract
		17. Totekyaywa Village-Tract	38.		Pakarwa Village-Tract	62.		Sar Wa Village-Tract
		18. Konetaw Village-Tract	39.		Mawtalar Village-Tract	63.		Baung Kone Village-Tract
		19. Taron Aie Village-Tract	40.		Shwe Line Pwi Village-Tract	64.		Kanaung Village-Tract
		20. Zinbaungpyin Village-Tract	41.		Ohn Theewa Village-Tract	65.		Pyin Wa Village-Tract
		21. Shinma Dainwa Village-Tract	42.		Duree Taung Village-Tract	66.		Sin Ki Taung Village-Tract
			43.		Kone Pyin Village-Tract	67.		Ka Yet Village-Tract
			44.		Mon Htaunt Village-Tract	68.		Ahr Ki Kone Village-Tract
			45.		Seint Sinwa Village-Tract	69.		Di Laung Kone Village-Tract
						70.		Taing Wa Village-Tract
								71. Mee Chaung Bar Wa Village-Tract
								72. Twi Sawt Kone Village-Tract
								73. Wah Dine Kone Village-Tract
								74. Laung Yaw Kone Village-Tract
								75. Sin Li Village-Tract
								76. Than Htaung Village-Tract
								77. Kope Shay Village-Tract
								78. A Lel Dein Kin Village-Tract
								79. Khite Kah Village-Tract
								80. Aetsa Village-Tract
								81. Htein Khaung Village-Tract
								82. Chaing Sanu Village-Tract
								83. Hmone Tanu Village-Tract
								84. Hto Nuu Village-Tract
								85. Kan To Village-Tract
								86. Gayah Pyin Village-Tract
								87. Lan Dan Village-Tract
								88. Khway Khaung Village-Tract
								89. Khar Aein Village-Tract
								90. Tat Chaung Village-Tract
								91. Wun Chaungwa Village-Tract
								92. Maunt Chaungwa Village-Tract
								93. Kaunt Sin Village-Tract
								94. Maw Sone Gyi Village-Tract

Hla Thein
Chairman
Union Election Commission

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Announcement (201/2020)

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Removal from the list of no-election areas

- The Union Election Commission has issued the announcement No. 196/2020 dated 16-10-2020 on the list of areas where the multi-party democracy elections will not take place on 8 November 2020— 54 wards and village-tracts in Kyaukpyu Township, and 32 wards and village-tracts in An Township of Rakhine State due to unfavourable situations for holding free and fair elections.
- However, the respective election sub-commissions and the relevant ministries have reported free and fair elections could be held at the following wards and village-tracts in Kyaukpyu and An townships, and that it is announced to remove them from the list of no-election areas.

Sr.	Township	Ward/Village-tract
(a)	Kyaukpyu	1. Gonechein Village-Tract
		2. Sittaw Village-Tract
		3. Awataung Village-Tract
(b)	An	1. An(north) Village-Tract
		2. Aut Village-Tract
		3. Lonekaut Village-Tract
		4. An (south) Village-Tract

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Chairman
Union Election Commission

Republic of the Union of Myanmar
Union Election Commission
Announcement (202/2020)

11th Waxing of Thadingyut, 1382 ME
(27 October 2020)

Removal from the list of no-election areas

- The Union Election Commission has issued the announcement No. 197/2020 dated 16-10-2020 on the list of areas where the multi-party democracy elections will not take place on 8 November 2020— 10 wards and village-tracts in Muse Township of Shan State, 6 village-tracts in Lashio Township and 1 village-tract in Kunlong Township, due to unfavourable situations for holding free and fair elections.
- However, the respective election sub-commissions and the relevant ministries have reported free and fair elections could be held at the following wards and village-tracts in Muse, Lashio and Kunlong townships, and that it is announced to remove them from the list of no-election areas.

Sr.	Township	Ward/Village-tract
(a)	Muse	Tawywat Ward (Muse)
(b)	Lashio	Malhan Village-Tract
(c)	Kunlong	Manpyein Village-Tract

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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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State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi receives US delegation led by CEO of International Development Finance Corporation



State Counsellor Daw Aung San Suu Kyi makes discussions with delegation members of Development Finance Corporation of the US government on 27 October. **PHOTO: MNA**

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The two sides discussed possible areas for the advancement of bilateral relations and cooperation between Myanmar and the United States, through the support of DFC in the areas of investment, finance and techni-

cal assistance to Myanmar. They also exchanged views on possibilities of cooperation in the sectors of value-added agricultural products, electricity, small industries, contract farming, microfinance, better job creation, education, income generation, etc.

DFC, a development finance bank of the United States Federal Government, is primarily responsible for providing and facilitating the financing of private development projects in low income and lower-middle income countries.

Also present at the meeting

were U Thaung Tun, Union Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation, senior officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar and the US delegation included Ms Gwendolyn

Cardno, Chargé d'Affaires a.i., US Embassy in Yangon, Ms Kimberly Reed, Chairman of Export-Import Bank, Mr Joshua Cartin, Managing Director for Indo-Pacific, DFC and officials from Departments concerned and DFC.—MNA

Campaign speeches of three political parties for 2020 General Election will be broadcast for second time

CAMPAIGN speeches of Lhaovo National Unity and Development Party, New Era Union Party and Akha National Development Party for 2020 General Election will be broadcast on MRTV, Hluttaw Channel, Myanma Radio and MRTV Facebook page at 7 pm on 28 October for the second time.—MNA

VP U Henry Van Thio inspects trial flight landing at new Surbung Airport in Chin State

VICE President U Henry Van Thio, alongside Chin State Chief Minister U Salai Lian Luai, Chin State Hluttaw Speaker U Zo Bawi, Chin State Ministers and relevant officials, inspected the first trial landing of an aircraft (ATR 72-600 owned by Myanmar National Airlines) at the new Surbung Airport in Falam Township, Chin State, yesterday morning.

After greeting with captains Zaw Min Oo and Min Thu Zaw, the Vice President held a meeting with officials in the guest hall of the airport and praised the historic day of Chin State for the first trial flight at its new airport.

The Vice President also expressed thanks to all stakeholders, including local engineers and experts, involved in the airport construction project, saying that it was challenging to build the air-



Vice President U Henry Van Thio and officials look into trial flight landing at new Surbung Airport in Falam Township, Chin State, on 27 October. PHOTO: MNA

port because it is situated highest above sea level.

The Surbung Airport is located on Surbung mountain range 8.5 miles northwest of Falam Town, Chin State. It is situated at an altitude of 6,000 feet above sea

level. The airport construction project was worth K35.191 billion. The area of the airport is 1,254.73 acres. The airport runway is 6,000 feet long and 100 feet wide and is a Flexible Pavement type runway. The permitted load of the runway

is 51,000 lbs (23,000 Kg). A tourism information counter will be opened at the airport.

The new airport will uplift socio-economic aspects of the residents in Chin State, provide efficient transport to the area,

promote tourism and trade, speed up rescue works in the area, create job opportunities, and enhance development. — MNA

(Translated by Maung Maung Swe)



Vice President U Henry Van Thio and party hear report on new Surbung Airport on 27 October. PHOTO: MNA



Surbung Airport is located on Surbung mountain range 8.5 miles northwest of Falam Town, Chin State. PHOTO: MNA

Union Minister U Soe Win receives US govt delegation

UNION Minister for Planning, Finance and Industry U Soe Win received a US government delegation led by Mr Adam Boehler, Chief Executive Officer of the Development Finance Corporation, at National Archives Department yesterday morning.

At the meeting, the Union Minister said the DFC is an organization that supports the development of relation and economic cooperation between the US and Myanmar and the country also implements Myanmar Sustainable Development Plan (MSDP) by establishing the Project Bank and Land Bank to be effective project implementation in carrying out the Strategic De-

velopment Projects.

He also discussed rising trade volume between the US and Myanmar since 2011, investment of US businesses at the industrial zones and special economic zones in Myanmar and cooperation work in export financing and SME financing sector. After their discussion, Deputy Minister U Sett Aung briefed the prospective investment in SEZs of Myanmar, the progress of MSDP, instructions regarding the Anti-Money Laundering of government, action plans in line with the stipulations of Asia Pacific Group and cooperation work between Myanmar and US Treasury.

Deputy Minister Dr Min Ye

Paing Hein also discussed the economic impacts of COVID-19 pandemic especially on MSMEs, COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan (CERP) of government, the needs of strategic financing for MSMEs and he called on the US Export-Import Bank to continue supporting the rehabilitation process of businesses in Myanmar.

The representatives of US Treasury, US Export-Import Bank and DFC presented their performance between Myanmar while Chief Executive Officer Mr Adam Boehler of DFC extended his wish for Myanmar to overcome the current situation and discussed a decade-long bilateral trade, businesses that attract investors like

Chubb Life insurance industry, business persons wanting to invest in energy and Cyber Security sectors and also in special eco-

conomic zones and further cooperation works for US businesses in Myanmar. —MNA (Translated by Khine Thazin Han)



Union Minister U Soe Win holds meeting with delegation of US government Development Finance Corporation on 27 Oct. PHOTO: MNA

“People are the key”

Quality investment high on the agenda during Myanmar-US Development Finance Corporation talks

UNION Minister for Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, U Thaung Tun yesterday received a US government delegation led by Mr Adam Bohler, Chief Executive Officer of the US International Development Finance Corporation (DFC) in Nay Pyi Taw.

The Union Minister welcomed the US delegation stating that: “...the greatest, most impactful, and most bankable opportunities tend to present themselves when open and competitive markets exist... where the rule of law is strong, where transparency is valued, and where individual liberty is respected.”

The Union Minister used the opportunity to provide an overview of recent social and economic progress and investment-related reforms designed to attract responsible, quality investment and touched upon some of the economic and social challenges faced, including those resulting from COVID-19.

The Union Minister also noted that Myanmar would very much welcome future investment made possible via the DFC and invited the DFC to play a significant role in the country's post-COVID-19 economic recovery.

Mr Adam Bohler welcomed Myanmar's recent progress and expressed appreciation for the increased use of transparent and competitive processes. With up to US\$60 billion to invest in development projects in low and lower-middle-income countries, Mr Bohler noted that it was time to re-engage and greatly increase the DFC's engagement in Myanmar.

The Union Minister provided the US delegation with an overview of potential investment opportunities including in the country's energy, agriculture and infrastructure sectors while highlighting that the establishment of an infrastructure base that facilitates sustainable growth and economic diversification would remain a key priority. The US delegation noted the significant potential to increase investment in IT, telecommunications and other digital infrastructure.

The meeting was also attended by Ms Kimberly Reed, Chairman of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, the Managing Director of DFC for Indo-Pacific, the Under Secretary of the Treasury for International Affairs, the Senior Advisor and Chief Business Development Officer of the Of-



Union Minister U Thaung Tun and officials pose for a documentary photo with US delegation of Development Finance Corporation on 27 October. **PHOTO: MNA**

ice of Under Secretary of State, Acting Under Secretary for International Trade, officials of the Department of the Treasury, the Department of Commerce, the Department of State, the Department of Energy and the US Embassy in Yangon.

The Union Minister was joined by U Bharat Singh, Deputy Minister of Ministry of Investment and Foreign Economic Relations, Dr Tun Naing, Deputy

Minister of Ministry of Electricity and Energy, U Chan Aye, Permanent Secretary of Ministry of Foreign Affairs and U Than Aung Kyaw, Director-General, Foreign Economic Relations Department.

The DFC is the development finance institution of the United States federal government, primarily responsible for providing and facilitating the financing of private devel-

opment projects in lower- and middle-income countries. First authorized on 5 October 2018, the independent agency was formed 20 December 2019 by merging the Overseas Private Investment Corporation (OPIC) with the Development Credit Authority of the United States Agency for International Development, as well as with several smaller offices and funds. —MNA

Union Minister U Kyaw Tin receives Ambassador of European Union to Myanmar



Union Minister U Kyaw Tin receives a courtesy call of new EU Ambassador Mr Ranieri Sabatucci on 27 October. **PHOTO: MNA**

U Kyaw Tin, Union Minister for International Cooperation received Mr Ranieri Sabatucci, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the European Union to the Republic of the Union of Myanmar at 4:00 pm on 27 October 2020 at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Nay Pyi Taw.

At the meeting, the Union Minister congratulated the Ambassador on his recent appointment as the EU's Ambassador to Myanmar. They also cordially exchanged views on matters pertaining to the further enhancement of cooperation between Myanmar and the European Union, promotion of the EU's investments in Myanmar to create job opportunities and for the development of health and education sectors for Myanmar people, to have afforda-

ble and accessible COVID-19 vaccines once successfully produced and the EU's Electoral Experts Mission to observe the forthcoming Myanmar's General Elections.

In addition, they also discussed about the continued and consistent support of the European Union towards Myanmar's democratic transition, peace and national reconciliation processes. The Union Minister expressed his appreciation to the Ambassador for the European Union's financial assistance provided to workers who lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He also highlighted the importance to understand each other's challenges and concerns and the need to take constructive approaches in addressing these challenges.—MNA

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Office of the President

Press Release 38/2020

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(26 October 2020)

Additional statistical bulletin on drug seizures, acting on information

- In order to prevent and eradicate the dangers of narcotic drugs and psychotropic drugs, the Office of the President has formed the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** on 26 June 2018 to systematically accept and respond to reports on drug abuses and other related cases from the general public.
- With orders from the Office of the President, the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department relayed information on reports on drug-related offences up to 24 October 2020 to the Ministry of Home Affairs to take action, as displayed below:

Sr	Nature of report	Detail on seizure and legal action taken
1.	Information received of Shwe Daung who lives in Natsin Village, Indaw Township, Sagaing Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 18 October 2020, police searched the house of Shwe Daung, 35, son of U Maung Thant, who lives in Natsin Village, Indaw Township and arrested him and two others – Than Naing, 36, son of U Aung Nyunt, who live in the same village and Kyaw Thu, 33, son of U Ohn Shwe, who lives in Tonepu Village -- together with heroin. A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa (Indaw)MaYa(pa)182/2020 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
2.	Information received of some people using, distributing and selling illegal drugs in Ngonphu gold mine, Moelin Village, Homalin Township, Sagaing Region.	On 21 October 2020, police arrested Aung Naing Tun, 24, son of U Win Pe, and Win Myint, 46, son of U Khaing, who live in Ngonphu gold mine, Moelin Village, Homalin Township, together with heroin. A case has been opened against them with NaMaSa (Minekine)MaYa(pa)69/2020 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
3.	Information received of Yazar Aung who lives in Hinthaw Village, Kanbalu Township, Sagaing Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 22 October 2020, police searched the house of Bilu (a) Aung Zaw Moe, 45, son of U Nyo Lay, who lives in Zin Village, Kanbalu Township and arrested him together with heroin. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Kanbalu)MaYa(pa)16/2020 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Acting on an interrogation, police arrested Yazar Aung, 42, son of U Nyunt Aung, who lives in Hinthaw Village, Kanbalu Township, together with heroin. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Kanbalu)MaYa(pa)17/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
4.	Information received of some people using, distributing and selling illegal drugs on the Abid-Khalaedagondaing village road in Mudon Township, Mon State.	Police have opened 20 cases and arrested 34 men together with speciosa and stimulant tablets in the previous weeks. Acting on a tip-off, police searched a motor cycle on the road of Abid-Khalaedagondaing Village near Abid Village, Mudon Township on 18 October 2020. It was driven by Thura Win, 35, son of U Khin Maung Win who live in Mupon Ward, Mawlamyine Township, and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with NaMaSa (Kamarwet)MaYa(pa)51/2020 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Similarly, police searched a motor cycle on the same road that was driven by Kyaw Lin, 26, son of U Myint Soe who live in Kawtkhait Village, and his accompany Ko Ko, 16, son of U Moe Kyaw Thu, who live in Myoma 4 Ward and arrested them together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with NaMaSa (Kamarwet)MaYa(pa)52/2020 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
5.	Information received of selling illegal drugs at Room No 319, Building A, Muditar housing, Mayangon Township, Yangon Region.	On 20 October 2020, police searched the apartment of Wei Phyo Zin, 25, son of U Thaug Aye, and his wife Ma Shwe Yamin, 29, daughter of U Pauk Sa, who live in Room No 319, Building A, Muditar housing, Mayangon Township and arrested them and three others – Thaug Htaik Oo, 36, son of U Thaug Aye, Kyaw Lin Tun, 21, son of U Kyaw Kyaw Khaing, and Aung Kyaw Htet, 21, son of U Myint Shwe -- together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against them with NaMaSa (Bayintnaung)MaYa(pa)29/2020 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
6.	Information received of Shwe Ohsi, Thant Zin Htet and Ann Kon who live in 10/South 13 Ward, Thakayta Township, Yangon Region, using, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 20 October 2020, police searched the house of Shwe Ohsi (a) Zaw Moe Win, 29, son of U Myint Lwin, Thant Zin Tun (a)Thant Zin Htet, 23, son of U Myo Min Tun, and Ann Kon (a) Pyaeson Tun, 22, son of Myo Min Tun, who live in 10/South 13 Ward, Thakayta Township but they avoided from there. Shwe Ohsi's wife Ma Win Thuza, 21, daughter of U Myint Htwe, Ma Thin Khaing (a) Mi Thin, 45, daughter of U Thein Kyaw, who live in that house, Myo Zaw (a) Myo Zaw Zaw, 26, son of U Myo Paing, Aye Paing, 24, son of U Myint Lwin and Myat Min Oo (a) Aung Myint Oo, 27, son of U Tin Oo, who live in the same ward, were arrested together with 'WY' stimulant tablets and marijuana from that house. A case has been opened against them with NaMaSa (Thakayta)MaYa(pa)40/2020 under Section 19(a) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
7.	Information received of Athaylay who lives in No 88 Ward, Dagon Myothit Township (Seikkan), Yangon Region, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 21 October 2020, police seized 'WY' stimulant tablets hide in a bundle of cheroots which were sent to Soe Thu, 27, son of U Soe Lwin, who facing narcotic drug charges in custody of Dagon Myothit Township (Seikkan) police station, by his wife Ma Myint Myint Maw (a) Myat Myat Maw (a) Athaylay, 29, daughter of U Aung Khin, who lives in No 88 Ward, Dagon Myothit Township (Seikkan). A case has been opened against them with MaMaSa (Dagon Seikkan)MaYa(pa)47/2020 under Section 16(c) and 21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
8.	Information received of some people using, distributing and selling illegal drugs in No 5 Ward, Lashio Township, northern Shan State.	Police have opened 19 cases and arrested 20 men and five women together with heroin and stimulant tablets in the previous weeks. Acting on a tip-off, police searched the house of Myo Min (a) Mineshu (a) Thargyi, 27, son of U Hsan Lwin, who lives in No 5 Ward, and arrested him together with stimulant tablets and heroin on 20 October 2020. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Lashio)MaYa(pa)158/2020 under Section 19(a) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.
9.	Information received of Ko Htaik who lives in Shwe Kyaung Ward, Hsipaw Township, northern Shan State, distributing and selling illegal drugs.	On 21 October 2020, police searched the house of Nay Win Htet (a) Ko Htet (a) Ko Htaik, 40, son of U Tin Maung, who lives in Shwe Kyaung Ward, Hsipaw Township, and arrested him together with 'WY' stimulant tablets. A case has been opened against him with MaMaSa (Hsipaw)MaYa(pa)76/2020 under Section 16(c) of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

- Out of the information sent to the Drug Activity Special Complaint Department, so far a total of 1,388 cases have been opened files as of 24 October 2020. A total of 2,124 people, including 1,769 men and 355 women had been arrested with 10,474.1504 g of heroin, 1,489.42 g of ICE, 47,934.17886 g of opium, 1,407.96 g of low-quality opium, 54,901.74 g of speciosa powder, 54,597.32 g of speciosa, 2.5 litres of liquid speciosa, 684,047 stimulant tablets, 14,871.88 g of marijuana, 0.1 litres of opium tincture, 640.28 g of opium blocks, 60 g of poppy seeds, 60.15 g of crushed stimulant tablet powder, 0.001 g of crushed ecstasy powder, 28 firearms, different kinds of 669 cartridges and one grenade. Efforts for fighting the drug trafficking has been stepped up and the department will report on further exposed cases.
- To seize further drugs and to arrest drugs dealers, people are urged to inform the Ministry of Home Affairs, region and state governments and to inform huge cases of drug trafficking and other suspicious cases directly to the **Drug Activity Special Complaint Department** of the Office of the President via following contact numbers:

Contacts

Landline No. — 067-590200

Fax Phone No. — 067-590233

Email Address — antinarcotics@presidentoffice.gov.mm

Local, international experts hold final consultation on drafting STI policy



Union Minister Dr Myo Thein Gyi holds an online meeting on drafting Science, Technology and Innovation Policy on 27 October. **PHOTO: MNA**

A final consultation meeting on the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (Draft) was held through videoconferencing yesterday afternoon.

Union Minister for Education Dr Myo Thein Gyi, in his capacity as the Vice-Chairman of the National Council for Science, Technology and Innovation

participated in the meeting and discussed the draft policy.

Those present at the meeting were Yangon Region Minister of Planning and Finance U Ye

Min Oo, Directors-General, Deputy Directors-General and Directors from respective Ministries, Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the respective non-governmental organizations, members of the Council, UNESCAP officials and international policy experts.

At the meeting, the Union Minister said that his ministry, with the assistance of UNESCAP, has sought advice from international policy experts on the implementation of the Science, Technology and Innovation Policy (Draft) for systematic, sustainable and balanced development activities.

The policy was drawn for six months in consultations with various ministries, organizations and experts.

He added that the drafted policy is being finalized now and it is intended to be a more comprehensive policy with the input of the participating experts.

He urged the relevant ministries to participate in the discussion since they will cooperate in implementing the policy and he

expressed words of thanks for the discussions.

In making a speech, Chief of Technology and Innovation Division Mr Jonathan Wong from United Nations ESCAP talked about the importance of science, technology and innovation for overcoming the challenges facing a nation and achieving SDG 2030.

He continued that investing in science, technology and innovation sector was a transition path for the country's economic goals, sustainable social developments and economy. And the sector needs intergovernmental cooperation to enhance the country's technological capabilities.

He also expressed thanks to the Director-General for the Department of Research and Innovation under the Ministry of Education, and representatives from the organizations taken part in the drafting of the policy even during the COVID-19 period.

—MNA
(Translated by Ei Phyu Phyu Aung)

Consumer protection commission discusses future actions

MYANMAR Consumer Protection Commission held its (1/2020) coordination meeting via zoom application at the Ministry of Commerce yesterday morning.

During the meeting, Chairman of the MCPC and Union Minister for Commerce Dr Than Myint said the ministry is carrying out many sectors like trade promotion, trade facilitation, trade negotiation, trade liberalization, trade education, consumer protections in addition to the development of SMEs, job opportunities, special economic zones and private sectors.

The Consumer Protection Law was enacted on 15 March 2019 and MCPC was formed with 21 members to protect the interest of consumers. Then, the commission's 1/2019 meeting was held on 15 November 2019 and stipulated nine resolutions at the meeting.

The commission drafted

policies and plans for consumer protection affairs according to the authority, prioritized the products for the safety of consumers, organized the regions/states consumer affairs committees and self-administered regions or areas consumer affairs committees including district consumer affairs committees if necessary, made decision or set out fines on the processes submitted by the department or committee, released statement to protect the consumers against the rising prices of basic foodstuffs and medical supplies during COVID-19 pandemic, and conducted survey in the market by the Consumer Affairs Department in line with the instruction of commission.

The MCPC Vice-Chair and Deputy Minister for Commerce U Aung Htoo discussed that the commission needs to systematically implement the NCPP of the

Consumer Affairs Department while setting programmes and policies for the development of consumer protection affairs and it also needs to carry out the action plans in NCPP, to form working groups for respective sectors and

to draft SOP.

Then, Director-General of the Consumer Affairs Department briefed the performance of the department while Deputy Director-General explained the remarks.

The Union Minister called on the participation of all commission members in protecting the interest of consumers and concluded the meeting.—MNA

(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)



Union Minister Dr Than Myint chairs 1st coordination meeting of Myanmar Consumer Protection Commission on 27 October. **PHOTO: MNA**

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

COVID-19 a wake-up call for NCDs

THE rise in non-communicable diseases in the countries of the world including Myanmar has fuelled the COVID-19 pandemic.

COVID-19 has been unforgiving for people living with non-communicable diseases, or NCDs, such as diabetes, cardiovascular-related illness, cancers, and mental health conditions, as well as other conditions such as high blood pressure and obesity.

This virus is potentially deadly, especially for the elderly and those with chronic diseases.

Non-communicable diseases (NCDs) pose a major health challenge for Myanmar.

It shows that Covid-19 is not a single pandemic, but a synthesis of a coronavirus and an epidemic of non-communicable diseases which are preventable.

While fighting against the COVID-19 pandemic, we must consistently focus on addressing NCDs.

Now, non-contagious diseases which can just as easily afflict us are posing a threat to our daily lives.

The number of deaths from non-communicable diseases is rising globally, and 62 per cent of the total deaths in the world in 2019 are from non-communicable diseases caused by four risk behaviours: consumption of tobacco and related products, alcohol; unsafe food; lack of physical exercise; and, air pollution.

According to figures in 2018, premature deaths make up 24 per cent of the total deaths in the country while 25 per cent attributed to hearts ailments and cardiovascular disease and 13 per cent to cancer.

Rural and township health departments across Myanmar run diabetes-hypertension treatment clinics every Wednesday, which offer medical examinations, treatments, and health awareness programs.

It is found that over 1.7 million people received tests at the clinics nationwide in 2019, and of them, over 20,600 have diabetes and over 429,000 have hypertension.

As a result, there is now a greater need to administer health-care for these diseases in rural areas where the majority of our citizens live.

If proper preventive measures are not put in place now, the situation may develop into a public health crisis in the next five to ten years.

It is worth noting that the Ministry of Health and Sports finished the draft of the Costed Plan for NCD prevention and control 2021-2020 last month as part of efforts for supporting the National-level Strategy for Prevention and Control on Non-Communicable Diseases 2017-2021.

We are confident that this plan would not only reduce the prevalence of the virus, but also to more assertively address the burden of chronic disease, and the risk factors for chronic disease.

Our adolescents who make up one fourth of the total population of the country are playing a crucial role in combating non-communicable diseases in our country.

If proper preventive measures are not put in place now, the situation may develop into a public health crisis in the next five to ten years.

IMMUNITY AGAINST CORONAVIRUS DIMINISHES OVER TIME

Asymptomatic virus sufferers lose antibodies sooner: Study

The research, commissioned by the British government, indicates people's immune response to COVID-19 reduces over time following infection.

ASYMPTOMATIC coronavirus sufferers appear to lose detectable antibodies sooner than people who have exhibited COVID-19 symptoms, according to one of the biggest studies of its kind in Britain published on Tuesday.

The findings by Imperial College London and market research firm Ipsos Mori also suggest the loss of antibodies was slower in 18-24 year-olds compared to those aged 75 and over.

Overall, samples from hundreds of thousands of people across England between mid-June and late September showed the prevalence of virus antibodies fell by more than a quarter.

The research, commissioned by the British government and published Tuesday by Imperial, indicates people's immune response to COVID-19

reduces over time following infection.

James Bethell, a junior health minister, called it "a critical piece of research, helping us to understand the nature of COVID-19 antibodies over time".

But scientists involved cautioned that a great deal remains unknown about people's long-term antibody response to the virus.

"It remains unclear what level of immunity antibodies provide, or for how long this immunity lasts," said Paul Elliott, of Imperial's School of Public Health.

The study involved 365,000 randomly-selected adults administering at home three rounds of finger prick tests for coronavirus antibodies between June 20 and September 28.

The results showed the number of people with antibodies fell by 26.5 per cent over the

approximate three-month period.

Scaled up to a nationwide level, it meant the proportion of the English population with antibodies dropped from 6.0 per cent to 4.4 per cent, according to the study.

The decline coincided with the prevalence of the virus falling dramatically across England — and the rest of Britain — following a months-long national shutdown which was eased over the summer.

However, the research found the number of health care workers testing positive for antibodies did not change over time, potentially reflecting repeated, or higher initial, exposure to the virus.

"This very large study has shown that the proportion of people with detectable antibodies is falling over time," said Helen Ward, one of the lead authors.



Representative image. PHOTO: AFP/FILE

"We don't yet know whether this will leave these people at risk of reinfection with the

virus that causes COVID-19, but it is essential that everyone continues to follow guidance to

reduce the risk to themselves and others."

SOURCE: AFP

COVID-19: ECONOMIC ACTIVITY AND FOREIGN INVESTMENT

Pandemic pummelling foreign investment: UN

United Nations data show foreign direct investment worldwide plunged by 49% in the 1st half of 2020, with richer economies hit hardest.

THE coronavirus crisis is expected to drag foreign direct investment down by up to 40 per cent this year, with a recovery not expected until 2022, UN economists said Tuesday.

A report by the United Nations Conference on Trade, Investment and Development (UNCTAD) found that lockdowns and the prospect of a deep global recession had dramatically shrunk FDI, which is a measure of cross-border private sector investment.

The agency said that worldwide, FDI was 49 per cent lower during the first half of 2020 than during the same period in 2019 — and that every major form of foreign investment took a hit, ranging from infrastructure funding to mergers and acquisitions.

"The decline was quite drastic," James Zhan, UNCTAD's investment and enterprise chief, told a virtual press conference. The rate of decline is expected to slow in the second half of



Flows were 28 per cent lower in Africa, 25 per cent down in Latin America and the Caribbean, but just 12 per cent lower in Asia, mainly due to resilient investment in China. A Hanjin shipping vessel enters the port in Singapore. PHOTO: AFP

2020, resulting in a drop of 30 to 40 per cent over the whole year; with FDI expected to retract much more moderately in 2021 before recovering in 2022.

"The outlook remains highly uncertain, depending on the duration of the health crisis and on the effectiveness of policy interventions to mitigate the eco-

nomie effects of the pandemic," Zhan said. "Geopolitical risks also continue to add to the uncertainty."

Richer economies hit hardest In the first half of this year, developed economies saw the biggest fall in investment, UNCTAD said, with FDI in the wealth-

ier countries witnessing a 75-per cent drop from 2019 levels to just \$98 billion during the first half of the year — a level last seen in 1994.

"The trend was exacerbated by sharply negative inflows in European economies," the report said.

Flows to Europe in the first half of 2020 turned negative for the first time, hitting minus \$7 billion.

FDI flows in North America fell by 56 per cent during the six-month period.

Among major FDI recipients in 2019, flows declined most strongly in Italy (74 per cent), the United States (61 per cent), Brazil (48 per cent) and Australia (40 per cent).

On a more positive note, FDI flows to developing economies decreased by less than expected at just 16 per cent, UNCTAD said.

Flows were 28 per cent lower in Africa, 25 per cent down in Latin America and the Caribbean, but just 12 per cent lower in Asia, mainly due to resilient investment in China.

FDI flows to so-called transition economies plummeted 81 per cent, pulled down by a strong decline in Russia, the report found.

'Highly uncertain' outlook UNCTAD said the outlook was poor, because new green-field investment project announcements dropped by 37 per cent in the first eight months of the year to \$358 billion.

Green-field investment — considered an indicator of future FDI trends — typically refers to projects that create new physical facilities which are considered productive, in part because they typically create jobs.

Developing economies saw a much bigger fall in green-field investment than developed economies — 49 per cent compared to 17 per cent — reflecting their more limited capacity to roll out economic support packages, the

report said. "Flows to developing economies are expected to stabilize, with east Asia showing signs of an impending recovery," said Zhan.

"Global FDI will continue its decline, though moderately, in 2021 — that is, up to 10 per cent."

The recovery is then expected to begin in 2022, he added. Zhan said the eventual rebound would be driven by corporate restructuring, with more resilience-driven investment.

"Longer term, we see the possibility of the transformation of global value chains that will change the landscape for global trade and investment," he said. He said this would be driven by a new industrial revolution, sustainable development, growing economic nationalism, shorter chains, and investment into the green and blue economies and into public service infrastructure.

SOURCE: AFP



Myanmar Daily Weather Report

(Issued at 7:00 pm Tuesday 27 October, 2020)

BAY INFERENCE: Weather is partly cloudy over the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

FORECAST VALID UNTIL AFTERNOON OF THE 28 October, 2020: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Taninthayi Region, Kayin and Mon States, fairly widespread in Nay Pyi Taw, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Regions, Chin and Rakhine States, scattered in (Northern and Southern) Shan State and isolated in the remaining Regions and States with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Nay Pyi Taw. Degree of certainty is (80%).

STATE OF THE SEA: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. Wave height will be about (4-6) feet off and along Myanmar Coasts.

OUTLOOK FOR SUBSEQUENT TWO DAYS: Fairly widespread rain or thundershowers in Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Region, Kayin and Mon States.

FORECAST FOR NAY PYI TAW AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 28 October, 2020: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

FORECAST FOR YANGON AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 28 October, 2020: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

FORECAST FOR MANDALAY AND NEIGHBOURING AREA FOR 28 October, 2020: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe joins World Health Summit 2020 online



Union Minister Dr Myint Htwe joins virtual meeting on Access to Sustainable NCDs (non-communicable diseases) Treatment and Care of the World Health Summit 2020 on 27 October. **PHOTO: MNA**

Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe, on 26 October, participated in the virtual meeting on Access to Sustainable NCDs (non-communicable diseases) Treatment and Care of the World Health Summit 2020 via videoconferencing.

During the virtual conference session, the Union Minister said that the mortality rate of

non-communicable diseases was high across the world, including Myanmar. NCDs accounted for 62 per cent of all deaths in Myanmar, according to the Union Minister, who said that Myanmar is making significant efforts to prevent, manage and control non-communicable diseases.

According to the figure released by Myanmar's Ministry

of Health and Sports in 2018, the NCDs could increase premature deaths by 24 per cent. Cardiovascular diseases accounted for 25 per cent of all NCDs deaths in Myanmar in 2018; various cancers accounted for 13 per cent.

The quality of life of any individual who suffers from NCDs will be reduced, and their families will experience financial burdens,

the Union Minister said.

In Myanmar, 1,715 rural health departments and 7,317 rural health sub-departments are providing tests and treatment for diabetes and hypertension every Wednesday, according to the Union Minister. About 206,000 diabetes patients and almost 429,000 hypertension patients received medical treatment at the health departments.

Myanmar has implemented the National Strategic Plan for Prevention and Control of NCDs in Myanmar (2017-2021), according to the Union Minister.

Myanmar has estimated that it will cost USD101 million for tests and treatments of NCDs for about 2 million people in the two-year period (2021 and 2022), and international organizations will provide USD25 million to Myanmar for a project for NCDs, said the Union Minister.

Myanmar's NCDs project will focus on helping people reduce tobacco uses, avoid harmful uses of alcohol, live on a healthy diet, do workouts, and receive

tests and treatment for cardiovascular diseases, diabetes, and chronic respiratory diseases, according to the Union Minister.

The main speakers in the videoconference session were Myanmar's Union Minister for Health and Sports Dr Myint Htwe, the Director of WHO's Department of NCDs, the Chairperson of the Board of Managing Directors of Boehringer Ingelheim, the Commissioner for Social Affairs of African Union Commission, Rwanda's Health Minister, Gambia's Health Minister, and the Managing Director of the Defeat-NCD Partnership of the United Nations Institute for Training and Research.

Prime Ministers, Health Ministers, Ambassadors, UN organizations, WHO officials, ADB officials, the World Bank officials, EU officials, experts and researchers from international universities, and officials from pharmaceutical industry also participated in the virtual meeting.—MNA (Translated by Maung Maung Swe)

Workshop on establishing Social Management Information System held online

THE online workshop on establishing a Social Management Information System (SMIS) was held yesterday morning.

Union Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Dr Win Myat Aye, Deputy minister U Soe Aung, Permanent Secretary Dr Ko Ko Naing, Directors-General, officials of relevant ministries, partner associations and private organizations took part in the workshop.

In his discussion, the Union Minister talked about the encouragement of the government in applying e-Government system,

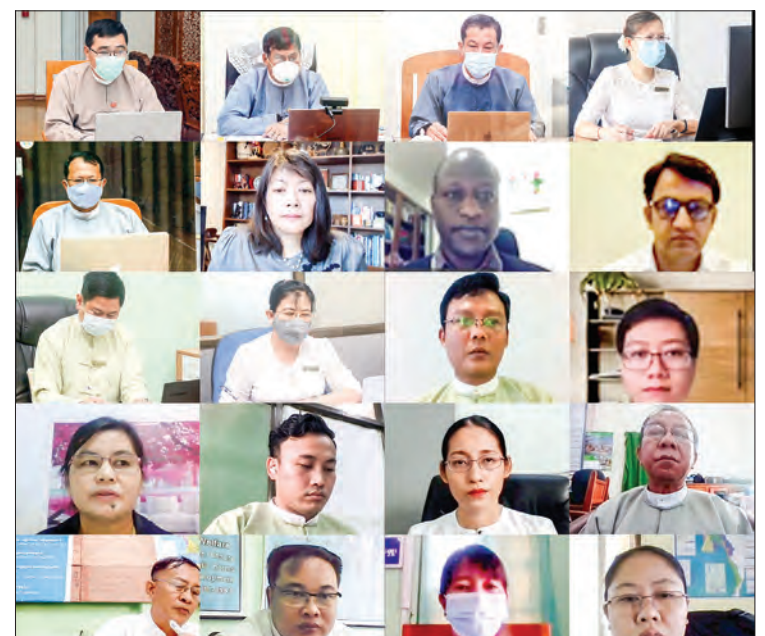
changing the digital culture for regular social protection of the ministry, the importance of Social Management Information System, a tender system for analyzing the requirement, drawing designs and establishing the system, works of the advisory team of bid winner, the Development Pathways, plans to be sustainable technical and financing and completion in fixed duration.

The UNICEF representative to Myanmar Ms June Jaungi made a remark on the establishment of SMIS while the officials of the Ministry of Health and Sports,

Ministry of Education, Ministry of Transport and Communications and Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population respectively discussed their experience in establishing the system.

Director-General for Social Welfare Department Dr San San Aye, Director for Social Protection Division and officials of Development Pathways presented the plans for the establishment of SMIS and the Deputy Director coordinated the discussion.—MNA

(Translated by Khine Thazin Han)



Union Minister Dr Win Myat Aye takes part in online workshop on establishing Social Management Information System on 27 October. **PHOTO: MNA**

Myanmar discusses Nutrition Sector Reform Contract with EU

THE Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation held the first policy meeting with the Ministry of Planning, Finance and Industry and the European Union and on Nutrition Sector Reform Contract online yesterday.

The meeting aimed to coordinate for the implementation of the NSRC with the support of the EU and the COVID-19 Economic Relief Plan (CERP) in 2020-2021 financial year. Deputy Minister for Agriculture, Livestock and Irrigation U Hla Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Planning, Finance and

Industry U Maung Maung Win, officials and Directors-General from the respective departments and EU head of Cooperation at the office of EU Delegation Dr Johann Hesse participated in the meeting.

At the meeting, Deputy Minister U Hla Kyaw, Deputy Minister U Maung Maung Win and Dr Johann Hesse delivered the opening speech respectively.

The respective Directors-General presented the improvement of the CERP, the Deputy Director-General for

the Department of Planning presented the implementation of the NSRC programme linking the Myanmar Agricultural Development Strategy (ADS) with the Multi-Sectoral National Nutrition Plan (MS-NPAN), the Deputy Director for the Department of Planning briefed on the conditions for meeting the requirements in implementing the NSRC's programmes in 2020-2021 financial year and the attendees suggested the best ways to implement the NSRC.—MNA (Translated by Ei Phyu Phyu Aung)



MoALI organizes first policy online meeting on Nutrition Sector Reform Contract on 27 October. **PHOTO: MNA**

Announcement on Extension of the Precautionary Restriction Measures Relating to Control of the COVID-19 Pandemic until 30 November 2020

1. With a view to the further strengthening of measures to contain the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has issued the following announcements regarding temporary entry restrictions for visitors from all countries. All those restrictions were extended until 31 October 2020 by the Ministry's announcement dated 28 September 2020.

- (a) Announcement dated 15 March 2020 regarding precautionary measures for all travellers visiting Myanmar;
- (b) Announcement dated 20 March 2020 regarding additional precautionary measures for travellers visiting Myanmar and temporary suspension of issuance of visa on Arrival and e-visa;
- (c) Announcement dated 24 March 2020 regarding additional precautionary measures for travellers from all countries visiting Myanmar;
- (d) Announcement dated 28 March 2020 regarding temporary suspension of all types of visas (including social visit visas) and visa exemption services.

2. In order to continue its effective response measures to protect the population of the country from the risks of importation and spread of the COVID-19, the Government of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar has decided to extend the afore-mentioned entry restriction measures until 30 November 2020.

3. In case of urgent official missions or compelling reasons, foreign nationals, including diplomats and United Nations officials, who wish to travel to Myanmar by available relief or special flights, may contact the nearest Myanmar Mission for possible exception with regard to certain visa restrictions. However, all visitors must abide by existing directives issued by the Ministry of Health and Sports relating to the prevention and control of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Nay Pyi Taw
Dated. 27 October 2020

Yangon region government receives mask, hand sanitizer, cash assistance for COVID-19 control activities

YANGON Region government received the donation of mask and hand sanitizer and cash assistance from the Republic of Korea, Myanmar Engineer Association, International Society for Krishna Consciousness (Myanmar), MBCF Foundation: Myanmar-born Chinese Youth Charity for the COVID-19 control activities yesterday morning in Yangon.

At the donation ceremony, Chief Minister for Yangon Region U Phyo Min Thein said that the Yangon Region government has been working hard to provide the best service to the peo-

ple and in accordance with the COVID-19 national committee and also performing well in the COVID-19 prevention, control and treatment activities.

He expressed words of thanks for the donations of the Republic of Korea, local donors and religious associations for the COVID-19 treatment.

After Ambassador of the Republic of Korea to Myanmar Mr Lee Sang-hwa had explained the reason of donation, he handed over the 70,000 masks worth of \$70,000 and 120 bottles of hand sanitizer to Yangon Chief Minister U Phyo Min Thein and the



Yangon Region Chief Minister accepts cash donation presented by ROK Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Lee Sang Hwa on 27 October. PHOTO: MNA

Chief Minister returned the certificate of honour. The donation was donated by Embassy of the Republic of Korea, Korean Association in Myanmar and SG Safety Myanmar.

Myanmar Engineer Association; Myanmar International Consulting Engineers donated

K31 million, International Society for Krishna Consciousness (Myanmar) donated K10 million, MBCF Foundation: Myanmar-born Chinese Youth Charity donated K 8,015,000 and the Yangon Region Chief Minister returned the certificates of honour.

A total worth of \$70,000 masks and hand sanitizers and K49,015,000 cash assistance were donated for COVID-19 disease prevention, control and treatment activities in the donation ceremony yesterday.—Nyunt Ko Ko (Translated by Ei Phyu Phyu Aung)

9 more flights land in Yangon, Mandalay with COVID-19 medical devices from China

MEDICAL devices for COVID-19 prevention in the 2020

General Election are being imported from China.

These devices reached Yangon and Mandalay by 5 and 4

special flights yesterday as part of the stock being carried from

28 October to 3 November.—MNA (Translated by Aung Khin)



COVID-19 medical devices for 2020 General Election arrive in Yangon from China on 27 October. PHOTO: MNA



COVID-19 medical devices for 2020 General Election are being unloaded at TadaU airport in Mandalay on 27 October. PHOTO: MNA

PANDEMIC WITH TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

ANA expects record net loss of 510 bil. yen in FY 2020 amid pandemic



Planes of All Nippon Airways at Haneda International Airport in Tokyo. PHOTO: AFP

ANA Holdings Inc. said Tuesday it is expecting a record net loss of 510 billion yen (\$4.9 billion) in the current business year through March due to

depressed air travel demand amid the coronavirus pandemic, prompting the major Japanese airline to take restructuring steps to become leaner and

launch new businesses.

ANA, the parent company of All Nippon Airways Co., also said it agreed with major Japanese banks Tuesday on subordinated loans totalling 400 billion yen to bolster its financial base in the face of an uncertain industry outlook.

ANA will cut more jets than planned to reduce fixed costs, aiming for a swift turnaround from an operating loss of 505 billion yen and a 62.5 per cent drop in sales to 740 billion yen projected for the year to March to return to the black in the next business year.

"The outlook for the current year is very severe," ANA President and CEO Shinya Katanozaka said during a press briefing.

"We will return to profitability by taking every possible step in the next business year," including the launch of a new low-cost carrier service focused on the growing Asian market.

In the six months through September, ANA logged a net loss of 188.48 billion yen as total revenue sank 72.4 per cent from a year earlier to 291.83 billion yen. It reported an operating loss of 280.95 billion yen.

Revenue from international flights plunged 94.2 per cent from a year earlier to 19.6 billion yen as many countries maintained travel restrictions due to the pandemic. Sales from domestic flights sank 78.6 per cent to 78.9 billion yen.

SOURCE: KYODO

DENTED DEMAND

Pfizer reports lower earnings as Covid-19 hits revenues

PFIZER reported lower third-quarter profits Tuesday as Covid-19 dented demand for some medicines from patients whose regular healthcare patterns were disrupted.

The drugmaker, which is working on clinical trials for a coronavirus vaccine, reported a 71 per cent drop in profit to \$2.2 billion. The year-ago period included a large gain connected to a transaction. Revenues dipped four percent to \$12.1 billion, missing analyst estimates.

Pfizer estimated a revenue hit of \$500 million connected to Covid-19 due to lower pharma demand in China and fewer wellness visits from patients in the US.— SOURCE: AFP

WALL STREET TAKES A BEATING

Stock markets steady amid virus spike worries

STOCK markets steadied Tuesday amid fears that a coronavirus resurgence will force fresh economically painful containment measures.

With the pandemic fuelling demand for computers and video game consoles as people rely on the internet to work, learn, and play more at home, Advanced Micro Devices finalized a deal to buy computer chip-making rival Xilinx for \$35 billion.

Traders have meanwhile given up almost any hope for a new US stimulus package being passed before next Tuesday's election, with Democrats and Republicans blaming each other,

though there are still expectations a new deal will be agreed afterwards.

European stock markets were steadier following hefty losses on Monday.

Around the half-way mark, London was flat, while Frankfurt dipped 0.1 per cent and Paris lost 0.6 per cent.

Asia's leading indices closed mixed.

On Wall Street, the Dow suffered its worst session Monday since early September, dropping more than two per cent while the S&P 500 and Nasdaq also suffered sharp losses.

SOURCE: AFP



With virus infections spiking across Europe and the US, there are fresh fears of a return to tough containment measures that battered the world economy earlier this year. Pedestrians and shoppers, some wearing face masks as a precaution against the transmission of the novel coronavirus, walk in the high street in west London on 11 October, 2020. PHOTO: AFP

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SOUTH KOREA REBOUNDS FROM RECESSION

S. Korea economy bounces back on pick-up in exports

ASIA'S fourth-largest economy returned to quarter-on-quarter growth in the July to September period, South Korea's central Bank of Korea announced Tuesday.

The South largely overcame an early coronavirus outbreak through an intensive track-and-test model, and everyday life in the country has returned largely to normal.

It is now widely ex-

pected to see one of the least bad 2020 economic performances among the OECD group of developed economies. Gross domestic product expanded 1.9 per cent in the third quarter over the previous three months, the BOK said, although the economy still shrank 1.3 per cent on-year.

The quarter-on-quarter figure represented a significant improvement on the 3.2 per cent contraction

in April-June and was the best since the first three months of 2010.

It was driven by a better-than-expected exports performance as major trade partners began to emerge from the depths of the coronavirus lockdowns, officials said.

"This speaks to the resilience of a manufacturing powerhouse," KB Securities economist Oh Jae-young told Bloom-



From a year earlier, the economy shrank by 1.3 per cent in the third quarter. PHOTO: AFP

erg News. "South Korea's manufacturing has remained unscathed from

the pandemic, and now as developed economies themselves restart produc-

tion, South Korea's getting a boost."

SOURCE: AFP

ENFORCED CURFEWS

Protesters clash with Italian police over anti-Covid measures



Italian police officers stand in front of a shattered Gucci store window during a protest of far-right activists against government coronavirus measures, in downtown Turin. PHOTO: AFP

THOUSANDS of Italian protesters angry over new restrictions announced to control the spread of coronavirus clashed with police in cities on Monday as European governments toughened their responses to the contagion.

Following weekend demonstrations that saw violence in Italy, crowds ranging in size from several hundred to several thousand took to the streets again on Monday evening.

In Milan, several trams were vandalized

and bins were set on fire, while anti-riot police fired teargas at groups of young people throwing glass bottles and other projectiles, with similar scenes found in neighbouring Turin and in southern Naples.

The scenes of unrest came after Italian Prime Minister Giuseppe Conte ordered restaurants and bars to shut from 6:00 pm, while theatres, cinemas and gyms were ordered closed for a month – much to the annoyance of business owners, opposition

politicians and even some scientists.

The violence in Italy, which imposed one of the toughest lockdowns in the first wave of infections in March and April, is likely to reverberate around Europe where governments are weighing the need for tougher measures against the fatigue and frustration felt by many.

"There's no question that the European region is an epicentre for disease right now," WHO emergencies chief Michael Ryan

said on Monday.

Maria Van Kerkhove, the WHO's technical expert on the pandemic, also voiced concern about the situation in Europe – and in particular a surge in hospitalizations and rapidly filling intensive care units.

"In many cities we're seeing beds filling up too quickly, and we're seeing many projections saying the ICU beds will reach capacity in the coming days and weeks," she told Monday's briefing.

SOURCE: AFP

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Myanmar citizens fly back home from abroad

MYANMAR embassy in Kuala Lumpur and two Malaysian companies arranged the repatriation of 131 migrant workers by a relief flight of Malaysia Airlines and they landed at the Yangon International Airport yesterday afternoon.

The 28th relief flight of Myanmar Airways International flew 97 nationals back home from South Korea with the help of Myanmar embassy in Seoul in the same evening. The group of returnees included 5 persons from Brazil, 5 from Hong Kong, 3 from Germany, 2 from South Africa, 76 from South Korea, 4 from Britain, and 2 from the United States.

Moreover, a charter flight organized by Myanmar embassy in Seoul and Myanmar Seafarers Federation arrived in Yangon in the same afternoon, in bringing back 145 Myanmar seamen whose employment contracts



Myanmar returnees queuing for immigration process at Yangon International Airport on 27 October. PHOTO: MNA

have expired with their shipping companies. The Ministry of Labour, Immigration and Population, the Ministry of Health and Sports and the Yangon Region government arranged 7-day

quarantine at specific places or designated hotels, followed by the 7-day home quarantine.

In accordance with the instructions of National-Level Committee on Prevention, Con-

trol and Treatment of COVID-19, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs is cooperating with the relevant ministries and its missions in foreign countries.—MNA

(Translated by Aung Khin)

KBZ donates K10 mln, medical devices to Dala People's Hospital



KBZ Bank contributes cash and medical devices for COVID-19 control measures in Dala Township on 26 October. PHOTO: NAING LIN KYAW (DALA)

TO contribute toward Myanmar's effort to fight COVID-19, Myanmar's largest private bank called Kanbawza (KBZ) bank on 26 October provided monetary assistance as well as the emergency medical equipment to 25-bed Dala People's Hospital for use in the fight against COVID-19.

U Thaw Zeya, Deputy General Manager of KBZ and his staff, on behalf of the KBZ bank family, donated 50,000 masks, 200 face shields, 500 surgical caps, 3,000 gloves, 50 glasses, 50 PPE suits, 200 hand gels and K10 million to be used in the emergency in COVID-19 period. Then, U Yin

Htway, the Township Administrator and Dr Tun Win from Dala Township People's Hospital received the donations and gave the certificate of honour.

Afterwards, Dr Tun Win explained the activities being carried out in connexion with COVID-19 prevention and control and gave a thankful speech to the KBZ group. Before the outbreak of COVID-19, KBZ bank donated more than K7.8 billion for use in combatting COVID-19 starting from 26 February, said U Thaw Zeya, Deputy General Manager from the KBZ Bank.—Naing Lin Kyaw (Dala)

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Thai buys Myanmar raw rubber at high price via black markets

By Nyein Nyein
THAILAND is buying Myanmar raw rubber illegally, paying a high price, said Secretary U Khaing Myint of the Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association.

Thailand is buying Myanmar raw rubber currently, paying K800 per pound through black markets such as three pagodas pass, Kawthoung and Myeik.

"Thai rubber is the best in the international market, and it is sold at a premium price. So, they are selling the rubber at a high price. Thailand can earn about US\$200 per tonne, which is a price higher than that in the international market. Thailand is

buying a bit of high-quality raw rubber from Myanmar at a high price. However, their buying is illegal. They could not buy because we could not export the rubber to Thailand legally. That's the reason why the market price of Myanmar raw rubber is different between legal sale and illegal sale," he explained.

The legally exported rubber prices in Myanmar are currently K750-800 per pound. If Myanmar can export it legally, the country will earn \$1,500-1,600 per tonne, according to Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association.

Price of raw rubber in the international market is over \$2,000

per tonne. In contrast, Myanmar natural rubber is selling at the cost of over \$400 per tonne. It's lower than that in the international market. The low quality of Myanmar rubber can also attribute to the low price, he added.

"That's why the government needs to stop the illegal export of raw rubber to Thailand," he confirmed.

There are more than 1.6 million acres of rubber plantation in Myanmar and rubber is grown mainly in Mon and Kayin states, Taninthayi, Yangon and Bago regions. Mon state has nearly 500,000 acres of rubber plantation and Kayin state, about 270,000 acres, according to the

association. Further, the country produces about 300,000 tonnes of rubber a year. Around 70 per cent of the rubber made is exported mainly to China with the remaining sold to Singapore, Indonesia, Malaysia, Viet Nam, South Korea, India and Japan. The country exports over 200,000 tonnes of raw rubber legally and earning over \$200 million annually.

Presently, Myanmar is implementing the international rubber laboratory project in Hlegu township and will issue the recommendation certificates very soon, according to the Myanmar Rubber Planters and Producers Association.

(Translated by Hay Mar)

Over 320,000 bags from reserved rice sold at fairer price last 3 months

By Nyein Nyein

A total of 321,771 bags (108 pounds per bag) from reserved rice have been sold between 10 July and 26 October 2020, according to Myanmar Rice Federation (MRF).

Of them, Yangon Region had the biggest purchase with 69,207 bags, followed by Mandalay Region with 17,833 bags.

Additionally, 14,120 bags are sold in Taninthayi Region, while 8,400 in Nay Pyi Taw, 4,400 in Mon State, 2,000 each in Chin and Kayah states, 1,500 in Bago Region, 800 in Magway Region, 700 in Ayeyawady Region and 500 in Sagaing Region.

As of 26 October, MRF will sell up to 1 million bags of reserved rice, and 321,771 bags have been already sold. About 678,229 bags are left to sell, MRF data showed.

MRF purchased the rice bags at K22,400 per pack from the Consumer Affairs Department and to pay the storage charges. The federation sells the low-quality rice to the registered retailers at K22,800 per 108-pound bag at the warehouses. The retailers in Yangon Region can also buy them at K23,200 per pack through the delivery system during the stay-at-home period, with a minimum order of 10 bags per batch, MRF stated.

It is the government's



Rice bags are being loaded onto a truck for the markets in Yangon. PHOTO: PHOE KHWAR

move to sell the rice at K1,000 per pyi (2.13 kg) which is much fairer price than the prevailing market price. MRF is supporting the government's plan with non-profit, the federation reported.

Those reserved rice of low quality is also planned to sell at K22,800 per 108-pound bag to the registered retail shops in Mandalay and Nay Pyi Taw, with the maximum 200 bags per batch. The shops must resell the rice to the consumers not exceeding K1,000-1,100 per pyi (2.3 kg) depending on the

regions.

Additionally, other high-quality rice varieties (Shwebo Pawsan, Ayeyawady Pawsan) will be offered at a reasonable price for the retailers.

Regarding the rice purchase at a fairer price, those interested retailers and factories can contact through mobile numbers at 09-694386994/5 of MRF, 09-696969149, 09-5007307, 09-5123414 of Myanmar Rice and Paddy Traders Association, 09-5139390, 09-796838309 of Wahdan rice depot

and 09-5102577 of Bayintnaung rice depot.

The Ministry of Commerce, Myanmar Inspection and Testing Service (MITS), the authorized organization of the State and MRF implemented rice reserve scheme on 30 April.

The state's emergency rice reserve is to ensure food security, keep the price stable in the domestic market, continue to export them regularly and lessen the worries of the consumers during the COVID-19. (Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

UMFCCI invites tenders to construct new building in Nay Pyi Taw

By Nyein Nyein

THE Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) called for open tenders to construct a new building in Nay Pyi Taw, its press statement said on 27 October. The federation invited the domestic companies owned by Myanmar citizens to submit open tenders for the construction of a 185'x180' two-storey RC building inside the compound of UMFCCI (Nay Pyi Taw). The location is at No 20-25, Kengtung Road, Zawanatheidi Ward, Ottarathiri Township in Nay Pyi Taw.

It will start to sell tender forms on 3-7 November. They are available at the UMFCCI (Yangon) office at No. 29, Minyekyawswar Road, Lanmadaw Township. UMFCCI administration department will receive the tender submission, and the deadline is 21 November.

It will inform the opening date of tenders to those who submitted tenders. Tender evaluation place is designated at UMFCCI Yangon office. Tender form and its procedures can be bought at K20,000 within office hours of UMFCCI's Administration department starting from 3 November.

Those interested business people can enquire further information in detail through 01-2314344-49 (Ext-130), 09-450200270 of UMFCCI's Administration Department within office hours.

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

Sesame exports exceed 150,000 tonnes, fetching \$240 mln last FY

MYANMAR shipped over 150,000 tonnes of sesame in the previous financial year 2019-2020, generating an export value of US\$240 million, the Commerce Ministry's data showed.

The figures rose from \$212.5 million, with 125,800 tonnes of export in the FY2018-2019, according to the data released by the Central Statistical Organization (CSO).

The prices of sesame seeds rose in October on the back of China's strong demand, said traders from Mandalay market.

The price of white sesame increased from over K1.5 million to K1.66 million per tonne compared to September's rate,

while brown sesame price also jumped to K1.46 million per tonne in October, which is nearly up by over K200,000 per tonne against last month.

The price of black sesame seeds is flat at over K2.7 million per tonne for the two consecutive months.

Last year, sesame seeds were priced at K2.13 million per tonne for white sesame, K1.94 million per tonne for brown sesame and K3.6 million per tonne for black sesame, as per market data updated by Myantrade online.

This year, the sesame prices drop by over 20 per cent compared with the prices in the previous years due to the COVID-19 negative consequences.

Consequently, the growers do not make a large profit this year, a trader from Mandalay market stressed.

Myanmar usually exports about 80 per cent of sesame production to foreign markets. China is the leading buyer of Myanmar sesame, which is also shipped to markets in Japan, South Korea, China (Taipei), UK, Germany, the Netherlands, Greece, and Poland among the EU countries.

The EU markets prefer organic-farming sesame seeds from Myanmar, said an official from the Trade Promotion Department.

Japan prefers Myanmar black sesame seeds, cultivated under good agricultural practi-

es (GAP), and purchases them after a quality assessment. Black sesame seeds from Myanmar are also exported to South Korea and Japan. Meanwhile, China buys various coloured sesame seeds from the country. This year, Japan has not purchased Myanmar's sesame yet.

For the current financial year, Myanmar traders target to export over 130,000 tonnes to foreign partners, traders from Mandalay market said.

Sesame is cultivated in the country throughout the year. Magway Region, which has gained a reputation as the oil pot of Myanmar, is the primary producer of sesame seeds. The seeds are also grown in Mandalay and Sagaing regions.

Of the cooking oil crops grown in Myanmar, the acreage under sesame is the highest, accounting for 51.3 per cent of the overall oil crop plantation.

The volume of sesame exports has registered at over 96,000 metric tons, worth \$130 million in the financial year 2015-2016; 100,000 tonnes, worth \$145 million in the FY2016-2017; 120,000 tonnes, worth \$147 million in the FY2017-2018; 33,900 tonnes valued \$43.8 million in the 2018 mini-budget period, and 125,800 tonnes, worth \$212.5 million in the FY2018-2019, the trade data of Central Statistical Organization indicated.—Ko Htet

(Translated by Ei Myat Mon)

English FA launches new diversity code

LONDON — England's governing Football Association (FA) unveiled a new diversity code on Tuesday in the hope of ensuring more ethnic minority candidates land senior jobs within the sport.

The Football Leadership Diversity Code will ask clubs to achieve targets in both coaching positions and significant management roles.

Although the new code is currently voluntary, 42 clubs from across the Premier League, English Football League, Women's Super League and Women's Championship have signed up to its provisions.

Former Chelsea and Celtic defender Paul Elliott, head of the FA's inclusion advisory board, said: "Many clubs are already doing good work in this area and we have been pleased to see football stand together this year to challenge the injustice we are

seeing in society.

"However, positive and tangible action is required to drive change and take the next step."

Under the code, clubs will be expected to make 15 per cent of new executive positions available to people from minority backgrounds.

Gender diversity is also part of the code, with 30 per cent of new appointments in senior leadership positions to be female candidates. Meanwhile women's football clubs will be expected to have at least 50 per cent female coaching staffs. In men's professional football, 25 per cent of new hires will be of black, Asian or mixed heritage.

If applicants meeting the job specifications apply, interview shortlists will need to have at least one male and one female black, Asian or of mixed-heritage candidate.—AFP ■



The issue of racism has been in the spotlight since the Premier League resumed. PHOTO: POOL/AFP/FILE

Mourinho dismisses talk of Tottenham as title contenders



Tottenham have only lost once this season, to Premier League leaders Everton. PHOTO: POOL/AFP

LONDON — Tottenham coach Jose Mourinho will not countenance them ever "being considered title contenders" despite being two points off Premier League leaders Everton after Monday's win at Burnley.

Spurs fans could be forgiven for thinking otherwise after the scrappy 1-0 victory at Turf Moor propelled them up to fifth in the table.

They are also the top scorers in the league with 16 goals from

six games.

Although considered a member of the 'big six' Spurs have not won a trophy since the 2008 League Cup, and their last league title came in 1961.

Mourinho's predecessor Mauricio Pochettino gave them hope with his development of young players and took them to the Champions League final as well as finishing in the top three on three occasions.

Pochettino's failure to deliver silverware perhaps lends itself to experienced campaigner Mourinho's caution.

"I will never consider ourselves title contenders," Mourinho said.

Harry Kane agreed in as much as it is too early to talk about a title challenge in a season that has offered up several surprising results.—AFP ■

Nadal nets sixth place in Mallorca golf tournament

LLUCMAJOR (Spain) — Two weeks after his 13th French Open title, Rafael Nadal proved his prowess in another sporting arena when he finished tied sixth in the Balearic Golf Pro-Am Championships on Monday.

The 34-year-old, who boasts a handicap of 0.3, came in 10 shots behind the winner after the three day tournament in Lluçmajor on his native Mallorca, Marca reported.

The world number two in his chosen sport of tennis fol-

lowed up 74s in the opening two rounds with a 77 on Monday in the combined Pro-Am event won by Sebastian Garcia.

Nadal swops clubs for rackets when he returns to the court for the Paris Masters at Bercy starting next Monday.—AFP ■

Football: Pirlo sees positives as Juventus miss Ronaldo before Barca clash

MILAN — Andrea Pirlo sees positives despite preparing for his biggest match since taking over as Juventus coach with COVID-19 -stricken Cristiano Ronaldo in doubt against Lionel Messi's Barcelona in the Champions League on Wednesday (Oct 28).

Pirlo took over after Maurizio Sarri was sacked immediately after Juventus' last 16 exit to Lyon in August, the veteran coach lamenting another failure in a "competition cursed for Juve".

The Turin side have won the tournament twice, but not since 1996. They have

been runners-up seven times, including twice in the last five years.

In fact, 41-year-old Pirlo's last Juventus game as a player came in the 3-1 loss to Barcelona in the 2015 Champions League final.

Juventus signed Portuguese star Ronaldo in 2018 with the aim of lifting the coveted European trophy, and his absence against Messi's Barcelona could weigh heavy.

The 35-year-old will need to test negative 24 hours before being allowed to feature in Turin. The return at the Camp Nou is on December 8.—AFP ■



Barcelona's Lionel Messi (L) and Juventus' Ronaldo are the top two scorers in Champions League history PHOTO: AFP/JOSEP LAGO, MIGUEL MEDINA